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from the Mayor

Appearing before the National General Assembly of Councils with 1,000 people listening and the majority supporting Nillumbik's motion to seek more funding for climate change measures is one of the highlights of the year for me serving as your Mayor.

I am pleased that this Council takes seriously the threats posed by climate change and we now have 36 solar systems on our buildings and larger systems to go onto our Civic Centre, Community Bank Stadium in Diamond Creek, Eltham Community Reception Centre and Eltham Leisure Centre.

We consulted widely with residents about rates and we followed the message from our residents to stay within the rate cap set by the Government.

We retain a Green Light from the Auditor General on all key measures over the 10 year financial plan. Prudent budgeting over this term has enabled us to be in good shape financially.

Supporting the Green Wedge is a crucial part of who we are and what we stand for as a Shire and I am pleased to support our Management Plan which includes protections for our unique biodiversity, river health (also participating in a State Government Yarra River Protection Advisory Group), our unique rural villages and the farming community.

It has given me great pleasure to meet so many people who care about others and volunteer their time, such as the Meals on Wheels volunteers and the many volunteers awarded at the Australia Day Ceremony, those who spend weekends looking after our environment, running sporting groups, scouts, guides and preschools, the Men's Sheds, Historical Societies, Rotary and Lions Clubs not to mention those who give their time and expertise to the Shire by serving on our many Advisory Committees. I thank you all. It is an honour to serve as the Mayor in a Shire so full of giving people.

I was pleased to sign and declare Nillumbik a Welcome Refugee Zone, to see a Headspace Centre open for our children and young adults to find their way, to launch the new Town Square, the Wadambuk Centre in St Andrews, the Indigenous Plant Project in Bunjil Reserve, the Regional Trails Strategy, Resilient Melbourne Project, countless festivals and celebrations.

Thank you to my fellow Councillors for giving me the opportunity to serve as Mayor in this wonderful Shire, to the officers for the excellent job they do and to my family and friends whose support I couldn't do without.

Mayor, Cr Bronnie Hattam

FESTIVALS



BRING YOUR PET!

**Sunday 23 October
10am-4pm**

Marngrook Oval, Diamond Creek

A FREE fun local event for the whole family

The Nillumbik Pet Expo is a vibrant local event that celebrates our wonderful pets and the healthy lifestyles they help us lead.

It is one of Council's largest and longest-running events, attracting over 5,000 people each year. Now in its 20th year, the event is a fun-filled day, offering displays and demonstrations from a range of exhibitors including food and nutrition, grooming, toys, clothing and much more.

The crowd favourites will return including pony rides, face-painting, animal farm, reptile displays and an opportunity to meet and chat to Council's rangers.

There will be a number of fun competitions on the day with great prizes to be won!

- Best trick
- Most creative costume
- Best rescue pet story
- Cutest costume
- Most unusual pet

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/petexpo



Nillumbik rangers Sarah and Sam with Zeppelin.

Practically GREEN FESTIVAL

Sunday 16 October • 10am-4.30pm
Edendale Gastons Road, Eltham

FREE
FAMILY EVENT

Celebrate sustainable building and green living

The Festival is a great FREE family day out where you can:

- get involved in practical demonstrations and workshops
- talk to businesses to get the best option for you and your home
- get answers to your sustainability questions
- learn more about the local Nillumbik natural environment, and
- enjoy children's activities, live music and local food.

Join well-known zero waste blogger The Rogue Ginger, Erin Rhodes, as she shares how she started living a zero waste life.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/PGFestival



OUR SPONSORS

Practically GREEN Sustainability Awards

We are pleased to invite all members of our local community to celebrate the 2016 Practically Green Festival Launch and Sustainability Awards.

The Awards recognise contributions made by individuals, businesses, children's centres or schools and community organisations to improving the environmental sustainability of Nillumbik.

Venue: Hurstbridge Community Hub, 50 Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge
Date: Thursday 13 October
Time: 7pm – 10.30pm
Tickets: \$20 per person includes dinner and drinks

Purchase tickets at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough or at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/pgawards

Home Harvest 2017



Register as a grower and be part of Home Harvest 2017

Last year we had over 300 people enjoying a delicious community meal made from their home grown fruit and vegetables and 2017 promises to be even bigger.

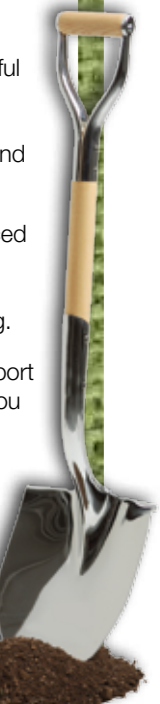
The Home Harvest Feast is an inspiring demonstration of the amazing meals you can cook up from your garden.

Now's the time to register as a grower for 2017 and start looking forward to a sumptuous community meal served in the beautiful grounds of Edendale on Sunday 26 February, accompanied by music and local wine.

No matter how experienced you are in the garden everyone is welcome to take part and get growing.

Plenty of advice and support will be provided to help you get your garden going.

To find out more and register as a grower visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/homeharvest or call 9433 3316.





