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Stage 2 of the Diamond Creek Trail from Wattle Glen to Hurstbridge.

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The 2022-23 Budget will fund an extensive capital works program.

## Climate, capital works boost

More than \$14 million will be spent on capital works projects while Nillumbik's commitment to climate action will be strongly supported in the 2022-2023 Budget.

Under the Budget, endorsed by Council in May, the rates increase will be kept within the State Government-mandated rate cap of 1.75 per cent.

The domestic waste service charge will increase by 21.98 per cent. This is driven by the costs of rehabilitating the former landfill site at Kangaroo Ground – a statutory requirement of the Environment Protection Authority Victoria – as well as a significant increase in the disposal costs for recycling and general waste.

The Budget will deliver a \$14.25 million capital works program with projects including:

- Buildings renewal, including public toilets
- Kangaroo Ground former landfill rehabilitation
- Road and carpark renewal
- Proposed BMX facility in Diamond Creek
- Car park upgrades
- Sports infrastructure renewal.

Nillumbik Mayor Frances Eyre said it was a responsible Budget, funding many positive initiatives with no new borrowings.

"Importantly, it commits funding to our climate emergency response including the implementation of the Climate Action Plan," Cr Eyre said.

Deputy Mayor Ben Ramcharan said waste management was an expensive issue for all councils and Nillumbik had a responsibility to remediate the former Kangaroo Ground landfill, a key driver of the increase in the waste management charge.

"However, once that project is completed, I'm excited about the possible opportunities we could explore for this area," he said.

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## Nillumbik takes action on climate change

Council has adopted a new Climate Action Plan, which includes a Declaration of a Climate Emergency.

The *Climate Action Plan 2022-2032*, adopted in April, will guide Council's response to the challenges posed by climate change over the next decade.

Collaboration with the community will be key to achieving the plan's key climate action aims.

The plan has three key goals:

1. Reduce Council's direct contribution to climate change.
2. Prepare for, respond and adapt to the risks and impacts of a changing climate on our community, environment, infrastructure and services.
3. Support our community to reduce their contributions to climate change and to adapt and be resilient to climate change risks and impacts.

The plan also sets targets of achieving net-zero emissions in Council operations by 2030 and net-zero community emissions by 2035.

It includes eight focus areas:

- Climate action leadership
- Having a climate resilient, adaptive and safe community

- The climate resilience of the natural environment
- Climate-responsive Council services, facilities and infrastructure
- Zero emissions energy use
- Sustainable transport
- Integrated water management
- Achieving a zero waste and circular economy.

Nillumbik Mayor Frances Eyre said the plan was a collective effort involving extensive consultation and collaboration with the community.

"It is the tangible result of Council and our community's shared commitment to taking meaningful and urgent climate action. This is a great community outcome, something about which I am extremely pleased," she said.

Deputy Mayor Ben Ramcharan said the Plan showed the seriousness with which Council and the community viewed this issue.

"The plan demonstrates our shared commitment to doing all we can to address the challenges presented by climate change," he said.



To read the plan, scan the QR code or go to [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/climate-action](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/climate-action)



from the **Mayor**

Welcome to the winter edition of *Nillumbik News*.

We've hit the halfway mark of the year and there's barely been time to catch our collective breath.

Council continues its packed schedule of community engagement, commencement and completion of major projects. The completion of the Diamond Creek Trail and the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre (including its grandstand seating) have been hugely popular with our community.

We endorsed our 2022-2032 Climate Action Plan and declared a climate emergency. To be Mayor when we took this momentous next step to do our part in addressing this global issue, will be an enduring source of pride and appreciation of our community's collaboration with us throughout.

We've adopted our 2022-2023 Budget which, despite the testing circumstances brought on by the pandemic, manages to balance financial responsibility with continued high levels of service delivery.

I was honoured to recently be appointed to the Local Government Mayoral Advisory Panel (below), chaired by Local Government Minister Shaun Leane, to provide advice on a range of issues.

The Federal Election has now been held but with a State Election to come, there'll be no let-up in Council's advocacy on our community's behalf.

Finally, as we head into winter, it's great to see the activity and vibrancy around the Shire as we all get out and about again. I hope to see more of you in the coming months.

Take care

*Frances Eyre*

Cr Frances Eyre  
Mayor Nillumbik Shire Council





## Support for new businesses

**Are you starting a new business or expanding or buying an existing business in Nillumbik?**

You may need to get Council approval for certain activities. This can include specific business permits or registrations for your business type.

Our Economic Development team can help you:

- navigate the necessary permits and approvals
- connect to relevant advice/support
- avoid costly mistakes
- save time during the assessment process.

Find out more and complete the checklist here [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/setting-up-a-business](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/setting-up-a-business)

## Complete our survey to win

**We'd love to hear from Nillumbik-based business owners and operators as part of our annual business survey.**

This survey has been designed to collect feedback and information which will assist us to identify areas where we can further support small business.

We want to know how you are doing as a local business and how we are doing in supporting you.

Complete the survey to go into the draw to win one of three Shop in our Shire gift cards valued at \$100 each. [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/business](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/business)

## Network with like-minded locals

Join other Nillumbik-based businesses and support services for our End of Financial Year Networking Event on Thursday 23 June, 6pm-9pm.

Hear from guest speaker Daniel Flynn, Founder and Managing Director of social enterprise 'Thankyou'.

# Nillumbik's outdoor spaces are brought back to life

Music events help revitalise retail and recreation sector.

Council continues to roll out projects as part of the Victorian Government COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation Fund so our community can get out and support our local businesses safely.

Outdoor areas across the Shire have been transformed with improvements including street furniture and landscaping.

Additional seating and street trees have been installed in Chute Street, Diamond Creek. A shade structure and resurfacing work will add to the amenity at the Diamond Creek Plaza, and in Main Street, Hurstbridge, there has been resurfacing works and lighting installed.

Two pop up music events were delivered to crowds in Hurstbridge and Research at the end of April and the music continues with the Nillumbik BuskStop, a series of outdoor gigs aimed at helping revitalise

Nillumbik's retail and recreation sector across the municipality.

The program runs until Sunday 12 June with the final week of entertainment including:

- **Jaron & Chris Natoli**  
**Thursday 9 June**  
Eltham Midway Arcade
- **Two Tone**  
**Friday 10 June**  
St Laurence Lane, Eltham
- **PL Trio**  
**Saturday 11 June**  
Tram Cafe, Rotary Park, Diamond Creek
- **Kimba & Ryan**  
**Sunday 12 June**  
Wattle Place, Hurstbridge



Soundbite brought music to the heart of Hurstbridge.



Network with other Nillumbik businesses at our EOFY event.



Nillumbik Mayor Frances Eyre with five of the prize winners at the announcement: Anastasia Warmuth, Karen Andrews, Willem van Hasselt, Susanne Kennedy and Michelle Wright.

## Winners have the write stuff

Winners of the Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Writing have been revealed.

