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Nillumbik

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Your new Council!

Meet the new Councillors you chose to represent the community for 2016-2020.

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Your new council

Elections were held on 22 October and seven Councillors have been elected by you to represent the community for the next four years.

The successful candidates – your Councillors – were sworn in at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday 8 November at the Civic Centre in Greensborough where the Mayor Cr Peter Clarke and Deputy Mayor Cr Karen Egan were elected.

Postal address for Council and all Councillors:

✉ Nillumbik Shire Council
PO Box 476
Greensborough VIC 3088

2017 Nillumbik Australia Day Awards

It's time to recognise those extraordinary people and groups in our community who make Nillumbik a better place.

Nominate now for:

- Nillumbik Young Citizen of the Year
- Nillumbik Citizen of the Year
- Nillumbik Senior Citizen of the Year
- Nillumbik Community Group of the Year
- Nillumbik Volunteer of the Year.

Nomination forms are available at nillumbik.vic.gov.au or from the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough.

Nominations close 5pm, Friday 9 December 2016.



Mayor Cr Peter Clarke

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An Eltham resident for 25 years, Cr Peter Clarke comes to Nillumbik with experience as a former Councillor at Melbourne City (2006-2012) and Heidelberg (1981-1989).


"Rates are at an all-time high and something must be done about it. Over the last four years rates have increased by 30 per cent – the highest in Victoria – yet we don't see the benefits of these high rates.

"My resident survey identified that the community wants to make sure that Council gets the basics right, rates, roads, fire prevention and provides support for local businesses, clubs and community groups. Instead of remaining frustrated and complaining I offered myself for election to do something about it."

Cr Peter Clarke is an architect and has also served as Chair of the Yarra Plenty Library, is a previous Board Member of the Austin Hospital and other government and community groups, including Vicurban, Places Victoria, Rotary, YMCA to name a few.



Wingrove Ward covers Eltham South.



Dp. Mayor Cr Karen Egan

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Cr Karen Egan has been a resident in Nillumbik for the past 25 years and wants to represent landowners in the rural parts of the Shire, as well as in urban areas, with honesty and transparency, and proper consultation prior to decision making.

Concerned with issues affecting rural residents Cr Egan said, "It's time there was suitable representation for landowners in this Shire. Fire mitigation, fuel reduction across the Shire, Aged services, Council roads and reserves are important to me and the people I represent.

"I will address the overwhelming community concerns about C101 and C81 and will engage fully with the community before any future planning reviews are undertaken, and I commit to working cooperatively with the other Councillors to deliver much better outcomes for the ratepayers."

Cr Egan has five children and is a fine-art photographer, as well as the owner of an organic, healthy food franchise with her eldest daughter.



Bunjil Ward covers Arthurs Creek, Doreen, Hurstbridge, parts of Kinglake, Kinglake West, Nutfield, Panton Hill, Strathewen and Yan Yean.



Cr Grant Brooker

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Cr Grant Brooker was a founding member of the Friends of Apollo Parkways (FoAP) and has been a resident there with his family for the past 19 years.

"I have been working with Council for a number of years and campaigned against a development of 176 proposed town houses planned for Civic Drive. The 26 current lots under construction come with a recreation masterplan that will see site improvements, significant leisure upgrades and the continued capacity for outdoor performances. FoAP fought for the rezoning to public parks and recreation that was approved this year safeguarding it for the future.

I am an independent councillor and will consider planning applications and neighbourhood character.

It was important to me that a resident represent Blue Lake as Council works best with a local voice. Residents told me that smart spending decisions need to be made with Council doing more but costing less."



Blue Lake Ward covers Plenty, Yarrambat and parts of Greensborough.



Cr John Dumaresq

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Cr John Dumaresq is a determined advocate for open and responsive local government.

As an Edendale resident John has already served his community for many years as a member of sporting groups, charities and advisory committees. "I am passionate about preserving the beautiful Green Wedge while being a rational voice on development. Rates must be spent wisely and Council must be financially responsible, provide best value services and deliver timely maintenance of roads, footpaths, parks and public infrastructure."

Cr Dumaresq wants to deliver a dog park for Eltham, improved parking and pedestrian access to Eltham train station and opposes train stabling at Eltham.

Cr Dumaresq and his partner live in Edendale with their two daughters and John is currently working in the construction industry.



Edendale Ward covers Eltham North and parts of Diamond Creek.



Cr Peter Perkins

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Re-elected, Cr Peter Perkins is pleased to continue working for the residents of Ellis Ward.