Diamond Creek Rotary Town Fair Saturday 10 September

With the theme of 'Celebrating Cultural Diversity' this years Town Fair promises to be better than ever. Come and celebrate with your local community. With rides, entertainment food and activities, there's something for everyone. The grand parade starts at 10am with events running throughout the day finishing with a spectacular fireworks display.

diamondcreektownfair.org.au



Seniors Festival 2016 Throughout October

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Festival

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State
Government

Check the website for more events.

- Scam Alert with Consumer Affairs and Victoria Police. Wednesday 12 October, 2pm-4pm, Hurstbridge Hub.
- Art Gallery of Ballarat, 2016 Archibald Prize. Wednesday 26 October. Cost \$20 includes coach and entry. Bookings 9433 3348.
- 'Old news is good news' hosted by local historian, Jim Connor. Tuesday 18 October, 7pm-8pm, Eltham Library.
- Cuppa & Chat with Council. Thursdays 11am, Hurstbridge Hub, throughout October.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/seniors



On the Hill Festival, Pantom Hill Sunday 23 October, 11am-4pm

This vibrant local festival invites you to get crafty and create something for Made on the Hill based on the theme of 'creeks, rivers and seas'. There will also be all the fun of the fair with rides, music, food and craft.

pantonhillonthehillfestival.com



Rotary Eltham Festival Saturday 12 November, 12noon-9.30pm Sunday 13 November, 9am-5pm

Eltham is well-known for its artists, music, beautiful surrounds and the annual festival aims to showcase it all. There will be lots of activities, entertainment, rides for kids, food, art and craft plus a range of jazz, blues and rock music, plus a Battle of the Bands. The legendary fireworks display lights up at dusk on Saturday.

elthamfestival.org.au



COUNCIL MATTERS

**COUNCIL
ELECTIONS
SATURDAY
22 OCTOBER**

Council elections

All Victorian Councils will hold elections on Saturday 22 October 2016. In Nillumbik, seven Councillors will be elected for a four-year term until October 2020.

The election will be conducted on Council's behalf by the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC). The VEC will have an election office at the Civic Centre in Greensborough from Thursday 15 September.

between Tuesday 4 October and Thursday 6 October.

Completed ballot papers must be in the post by 6pm on Friday 21 October for your vote to count.

Are you enrolled to vote?

You can check whether you are enrolled to vote at your current address and update your details at vec.vic.gov.au.

Is voting compulsory?

Yes voting is compulsory. This is your chance to actively participate in our democracy and have your say in shaping the Shire.

How to vote

The Nillumbik Council elections will be conducted by postal ballot only. Ballot papers and supporting material, which will include candidate statements, will be mailed out to all persons on the Council electoral roll

What if I don't vote?

The fine for not voting in a local Council election is \$77.50.

For further information

- vec.vic.gov.au
- nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Council

Do you want to stand for Council?

Becoming a councillor is a great hands-on way to serve your community. A councillor's role is exciting, diverse and demanding.

Councillors guide the development of local policies, set service standards and priorities and monitor the performance of the organisation.

Other responsibilities of councillors include determining the financial strategy and budget, allocating resources, and liaising with other levels of government, the private sector and non-government community groups.

Candidate nominations open at 9am on Thursday 15 September and close at 12 noon on Tuesday 20 September.

standforcouncil.com.au

CANDIDATE INFORMATION SESSION

For prospective election candidates and other interested people

**Civic Centre, Civic Drive
Greensborough
Monday 12 September, 7pm**

Conducted by the Victorian Electoral Commission.



Mayor Bronnie Hattam with Asher Hirsch from the Refugee Council of Australia.

Nillumbik welcomes refugees

In July, Nillumbik joined 43 other councils across Victoria as a Welcome Refugee Zone.

A Refugee Welcome Zone is a local government area which has made a commitment to welcoming refugees into the community, upholding their human rights, demonstrating compassion and enhancing cultural and religious diversity in the community.

Nillumbik was declared a Refugee Welcome Zone at the July Citizenship Ceremony where 39 new Australia citizens were also welcomed.

Local government has historically played an important role in assisting refugee settlement and promoting community harmony. Since Federation, Australia has become home to over 800,000 refugees. We have a proud history of settling refugees from all over the world who have gone on to make an enormous contribution to our economic, social and cultural wellbeing.

Becoming a Refugee Welcome Zone is a way to continue this strong tradition in supporting the settlement of refugees as well as promoting harmony, social cohesion and respect for human rights and dignity in our community.

Nillumbik Shire Council was approached by St Vincent's Care with a proposal to change the use of some of their residential units in Diamond Street, Eltham to accommodate refugees.

Council is unable to consider this application as the planning scheme doesn't give Council the power to approve accommodation on this land beyond that for elderly residents.

St Vincent's Care, has withdrawn the planning application from Council and will liaise directly with the Victorian State Minister for Planning to request a planning scheme amendment.

** Correct at time of printing.*

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Adapting to a New Climate



Climate change toolkit

Council is seeking individuals to help develop a toolkit for Nillumbik households to prepare for the impacts of climate change.

Your commitment will consist of two 2-hour workshops (in Eltham or Hurstbridge) to learn about the expected impacts of climate change and to help develop the content and design of the toolkit.