Authors, poets, their friends and families gathered at the Diamond Valley Library on 28 May for the announcement of the prestigious prize.

The prize is awarded every two years and builds on the Shire's strong tradition of supporting contemporary Australian writing.

This year, there were almost 500 entries from across the country – for both the traditional Fiction/Alan Marshall Short Story Award category and the rotating category – which this year is Poetry – in the Local, Youth and Open sections.

Entries ranged from Haiku to genre-bending science fiction, intimate reflections on human relationships, as well as social and environmentally inspired themes all splendidly narrated in both poetic and fictional forms.

The works were judged by Tim Richards and Bec Kavanah for the Alan Marshall Short Story Prize and Cassandra Atherton and Paul Hetherington for the Poetry Prize.

Congratulations to all the winners, and to everyone who participated.

### First Taste

**Karen Andrews**  
Winner, local poetry award

1. Radishes  
The curious child squatted beside the garden, brushed aside dirt and leaves to reveal ruby protrusions, miniature globes marked with white atmospheric swirls. Tugging one loose, wiping it clean she sampled then spat the peppery flesh onto the ground – but the crunch lingered in tooth and jaw; a signifier of disobedience for this was her father's patch, not to be touched.

2. Turnips  
A hefty yield, a fine growing season taught the cows to assemble at the fence to await their meal of ponytailed stalks and heads macheted into edible pieces, barging each other for better offerings tossed from the full tractor trailer. A dull vegetable best ignored, so thought the child until, years later, it became an instant favourite when cooked into a simple winter's stew.

3. Chokos  
Furry, pendulous oddities their vines offered the most interest: invasive, squirrely tendrils with singular purpose curled around anything sturdy and fixed; a kind of ambition that belonged in science fiction. They also provided a lesson on relationships: a full pail left by a door meant a settled debt, and such abundance meant so much more than blue-ribboned show pride.

NILLUMBIK PRIZE CONTEMPORARY WRITING 2022



And the winners are...

**Fiction / Alan Marshall Short Story Award**

LOCAL  
*Goodbye Stranger*  
Anastasia Warmuth

YOUTH  
*The Kindergarten Train*  
Eve Ballard

OPEN: ALAN MARSHALL SHORT STORY AWARD  
*The Nightingale*  
Meredith Tucker

JUDGES AWARD (Highly Commended)  
*Balladonia*  
Claire Aman

**Nillumbik Prize Contemporary Writing – Poetry**

LOCAL  
*First Taste*  
Karen Andrews

YOUTH  
*Dog Brodie*  
Willem van Hasselt

OPEN  
*Fledgling Affair*  
Susanne Kennedy

JUDGES AWARD (Highly Commended)  
*Opening Our Time Capsules*  
Alicia Sometimes

*Colour Is Hay*

**Mayoral Award**

*One small step*  
Michelle Wright

All the winning works have been published in the Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Writing Anthology. Read it online at our website or borrow from the Yarra Plenty Regional Library.

[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/NPCW](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/NPCW)



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## Neighbourhood Character Strategy

A new Neighbourhood Character Strategy is being developed to define the preferred character for our residential areas with the intent of requiring future development to support that character. The first round of community engagement closed in May.

A second round of engagement is expected to occur in August-September on the first draft of the Strategy, with another round to follow in early 2023 on the final draft.

Register to stay informed on the project at Participate Nillumbik.

[participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/neighbourhood-character-strategy](https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/neighbourhood-character-strategy)

## Have your say on draft MPS

Our draft Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS) is now available to view and provide feedback via Participate Nillumbik.

The MPS sits at the front of the planning scheme, providing the 'vision' and foundation for the planning scheme's local policies and strategic directions.

Two phases of consultation have already been undertaken in preparation of this new MPS.

Your feedback on this draft will be used to make further refinements.

Have your say until Sunday 17 July at [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/mps](https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/mps)

# BMX bike park proposal jumps to next stage

Wheels in motion for concept plans and feasibility study.

So far, two rounds of community consultation have been undertaken on the Diamond Creek proposal including location and design, resulting in more than 400 submissions.

Specialist BMX consultancy 'The Trail Collective' has been engaged to develop concepts for the park. Our teams are now reviewing the community feedback and will prepare reports for Council on concept plans and location feasibility.

Ellis Ward Councillor Peter Perkins said the feedback would really help inform what would go ahead.

"I'm keen to see stuff on the ground happen as soon as possible. We've got the money allocated, we need to get on with it," he said.

Ellis Ward Councillor Natalie Duffy thanked the community for their extensive feedback.

"There's two sides to this, there's the protecting our biodiversity and our environment, and there's also creating a place of fun, and that's what we are trying to achieve with this project," she said.

Stay up to date at [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/bmx-park](https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/bmx-park)



The Trail Collective will prepare a concept plan for the proposed park.

## Next steps for law review

We received more than 800 submissions during our Local Law consultation last year, and also heard from residents at the April 2022 Planning and Consultation Committee.

We've collated and considered all feedback and the next step in the project is further community engagement to be held throughout August.

To stay informed on the project, visit [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/local-laws](https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/local-laws)



Shopping trolleys are included in the draft Local Law.



The extension of the Diamond Creek Trail is popular with walkers and riders, and the perfect place to take a break.



# Missing link now complete

Thousands of locals and visitors alike have been enjoying the extension of the Diamond Creek Trail.

The final stage of the extension of the trail from Wattle Glen to Hurstbridge opened in March.

The 3.2km section is a shared path for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders and runs from Wilson Reserve to the Graysharps Road Open Space Precinct. It continues on from the first stage of the project which starts at Luscombe Drive in Diamond Creek.

It's now possible to travel along the trail from Hurstbridge to Eitham, then join the Main Yarra Trail all the way into the CBD.

Cr Eyre said the completion of the trail extension from Diamond Creek to Hurstbridge was exciting news for the community.

"This is something our community and Council championed for over many years and


it's wonderful to see the dream finally become a reality," Cr Eyre said.

"I would like to thank the Victorian Government and our local MPs Danielle Green and Vicki Ward for their tireless advocacy and support, which has been critical in making this project happen.

"This has been one of the biggest capital works projects we've undertaken in the Shire and it's been a fantastic collaborative effort between the Victorian Government, Council and the community."

Stages one and two of the extension have been funded with \$9.1 million from the Victorian Government. Council has provided more than \$4 million.

[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/diamond-creek-trail](https://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/diamond-creek-trail)

 **Save the date** – an official opening of the trail will be held soon, keep an eye on our website and social media channels for details.

## New home for Men's Shed

A funding boost will see the Hurstbridge Men's Shed get a permanent home of its own.

The Victorian Government and Council will jointly fund the construction of a new workshop and meeting place at 4 Hurstbridge-Arthurs Creek Road, near Araluen, Allwood House and the Hurstbridge Tennis Courts.