With more than 25 years' community service as a member of the Diamond Creek CFA, it was natural that Peter was Chair of the Emergency Management Planning Committee during his time at Council.


"While I have delivered for Diamond Creek over the past seven years as Councillor, more needs to be done. Projects I would like to see happening are an upgraded community centre, a library, a redeveloped local swimming pool, a regional playground and improved connectivity and an easing of traffic congestion.

"Rates need controlling and we demand our fair share in infrastructure spend. I pledge to actively engage, listen and act on the community's views."

Cr Perkins is a firefighter for the Metropolitan Fire Brigade.



Ellis Ward covers Diamond Creek and surrounds.



Cr Jane Ashton

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Living in Nillumbik for the past 25 years, Cr Ashton loves being part of a dynamic rural community. Cr Ashton is concerned about ensuring that all rural townships in Nillumbik are included in funding and planning, both now and in the future.

"Working with this wonderfully creative and diverse community will underpin much of what I wish to do. I look forward to exploring ways to improve consultation processes; reviewing proposed planning amendments C81 and C101; exploring ways to get improved amenities at the Research shops and investigating potential uses of the old Kangaroo Ground tip site. I will also try to seek out best practice and apply it whenever an opportunity arises, with the idea that what we create now should be something that we are proud of and will become part of the future legacy of this area."

Cr Ashton is married two children and owns a horse agistment property.



Sugarloaf Ward covers Bend of Islands, Christmas Hills, Kangaroo Ground, North Warrandyte, Research, Smiths Gully, St Andrews and Watsons Creek.



Cr Bruce Ranken


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Cr Bruce Ranken is an Eltham resident who enjoys the community feel of Eltham along with the semi-rural townships located throughout the region and the many beautiful walking trails.

Concerned with the cost of rates and value for money Cr Ranken said, "I became frustrated with the ever increasing rates and the lack of common sense within the decision-making process. Rather than sitting back, I thought I should roll my sleeves up and have a go.

"Over the next four years I would like to work with Council staff looking for increases in productivity and, reviewing and revising how spending is allocated to enable us to have the lowest rates increase throughout the whole term."

Cr Ranken is married with two sons aged 12 and 16 and is a manager providing workforce solutions, HR and recruitment.



Swipers Gully Ward includes the Eltham area north of Grove Street/Wycliffe Crescent, and bounded by Main, Allendale and Reynolds roads.

Bushfire safety

On hot, dry, windy days, if fires start they will spread quickly. The best way to protect yourself and your family is to leave, and leave early.

If the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, Extreme or Severe you're risking your life if you don't take action.

It is important to plan what you will do in an emergency and prepare your family, pets and home and consider things such as electricity loss. Make sure that your family also knows and understands the plan.

Know where you are going and plan your journey, allowing plenty of time for any traffic issues.

If you are already prepared, be a good neighbour and check with people around you who may need help.

Bushfire arson

Government research indicates that Australia has an average of 52,000 bushfires each year, with potentially half being either deliberately lit or suspicious.

Whether deliberately or recklessly lit, bushfire arson is a crime. Arson can result in a huge cost to the community through loss of life, destruction of property and the environment.

Police need your help to stop bushfire arson. Help protect your community by reporting unsafe behaviour to Crime Stoppers. Remember, prevention is everyone's responsibility; early action can prevent fires threatening lives and property. If you see smoke or fire, call Triple Zero ('000') immediately.

Burning off without a Permit during the Fire Danger Period is an offence under the CFA Act so make sure you check the Fire Danger Period by visiting cfa.vic.gov.au

If you see something suspicious, report it to Crime Stoppers by calling 1800 333 000 or via the Crime Stoppers Victoria app. Reporting is completely confidential.

COMMUNITY SAFETY

Emergency app

At the time of this publication going to print, Council was informed that the VicEmergency app was due for release on Monday 14 November.

This new app will keep users informed and notified of all warnings and incidents near them or within their designated watch zones.

Those already using FireReady will just need to upgrade their app, which will automatically switch to the new VicEmergency app. Alternatively, users can search for VicEmergency in the App Store or GooglePlay.

Useful links

- 🔗 cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/
- 🔗 earthresources.vic.gov.au/energy/safety-and-emergencies/power-outages
- 🔗 delwp.vic.gov.au/ffm/vic/planned-burns
- 🔗 health.vic.gov.au/public-health/environmental-health/climate-weather-and-public-health/heatwaves-and-extreme-heat
- 📌 [facebook.com/nillumbikcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/nillumbikcouncil)

Council works

Over the past few weeks Council has been implementing its Bushfire Mitigation Works program.