The workshops will run in November 2016 and February 2017. The toolkit is expected to be launched in July 2017.

☎ 9433 3316

📧 Environmental.Events@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

ENVIRONMENT



Rosella Spider Orchid

Biodiversity conservation in the Green Wedge

Over the last six years, Council has attracted over \$2.8 million of funding from the Federal and State Governments and regional agencies to protect Nillumbik's diversity of indigenous species and habitats.

Large areas of the Shire are a priority for conservation efforts. Council is the custodian of an important community asset that provides connected habitat linking the Yarra River to the Kinglake Ranges. However, with 405 of Nillumbik's species listed as threatened, managing the impacts of both urban and rural development in this Green Wedge Shire is vital.

To combat the threats to biodiversity, Council facilitates major projects that allow Council staff, Parks Victoria, Melbourne Water, community groups, schools and residents to work together. These projects aim to control weeds and pest animals, protect threatened species and enhance habitats for native wildlife.

The Eltham Copper Butterfly Recovery Project received \$459,000 from the Victorian Government. This project involved a collaborative effort by the Friends of the Eltham Copper Butterfly, Eltham East Primary School and residents adjoining the Eltham Copper Butterfly reserves, Council and Parks Victoria. This partnership resulted in an increased butterfly population over the four-year project.

The Warrandyte to Kinglake Habitat Corridor Project recognises the significant habitat corridor that crosses Council, Parks Victoria and private land. The Victorian Government provided \$500,000 over four years for a strategic collaboration crossing agency boundaries. As a result, agencies have significantly reduced weeds on public land threatening key biodiversity values.

The Victorian Government also provided \$599,000 over four years for the Nillumbik Landcare Network and the Nillumbik Conservation Corridors Projects. This funding allowed private landowners to better understand and protect threatened species and the habitat of native wildlife on their land. An example is the identification, propagation and protection of rare orchids such as the *Rosella Spider Orchid*.

The ongoing work of youth in the federally funded Green Army supports and maintains the outcomes of these major projects. Green Army provides hands-on weed control, pest animal management and monitoring of threatened species.

Based on the success to date, Council will continue to advocate for further funding for long-term collaborative projects.

PROJECTS

Eltham Leisure Centre

Renovation works are well underway.

Works at the Eltham Leisure Centre (ELC) are being conducted by Behmer and Wright Pty Ltd. The company has a great deal of experience with constructing pools and leisure centres, recently completing the Warragul Leisure Centre Redevelopment and the Kardinia International College Aquatic Centre. They have also been awarded the contract to build the Kangaroo Flat Aquatic Centre by the City of Bendigo.

The redevelopment at the ELC will replace the 25 metre pool and will also include a warm water pool, a leisure pool with water features, spa, sauna, steam room, outdoor water play area, outdoor deck, picnic and barbecue areas, change cubicles (individual, family and accessible), school change room, multi-purpose room and landscaped gardens. It will be a welcoming and inclusive environment where you will



Artist impression

be able to exercise, relax and enjoy time with family and friends.

The pool facilities are now closed. Renovations are due to be completed late 2017.

Eltham Community and Reception Centre

You can find all sorts of strange things when digging and Council property is no exception.

While excavating around the front of the Eltham Community and Reception Centre for the current renovation works, contractors found a piece of drainpipe which was capped at both ends.

With some trepidation, the pipe was opened and inside were drawings, posters and coins from the Eltham Shire inter-church bicentennial celebrations in 1988.

Chris Ray, Principal from Our Lady Help of Christians, one of the schools involved in the celebrations said "We don't know anything about this, how or why the

pipe was put in the foundations, but it's wonderful to see the poster created by students who will now be in their 30s and 40s."

Update on the works

The roof at the Centre has now been replaced and new solar panels have been installed to help reduce the environmental impact on the running of the centre.

The existing amenities have been demolished and building is underway on the new foyer area and second kitchen.



L to R: Mohammed, Emmett, Chris, Amelie and Stefan.

Spring Outdoors

NOW AVAILABLE

A regional program of environmental events brought to you by Banyule City Council, Manningham City Council and Nillumbik Shire Council is now available.

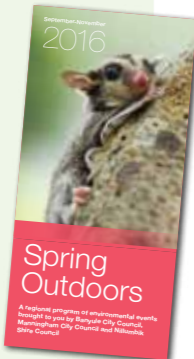
Bookings are essential for most events so book early to avoid disappointment.

Saturday 17 September
2.30pm-4.30pm
Vegetable seedling propagation

Learn how easy it is to grow your own vegetables from seed.

\$35. Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham
Bookings: 9433 3711 or edendale.vic.gov.au

📍 nillumbik.vic.gov.au/enviroevents



Liveable Nillumbik

The Liveable Nillumbik project is the housing development proposed for Hurstbridge which aims to increase options for people who want to downsize, live in accessible and affordable homes while staying in the Shire.

Council invited developers to lodge an Expression of Interest in April 2016 and this closed in May.

Proposals were then evaluated by a panel of independent experts and Council officers, and a recommended short-list was presented to Council at its August meeting.