Council has received a \$364,000 grant through the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund to complete the project. Council will also contribute \$300,000. Preliminary designs have been completed and construction is expected to start in early 2023.

Mayor Frances Eyre said the Men's Shed, which was first established in 2005 and meets in a small storage room in the Hurstbridge Community Hub, was a vital part of the community.

"Not only does the group provide benefits to the members themselves including friendship, social connection and support, but to the wider community through their local projects and initiatives," Cr Eyre said.

McEwen MP Rob Mitchell, Mayor Frances Eyre, Yan Yean MP Danielle Green, Cr Karen Egan and members of the Hurstbridge Men's Shed at the Edible Hub.

## Go ahead for Graysharps Road plan

Work will soon begin on revitalising the Graysharps Road Open Space Precinct in Hurstbridge following Council's endorsement of the final concept plan for the area which includes:

- New outdoor netballs courts
- Amphitheatre
- Nature play area
- Toilet block
- Picnic shelters and barbecues
- Expanded car park.

The project is being funded with a Victorian Government Growing Suburbs Fund grant of \$2 million and \$925,000 from Council.

Detailed designs will now be prepared, however work will start soon on a shared path around the oval, connecting the Diamond Creek Trail to the township.

View the plan at [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/hospp](https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/hospp)

Part of the concept plan for the Graysharps Road Precinct.





# Capital Works snapshot

For updates on these and other projects go to [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/projects-and-works](https://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/projects-and-works)



## Sports lighting

Sports clubs will soon be able to play and train for longer with new lighting at five sports grounds.

So far the upgrades have been completed at the Eltham Lower Park front oval and Bridge Street Reserve in Eltham.

Fittings are being finalised at the Diamond Creek Netball Courts while power connection works being undertaken at Diamond Hills Reserve and Hurstbridge High Oval.

The upgrades have been funded with \$1.48 million from Sport and Recreation Victoria and \$148,000 from Council.



## Hurstbridge Multi-Use Facility

Kicking goals for sport – this \$1.7 million redevelopment was completed in February.

The project involved the extension and renovation of the pavilion to include four change rooms, female-friendly amenities, new umpires' change rooms, public amenities and increased social space.

The project was funded with \$705,000 from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund, \$150,000 from Sport and Recreation Victoria and \$849,000 from Council.



## Andrew Pocket Park

In a first for Nillumbik, the new Andrew Pocket Park will have active ageing exercise equipment for older adults.

Work has started on the park in Diamond Street, Eltham, which will also include public toilets, two 3x3 basketball courts, a netball ring, bike racks and repair station for users of the Diamond Creek Trail, drinking fountain, shelter and seating.

The park has been funded with \$1.3 million from the Victorian Government's Suburban Parks Program and \$61,000 from Council.



## Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre

Rest your feet – new retractable seating for 512 people valued at \$380,000 has now been installed at the new centre courts, which opened in February following a \$16.5 million extension and refurbishment.

The new-look centre features four new sports courts, new reception and café area, new and refurbished change rooms and toilets and expanded gym.

Outside, the centre features a 40m mural by Indigenous artist Fiona Clarke.



Celebrations at the official opening of the Eltham Multi-Use Courts (top and left) and Premier Daniel Andrews in Diamond Creek (above).

## More big wins for sport

Funding boost for new projects as facilities officially open.

Two outside courts at the Diamond Creek netball facility will go under cover following Victorian Premier Daniel Andrews' announcement of \$1 million in funding for the project.

Mr Andrews visited Diamond Creek in May to make the announcement with Minister for Community Sport Ros Spence, Eltham MP Vicki Ward and Yan Yean MP Danielle Green.

The all-weather covers are the icing on the cake for the precinct which features eight newly resurfaced courts and a new pavilion, which were officially opened in March. Meanwhile, the three new multi-use courts

in Andrew Park, Eltham, were officially opened in May.

Deputy Mayor Ben Ramcharan, Edendale Ward Councillor Natalie Duffy and Wingrove Ward Councillor Geoff Paine joined Eltham MP Vicki Ward for the ribbon cutting ceremony, held during the Eltham Tennis Club's open day.

The courts, funded with \$1.4 million from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund, are line marked for tennis, including the junior HotShots program, and futsal. The public can hire the courts for a game via the club's website.

[tennis.com.au/elthamtennisclub](https://tennis.com.au/elthamtennisclub)

## Roll up to our new skate park

Do you like to skate, ride or scoot? Whichever way you roll, the expanded Eltham Skate Park is for you.

The park, on the corner of Bridge and Susan streets, has reopened following a revamp funded with \$512,000 from Council and \$300,000 from the Victorian Government through a Parks Revitalisation grant.

It has doubled in size and includes a combination of features for rider styles of all ages and abilities. There is also a shelter, seating and drinking fountain.



## Eltham North Dog Park

Work is taking place behind the scenes finalising cultural and heritage management aspects for the off-leash park in Wattleree Road. Once complete, work will resume on the final stages.

We don't have a date for when it will be finished just yet, but look forward to sharing the news when we do. Keep an eye out on our social media channels for further updates.

The park's been funded with \$275,000 from the Victorian Government's Suburban Parks Program and \$450,000 from Council.



## Research public toilets

We've been busting to tell you – the new public toilets have been completed next to the shops on the corner of Main and Research-Warrandyte roads.

The toilets are fully accessible and gender neutral with an access ramp for people with disability. The \$255,000 project has been complemented with landscaping and new pathways.

We're now investigating opportunities to incorporate local art into the completed project.



## Plenty Solar Farm

Construction of a 1.5MW solar farm planned for the former landfill site in Yan Yean Road is anticipated to start late 2022/early 2023.

Public notification of our intent to enter a lease with LMS Energy for part of the land on the site to operate and maintain a solar farm has been released.

Have your say at Participate Nillumbik – [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/solar-farm](https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/solar-farm) until Sunday 19 June.

Verbal submissions will be heard at the 12 July Planning and Consultation Committee meeting.



## Bible Street

Council has awarded the tender for traffic improvements in Bible Street, Eltham, to MJ Construction Group, in the first phase of the implementation of the \$5 million Eltham Urban Congestion Fund Project.

The works will include the installation of raised intersection treatments and pedestrian crossings, kerb works, footpaths, line marking and signage along the street as well as changes to parking.

The Department of Transport has approved a speed limit drop in Bible Street from 50km/h to 40km/h between Cecil and Taylor streets.



One of the EV car charging stations.

## Solar system cutting emissions

**More than 170 tonnes in greenhouse gas emissions have been saved over the past year since the installation of a major new solar system at the Eltham Leisure Centre.**

In May, Mayor Frances Eyre and Cr Natalie Duffy joined Eltham MP Vicki Ward and Yan Yean MP Danielle Green for the official launch of the new system, which includes four electric vehicle charging stations.

The \$540,000 project was jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.

Cr Eyre said that since the solar system was installed last May, 174,000kg in greenhouse gas emissions have been saved.