Council manages about seven per cent of the land across the Shire and while managing vegetation is important, it is not the only consideration.

The CFA advises that when the fire danger rating is Severe or higher, fires that start and take hold may be uncontrollable. Under these conditions roads are likely to be impassable due to smoke and falling trees. Residents should consider this and their own situation when developing their fire plans.

Free green waste drop off

Sunday 5 February, 8am-4pm
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 get a second green waste bin for \$78 (2016–2017 price) with no annual collection

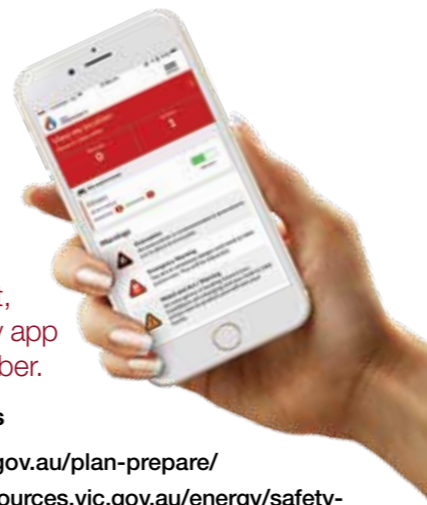
charge, which provides an extra 6.25 cubic metres of bin space annually.

You can also drop off garden materials for a charge at our Recycling & Recovery Centre, 290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty every Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday (closed on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays).

🔗 nillumbik.vic.gov.au/waste



NEW LOCATION



Summer safety

While the long hot days of summer can be enjoyable, we also need to make sure that we have a safe and happy time.

Never leave babies, young children or pets alone in a car – not even for a minute.

On a typical Australian summer day, the temperature inside a parked car can be 20 to 30 degrees hotter than the outside temperature.

The temperature inside a car can reach dangerous levels quickly; 75 per cent of the temperature rise occurs within the first five minutes of closing and leaving the car.

Leaving the windows down slightly has little effect on the inside car temperature. Tests have shown that when car windows are left open by 10cm, the inside temperature is only 5 degrees cooler than with the windows closed.



Heatwaves

A heatwave is when temperatures are much higher than normal for several days in a row.

It can impact your health and can affect community infrastructure such as power supply, public transport and services.

Heatwaves can cause illnesses such as cramps, exhaustion and heat stroke which may be fatal. They have also been shown to increase the number of deaths particularly in vulnerable groups.

In a heatwave:

- **Keep out of the heat – look for shade and wear a hat**
- **Drink lots of water**
- **Naturally cool your home, close windows and blinds during the day**
- **Talk to your health service if you have health issues**
- **Check on people who may struggle in the heat**
- **Help people who are feeling unwell**



Summer Preparedness Information Pack

Council has prepared an information pack for older adults to help you prepare for potential heatwaves, storms, floods and bushfires this summer.

For your free copy email positive.ageing@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or call 9433 3348.



If you notice a child left unattended in a vehicle call 000 and ask for the Fire Brigade.

Give your location, the vehicle registration number, the approximate age of the child and the condition of the child.

Remember, during hot weather playground equipment can reach temperatures high enough to cause burns. Ensure that equipment is cool to touch before children play.

- 🔗 kidsafevic.com.au
- 🔗 theunconventionaloven.com.au

Pool and swimming safety

Statistics from the Royal Life Saving National Drowning Report show that in 2015, 26 Australian children aged 0-4 years drowned.

Swimming pools, beaches, rivers and creeks are all locations where people can drown and throughout summer care must be taken when playing around water.

Swimming pool safety is paramount. When you are thinking about adding a pool or spa to your home fencing your pool safely is a legal requirement.

If you already have a swimming pool at home it is your responsibility to ensure that it is compliant with the safety standards in accordance with the Australian Standard AS1926.1.

Pool safety

- ✓ Never take your eyes off children when out and about near water
- ✓ Active supervision means parents and carers keep an eye on children at all times – do not expect older children to look after their younger siblings. Children have short attention spans and can be easily distracted
- ✓ Remain within arms-reach at all times. This will ensure that you can get to the child quickly if something does go wrong
- ✓ Take children with you if you leave the pool area, even for a minute

THE ARTISAN HILLS

theartisanhills.vic.gov.au



#theartisanhills @ Yarrambat Golf Course



#theartisanhills @ Edendale



#theartisanhills @ Small plates

If you enjoy getting out and about in The Artisan Hills, let us know. Use the #theartisanhills on Instagram and show us what you love about Nillumbik.

Food trucks at Yarrambat Park Golf Course

No need to head downtown this summer to get your fix of the food truck craze. Just head to Yarrambat Park Golf Course for a swing and some delicious street food.

