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Member for Yan Yean Danielle Green (left) and Mayor Karen Egan with Diamond Creek Junior Football Club members at the launch of floodlights at Marnbrook Oval.

Kicking goals for sport in the Shire

Sport is the winner in the Shire this winter with nearly \$4 million going on upgrading two pavilions to make them female-friendly and building two brand new pavilions – one complete with powerful floodlights, to enable night games.

Mayor Karen Egan said all four facilities catered for the growing number of females in sport and went a long way to realising Council's goal of becoming the most liveable Shire in Australia.

"Residents can be very proud of our sporting facilities in the Shire which will be well-used for generations to come," Cr Egan said.

Cr Egan officially unveiled a plaque for the new \$170,000 floodlights at **Marnbrook Oval** in mid-April. The upgrade means games and training can be held at night, especially during winter when it gets dark early.

Cr Egan said several groups, including the Diamond Creek Cricket Club and the Diamond Creek Runners regularly used the oval.

The floodlights are part of the new-look Diamond Creek oval, with the \$2.3 million pavilion currently under construction and due for completion in August. The development is being funded by Council and a contribution from the State Government's Growing Suburbs Fund. The new pavilion will include four interconnected change rooms, accessible and umpire change facilities, a kiosk, public amenities, a first-aid room and storage space.

The floodlights were installed, thanks to \$63,500 from Council, \$99,000 from Sport and Recreation Victoria and \$7,500 from its two biggest users, the Diamond Creek Football Club and the Diamond Creek Junior Football Club.

Eltham Lower Park Pavilion Redevelopment is due to be completed mid-year.

The \$275,500 project includes refurbishing four change rooms to become female friendly, as well as creating other female-friendly facilities and a unisex referee change room.

It has been partly funded by the Council, the State Government, Eltham Lacrosse Club and the Lower Eltham Cricket Club.

Susan Street Reserve Pavilion Redevelopment is also due to open mid-year with upgrades to make change rooms and public toilets female friendly, as well as female friendly cubicles in the referee change room.

The \$275,000 upgrade was thanks to funding from Council, the State Government and the Eltham Junior Football Club.

A new soccer and cricket pavilion has opened in **Wattle Glen** ready for the soccer season. The \$800,000 redevelopment includes two female change rooms, an umpires' change room and ramps throughout the facility to make it accessible to all.

The redevelopment means the Eltham Eagles Soccer Club, Nillumbik Junior Soccer Club and North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club will have a permanent home and can expand their women and girls teams.

In addition to Wattle Glen, Council is investing in sports facilities at:

Diamond Creek Netball Pavilion
\$3.0 million



Diamond Valley Sport & Fitness Centre
\$6.5 million



Eltham Tennis Courts and Lighting
\$162,000



Greensborough Hockey pavilion
\$2.5 million



Yarrambat Oval floodlights
\$230,000



PAVILIONS

Eltham Central Pavilion
\$3.5 million



Eltham Lower Park pavilion
\$275,000

Eltham North Pavilion
\$4.6 million

Mangrook Oval pavilion
\$2.33 million

Research Park Pavilion
\$3.0 million

Susan Street Pavilion
\$275,000

Wattle Glen Pavilion
\$800,000 (completed)



Concern sparks fireworks change

Nillumbik Council is delivering on its promise to introduce a local law to require private property owners apply for a permit to use fireworks on their property.

This decision follows our concerns and community outrage over the impact that fireworks on rural properties can have on pets, livestock and wildlife – as well as posing a fire risk.

The Council is committed to a 'common sense' approach and won't be introducing a one-size-fits-all law for fireworks on private land, recognising the differences between fire-prone rural properties and low-risk urban settings in the Shire.

Mayor Karen Egan said the community looked to Council to address the historic, ongoing problem – as evidenced by a recent 1250 petition to Councillors begging them to stop firework permits from being issued during summer in the Shire.

"We are putting in place steps to safeguard the community from being in a similar position this time next year," Cr Egan said.

Currently, we can only grant firework permits on Council-owned land.

Private landowners need permission from the Victorian WorkCover Authority which issues licenses to qualified pyrotechnic contractors, and the CFA, which weighs up the fire risk.

No CFA permit is needed during non-fire danger periods and all fireworks are automatically cancelled on total fire ban days.

Cr Egan said Council always sought to factor in animal welfare before granting any fireworks permits.

"In a nutshell, we won't be the fun police when it comes to requests for fireworks at community festivals in urban areas – like the Diamond Creek Rotary Town Fair," Cr Egan said.

"Hopefully it will be in place before next summer."



from the Mayor

Welcome to the winter edition of *Nillumbik News*.

Having been Mayor for over six months now, it is a great time to reflect on some of the outstanding achievements we have made over this time and more broadly since this council was elected over two years ago.

This year's budget continues to deliver infrastructure projects throughout our shire from sporting projects, footpaths, drainage and road upgrades while reducing the rates burden on families. We have held the rate rise at 0.25 per cent below the state-wide rate cap and we are working hard to reduce the debt inherited by the previous council; we have halved the net debt position putting Council in a much better position to deliver vital infrastructure and services.

A particular highlight was opening the new Wattle Glen Pavilion expansion which includes new female friendly change rooms. Our mission to drive inclusive and accessible sporting pavilions to encourage women's participation in sport across the Shire is coming to life by investing in practical and tangible projects. We are also building new or upgrading current pavilions right across the Shire including at Diamond Creek, Eltham, Eltham North, Greensborough, Marnbrook Oval, Research Park, Susan Street Eltham and at the Eltham Lower Park. These projects are all due to be completed over the coming months and year.

We've opened a number of new playgrounds across the Shire including the rebuild of the Eltham North Adventure Playground, and the Civic Drive Playground, complete with Mr Snake who is beautifully decorated by school children in Nillumbik. We look forward to working with the community to come up with an amazing, inclusive and accessible play space in Diamond Creek.