The final decision about which developer will be chosen will take place after the Council election in October.

Planning has now started on the Graysharps Road Precinct Plan. The Liveable Nillumbik Community Reference Group has provided its feedback and members of the group attended the Wattle Festival to introduce the Draft Precinct Plan to the community.

Further workshops with key stakeholders in the precinct will take place in coming months and the Draft Precinct Plan will be available for comment in early 2017.

Nillumbik Community Grants

Council is delighted to support a range of community projects and groups through the Nillumbik Community Fund.

Grant recipients this year include:

- Araluen Diamond Creek for the launch of their inaugural performing arts production and art exhibition
- Theatre 451 to assist with their stage production of the Australian play, *Forget Me Not* by Tom Holloway
- Arthurs Creek Mechanics Institute for their 130th anniversary celebration including the publication of a revised edition of *Arthurs Creek, Snapshots of the Past*
- Diamond Valley Multiple Birth Association to help fund three parenting workshops
- St John's, Diamond Creek for the Diamond Creek Christmas Carols.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/grants

Handy new guides and organisers

Positive Ageing Information Guide

A comprehensive Nillumbik-specific positive ageing information guide listing information and contact details for various groups, organisations and government agencies relating to health, wellbeing, housing, accommodation, information, social connectedness and transportation.

Assessing trades and service people

A quick reference guide useful for assessing trades and service people.

Personal Records Checklist

A personal records organiser to keep track of important information and documents.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/positiveageing
9433 3348
positive.ageing@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Members needed Positive Ageing Reference Group

We are looking for new members for our Positive Ageing Reference Group. We'd like representatives from a cross-section of our older adult community so if you have a keen interest in issues relating to ageing in Nillumbik we'd love to hear from you.

The 10 member group:

- advises Council on matters relating to positive ageing
- supports and advises Council on the implementation of the Positive Ageing Strategy 2013-2018 and the associated action plan
- responds to and provides advice on proposed strategies, policies or action plans developed by Council relating to positive ageing in Nillumbik
- provides a forum to receive and facilitate (where possible) ideas from community or other groups servicing Nillumbik's older adults
- identifies barriers which may impact older adults, their families and carers.

[@ positive.ageing@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:positive.ageing@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)
9433 3348



Meals on Wheels

Council provides a range of home care services to Nillumbik residents including a delivered meals service for older people and people with a disability.

This service helps people to remain living independently in their homes for as long as possible.

The meals are pre-cooked and delivered chilled for easy reheating in the microwave or oven. They are nutritionally balanced and can cater for most special dietary and cultural requirements.

Nillumbik has a dedicated team of volunteers delivering meals on Monday to Friday mornings, however weekend meals can be provided in the Friday delivery service. Meals on Wheels provides residents with a healthy meal and it can also help them feel socially

connected through the personal interaction of a friendly face knocking on their door.

This interaction also gives the volunteer the opportunity to check on the resident and provide feedback as to their wellbeing if need be.

To access the delivered meals service residents must meet an eligibility criteria, which is assessed on an individual basis.

myagedcare.gov.au
1800 200 422



Integrating our child, youth and family services

Earlier this year Council adopted *The Integrating Child, Youth and Families Services Strategy*.

The strategy outlines Council's commitment, priorities and actions for cohesive, integrated service delivery for children, young people and families from birth to 25 years of age living in the Shire of Nillumbik.

The preparation of the strategy has involved strategic planning, community consultation, and policy development during the last 12 months.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/strategies

Nillumbik Youth Theatre

Sing It Out workshops

Wednesdays 12 October-9 November
4pm-5pm
Hurstbridge Hall
974 Heidelberg- Kinglake Road, Hurstbridge

Are you working on a song for an audition or performance? Get some professional coaching in this small group workshop. We'll have some fun while working on technique and stagecraft. Bring your instrument or backing.

NYT members: free
Non-members: \$20

nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au
9433 3168
trybooking.com/MEYW



Disney's HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL

Presented by Nillumbik Youth Theatre

As this issue of *Nillumbik News* is being delivered, NYT's senior production of *High School Musical* is showing at the Eltham College Performance Centre. This show is a celebration of the amazing talent of Nillumbik's young people. The cast and crew have had a fantastic time preparing the show, made many new friends and learnt so much along the way.

Congratulations to everyone involved and a big thank you to the seniors who are staying on board to mentor the junior production of Disney's *Alice in Wonderland JR.*



Presented by
Nillumbik Youth Theatre
Thursday 17 November, 7pm
Friday 18 November, 7pm
Saturday 19 November, 11am and 2pm
Rivergum Theatre
Parade College
1436 Plenty Road, Bundoora

Tickets and bookings
Adults \$20; Children aged 5-18 years \$10; Concession \$12; Under 5 free

trybooking.com/MEXZ

Skate Park art competition

Win a \$200 Surf Dive n Ski voucher

As part of our **Ramp Up Litter Prevention** project which aims to reduce litter in and around the Diamond Creek, a new ramp enclosing a bin has been built at the Eltham Skate Park.

We are looking for students to submit street art designs for the ramp and the winning design will be painted by a professional artist.