"That's equivalent to planting 3349 trees or taking 50 cars off the road," she said.

"And more than 1000 cars have been charged at the EV stations, saving more than 2600kg in greenhouse gas emissions."

The rooftop solar system is one of the largest in Nillumbik. It comprises 267 kilowatts of rooftop solar panels, which have generated 290 megawatt hours since commissioning last June, directly supplying 16.5 per cent of all electrical needs for the building.

Two battery backup systems ensure continuous power to the toilets and change rooms, and systems in reception, allowing the centre to remain operational even during times of power outages.



## Preschool applications closing soon

A reminder that applications for three and four-year-old preschool in 2023 close on 30 June.

Council accepts and processes preschool registrations on behalf of 16 preschools in Nillumbik.

Offers will be sent to families via email from mid July.

Applications can be made online via the Nillumbik website. Hard copies can also be downloaded from the website or are available from the Shire offices.

[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/preschool](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/preschool)

## Childcare vacancies

Looking for child care? Vacancies are available at Council's two early education child care services – the Panton Hill and Eltham Playhouses.

The playhouses operate 9am-2pm Monday to Friday and are ideal for those looking for shorter hours of care, respite or casual childcare. Childcare subsidy is available to eligible families.

Visit our centres at 58 Pitt Street, Eltham, and 14 Bishops Road, Panton Hill, or email [playhouse@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:playhouse@nillumbik.vic.gov.au) for more details.

## Husband and wife team are real traffic stoppers

Crossing supervisors help our kids get to school safely.

If you've used the pedestrian crossing outside Sacred Heart Primary School in Diamond Creek, chances are you'll recognise Tricia Minogue.

What you may not know is that just a few kilometres away at the Eltham High School crossing, Tricia's husband of 35 years, Ted, is also helping kids get to school safely.

Ted has been a crossing supervisor for eight years and Tricia for six and they absolutely love their roles.

"The people are the best part of the job," Tricia said. "The community I look after really appreciate me – they're fabulous!"

The school community rallied around Tricia recently when she had a health scare while on the job.

"One of the mums is a nurse and she checked me over and called an

ambulance. The mums even organised food for me for a few days. The kids are wonderful too – they all signed a get-well card. They think a lot of Ted at Eltham High. He is always invited to the end-of-year break up. We've both got jobs where we're really appreciated for what we do."

There are current vacancies for crossing supervisors with Council.

Contact the Community Safety team via [nillumbik@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:nillumbik@nillumbik.vic.gov.au) or phone 9433 3111.

### Council careers

We're often looking for new team members – find out what career opportunities are available at [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/careers](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/careers)



Husband and wife Ted and Tricia Minogue are both school crossing supervisors in Nillumbik.

## Preschool set to sparkle

The Diamond Hills Preschool will undergo a \$3.69 million redevelopment, boosting the number of funded preschool places for local children.

The 35-year-old preschool will be rebuilt, providing a much-needed second classroom and other facilities.

Mayor Frances Eyre said the new preschool would ensure access to funded programs for more local families.

"Many families would have fond memories of Diamond Hills Preschool. However, with only one classroom,

there is not enough space to cater for modern preschool programs including the introduction of 15 hours of funded three-year-old kinder without affecting total enrolments," Cr Eyre said.

"This new building will allow for both three and four-year-old kinder programs, boosting enrolments from 80 to 120."

The project is funded with \$2.9 million from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund, \$700,000 from Council and \$75,000 from the preschool.



Mayor Frances Eyre, Eltham MP Vicki Ward, Bundoora MP Colin Brooks, Councilors and parents at the funding announcement.



Nillumbik Youth Councillors at the inaugural Youth Summit in May.

## Young leaders take centre stage

Nillumbik's first Youth Summit sparks ideas for change.

More than 50 student leaders from Diamond Valley College, St Helena Secondary College, Eltham High School, Catholic Ladies College, and Montmorency Secondary College attended the summit, held at the Eltham Community and Reception Centre on 25 May.

They discussed topics that matter most to Nillumbik's young people and made recommendations for action including a youth hub, gender equity working group, solar panels in schools, comprehensive sex education, parent education sessions and recycling workshops. Keynote speakers included writer and transgender rights activist Nevo Zisin, Australian Paralympian Jaryd Clifford

and Hayden Rujak, founder of local charity Hayden's Helping Hands.

Nillumbik's Youth Council, which is in its second year, was instrumental in organising the event. Brianne Keogh, 24, was recently elected the Council's new Youth Mayor and Kirra Imbriano, 17, was elected Deputy Mayor.

Other Council members include Joseph Bowman, Martina Charalambous, Niamh Coffey, Bailey Cumming, Orianna Edmonds, Ava Grzechnik, Maali Kerta-Rice, Maverick Knight, Jack Linehan, Indi Sandwell, Fieke van der Kamp, Lachlan Wadsworth, and Rhys Warrillow.

[nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au](http://nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au)



INSET: Deputy Youth Mayor Kirra Imbriano and Youth Mayor Brianne Keogh



Mayor Frances Eyre (centre), Councilors and this year's Young Women Leaders.

## Inspiring women recognised

Five inspiring young women leaders have been celebrated for their contributions to the Nillumbik community.

The Nillumbik Young Women Leaders Awards were presented at Council's International Women's Day event in March.

The recipients were:

- **Young Woman of the Year:** Fieke van der Kamp
- **Young Creative Leader:** Abigail Wilson
- **Young Sport Leader:** Jessica Alpen
- **Young Business Leader:** Orianna Edmonds
- **Young Gender Equity Leader:** Brianne Keogh.

[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/young-women-leaders](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/young-women-leaders)



## Proud to raise the flag

The Progress Pride flag was raised for the first time outside the Civic Centre as Council celebrated IDAHOBIT (International Day Against LGBTQIA+ Discrimination) on 17 May.

Deputy Mayor Ben Ramcharan raised the flag at the ceremony on behalf of Councilors and Council staff who attended the ceremony in rainbow colours.

Victorian Commissioner of LGBTQIA+ communities, Todd Fernando, addressed staff later in the day, speaking about best-practice inclusion and diversity policies for local government.

Community activities included an IDAHOBIT autism peer support event for teens, a session for parents of LGBTQIA+ youth and a film screening at Diamond Valley Library. Free IDAHOBIT breakfast kits were available for community members wanting to host their own rainbow event.

IDAHOBIT is a day for celebration but also acknowledgement of Council's continuing work and commitment to supporting and advocating for the LGBTQIA+ community.

Deputy Mayor Ben Ramcharan raises the Progress Pride flag.







Many items that may have been thrown away have been fixed at the Nillumbik Repair Cafe.

## APPLY FOR A GRANT

Council has a range of grants available to support projects in the community. Applications for the following open on 1 July:

### Reconciliation

Applicants can receive a total of \$1000 during a financial year for multiple small Reconciliation activities or projects delivered during or in recognition of:

- National Sorry Day 26 May 2023
- Reconciliation Week 27 May to 3 June 2023
- NAIDOC Week 3 to 10 July 2023

### Social Connection

Funding of up to \$1000 is available for initiatives and events that help reconnect older people to their community following the social isolation of the pandemic.