The results of this year's Community Satisfaction Survey have been positive and points to the fact that we are really kicking goals. Satisfaction with Council's responsiveness to community needs, representation, lobbying, advocacy and community consultation all recorded higher results than the metropolitan Melbourne average.

I look forward to delivering on our commitment to provide more great projects across our Shire, while reducing the rate burden and lowering debt.

Mayor, Cr Karen Egan

Protecting vulnerable species – and your safety

Feral deer are destroying native flora and fauna in our Shire and posing a serious risk for motorists.

With numbers on the rise, deer are a serious pest. They damage native vegetation, gardens, crops, grazing land and pose a serious hazard on our roads.

Over-grazing of grasses and shrubs is affecting the supply of food sources for pollinator species and can have a devastating effect on our threatened flora.

Deer are not listed as a pest species so there have been limited opportunities for Council to undertake control works on a large scale. With increasing sightings of deer in Nillumbik and the damage they can cause, including road accidents, Council has recognised the need for urgent action.

We are running a three-year trial project around Christmas Hills, Watsons Creek and Bend of Islands to explore how deer can effectively be controlled. The project has been funded by the State Government and is being delivered in partnership with landcare groups, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water and the Wurundjeri Council.

If you want to know more visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/sugarloaflink

Council is keen for all deer sightings to be recorded through a new Deer Scan app. Visit feralscan.org.au/deerscan and download the app for iPhone or Android devices.

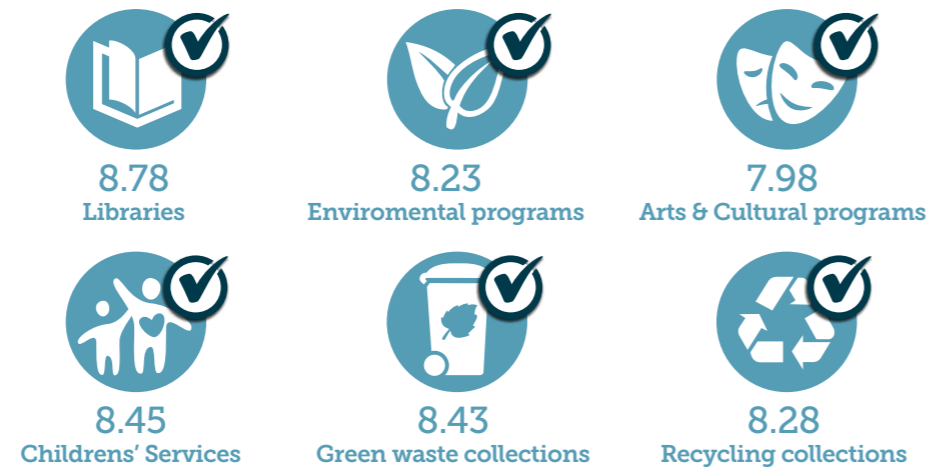
Wood fire smoke

The smoke from wood heaters and open fireplaces can pollute the air we breathe, especially in autumn and winter. Buying the right wood heater, and maintaining it well is important for the health and safety of you and your family. You can reduce the amount of smoke from your chimney by burning wood cleanly and efficiently.

For more information visit epa.vic.gov.au/your-environment/air/wood-burning-and-air-quality

Community survey results

Council's green waste collection program, environmental activities, libraries, sport ovals, cultural events and services for children aged under five all ranked highly in the 2019 Annual Community Survey.



Additionally, a higher number of people than ever believe Council's overall performance has improved in the preceding 12 month period (13.4 per cent – a 4.8 per cent increase from last year's survey).

Council's responsiveness to community needs, representation, lobbying, advocacy and community consultation all recorded higher results than the metropolitan Melbourne average.

Mayor Karen Egan said Council is committed to focusing on areas where the community sought higher levels of satisfaction, including litter collection in public areas, public toilets, provision and maintenance of street trees, local traffic management, the grading of unsealed roads and the maintenance and repair of local sealed roads, footpaths and drains.

"The survey results reinforce what we know – that traffic management, bushfire prevention, roads, planning and rubbish are important issues for the community," Cr Egan said. "When I was elected mayor, I said I'd put a strong focus back on rural areas of the Shire,

and these results show we're delivering on that promise. We're pleased to see so many services ranked highly by our constituents, but we recognise there is more work to be done in some areas.

"The 2019-2020 budget addresses several areas highlighted in the results, such as provisions for the maintenance of street trees and drainage, and footpath construction and renewal. We've also allocated \$9.3 million to road projects, including the Traffic Improvement Program."

The results reveal rural residents are more satisfied with Council than the municipal average, with satisfaction in the rural parts of the Shire increasing by 11.9 per cent this survey.

Respondents are also pleased with the perception of safety within Nillumbik – particularly during the day – with an 8.94 rating out of 10 (compared to metropolitan Melbourne's 8.15).

The full report can be viewed online at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/communitysurvey

Easing rates for home owners

In August rate payers in Nillumbik will begin to receive their rates notice in the mail. This year council has decided to keep the rate increase under the rate cap of 2.5 per cent and hold the rate increase at 2.25 per cent.

Despite the hold in the rate increase, council will still continue delivering the large amount of projects on the go around the Shire and the vital services including maternal child health nurses and waste collection.

To understand more about how your rates bill is calculated you can visit our website.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au



Finalist Robert Baines' *Accompaniment* 2017. Silver, gold, electroplate, powdercoat

Our Nillumbik Prize finalists

The finalists of the \$20,000 Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Art have been announced – now's your chance to vote for your favourite in the Montsalvat's People Choice Award.

Hundreds of people attended the Barn Gallery in Montsalvat on Thursday 30 May where the exhibition was officially opened by Mayor Karen Egan and the finalists announced.

You can check out the finalists on our Facebook or website – or better still, head down to the exhibition.

The new and refreshed format saw over 400 entries received from all parts of Australia responding to the themes of Place and Space.

Judges Charlotte Day, Director, Monash University Museum of Art, artist Godwin Bradbeer and Danny Lacy Senior Curator, Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery chose the finalists – and their work is now on display.