Competition closes Tuesday 4 October.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/rampart



L2P LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAM

Teaching tips

Brought to you by the Nillumbik L2P Program

Teaching a young person to drive can be a stressful experience so here are a few tips to help you along the way.

- 1 Invest in a couple of lessons with a professional instructor and sit in the back seat to observe during the lessons. You will pick up some invaluable techniques to help you guide your learner driver.
- 2 Check out the Vic Roads video series *Lessons from the Road* on vicroads.vic.gov.au. There are eight short episodes to help you appropriately supervise your learner. The last episode looks at what is a safe car for P plate drivers.
- 3 Vary the driving environment and ensure your learner is exposed to a range of driving conditions such as city traffic, dirt roads, wet and foggy weather, night, day and peak hour.
- 4 Allocate at least an hour a week to driving practice.
- 5 Role model good driving habits.

L2P@nillumbik.vic.gov.au
9433 3329
nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au



L2P volunteer mentor driver Jamie and her learner driver Duncan with his P plates.



Winner of the 2016 Nillumbik Prize: Minna Gilligan, *All the things that we do for fun.*

NILLUMBİK PRIZE 2016

Congratulations to Melbourne artist Minna Gilligan, winner of the 2016 Nillumbik Prize for her painting *All the things that we do for fun.*

Commendations were awarded to Brigit Heller for her piece *Choreographed* and Judith Roberts for her video *Task*.

Congratulations also to Joy Bell – winner of the People's Choice Award for *Horse*.

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ACTIVATE **ENGAGE**

Artists are invited to apply for exhibition space in Eltham

Local artists, artist groups, organisations and curators are invited to apply for exhibition space at the Eltham Library Community Gallery in 2017. Applications close at 5pm Friday 22 September 2016.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCGApplication



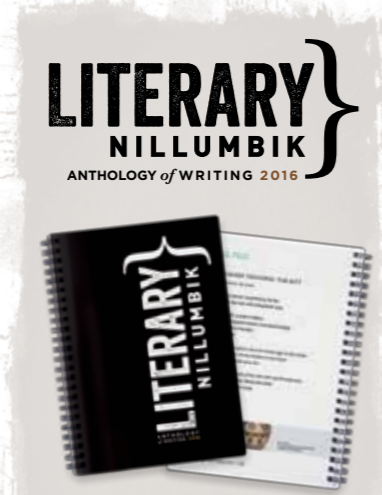
cultural vitality

ARTS & CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

Subscribe to the arts e-bulletin for information about all things arts and culture at Nillumbik artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Celebrating the written word

More than 100 writers, poets, readers, friends and family came together in July to celebrate the launch of the *Literary Nillumbik Anthology of Writing 2016* and the announcement of the winners of the Alan Marshall Short Story Award and Nillumbik Ekphrasis Poetry Award. And the winners are...



View the *Anthology* at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/artspublications or email artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au for a free copy.

Particular thanks to AMSSA judge Myfanwy Jones and Ekphrasis judges Helen Lucas, Steve Smart and Karen Throssell.



(L to R): Maya Rizkyvianti, Cr Anika Van Hulsen, Miguel Jacq, David Kelly, Helen Lucas, Michelle Wright, Steve Smart, Keren Heenan, Dennis Coard, Mayor Cr Bronnie Hattam, Myfanwy Jones, G. Osborne, Catherine Padmore, Debra Lawrance, Cr Helen Coleman, Clemence Overall.

THE NILLUMBİK ΕΚΦΡΑΣΙΣ POETRY AWARD 2016

- Open Prize:** *Flower of distant season* by Miguel Jacq
- Local Prize:** *Two hands touching: the gift* by Clemence Overall
- Youth Prize:** *Bones Hidden* by Maya Rizkyvianti
- Open Highly Commended:** *This mute and tidy skull and cross bones* by David Kelly
- Open Commended:** *Wurundjeri Treasure* by Sharyn Jones
- Open Commended:** *Stone* by Robyn Hyde
- Open Commended:** *Meta* by Damen O'Brien
- Open Commended:** *Bad Water* by Alyce Caswell
- Youth Commended:** *I found you in the garden* by Phu Nguyen

ALAN MARSHALL SHORT STORY AWARD 2016

- Open Prize:** *Under the skin of things* by Keren Heenan
- Local Prize:** *Earth Orbit* by Michelle Wright
- Open Highly Commended:** *Killing him softly* by Julie Kearney
- Open Highly Commended:** *Matchwood* by G. Osborne
- Local Highly Commended:** *Sunshine on my shoulders* by Catherine Padmore

CALENDARS

September

ALW ADULT LEARNERS WEEK 2016

living & learning nillumbik

To celebrate Adult Learners Week, Living & Learning Nillumbik, Eltham are hosting a Leap into Learning Open Day on Tuesday 6 September, 11am-2pm. Come and discover the opportunities.

livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
		ARALUEN Exhibition: <i>Diamonds in the Rough</i> Art students of Araluen Thursday 1 September – Monday 26 September Diamond Creek is reflected in the drawings, paintings and ceramics of artists working in Araluen's Bunjil Art Studio.	1	2 10.30am-11.30am First Friday chat – de-clutter your life Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au	 8.30am-1pm Hurstbridge Farmers' Market hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au	4 8.30am-1pm Hurstbridge Farmers' Market hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au
5 12noon-1pm Stress less workshop Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au	6 11am-2pm Leap into Learning Open Day Eltham livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au	7 Wednesday 7 and Friday 9 September 10am-11.30am eLearning and technology – eBooks for iPads Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au	8 12noon-1pm Women's health Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au	9 Saturday 10 September 11.30am-12.30pm Enrich your garden with native plants Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au	10 Diamond Creek Rotary Town Fair Parade from 10am diamondcreektownfair.org.au	11 10am-4pm Sustainable House Day Visit local houses that showcase sustainability sustainablehouseday.com
12 12noon-5pm Sewing and wool crafts MakerSpace Eltham livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au	13 7pm Ordinary Council Meeting Civic Centre nillumbik.vic.gov.au	 Tuesday 13 September 6.30pm-8pm Keep your photos safe Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au	15 COURTHOUSE POETRY READINGS 7.30pm Eltham Courthouse 728 Main Road, Eltham 0438 339 732	16 Last day of school term 3	17 2.30pm-4.30pm Vegetable seedling propagation Cost: \$35 Edendale edendale.vic.gov.au	
 11.30am-12.30pm Birds of your backyard Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au	20	21 6.30pm-8pm eLearning and technology – cyber safety workshop Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au	22 9.30am-3pm Just Xmas MakerSpace Panton Hill 9.30am-4.30pm Clay MakerSpace Eltham livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au	23 9.30am-2pm Mosaics MakerSpace Panton Hill livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au	24 1.30pm-3.30pm Love food hate waste Edendale edendale.vic.gov.au	25
	 Saturday 10 September 10am-1pm Italian cooking – traditional pizza Panton Hill livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au	28 2pm-3pm Family history fest – find living relatives Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au	29 2pm-3pm El Kid by Opera Australia Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au	30 Public Holiday Friday before the AFL Grand Final	 community environment farm edendale School holidays @ Edendale Saturday 17 September – Sunday 2 October Open 9.30am-4.30pm daily edendale.vic.gov.au Discover an exciting calendar of activities at Edendale these school holidays.	

October



There are many activities at our libraries in the last week of October as part of National Children's Week.

yprl.vic.gov.au

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
3 7pm-8.15pm Yoga – Bhava style Panton Hill livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	4 10am-11am Line dancing for beginners Uniting Church Diamond Creek livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	5 Exhibition: <i>Being</i> Ronak Taher Thursday 29 September – Monday 24 October Ronak Taher's paintings and video work explores the effect of culture and tradition on one's self through different life stages. Ronak TAHER Untitled (detail) 2015, mixed media on canvas, 76cm x 122cm	6 Wednesday 5 October 1pm-3pm Italian Seniors Festival Diamond Valley Library Thursday 6 October 10.30am-11.30am Services for seniors Eltham Library Wednesday 27 October 12.30pm-2.30pm Lady in the van St Andrews Hall Thursday 27 October 12.30pm-2.30pm Lady in the van St Andrews Hall VICTORIAN SENIORS Festival yprl.vic.gov.au	7 9.30am-2pm Mosaics MakerSpace Panton Hill livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	8 10am-1pm Sourdough breadmaking Panton Hill livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au 2pm-4.30pm Soil matters Edendale edendale.vic.gov.au	2 8.30am-1pm Hurstbridge Farmers' Market hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au
10 1pm-3pm Creative writing Diamond Creek livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au 6.30pm-7.30pm Live reads – Bill Robertson Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au	11 7pm-8pm Guitar for beginners Diamond Creek livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	12 6.30pm-8.30pm Art making with Jenny Eltham livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	13 7pm-10.30pm Practically Green Sustainability Awards Cost: \$20 Hurstbridge Community Hub Bookings essential 9433 3316 nillumbik.vic.gov.au	15 Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 October Open Cellars of Nillumbik opencellars.com.au	16 10am-4.30pm Practically Green Festival Edendale nillumbik.vic.gov.au	

Children's Week activities
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Monday 24 October
10.30am-11.30am
Baby playdate
Eltham Library
10.30am-11am
Australian baby hands
Diamond Valley Library
7pm-8pm
Creative discipline, connected family
Eltham Library

Tuesday 25 October
10.30am-11am
Mini Maestros
Diamond Valley Library
11am-11.30am
Essential oils for babies and children
Eltham Library

Wednesday 26 October
10.30am-11am
Mother Goose
Diamond Valley Library
10.30am-11am
Toddler time: Mini Maestros
Eltham Library

Thursday 27 October
10.30am-12noon
Interactive play
Diamond Valley Library
10.30am-11am
Storytime with Mother Goose
Eltham Library
Friday 28 October
10.30am-11.45am
Toy library open morning
Diamond Valley Library

20 COURTHOUSE POETRY READINGS 7.30pm Eltham Courthouse, 728 Main Road, Eltham 0438 339 732	27 27	28 9.30am-11.30am Hobby Hub MakerSpace Diamond Creek livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	29 29 10am-12pm Backyard chooks for beginners Cost: \$35 Edendale edendale.vic.gov.au	30 30 1pm-3.30pm Indigenous plant propagation Cost: \$35 Edendale edendale.vic.gov.au
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November

Pack a blanket and bring the family along to Edendale on Saturday 26 November for a Twilight Picnic. Enjoy live music and a range of children's activities as the sun sets over Edendale.