### Quick Response

Grants of up to \$1000 are available for community groups needing assistance outside the annual grant timelines.

For more information go to [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/grants](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/grants)

### 16 Days of Activism

The 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence campaign from 25 November to 10 December is a global initiative that aims to galvanise individuals, communities and organisations to address gender inequalities and eradicate violence against women, girls and gender diverse people.

Grants will open on 25 July for community-led projects. See [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/16Days](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/16Days) for details.

**#16DaysNillumbik**

**Take action to end gender-based violence.**



## Broken items get a new lease on life at Repair Cafe

New project saves hundreds of items from going to landfill.

The Nillumbik Repair Cafe is held on the second Saturday of the month at the Hurstbridge Community Hub.

It's a labour of love for locals Jules Jay from SHIFT and Rosie Morgan, who met last year while taking part in Council's Placeshapers and Nillumbik Women's Community Leadership and Connections programs.

They have brought together a dedicated group of volunteer 'fixers' including members of the Hurstbridge Men's Shed and Boomerang Bags.

People can bring along their broken items – ranging from electronics, bikes, clothes, tools, computer, toys, furniture and mowers – to see if they can be repaired.

"We weren't sure if it would be popular but it's been hugely successful," Jules says. "We can fix almost anything – or at least have a crack at it. We just want to get the word out that you don't have to throw things out. Our fixers or repairers are all volunteers who have the skills from a trade or they are just really handy people."

Jules, who also runs the Edible Hub community garden at the Hurstbridge Hub, is passionate about sustainability.

"Both Rosie and I have a real desire to keep things out of landfill and help people learn some simple skills that have been lost," she says. "There are social economic benefits, too – not everyone can afford to buy new when something is broken."



**Second Saturday of the month 9.30am-12.30pm**  
Hurstbridge Community Hub  
Bookings: [events.humanitix.com/repair](http://events.humanitix.com/repair)  
[nillumbik.repair.cafe@gmail.com](mailto:nillumbik.repair.cafe@gmail.com)

**Other repair cafes**  
**WARRANDYTE**  
First Sunday of the month 10.30am-1.30pm  
Warrandyte Mechanics Hall  
**GREENSBOROUGH**  
Every two months  
Next event: Saturday 16 July  
14 Church Street, Greensborough  
Bookings: [trybooking.com/BYZWW](http://trybooking.com/BYZWW)

**MONTMORENCY**  
First and third Friday of the month 5pm-7pm  
Monty Hub, 1 Mountain View Rd

The café received seed funding to get started through Council's Nillumbik Women's Community Leadership and Connections program.

Our volunteers were recognised at a special event at the Eltham Community and Reception Centre during National Volunteer Week.

## Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers

National Volunteer Week in May is a chance to celebrate and recognise the vital work of volunteers.

Together, through volunteering, we are changing communities for the better. We are, Better Together.

Nillumbik benefits from high rates of volunteerism, which is a wonderful reflection on the sense of community that runs through our Shire.

Council thanked volunteers from a range of local organisations at a special event on May 19 at the Eltham Community and Reception Centre.

To find out how you can volunteer in Nillumbik and explore the roles available, visit [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/volunteering](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/volunteering)



## Court restored to former glory

The historic Eltham Courthouse has been officially reopened following a major \$385,000 restoration.

Mayor Frances Eyre opened the former courthouse, which is Nillumbik's oldest public building, at celebrations in March along with Cr Geoff Paine and Cr Natalie Duffy.

The building, part of the Eltham Justice Precinct in Main Road, is home to the Eltham District Historical Society and Eltham U3A, whose members were also in attendance.

The works involved meticulous restoration inside and out.

The original furniture has been refurbished and the courthouse returned to how it would have looked when it first opened in 1860 following the influx of people to the area in search of gold.

The building operated as a courthouse until the 1980s.

Eltham District Historical Society president Jim Connor with Mayor Frances Eyre, Cr Natalie Duffy and Cr Geoff Paine.

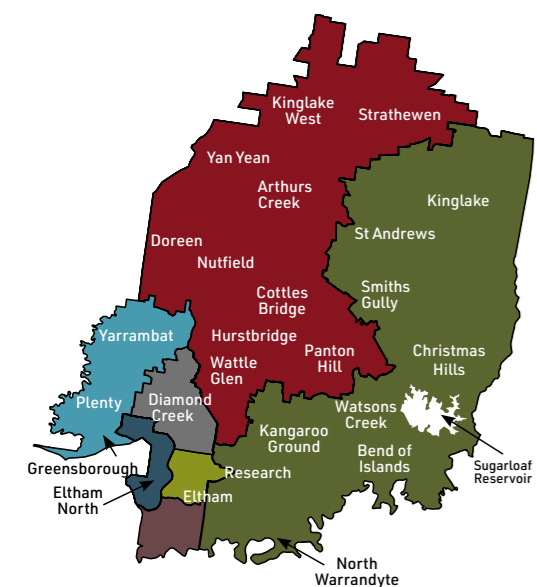




## YOUR COUNCILLORS

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PO Box 476  
Greensborough VIC 3088



### KEY

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

To find out which ward you live in, go to [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/my-neighbourhood](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/my-neighbourhood)



**Cr Frances Eyre**  
Swipers Gully Ward  
Mayor

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This year is flying along and so many wonderful things have been happening in Swipers Gully and across the Shire.

I've been working with the community and Council officers to look at traffic management issues – outcomes include traffic calming works along Ingrams Road – the road humps have been completed with other works continuing.

For more information on traffic and infrastructure investigations and works to tackle increased traffic, rat running, speeding vehicles and safety in Research and Eltham can be found at [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/traffic-and-road-safety](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/traffic-and-road-safety)

The new public toilets at the Research shops are open and landscaping in place – community artwork is to follow.

Nillumbik's community energy partner, Clean Energy Nillumbik, has been conducting a feasibility study into neighbourhood batteries in three locations in Research and Eltham. This is an exciting first step in helping our community use and share renewable energy.

My Swipers Gully Ward meeting in late March went well with some really good conversations, questions asked and suggestions made. If you missed it and want an update or have an issue to discuss, please reach out to me.



**Cr Ben Ramcharan**  
Sugarloaf Ward  
Deputy Mayor

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I always love writing these updates because it gives me a chance to step back and see what we've achieved and what we can look forward to achieving in coming months.

On 26 April, Council voted to declare a Climate Emergency and endorsed our new Climate Action Plan. It's an incredibly important step. Our Budget for next financial year includes funding to implement the Climate Action Plan and I can't wait to see what we can achieve.

Our Budget also funds a number of other major initiatives, including work to protect our urban tree canopy and work on a new biodiversity strategy, including strategies to protect our precious wildlife.