The finalist exhibition offers visitors the opportunity to directly experience examples of the best and most challenging art from across all media and techniques.

The biennial acquisitive prize and accompanying finalist exhibition celebrates the best in contemporary art practice from across the nation.

Works acquired through the award form part of the Nillumbik Shire Art Collection and are subsequently displayed in Council public buildings throughout the Shire.

Visit the exhibition and vote for your favourite in the Montsalvat's People's Choice award before the exhibition closes.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/nillumbikprize

Dob in a dumper

Residents are being asked to dob in a dumper as Nillumbik Shire Council cracks down on the amount of rubbish dumped almost daily across the shire.

Council is also looking at installing CCTV cameras at known dumping hot spots and is asking residents to not only report rubbish that is dumped, but sightings of any culprits in action, to help bring them to justice. Residents are being asked to phone the 24-hour EPA hotline.

Mayor Karen Egan said figures showed Council was incurring significant costs each year picking up rubbish and taking it to the transfer station.

Cr Egan said not only residents but also businesses were dumping rubbish including mattresses, dozens of tyres, burnt-out old cars, television sets, household waste, builders' rubble and even asbestos across the Shire, often at night. "It's disgraceful! What makes it worse is every time asbestos is dumped, Council has to call in a special hazardous waste team to dispose of it."

- There were 852 callouts from residents over dumped rubbish from 1 July 2018 to 1 March 2019 – that works out to on average 30 callouts a week.
- On a bad day, council officers can make up to four trips a day to the transfer station.
- The situation has been ongoing for many years and is getting worse.

Council is able to issue fines ranging from \$200 to \$322 – but the penalty can be around \$5000 if it goes to court, particularly if asbestos is involved.

Environment and Sustainability Chair Cr Jane Ashton said catching the culprits was very difficult. "People are dumping rubbish to avoid having to pay costs at the transfer station. But their selfish actions means the cost of this is borne by all the ratepayers," Cr Ashton said.

The 24-hour EPA hotline is on [1300 372 842](tel:1300372842).



UPDATE

North East Link

The State Government remains committed to delivering the North East Link. This vital infrastructure is desperately needed to connect the Western Ring Road with the Eastern Freeway.

Through strong advocacy and support from the Nillumbik community in the planning stages, the council has ensured that the North East Link would not run through the Shire or worse the Green Wedge.

Currently the Victorian Government is preparing its Environmental Effects Statement. An Environmental Effects Statement (EES) is a legislative requirement which looks at the potential impacts that a new development might have.

While the proposed route of the North East Link may not directly impact the Shire, Council is interested to understand the potential indirect impacts of the development.

Over the last few months, Council encouraged residents, community groups and business to make a submission and participate in the panel hearings.

Following the submissions, the North East Link Project will conduct panel hearings between July 2019 to September 2019.

[More information about the North East Link Project, including the proposed route, key dates and current works can be found at \[northeastlink.vic.gov.au\]\(http://northeastlink.vic.gov.au\)](#)

Celebrating our volunteers

We are fortunate to have around 500 volunteers donating their time to assist us in delivering high quality programs and services to the community.

Volunteers help at Edendale Farm, Living & Learning Nillumbik, with Community Transport, In Home Family Mentoring, L2P, Delivered Meals, advisory committees, panels and reference groups, environmental friends groups and at our festivals and events. We recently recognised and celebrated our generous volunteers during National Volunteer Week.

KIM'S STORY

Kim Powell lives in Briar Hill with her husband and three children.

She worked full-time as a kindergarten teacher until four years ago, when she suffered a health issue.

"Volunteering came along at a time where I really needed a purpose," Kim explains.

"I was unable to return to teaching fulltime, so was keen to find local volunteering opportunities."

Kim discovered Council's In Home Family Mentoring program and thought it would fit well with her experience as a kinder teacher.

The program is for parents with children under six years who are experiencing challenges due to isolation, post-natal depression, illness, disability or multiple births.

Following her training, Kim was placed with a family in need. Kim catches up with them once a week for around two hours to check-in and chat.



Kim Powell

The volunteers in the mentoring program are encouraged to walk beside the family and give support, companionship and guidance. They help families build connections in their community and build their confidence.

Kim has found volunteering very rewarding. "It has been a brilliant experience and it is a great way to help local families."



Eltham North Adventure Playground takes out top award

The newly opened Eltham North Adventure Playground can lay claim to the best new playspace in Victoria and Tasmania after it was awarded a top prize in its category at the Park and Leisure Australia awards.

Parks and Leisure Australia awards recognise achievements and the outstanding work of individuals and teams employed in the sport, recreation, leisure and parks sectors.

Nillumbik Shire Council worked with residents to rebuild the Eltham North Adventure Playground, with the new design ensuring all abilities could access the fun of the playspace.

Nillumbik Shire Council Mayor Karen Egan said the award for the Eltham North

Adventure Playground belongs to everyone involved in the project.

"Our community was devastated when the original playground was burnt down just before Christmas of 2017 and despite this, we really saw the community come together and rebuild this much loved park," Cr Egan said.

"Many people gave a helping hand in rebuilding the playspace and this project would not have been possible without the help of the community and residents getting behind the rebuild."

Steering to success

Our highly popular L2P (Learner Driver Mentor Program) will continue for at least four more years thanks to the State Government extending funding for the program.

Since we started the program in December 2010, a total of 130 L2P mentors have volunteered more than 16,000 supervised driving hours to help 185 young people get their licenses.

So far six sets of triplets have come through the ranks.



Triplet learners Liam, Rachel and Simon with their mentors Joy, Ross and Steve.

Queen of the Shire

The Queen of the Shire is back in her rightful place at Warrandyte Bridge.

The iconic artwork, by artist Deborah Halpern, was taken away for a rest and a clean-up while VicRoads' work on the bridge was underway.