The food trucks will converge on the Golf Course on various Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays over the summer months and a craft brewery pop-up bar will be operating.

Come along and sample a variety of cuisines, including traditional Cajun style gumbos, Korean fried chicken, authentic 'low n slow' smoked BBQ meats, with more food trucks jumping on board over the coming months.

To stay up to date on the food trucks at Yarrambat check out the Yarrambat Park Golf Course Facebook page.

Do you know someone with a food truck and would like to be involved? Contact Michael McKay at Yarrambat Park Golf Course for more details on 9436 2201.

📍 649 Yan Yean Road, Yarrambat 3091
 📱 facebook.com/yarrambatparkgc/

Edendale

Edendale Community Environment Farm is a destination the whole family will enjoy.

There are plenty of daily activities to enjoy during the summer holidays including water themed activities aimed at keeping our waterways clean, origami challenge, sustainable town building, environmental art and Edendale young farmers for 8-12 year-olds who want to experience farm life for a morning.

Adults and children alike will enjoy the menagerie of animals at Edendale including guinea pigs, chickens, sheep and goats.

The indigenous plant nursery is a must see for those with a green thumb and the friendly staff are on hand to help those with a not so green thumb select a variety of plants for the garden.

Pack a picnic and take a self-guided tour around the farm to learn all about sustainable practices and how you can apply this in your home.

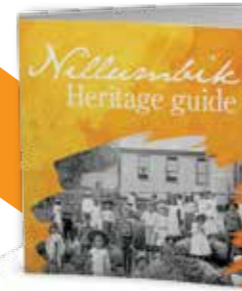
📍 30 Gastons Road, Eltham 3095
 📱 edendale.vic.gov.au

Small Plates – Stay social stay local

Located in the revamped Eltham Town Square, this European inspired restaurant and bar offers diners a tapas-meze menu with meals designed to share.

This local venue, run by seasoned experts Jerry and Florie Mustafa and Quinton and Nancy Sadiku, serves up delicious Mediterranean and Middle Eastern inspired share plates, delicious desserts and a variety of cocktails, including their signature 'Copper Butterfly', a nod to the endangered Eltham insect. The combination of global cuisine, great atmosphere and friendly staff make it a must visit with friends and family on a warm summer evening.

📍 9a Arthur Street, Eltham 3095
 📱 smallplateseltham.com.au



Step back in time this summer

The summer holidays are perfect to take a step back in time and immerse yourself in the rich local history of Nillumbik.

The revamped Hurstbridge Heritage Trail is the perfect place to start. The trail now includes over 30 sites that feature a unique aspect of the history of Hurstbridge, or should we say Hurst's Bridge. The tour kicks off at the Post Office and former office of the Evelyn Observer.

If you are interested in going further afield, pick up a copy of the Nillumbik Heritage Guide from the Civic Centre for a detailed look at our local history. Check out the self-guided driving tours that cover some fascinating local spots like the Queenstown Cemetery, the site of the Flying Squirrel Hotel and the Diamond Creek Mine.

📱 theartisanhills.vic.gov.au/heritage

St Andrews Twilight Market

St Andrews Market is held every Saturday from 8am-2pm with a Twilight Market on Tuesday 13 December from 4pm-9pm. St Andrews Market is a great place to enjoy food, drinks, live music and to relax and soak up the lively atmosphere.

Regulars include organic fruit and vegies, hair braids and wraps, massage, preserves, pre-loved vintage and retro goods, kids pony rides, art and craft, handmade soap and organic skin care products, free range eggs and the Chai Tent. There's plenty of inspiration to help you purchase your last minute Christmas gifts.

The Saturday Bus will run during the St Andrews Twilight Market 4pm-9pm.

📱 standrewsmarket.com.au



#theartisanhills @ DC Pool

Splash into summer at Diamond Creek Outdoor Pool

If you are looking for somewhere to cool off this summer then pack a picnic lunch and head to the Diamond Creek Outdoor Pool for some quality family fun.

The complex includes a 25 metre pool and a shaded toddler pool, change rooms and showers, barbecues and a kiosk.

The Centre offers swim and survive school lessons as well as after school and Saturday morning learn to swim classes.

📍 1 Elizabeth Street, Diamond Creek
 📞 9438 1883
 📱 aquatics.dcop@ymca.org.au
 Open until 6pm daily



Eltham Jazz, Food & Wine Festival

Enjoy fabulous music, delicious local food and wine in a laid-back atmosphere at this family friendly festival. The Festival includes an exciting jazz, soul, blues and rock 'n' roll lineup with artists playing on three stages across Eltham.