We're developing a Neighbourhood Character Strategy, which will help protect what we love about our urban areas.

We can also look forward to seeing much-needed reparation works on the heritage caretaker's cottage at Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park.

An important focus right now is to work with the community to achieve a positive outcome as Melbourne Water divest 1300ha of land in Christmas Hills.

Please contact me any time if you have any questions or issues to raise.



**Cr Richard Stockman**  
Blue Lake Ward

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It's only been positive feedback about the Yarrambat streetscape works so far, but please email or call me if you have any concerns.

Many residents have stated that the extra parking bays on the street have made it easier to access the amenities in Yarrambat, particularly the Post Office, Tancks Corner and the mobile library on Thursdays.

In June, Council will receive a briefing about a market at Yarrambat Park. There could not be a better setting.

Apollo Parkways is looking as beautiful as ever and it is so rewarding to see our Council infrastructure there not only benefiting Blue Lake, but also the wider area.

If you've never visited the playground at Civic Drive, Greensborough – or if you haven't seen the renovated Diamond Valley Library – I recommend checking them out.

In Plenty, there is 'Plentiful' to smile about. There are so many people wanting to move into the area because of our community and I really must say it has been an honour to be Councillor of Blue Lake Ward for a second year.

If you have feedback about anything happening in Blue Lake or wish to ask me a question, please get in touch.



**Cr Karen Egan**  
Bunjil Ward

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The long-awaited Diamond Creek Trail extension is complete. It's been fantastic to see so many of you out enjoying the trail whether you are a walker, cyclist or a horse rider like myself.

I'm pleased we are making real progress on the Graysharps Road Open Space Precinct Plan in Hurstbridge, which has been a priority for me since being elected to Council. We've now approved the final concept for the site, so please go to Participate Nillumbik to see what's in store for the area.

Work will be completed in stages with the first task to build a shared path around the Hurstbridge High Oval to link the end of the Diamond Creek Trail with the township. Until then, we have temporary signage in place to guide visitors in the right direction.

The trail completion and Graysharps Road improvements will revitalise Hurstbridge and enable more visitors to explore and enjoy the fabulous markets, shops and restaurants in the area.

Work on traffic islands and linemarking is under way in Church Road, Pantan Hill, and footpath renewal works have commenced in Doctors Gully Road, Doreen.

Congratulations to Pantan Hill Living & Learning Nillumbik Neighbourhood House for hosting a range of creative activities for the community during Neighbourhood House Week in May.



**Cr Natalie Duffy**  
Edendale Ward

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Community spirit is strong in Nillumbik. Thank you for being good neighbours and thoughtful citizens. Volunteers are the backbone of our Shire and we remain grateful.

I'd like to acknowledge our Youth Council and all those offering their insight and experience through Council's advisory committees. A shout out to the Positive Ageing Advisory Committee on the success of the Dementia Café, which operates Mondays from the Hurstbridge Hub, providing a place for carers and those with dementia to gather.

With Victorian Government funding assistance, we've seen the community benefit from upgrades at the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre, Diamond Creek Netball Courts, Eltham Tennis Courts and Greensborough Hockey Club's Pavilion at Plenty. Club committees work tirelessly to support their members and it's fabulous when Council can deliver improvements. Now's a great time to try hockey, throw a ball or take up tennis. Contact our local clubs to get involved.

The Eltham North Dog Park is coming along, Murrays Bridge over the Diamond Creek is being renewed and works have started on the new Andrew Pocket Park.

Thanks for the passionate views on Council's Climate Action Plan. What action will you take to help us care for our environment?



**Cr Peter Perkins**  
Ellis Ward

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Great news out of the Federal election is the promise an Albanese Government will provide \$1.5 million to upgrade our much-loved outdoor pool, which was built in 1983.

This will allow us to undertake a range of improvements and I want to thank McEwen MP Rob Mitchell for advocating on behalf of our community.

Diamond Creek has had another big win with Premier Daniel Andrews announcing a further \$1 million for the netball courts, this time for a much-needed roof for two of the courts, providing players with protection from the elements.

At Marngrook Oval, we've started on the road improvement works including car parking. The new electronic scoreboard at the oval was switched on just in time for the start of the junior football season.

Across the road, we've been successful in receiving \$150,000 from Sport and Recreation Victoria for a lighting upgrade at Coventry Oval through the Country Netball Football Program. Council has committed a further \$151,000 to the project which will allow for increased usage and the hosting of twilight and night matches.

The Diamond Creek Trail is proving hugely popular with the extension now open to Hurstbridge. It's already bringing many new visitors through our township, which is just what our local businesses need.



**Cr Geoff Paine**  
Wingrove Ward

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As the weather gets colder, you've probably noticed a few more road crews doing repairs, roadworks and drainage works around Wingrove.

The car park at Eltham Lower Park on Main Road will be finally sealed and the traffic reconfigured, so take care when you're parking and leaving that area – the rules have changed.

Eltham will be getting a new set of bicycle racks in the activity centre, just in time for people to enjoy the opening of new bridges and bike tracks all over Nillumbik. The more we can encourage people to walk and ride, the easier it will be to move around Eltham Town.

To help slow traffic and make the area safer, we've also just awarded the contract for traffic management works in Bible Street.

The upgraded Eltham Skate Park has now opened and it's great to see so many young people – and the young at heart – enjoying this new facility.

We are also in the early planning stages of enhancing the gateway to Eltham at Main Road near the Fitzsimons Lane intersection. With the help of the State Government, new landscaping and planting should occur within the next six months.

Stay safe, stay warm, and be patient with roadworks and disruptions – in the end, we all benefit.



# What's on this winter



Come together and enjoy a free afternoon tea while discussing issues surrounding death.

## Death Café

**Thursday 4 August, 1.30pm-3pm**  
Bridges Restaurant, Hurstbridge

It's a deadset certainty in life, but something we don't like to talk about. At this Death Café, people are encouraged to come together, enjoy complimentary afternoon tea and discuss death. Certainly confronting, but highly rewarding – it could be the most important conversation you've ever had. Held in August as part of Dying to Know Day.

Bookings essential: [dyingtoknow.eventbrite.com.au](http://dyingtoknow.eventbrite.com.au) or 9433 3138

## COMMUNITY

### Carers information sessions

Eltham Living & Learning Centre  
739 Main Road

**Carers and Aged Care information session**

**Thursday 16 June, 5.30pm-7pm**

Join our experts on the Carer Gateway and Aged Care packages to find out what supports are available to you. Join online or in person.

[livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au/CarersHub](http://livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au/CarersHub)

**Carers and NDIS information session**

**Wednesday 22 June, 5.30pm-7pm**

Join our experts on the Carer Gateway and NDIS to find out what supports are available to you. Join online or in person.

[livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au/CarersHub](http://livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au/CarersHub)

### Pathways for carers

**6 July, 3 August and 7 September**  
9.45am-11.30am  
Diamond Creek

Are you the carer of a disabled or elderly person in Nillumbik? Connect with other carers on a short walk, enjoy free morning tea and hear from our guest speaker.