She was loaded up on the back of a truck, hoisted up with rope, lowered onto supporting struts on a plinth and bolted in. Long reign the Queen!



Negotiations cease on 895 and 903-907 Main Road Eltham

Negotiations with developers have ceased on Council-owned land at 895, 903-907 Main Road Eltham.

Market conditions and funding difficulties in the current banking environment have resulted in no feasible outcome.

In 2018, Council informed the community it would test the market to see if a property leader could partner with Council to revitalise the site.

The partnership would need to reflect Eltham's unique sense of history, and in addition public spaces that could support community uses such as a gallery, public plaza for Anzac day and other major events, markets and concerts were also to be considered.

Changed market conditions including a fall in property prices across the state, tighter lending requirements following the Financial Services Royal Commission and the distance from the CBD, all played a part in the project's feasibility.

Mayor Karen Egan said Council and the developer were not prepared to continue pursuing development of the sites when it became clear it was not financially viable in the current market conditions.

Wingrove Ward Councillor Peter Clarke said Council will now need to address the issues around the existing outdated buildings that no longer meet contemporary service needs or standards and how we can accommodate these services moving forward.

UPDATE Green Wedge Management Plan

Residents will have a chance to have their say about the future of the Green Wedge by participating in the Council's review into the Green Wedge Management Plan.

Last year, councillors were overwhelmed by the level of engagement and feedback that the community gave about how they felt the green wedge should be managed now and into the future.

Council took all their feedback on board and have prepared a draft management plan that is now ready for the next stage of community participation.

Mayor Karen Egan said she was looking forward to hearing what the community's thoughts on the Plan would be.

"We are really interested to speak with residents and find out how they want council to manage the green wedge into the future," Cr Egan said. "We have some really engaged residents with a lot of expertise and experience, we value that and we want to get their input to help shape the Green Wedge Management Plan."

Public consultation on the draft Green Wedge Management Plan will take place over a six week period, from 1 July to 11 August 2019.

The draft Green Wedge Management Plan will be presented to the Mayor and Councillors for their consideration at the June 2019 Ordinary Council Meeting.

In addition, Nillumbik Shire Council has been working with former Victorian Emergency Management Commissioner, Craig Lapsley to develop its Bushfire Mitigation Plan. The Bushfire Mitigation Plan will be presented to Council for its consideration with the view that this will help inform and align the Green Wedge Management Plan.

These two Plans will provide a vital framework for the Council to work within so we can manage both the bushfire risk in the Shire and protect the green wedge.

To find out more about the review process, visit participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp



Dr David Sharley (left) and Stephen Marshall, founders and directors of Bio2Lab

Nillumbik's brightest business innovators

A dress hire company owner, a catering business and an environmental research consultancy are our exciting nominees for the 2019 Northern Business Achievement Awards (NBAA).

Presented by NORTH Link (a regional partnership of industry, education and government), the awards recognise the achievements of small to medium businesses and encourage excellence, growth and competitiveness.

The Nillumbik community was invited to nominate outstanding businesses, resulting in nominees for Business of the Year Hot Coals Catering and Bio2Lab being selected.

Hot Coals Catering is a Hurstbridge-based mobile business that caters weddings, corporate functions, parties, events and fundraisers throughout Victoria.

Greensborough's Bio2Lab uses advanced technology to deliver environmental monitoring and assessment to its clients, which include various councils and Melbourne Water.

Our Young Business Achiever nominee is 25-year-old Ellie Dunstan, the owner of Dress Hire Au. Ellie began her business in 2015 as a small Instagram start-up and now has five staff working at her Eltham warehouse, where the team hires out dresses to clients all over Australia.

The 2019 winners will be announced at the Grand Finale Networking Breakfast at the end of the year.

[DETAILS nbaa.com.au](http://nbaa.com.au)

Changing to meet our children's growing needs

Council recently ran four workshops to discuss the changing needs of children and families in our Shire and what this means in terms of infrastructure planning for Early Years.

A 30-member reference group made up of service providers and community members from across the Shire provided input about the challenges and opportunities for Early Years services in Nillumbik.