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7 7 12noon-5pm Sewing and Wool Crafts MakerSpace Eltham livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	8 Public Holiday Melbourne Cup Day	9 9 Karena GOLDFINCH There's a Fire on the Hill 2015, photogravure with chine colle, 20cm x 20cm	10 Artists Open Studios Nillumbik Artists Thursday 27 October – Monday 21 November Experience the diversity of the Nillumbik Artists Open Studio program before visiting their studios on 19-20 and 26-27 November (11am-5pm). Free tour booklet available from artistsopenstudios.com.au or by phoning 1300 660 072.	11 nta Nillumbik Tourism Association Where Melbourne meets the Yarra Valley	12 12 8.30am-1pm Hurstbridge Farmers' Market hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au	13 13 8.30am-1pm Hurstbridge Farmers' Market hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au
15 15 10am-5pm Studio Arts MakerSpace Eltham livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	16 16 9.30am-3pm Crafty Cats MakerSpace Panton Hill livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	17 COURTHOUSE POETRY READINGS 7.30pm Eltham Courthouse Main Road, Eltham 0438 339 732	19 Saturday 19 and 26 November 10am-4pm Introduction to permaculture Two day workshop Cost: \$85 Edendale edendale.vic.gov.au	20 Saturday 19 November 10am-1pm Italian cooking – Christmas Panton Hill livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	26 community environment farm edendale 5pm-9pm Edendale Twilight Picnic Cost: \$5 per person or \$15 family edendale.vic.gov.au	27 27 Artist Open Studio 19-20 November 26-27 November artistsopenstudios.com.au
28 10am-12noon Backyard chooks for beginners Cost: \$35 Edendale edendale.vic.gov.au	29 9.30am-1.30pm Needle Natter MakerSpace Panton Hill livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	30 12noon-5pm Scrapbooking and Paper Crafts MakerSpace Eltham livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	Saturday 12 November 3pm-4pm Set up and maintain a worm farm Edendale edendale.vic.gov.au FREE			



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Swipers Gully Ward

I have been involved with the Friends of Swipers Gully for 12 years working to beautify the gully area. We recently planted 120 indigenous plants as part of National Tree Day. I was thrilled to hear Melbourne Water has recognised the great efforts to enhance the area by officially changing the name from Ingrams Road Drain to Swipers Gully – a much more attractive proposition.

On the Eltham Butterfly Trail at Hartland Way and Eucalyptus Road, degraded parts of the path have been replaced and the path has been realigned at the crossing points and new pram crossing points have been created. A new path in Diosma Road which will connect the trail is also underway.

We have also constructed some new speed humps and raised pavement in Leane Drive and drainage works in Eurah Place, Frank Street Reserve, Floriston Grove and Glenister Drive have now been completed.




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Wingrove Ward

At the end of June we celebrated the beginning of the renovation works at the Eltham Leisure Centre. It was a great day with lots of fun and games. It was a sad and happy occasion as I spoke to many residents who, like me, have had so many happy times at the pool where our children learnt to swim. However they were also very excited about the new pool that is coming.

We apologise for the inconvenience over the next few months with the pool closure, but the pool will be back in action at the end of 2017, all being well.

We know that Men's Sheds play an integral part in the health and well-being of men across Nillumbik and with that in mind we are working with the Eltham Men's Shed to try and find them a new home large enough to accommodate their growing needs.




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Ellis Ward

A new and improved playground at Rotary Park, in Diamond Creek should be completed soon. The new playground will include a swing set, basket and hammock swings, a climbing cube, a large play unit including slides, spinning discs, music pipes and new rubber mats and flooring. There's also a new path connecting the toilets through to the play area and then the car park. Along with the existing seating, barbecue and picnic areas this will be a great place for the residents of Diamond Creek to enjoy with their family and friends through spring and summer.

The new pedestrian bridge near Watkins Street with footpath through the old pony club land past the dog park will also be completed, enabling better access to the dog park and creating a circuit.

And I'm excited about works which will commence early in the new-year improving the streetscape of Chute Street outside Degani's and near the shops by the Masonic Hall on the Main Hurstbridge Road.




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Edendale Ward

After serving on Council for 12 years, twice as Mayor, twice as Deputy and five years as Chair of Planning and Building Committee, I have decided to dedicate more time to family, business projects and other community interests here and abroad.

With your help we have achieved a lot in Edendale and I am proud of that. Some standouts would be:

- an enormous boost to our sporting fields and facilities including the soccer/cricket precinct at Eltham North (with \$3.2 million to clubrooms, scouts and meeting rooms coming soon)
- the Eltham Leisure Centre gym complex
- the Community Bank Stadium in Diamond Creek with three basketball courts and gymnasium
- the complete overhaul of Edendale with the Farm now experiencing exponential growth in attendance
- the redevelopment of the Eltham Town square and Commercial Place
- expanded Eltham Jazz Festival and creation of the Practically Green Festival
- Practically Green Awards for environmental business, community and school groups
- strengthened Green Wedge and neighbourhood character policies

It's time for a new local representative for Edendale and I wish them the very best in what is both a very challenging and fulfilling role.