[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/pathways-for-carers](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/pathways-for-carers)



### Ageing Well Information Sessions

**Grief and Bereavement**

**Monday 27 June, 10.30am-11.30am**  
Diamond Valley Library,  
Greensborough

In collaboration with The Australian Centre for Grief and Bereavement.

Bookings: [griefandbereavement.eventbrite.com.au](http://griefandbereavement.eventbrite.com.au) or 9433 3138

**Ageing Well: A Personal Perspective**

**Thursday 21 July, 1.30pm-3pm**  
Diamond Valley Library,  
Greensborough

Guest speaker Janice Crosswhite OAM

Bookings: [apersonalperspective.eventbrite.com.au](http://apersonalperspective.eventbrite.com.au) or 9433 3138

## NILLUMBIK PARENTING SERIES

Bookings: [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/parenting-series](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/parenting-series)

### Helping Your Anxious Child

**Wednesday 15 June, 7pm-8.30pm**

Online

**\$25 adults, \$40 couples and \$16.50 concession**

Learn helpful ways of responding to and supporting your child with anxiety.

### Cyber and Social Media Safety for Teens

**Tuesday 21 June, 7pm-8.30pm**

Online

**\$5 (free for concession card holders)**

Insights into popular social media platforms, how to manage cyber bullying, screen time and online gaming recommendations and practical steps for setting up a cyber-safe home.

### Infant Program

FREE

**Friday 24 June, Friday 22 July and Friday 26 August**

**Six-month sessions: 9.30am-11am**

**Nine-month sessions: 11.15am-12.30pm**

**12-month sessions: 1.30pm-3pm**

Online

Join an experienced Maternal and Child Health Nurse to learn more about your baby at six, nine and 12-18 months old.

### Family Wellbeing – Ways to Reduce Conflict

**Wednesday 25 June, 7pm-8.30pm**

Online

**\$25 adult, \$40 couple and \$16.50 concession**

Learn practical tips and strategies to make the most of family time and manage family conflict.

## OPEN WEEKENDS

### Nillumbik Open Cellars Winter

**Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 June**  
11am-5pm

Celebrating its 21st year, experience the handcrafted wines of some of Victoria's finest boutique wineries.

[nillumbikwineyarravalley.com.au](http://nillumbikwineyarravalley.com.au)



Enjoy the festivities and beautiful surrounds in Hurstbridge on the last weekend in August.

## Hurstbridge Wattle Festival

FREE

**Sunday 28 August, 10am-4pm**

Hurstbridge township

It's back! Celebrate the end of winter and the return of this much-loved annual event. Explore Hurstbridge, visit the shops and market, try some local food and produce, and enjoy a range of fun activities as the town comes alive once again. And, of course, no visit is complete with a ride on the famous steam train.

[wattlefestival.org.au](http://wattlefestival.org.au)

## GARDEN

### Set up and maintain a worm farm

FREE

**Saturday 18 June, 2pm-3.30pm**  
Edendale Farm

Learn how to turn kitchen scraps into worm castings and worm tea for your garden.

Bookings: [edendale.vic.gov.au/events](http://edendale.vic.gov.au/events)

### Home composting for beginners

FREE

**Thursday 30 June, 7pm-8.30pm**  
Online

Learn how to turn organic waste into soil conditioner in this workshop run by the team at Edendale.

[edendale.vic.gov.au/events](http://edendale.vic.gov.au/events)

### Winter Fruit Tree Pruning workshop

FREE

**Saturday 16 July, 9am-1pm**  
Edendale Farm  
\$75

Join expert horticulturalist Justin Calverley to learn how to best care for your fruit trees and maximise your yield for next season.

[edendale.vic.gov.au/events](http://edendale.vic.gov.au/events)

## EXHIBITIONS

### Eltham Library Community Gallery

FREE

The exhibition program showcases a wonderful collection of works during the year.

**Thou Art Mum | The Artistry of Books**  
Until Sunday 19 June

**Chloe Vallance | Sit. Walk. Wonder**  
Friday 24 June – Sunday 31 July

**VCE Exhibition 2022**  
Friday 5 August – Sunday 11 September  
[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG)



### Eltham Rotary Art Show

**Friday 2 – Sunday 4 September**  
Eltham Community and Reception Centre, Main Road, Eltham; \$10

View more than 400 artworks, including watercolours, oils, ceramics, sculptures, printmaking and photography by artists from Nillumbik and around Australia.

[elthamartshow.org.au](http://elthamartshow.org.au)

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

For information and booking details for all school holiday activities, go to [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/school-holidays](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/school-holidays)

### LEGO building for kids

**Tuesday 28 June, 10am-11.30am**

### Drama for kids

**Wednesday 6 July, 9.30am-12pm**

Living & Learning Nillumbik  
Diamond Creek, 119 Cowin Street

### School Holidays at Edendale

**Meet our guinea pigs**

**Every weekday at 11am**

Join one of our farmers and meet the Edendale guinea pigs.



**Wildlife Xposure – Native Animals**

**Monday 27 June, 11.30am-12.30pm**

Encounter unique animals from around Australia. Mammals, birds, marsupials, amphibians and reptiles.

**Story time with the farmer**

**Tuesday 28 June, 11.30am**

**Tuesday 5 July, 11.30am**

For younger children. Spend some quiet time in a sheltered outdoor space with a nice farm story read by one of our farmers.

**Young Farmers**

**Wednesday 29 June, 9am-12pm**

**Wednesday 6 July, 9am-12pm**

Help one of the Edendale farmers with the animals and experience what it is like to be a farmer.

**Sensory Friendly Farm Tour**

**Friday 1 July, 2.30pm-3.30pm**

**Friday 8 July, 2.30pm-3.30pm**

Join the farmers for a tour around the farm, in a small group.

**Wildlife Xposure – Biodiversity and Sustainability**

**Monday 4 July, 11.30am**

Meet a diverse range of animals and explore how they make up our unique Australian ecosystems.



## Book with us for your event

Did you know we have a range of Council-owned halls and spaces for hire?

### Eltham Community and Reception Centre

Suitable for markets, concerts, expos, meetings, workshops and more. It's available for weddings, birthdays and other large family celebrations.

### Edendale Community Environment Farm

A unique, eco-friendly location with indoor and outdoor spaces. It's perfect for family celebrations, festivals, community functions, book launches, film nights or workshops.

### Hurstbridge Community Hub

A vibrant, contemporary venue with meeting rooms, a courtyard and a lounge, among several other spaces. Whether it's for work or play, there is something to suit.

To view the full range of Council rooms, spaces and facilities for hire, please visit [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/facilities](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/facilities)



### Wadambuk St Andrews Community Centre

This centre (above) has various spaces available. Ideal for get-togethers, exhibitions, meetings, birthdays and catch ups.