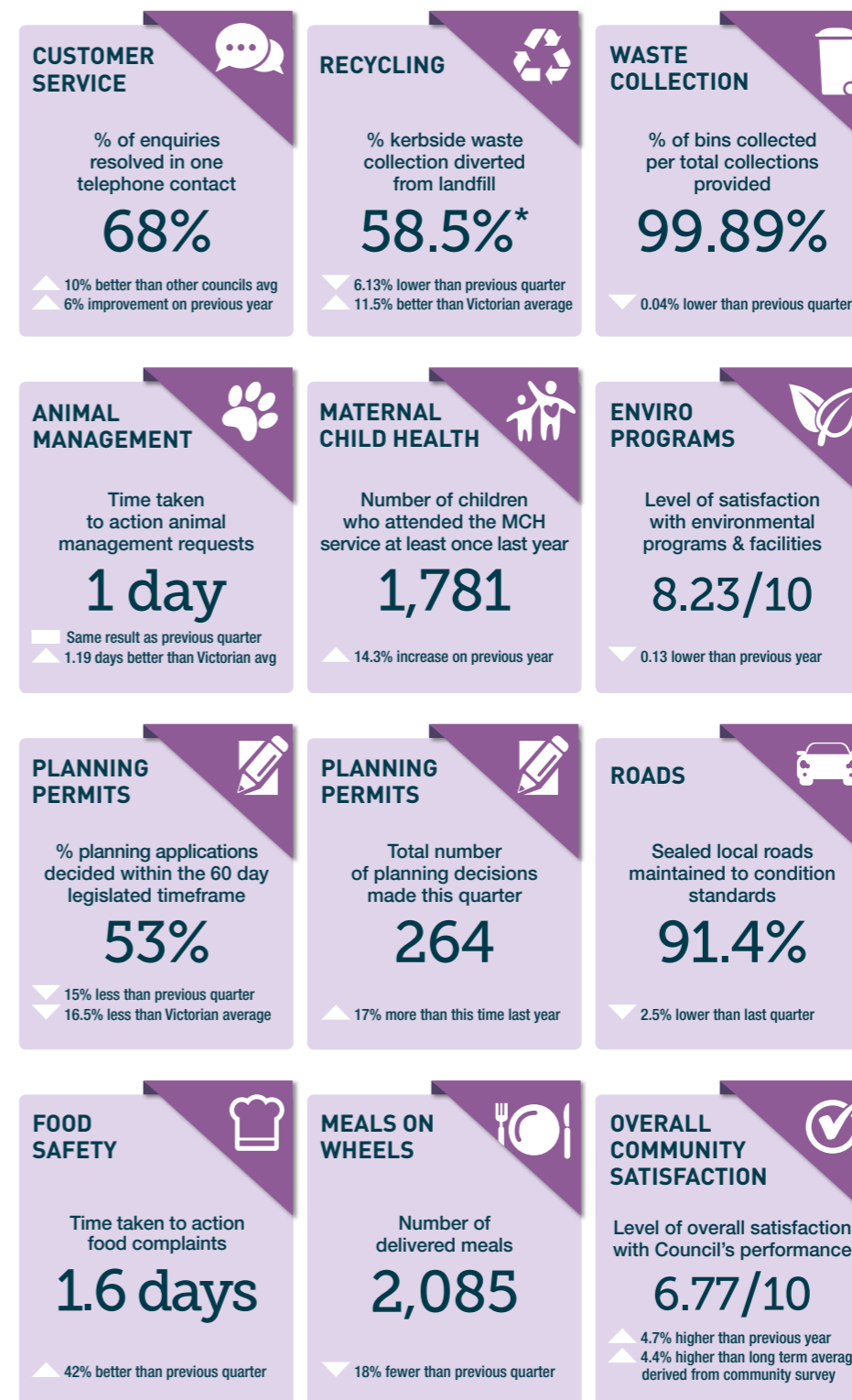
The workshops produced a set of principles which reflect the priorities and values of the community in relation

to Early Years Infrastructure. These principles will support Council in determining the future of Early Years Infrastructure needs in the Shire over the next 10 years.

These principles were presented to Council in April and will be applied to township based planning groups.

SERVICE DASHBOARD

Nillumbik Council is committed to transparent reporting and accountability to the community. The below service dashboard indicates performance across a range of key Council services.



* Due to Council's recycling contractor having EPA compliance issues, seven days of recycling collection (322.92 tonnes of recycle waste) was regrettably diverted to landfill.

The key service indicators on this dashboard provide a comparison between current and previous performance, and some results have been measured against the collective average of all Victorian Councils based on 2017-2018 data.



Our customers, first and foremost

As part of our commitment to deliver exceptional customer service for our community, we have developed a new plan detailing how we will drive improvements to support our customers over the next four years.

In developing Nillumbik Customer First, we collected feedback from the community to learn what is most important to our customers. This feedback, along with our passion and ambition for delivering outstanding customer experience has helped us establish four key commitments, which are to be:

- Empathetic**
 We listen to our customers, understand their needs and concerns and we put ourselves in their shoes
- Consistent**
 Our customers are provided with accurate information and consistent experiences across Council and all its customer channels, by knowledgeable and supportive staff
- Effective**
 We understand our key customer journeys, we design and deliver our services to deliver quality outcomes and reduce duplication and repetition
- Simple**
 All customer processes, documentation, information and contact channels are easy to follow, are seamless and require as little time and effort from the customer.

Our Customer Service team aspires to these principles with every customer interaction.

You can see the strategy on our website nillumbik.vic.gov.au



Mayor Councillor Karen Egan
Bunjil Ward

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Participation in community groups and activities can be so important to improving and maintaining people's health and wellbeing.

It's what makes Nillumbik such a special place to live; our sense of community.

One such group is the Hurstbridge branch of OM:NI; Old Men: New Ideas which celebrated its fourth birthday in March. OM:NI encourages men over 50 to come together, share their life experiences, meet new friends and continue to contribute to the community. It was wonderful to be invited to OM:NI's birthday celebrations.

Also in our ward, the Wattle Glen Sporting Pavilion has been opened to great excitement and the Hurstbridge streetscape upgrades have been completed enhancing a sense of community throughout Bunjil Ward.



Deputy Mayor Councillor Bruce Ranken
Swipers Gully Ward

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Many local and visiting families have been enjoying the Eltham North Adventure Playground; an asset to our community that has been rebuilt to the highest standard.

Congratulations to all involved in the rebuild. It was great to see our hard work recognised at the Parks and Leisure awards last month.

It's great to see the progress of the Research Park pavilion, which is on track for completion at the end of June, and the development of the Eltham North pavilion. These are exceptional facilities that the whole community can benefit from – not just the sporting clubs.

As evidenced by the 2019-2020 budget, we as a Council are being fiscally responsible and working towards paying down the debt we incurred, while managing to become a more effective organisation.



Councillor Grant Brooker
Blue Lake Ward

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At the March Council meeting we rezoned all land surrounding Civic Drive Greensborough to Public Park & Recreation; the highest level of protection from development, including the new playground and remaining public open space. As a founding member of Friends of Apollo Parkways it is gratifying and a relief to complete our 2007 mission statement.

Greensborough Hockey Club will move to detailed design of a pavilion extension in a multimillion dollar project at Plenty Park. A turf practice facility and extension for Eltham Woodworkers opened at Yarrambat War Memorial Park.

A 7am-9am right-hand turn ban has been implemented at River Avenue in Plenty to discourage 'rat runners'. A rate increase again under the maximum allowed by the State Government for the third successive year rounds out the first half of 2019.



Councillor John Dumaresq
Edendale Ward

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The redevelopment of the Eltham North Reserve pavilion is due for completion this year. The new pavilion has new change rooms, kitchen facilities and a first aid room. This is an exciting project which will benefit our local sporting clubs.