Thank you so much to all the people that have helped and supported me along the way.




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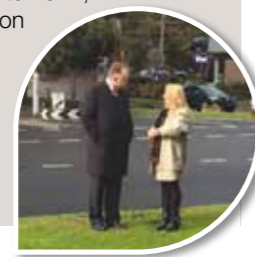
Blue Lake Ward

Over 300 residents attended my ward meeting. Topics included:

- Plenty Park Masterplan new cricket pitches and the upgraded sports precinct
- Civic Drive Masterplan with upgrades to parkland and public open space for recreational purposes
- capital works projects in Blue Lake
- Yarrambat Township plan
- Council budget
- rates including rate-capping
- upgrade of Yan Yean Road and timelines for this project.

Consultation commenced between VicRoads and property owners in May 2016 and will continue to late 2017, with pre-construction activities. Construction is expected to commence late 2017, and completion is expected late 2019.

Many thanks for a successful evening and for the very positive feedback I received. Contact me anytime on 0407 801 066.




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Bunjil Ward

As this Council term nearly ends, my records of resident requests/queries requiring at least one email reply, but often more follow-up of various kinds, over four years, number well over 1200. What a life experience for me. Thank you Bunjil ward residents for being such an engaged community.

I've also enjoyed so many community invitations, meetings, working bees, and have learnt much in the Council Chamber. With funding for the Diamond Creek Trail, on-road bike lanes, footpaths, dog-park, playground upgrades, soccer, new wetlands, open farm days, environment improvements in the Pantan Hill Bushland Reserves, etc, I feel my ward efforts have been justified.

Hopefully Council will be able to continue such positive outcomes for all our Bunjil communities by protecting our farming and indigenous environmental diversity and township characters.




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Sugarloaf Ward

With summer approaching we again need to think about fire safety in our rural ward. With that in mind, fire access improvements works are underway in School Road, St Andrews. This includes widening the road and adding a passing lane at the corner, approximately 200m south-east of the intersection with Hildebrand Road. Vegetation removal is also taking place to improve the sight-lines along the road.

On Buttermans Track at the intersection of Pindari Road in St Andrews the road has also been widened to allow for CFA trucks to turn safely in and out of Pindari Road.

The asphalt path along Eltham Yarra Glen Road, in Kangaroo Ground, between the school and Donaldsons Road is now complete making it much safer and a more enjoyable walk for local pedestrians.



Postal address for Council and all Councillors:

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NEW LOCATION

FREE Green waste drop off



8am-4pm
Sunday 27 November 2016
Sunday 5 February 2017
105 Graham Road, Kangaroo Ground

We accept tree prunings, garden clippings, leaves and grass (as many trailer loads as you like). We do not accept commercial loads or food waste. This drop off is for Nillumbik residents only – remember to bring your rates notice or drivers licence to show you live in the Shire.

Residents are encouraged to use their green waste bin every week to gradually dispose of garden material stockpiles year round.

You can also drop off garden material for a charge at our Recycling & Recovery Centre in Yan Yean on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (closed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays).

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/waste



Spring into Edendale

A great day out for the whole family

Spring at Edendale is a wonderful time. The gardens are fresh, full of colour and new growth and the lambs are leaping around the paddocks. It is a great time for the whole family to get outside and re-connect with the great outdoors.

Explore the farm with the new Quest activity and learn about the story of bees and pollination. Hunt for different types of native bees with the Eye Spy activity and check out the bee display and activities in the reception area. Plus there's a new origami challenge, a drawing activity where you can invent a new type of insect, sand play and you can sculpt an

original flower out of plasticine to add to our Spring garden display. There will be an environmental art activity and an all new Edendale Explorers session looking at our local wildlife habitat for nature-loving kids. We'll also be running our popular daily farm tours.

Bring a picnic, bring the family and spring into Edendale these holidays. You can grab a coffee from Eden Cafe and enjoy the serenity whilst the kids run around – we won't tell!

Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham
Open 9.30am-4.30pm daily.
edendale.vic.gov.au

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Budding green thumbs

Over the past two years children from 11 Nillumbik preschools have established habitat gardens.

Edendale education staff helped design the gardens to suit the individual needs of each centre. As part of the design process the children learnt about the importance of local indigenous plants to

Nillumbik's fauna through the story of the Eltham Copper Butterfly. This included a dress-up parade.

With a bit of help the children planted their own indigenous plant from the Edendale nursery. The result is eleven new indigenous gardens increasing the biodiversity value of the Shire.



This program is funded by Council's Arbor Week grants. Funding is currently available for 2016/17.

If you would like to find out more contact edendale.education@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or 9433 3706.

Left: Environmental Education Officer Rachel Bishop assisting Imogen planting.

Cover: Nillumbik Ranger Sarah and her dog Zeppelin are looking forward to the Nillumbik Pet Expo in October.

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