See more about Wadambuk and other community venues at [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/community-venues-for-hire](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/community-venues-for-hire)

# Service dashboard

Council is committed to transparent reporting and accountability to the community. In support of this commitment, *Nillumbik News* includes a service dashboard to indicate performance across a range of key council services. Council's Annual Community Survey results continue to reinforce that residents rank core service delivery as important.

A snapshot of service performance for the January to March 2022 quarter is below, which provides a comparison between current and previous performance.



## Service satisfaction remains solid

The results of the 2022 Annual Community Survey have been released with Council's overall performance rated as "solid".

Independent research company Metropolis Research undertook the survey in February this year, measuring community satisfaction with a range of Council services, facilities and activities. The company conducted telephone interviews with 508 randomly selected community members.

Overall, community satisfaction with Council's performance was rated 6.41 out of 10, categorised as "solid", a slight decrease of 2.7 per cent compared to

the 6.59 result in 2021. However, this decline is less than the 4.6 per cent drop in satisfaction observed across all metropolitan Melbourne councils.

The top five important issues in Nillumbik identified were:

- Road maintenance and repairs
- Traffic management
- Environment, conservation and climate change
- Bushfire management and prevention
- Council rates.

View the full report at [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/annual-survey](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/annual-survey)



## Bushfire Resilience webinar series

Join experts in fire science and fire behaviour to learn about the best safety strategies for households living with fire risk.

This online series is brought to you by Bushfire Resilience Inc, an independent community organisation and supported by Nillumbik Shire Council.

- 🔥 **Creating bushfire resilient horse communities**  
20 July, 7.30pm  
Get practical knowledge and strategies to help prepare your horse/s before – and managing them during – a bushfire
- 🔥 **Getting kids involved in the family bushfire plan**  
3 August, 7.30pm  
The whys and hows of involving children in bushfire preparations.
- 🔥 **Understand your bushfire risk**  
17 August, 7.30pm
- 🔥 **Your vegetation – what you need to know**  
7 September, 7.30pm
- 🔥 **Your last resort options**  
21 September, 7.30pm

For full details and to register, go to [bushfireresilience.org.au](http://bushfireresilience.org.au)

## Be storm ready

In the event of a flood or storm, it's important to know where to turn in the case of an emergency.

- 📞 **SES:** 132 500
- 📞 **SES Flood and Storm Information Line:** 1300 VICSES (1300 842 737)
- Traffic information and road closures (VicRoads):** 131 170
- 📞 **Fallen trees**  
**On local roads:** call Council on 9433 3111  
**On main roads:** call VicRoads on 13 11 70  
**On power lines:** Call AusNet Services on 13 17 99.

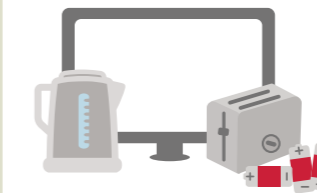
## Other disposal options

### Recycling 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:**



- e-waste\* eg televisions, computers, appliances, mobile phones (items with a plug, cord or battery)
- batteries – household, car and mobile phone
- CDs, DVDs, videos and cassettes
- cardboard (excluding waxed cardboard)
- household recycling
- light globes/bulbs and fluoro tubes
- scrap metal\* eg bike, stove, washing machine, dryer, metal poles, roofing
- x-rays

\* Charges apply for fridges, freezers and air conditioners

Look out for your green waste vouchers on your rates notice

**Charges apply for:**

- air conditioners
- fridges and freezers
- garden materials
- mattresses
- plaster
- polystyrene/foam/bean bag beans
- tyres and rims
- wood – processed eg 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](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/rrc)

❌ **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

**Open** 9am-3.30pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday

**Closed** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays

Visit the on-site shop for a range of affordable second-hand goods, and support waste minimisation through re-use.

### Hard waste

You can book one free collection (two cubic metres) each financial year.

Extra collections are available at cost.

**9433 3512**  
[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/hard-waste](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/hard-waste)

### Composting and worm farms

Council offers a range of discounted products online or at Edendale Farm.

You can also take part in our free composting and worm farm workshops at Edendale Farm.

[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/composting](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/composting).

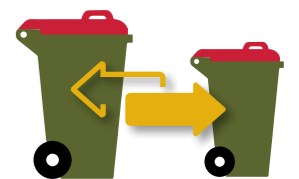
## How to put your bins out



Place bins out by **6am** on collection day, half a metre apart and away from trees, power poles and cars.



If your bin goes missing or is damaged, report it online [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/bins](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/bins) or call us.



You can downsize, upsize or order extra bins. Visit [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/bins](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/bins) or call us to find out more.

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.





# Bin collection calendar 2022-2023



**Green waste**  
(Green lid)

Collected **weekly** and turned into compost

**Recycling**  
(Yellow lid)

Collected **fortnightly** and recycled

**Landfill**  
(Red lid)

Collected **fortnightly** and goes to landfill

All food scraps: leftovers, fruit and vegetables, bread, cereal, rice, noodles, meat scraps and dairy (loose or wrapped in newspaper or paper towel)

Garden prunings and weeds

**⊗ No plastic, compostable or biodegradable bags**

Paper and cardboard

Hard plastic bottles and containers labelled with ♻️ or ♻️

Glass bottles and jars

Cans and tins, foil (scrunched in a ball), empty aerosols

**✔ Loose, not in a plastic bag**  
**⊗ No soft plastics**

Broken pyrex, ceramic, crockery, glass and mirror

Nappies, textiles, polystyrene and foam

Cartons (milk, juice and long-life) and coffee cups

Plastic bags and other soft plastics

**⊗ No food**  
**⊗ No garden material**

Or save soft plastics from landfill - recycle them at a Redcycle bin at Coles and Woolworths [redcycle.net.au](http://redcycle.net.au)

For more information on waste and recycling in Nillumbik including more bin options and an A-Z recycling guide go to [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/waste](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/waste)

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○ Bins will be collected on the Saturday due to Good Friday and Anzac Day public holidays.

## Opening hours

### Customer Service

Civic Drive, Greensborough

9am-5pm  
Monday to Friday except  
Queen's Birthday  
Monday 13 June

### Call centre

9433 3111

8.30am-5pm  
Monday to Friday except  
Queen's Birthday  
Monday 13 June

### Recycling Centre

290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty

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

Closed Tuesday,  
Wednesday, Thursday and  
public holidays including the  
Queen's Birthday  
Monday 13 June

### Edendale Community Environment Farm

30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Open daily  
10am-4.30pm  
[edendale.vic.gov.au](http://edendale.vic.gov.au)

### Living & Learning Nillumbik

Diamond Creek,  
Eltham, Panton Hill

Opening hours vary  
9433 3744  
[livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)

### Hurstbridge Community Hub

50 Graysharps Road  
Monday to Friday, 8.30am-5pm  
9719 8400

[hurstbridge.hub@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:hurstbridge.hub@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)