The new Eltham North Adventure Playground is getting a lot of use by local families. The BBQ facilities and shelters in particular are very busy after school and at the weekends.

It's great to see the new fitness equipment at the playground, right next to the Diamond Creek trail, so community members can hop off their bikes and use the equipment.

New noticeboards and artworks were installed recently and you'll see more additions to this playground over time.



Councillor Peter Perkins
Ellis Ward

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Earlier this year, I was honoured to be re-elected to the Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) board. The MAV is the legislated peak body for local government in Victoria. I will continue to represent our region and ensure the needs of ratepayers are first and foremost.

In Diamond Creek, the new Marnbrook Oval pavilion development continues and is due for completion later this year.

The Diamond Creek Netball Pavilion redevelopment is also in progress and will benefit our sporting clubs, providing accessible and unisex change areas for players and umpires.

The new Diamond Creek Regional Park is set to be an iconic space with playground equipment, picnic areas and educational experiences using augmented reality and state-of-the-art apps. The focal point be an historic tram, refurbished into a community-run coffee shop. Keep an eye out for updates as works progress.



Councillor Jane Ashton
Sugarloaf Ward

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Steps are underway for fireworks on private properties in the rural area of the Shire to be regulated by Council, ending emotional distress for those concerned with fire risk and the impact of fireworks on animals.

The Draft Bush Fire Mitigation Strategy and Emergency Management Plan is coming out for feedback and I hope rural residents will take a keen interest.

In July, the draft Green Wedge Management Plan will be out for discussion, so again please send in your comments.

The first-ever Nillumbik equine survey will be out shortly and this will help Council to better understand the contribution that horse owners make to the economic, environmental and social health of the Shire.

Council has been targeting rabbits on public land, but if you need help or advice with regards to weeds, rabbits or erosion then contact Council or your local Landcare Group.

Enjoy the cooler months.



Councillor Peter Clarke
Wingrove Ward

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The liveability and amenity of Nillumbik will be preserved for generations to come with Council moving to ensure that public spaces in Eltham will be available for everyone to enjoy.

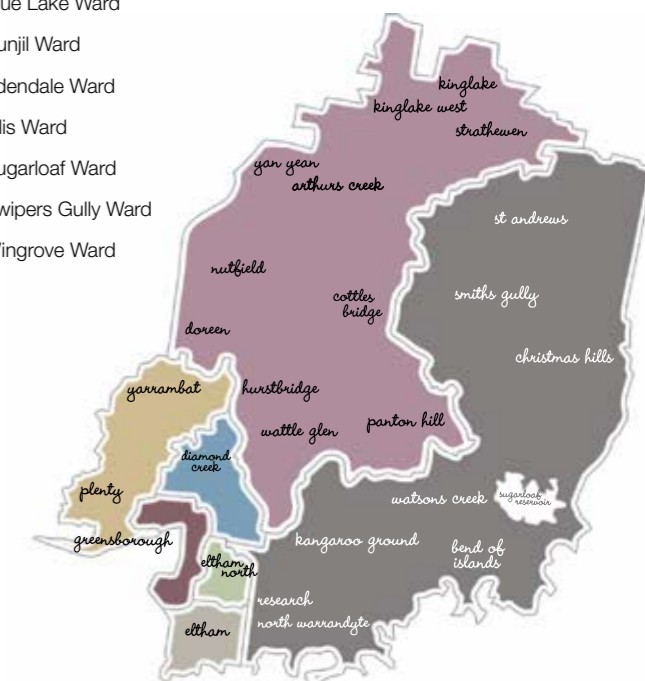
Council is rezoning the land at 120 Arthur Street Eltham, 20a Henry Street Eltham and 17a Ruskin Court Eltham to Public Park and Recreation Zones to ensure they remain public open space in perpetuity.

Strong advocacy from the Council has resulted in a \$5 million road funding package from the Federal Government to ease traffic congestion from Fitzsimons Lane towards Eltham. We will continue to advocate both state and federal governments for more funding towards school safety transport upgrades, sporting facilities, the arts, environment and sporting upgrades.

We're continuing to focus on the basics with a number of footpath and drainage works carried out throughout Wingrove ward including drainage at York and Taylor Streets and footpaths at John Street and Main Road.

KEY

- Blue Lake Ward
- Bunjil Ward
- Edendale Ward
- Ellis Ward
- Sugarloaf Ward
- Swipers Gully Ward
- Wingrove Ward



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June EVENTS

ARTS AND CULTURE

Echoes

Until Monday 10 June
Eltham Library Community Gallery
Women of Wisdom Artists (WOW) –
Catherine Blakey, Elisabeth Bromley,
Elizabeth Vercoe, Leanne Mooney
Four artists come together to explore the
themes that echo through their lives.
Gallery Gig Workshops available.
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

Courthouse Poetry Readings

Thursday 20 June 7.30pm, 8pm start
Eltham Courthouse
728 Main Road, Eltham
Featured poet and open mic, as well as
snacks and drinks. \$5 entry.
DETAILS Helen Lucas 0438 339 732

Poetry @ Chrissy Hills

Thursday 27 June 7.30pm
Christmas Hills Mechanics' Institute Hall
787 Ridge Road, Christmas Hills
Featured reader and open mic, \$5 Entry
DETAILS Sandy 0418 523 644

The Barber of Seville

Saturday 29 June 9.30am-10.30am
Eltham Library Community Gallery
Produced by Opera Australia
A hilarious story about love at first sight.
Aimed at age 4+.
BOOKINGS
yprlopera2019.eventbrite.com.au

COMMUNITY

World elder abuse awareness day

Friday 21 June
10.30am Diamond Valley Library
1.30pm Eltham Library
Free forum, tea, interactive discussion with
a speaker from Seniors Rights Victoria.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
weaad-diamondvalley.eventbrite.com.au
weaad-eltham.eventbrite.com.au
DETAILS Katie on 9433 3345 or email
positive.ageing@nillumbik.vic.gov.au



Winter Open Cellars Weekend

Saturday 15 – Sunday 16 June 2019

Join our Winter Open Cellars Weekend and visit the friendly family-owned
wineries of the Nillumbik winemakers of the Nillumbik Shire.

opencellars.com.au

FOOD AND MARKETS

St Andrews Market

Saturdays 9am-2pm
Kangaroo Ground-St Andrews Road,
St Andrews
Enjoy a great array of food, arts, crafts
and colourful characters.

Eltham Farmer's Market

Sundays 9am-1pm
Arthur Street Eltham
Local stallholders sell fruit, veggies and
homemade treats.

Cooking Seasonal Produce with Julie French

Saturday 8 June 11.30am-12.30pm
Diamond Valley Library,
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Join Julie French and learn how to use
garden produce to reduce food waste
and save money. Enjoy the tasty food she
prepares in the kitchen garden.
yprl.vic.gov.au

Kombucha Tea Making

Thursday 20 June 11am-12pm
Diamond Valley Library,
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Join Katherine Barling to learn how to
prepare, build and harvest kombucha.
yprl.vic.gov.au

BUSINESS

Grants for Victorian Seniors Festival

Closes June 9
Small grants of up to \$500 for events at
the festival, which is held every October.
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/SeniorsFestival

Workshops

5.30pm-8.30pm
Building B
Melbourne Innovation Centre,
Civic Drive, Greensborough

SEO foundations for small business

Wednesday 12 June
Learn about Search Engine Optimisation
(SEO) and how to improve your website's
visibility in search rankings.

Digital marketing assets

Wednesday 19 June
For small business owners who want
to learn about the various ways to
market online.

Facebook for small business simplified

Wednesday 26 June
Learn to develop better social media
comprehension, set up your own
Facebook page effectively and increase
engagement with your audience.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL, \$55 each
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/businessesvents

July EVENTS

LIBRARY

Tech help

Tuesday 2 July 10am-12pm
Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham
One-on-one sessions. BYO device or
use one of ours.
yprl.vic.gov.au

Italian Discussion Group

Wednesday 3 July 2pm-3.30pm
Diamond Valley Library,
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Join this lively group with monthly
meetings for a coffee and a chat. Browse
new Italian books, magazines, CDs,
DVDs and sometimes a little extra with a
cooking demonstration or entertainer.
yprl.vic.gov.au

Bookaroo

Thursday 4 July 12pm-12.30pm
Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham
This is an interactive one-off session for
parents and guardians of newborns. Get
valuable information about your baby's
literacy development and learn about the
benefits of reading, talking and singing
to your baby.
yprl.vic.gov.au

Access and inclusion drop-in sessions

Sunday 21 July 1.30pm-3pm
Eltham Library Multipurpose Room
Tuesday 23 July 12pm-2pm Diamond
Creek Community Centre

Drop in to talk to Council's Inclusion
Team about access and inclusion
in Nillumbik.
Email inclusion@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or
call MetroAccess for more information.
DETAILS 9433 3379

Starting Your Family History

Saturday 6 July 2pm-4pm
Diamond Valley Library,
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Not sure where to start, or what
genealogy resources are available?
Book a half hour introductory session
with a library staff member.
yprl.vic.gov.au



Finalist Kevin Chin, *Blue Above* (detail), oil on Italian linen

Nillumbik Prize

Thursday 30 May – Sunday 22 July
The Barn Gallery, Monsalvat, 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham

View the shortlist and finalists' work from the Nillumbik Prize entrants.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au

ARTS AND CULTURE

Three Generations

Thursday 13 June – Monday 15 July
Eltham Library Community Gallery
Kay Steventon, Liz Cameron
& Lauren Cameron
This exhibition explores the celebrations
and challenges of women through the
eyes of 3 generations.
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

Courthouse Poetry Readings

Thursday 20 June 7.30pm, 8pm start
Eltham Courthouse,
728 Main Road, Eltham
\$5 entry, includes wine, tea, coffee,
biscuits and door prize ticket.
Featured Poet & Open Mic.
DETAILS Helen Lucas 0438 339 732

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BUSINESS

Workshops

9.30am-12.30pm
Building B
Melbourne Innovation Centre,
Civic Drive, Greensborough

Engage real followers on Instagram Wednesday 17 July

This workshop is for small business
owners who want to start an Instagram
account for their small business, grow
an Instagram following, and better utilise
Instagram for their small business.

Profile building and networking on LinkedIn

Wednesday 24 July
This workshop is for small business
owners who want to start a LinkedIn
profile, grow their LinkedIn following
and better utilise LinkedIn for their
small business.

Create marketing campaigns with MailChimp

Wednesday 31 July
This workshop is for small business
owners who want to understand email
marketing and its place in small business,
learn how to create professional email
marketing campaigns, and connect
with customers—and stay connected
(no unsubscribes!).

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL, \$55
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/businessesvents

August EVENTS

ARTS AND CULTURE

Textura

Thursday 18 July – Monday 19 August
Eltham Library Community Gallery
Clare Dwyer

An exhibition of lush textures, layers and intricate woven structures.

📍 nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

Courthouse Poetry Readings

Thursday 15 August
7.30pm, 8pm start
Eltham Courthouse
728 Main Road, Eltham

Featured poet and open mic, as well as snacks and drinks. \$5 entry.

DETAILS 📞 Helen Lucas 0438 339 732

Wood Works

Thursday 22 August –
Monday 23 September
Eltham Library Community Gallery
Eltham & District Woodworkers

Explore the wonders of woodwork though this showcase of works. Live demonstrations on selected days.

📍 nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

Poetry @ Chrissy Hills

Thursday 22 August 7.30pm
Christmas Hills Mechanics' Institute Hall
787 Ridge Road, Christmas Hills

Featured reader and open mic, \$5 Entry
DETAILS 📞 Sandy 0418 523 644

COMMUNITY

Volunteers needed

Drivers needed for community bus, also for one on one transport to drive clients to medical appointments or social groups – (drivers use their own car and get reimbursed for mileage)

DETAILS 📞 9433 3723

Council meeting in Eltham

Tuesday 27 August 7.30pm
Eltham Community and Reception Centre, Main Road Eltham

Democracy on the road: join us for the August Ordinary Council Meeting in Eltham.



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Kangaroo Ground-St Andrews Road, St Andrews

Enjoy a great array of food, arts, crafts and colourful characters.

HEALTH

Pram Walks

Thursday mornings during school term
Diamond Creek

DETAILS 📞 Jodie on 9433 3165

Circle of Security for dads

Wednesdays 6.30pm-8.30pm
31 July – 18 September
Eltham War Memorial

A relationship-based parenting program for fathers of children aged 0-5 years. Eight two-hour sessions, childcare not provided.
REGISTER 📞 9450 0900 or email jgraney@kidsfirstaustralia.org.au

Dying to Know Day

Thursday 8 August

Venue to be announced

Bringing to life conversations and community actions around death, dying and bereavement.

📍 nillumbik.vic.gov.au/People-and-family/Over-55s/Events-and-Activities-for-Over-55s
📞 9433 3345

MARKETS

Eltham Farmers' Market

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📍 ypri.vic.gov.au

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📍 ypri.vic.gov.au

STEAM Club 8+

Wednesday 21 August 3.45pm-5pm
Diamond Valley Library,
Civic Drive Greensborough

An event for teens to ignite their interest in science, technology, engineering, arts and maths (STEAM) with activities using technical and educational resources. Have fun using virtual reality headsets. Bookings required. Ages 12+.

📍 ypri.vic.gov.au



E-waste ban to landfill

E-waste is any item that has a plug, battery or cord that is unwanted.

From 1 July 2019 e-waste will no longer be accepted in household bins.

E-waste is full of valuable resources we can reuse, as well as some nasty materials that are bad for the environment. Rather than putting it in the bin, we should take it to a better place where we can remove the bad and save the good.

Free options to recycle your e-waste in Nillumbik*

- ✓ Recycling and Recovery Centre
- ✓ Hard waste collection
- ✓ **NEW** Small e-waste collection sites – for batteries, globes, mobile phones and small e-waste accessories only
 - Eltham Library
 - Diamond Valley Library
 - Hurstbridge Community Hub

For further information on e-waste or to find details of other recycling centres visit
📍 ewaste.vic.gov.au

* charges apply for fridges, freezers and air conditioners because of the de-gassing process



OTHER DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Recycling & Recovery Centre

290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty

Open 8am-4pm
Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday

Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays

Recycle free of charge:

- batteries – household, car and mobile phone
- CDs and DVDs
- cardboard (excluding waxed cardboard)
- e-waste* (anything with a plug, cord or battery) e.g. televisions, computers, printers, monitors, mobile phones
- household recycling
- light globes/bulbs and fluoro tubes
- scrap metal* e.g. bike, stove, washing machine, dryer, metal poles, roofing
- video tapes and cassettes
- x-rays

* Charges apply for fridges, freezers and air conditioners

Charges apply for:

- air conditioners
- fridges and freezers
- garden materials
- mattresses
- plaster
- polystyrene/foam/bean bag beans
- tyres and rims
- wood – processed e.g. treated pine, fence paling, untreated timber
- other non-recyclable items



Pre-sort free of charge items and different types of waste in your load – it helps with a quick drop off and may even save you money.

For a full list of accepted items, prices and items we don't accept, visit:

📍 nillumbik.vic.gov.au/rrc

or search your item using the online A-Z recycling guide:

📍 nillumbik.vic.gov.au/a-zrecycling

Things we don't accept

Asbestos, gas bottles, fire extinguishers and paint can be taken to other nearby facilities. Call us or visit our website for details.

Reuse Shop

Closed until further notice, due to the Yan Yean Road widening works.

Look out for your green waste vouchers with your 2019-2020 rates notice

Hard waste collection

Make use of your hard waste collection (two cubic metres) each financial year.

📞 9433 3512

📍 nillumbik.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Composting and worm farms

Take part in Council's composting and worm farm workshops and learn how to turn your kitchen and garden waste into rich organic soil. Workshop dates and discounted compost bin/worm farm purchase information:

📍 edendale.vic.gov.au

HOW TO PUT YOUR BINS OUT



Place bins out **by 6am** on collection day



Place bins half a metre apart, away from trees, power poles and cars



If your bin goes missing or is damaged, report it online
📍 nillumbik.vic.gov.au/bins or call us

Squeeze any air from bags of rubbish before placing in your landfill bin. This will create more space in your bin, stop waste from getting stuck and prevent a partially-emptied bin



Do not over compact your bin



Do not overfill; the lid must be closed

Tear off and put on your fridge

2019-2020 BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR



GREEN WASTE (GREEN LID)

Collected weekly and turned into compost



All food scraps (loose or wrapped in newspaper or paper towel)



Garden materials

X No plastic, compostable or biodegradable bags

RECYCLING (YELLOW LID)

Collected fortnightly and recycled



Loose plastic bottles, containers and toys, glass bottles and jars, cans, foil and foil trays



Loose cardboard, paper and cartons



Bundled plastic bags and other flexible/soft plastics ONLY

X No bagged recycling (except soft plastics)
X No loose soft plastics

LANDFILL (RED LID)

Collected fortnightly and goes to landfill



Broken pyrex, crockery, window glass, drinking glasses and mirror



Silver-lined soft plastics



Nappies, textiles/rags, rubber, polystyrene and foam

X No food
X No garden material

My bin day is

Your green waste bin is collected weekly on the same day as your recycling or landfill bin.

Due to Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday public holidays, bins will be collected one day later.

NO E-WASTE IN YOUR BINS

Use our online **A-Z RECYCLING GUIDE** to find out where your item should go

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COVER

Apollo Parkways Primary School students at the official opening of the Civic Drive, Greensborough playspace in March.

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