Groove on down to Eltham on Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 February 2017.

📱 elthamjazz.com.au

Playground adventures

Nillumbik is home to some amazing playgrounds so gather the family and head into our great outdoors for some free healthy fun.

- 📍 playground
- 🚻 toilets
- ♿ accessible toilets
- ♿ accessible
- 🎡 liberty swing
- 🍖 barbecue
- 🍷 picnic tables
- 🏠 shelter
- 🅑 car parking
- ☀ natural shade areas
- 💧 water fountains
- 🏀 basketball ring
- 🌿 wetlands and river

Eltham North Adventure Playground

Wattletree Road, Eltham North

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Rotary Park, Diamond Creek

Diamond Street, Diamond Creek
 situated on Diamond Creek Trail

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Alistair Knox Park

829 Main Road, Eltham
 located close to Diamond Creek Trail

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Gordon and Sheila Ferguson Park

4 Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge

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Upgrading facilities at Eltham North Reserve

Eltham North Reserve's sporting and community facilities are set to have an upgrade with new pavilions for soccer and cricket and community hall for scouts and community groups.

Council is working in partnership with the Victorian Government, sports clubs and Scouts to improve the current facilities and hall to accommodate the growing needs of the various sporting groups and community members who use the Reserve.

The costs will be shared with \$2 million from the Victorian Government, \$800,000 from Nillumbik Shire Council, \$227,272 each from Eltham Redbacks Football Club and North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club and \$18,181 from Scouts Victoria.

The project is great news for the precinct and the groups that call it home, the Eltham Redbacks Football Club, North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club and 1st Eltham North Scouts Group. The

community hall will also better provide for the broader community. With soccer being played all year round the need for separate facilities to accommodate soccer and cricket was identified.

The Reserve has been operating at full capacity for some time and Council is committed to providing a facility that will not only meet current demands, but also cater for the increasing number of women, girls, children, older adults and people with a disability wanting to participate.

By providing these inclusive spaces, barriers to participating will be broken down and involvement encouraged.

With this in mind, the draft concept plans include:

- Separate sporting social rooms overlooking each sportsground with facilities available for the wider community to use for non-sporting activities
- Accessibility and building compliance upgrades to meet current standards
- Upgraded halls including improved storage, toilets and kitchen facilities
- New player and umpire change rooms, first aid and spectator amenities to be shared by soccer and cricket
- Modifications to traffic and parking to provide drop off zones. Relocation of existing parking south of the community building, through an expansion to the main car park. This will eliminate traffic congestion and the potential danger to pedestrians



Around the grounds

Wattle Glen War Memorial Park and Plenty War Memorial Park have re-opened after major redevelopments to improve drainage and irrigation.

Works at Wattle Glen War Memorial Park also includes new flood lights to better cater for more users, including soccer.

The old synthetic hockey pitch at Plenty War Memorial Park will be replaced ahead of the 2017 season. The old pitch was installed in 1998, and has done well in outlasting its estimated lifespan of 8 to 10 years.

The new pitch will be funded by the Greensborough Hockey Club through a loan guaranteed by Council.

The hockey facility at Plenty War Memorial Park is one of five locations across Melbourne which has two co-located pitches making it suitable to host state and national events.

New seats at Eltham Lower Park

Council and the Rotary Club of Eltham have worked together to deliver a new seating area which is close to the accessible playground in Eltham Lower Park.

The park is a popular destination for families who come to use the sports facilities, Diamond Valley Miniature Railway and access regional trails.



Update on the Eltham Leisure Centre

Work is well underway on the Eltham Leisure Centre Aquatic Redevelopment Project.

The old aquatic area of the building has been demolished and work has begun constructing the new aquatic areas.

The new aquatics have been designed with accessibility in mind with ramp entry to the pools and accessible change facilities factored into the plan.

The redevelopment has something for everyone with a designated program pool to help with aquatic education, space for children's aquatic play and a warm water pool to support rehabilitation and therapy programs.

There is also a 25 metre pool with eight lanes for recreational swimmers.

The project has been funded by Nillumbik Shire Council (\$12.55 million), the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund (\$3.8 million) and \$3 million from the Community Facilities Funding Program – Better Pools Category.

During construction the 'dry' area of the centre will remain open. This includes the gym, group fitness, café, consulting suites, stadium and crèche.



During the construction the following aquatic facilities are available:

- Diamond Creek Outdoor Seasonal Pool – Nillumbik Shire Council
- Aquarena – Manningham City Council
- Mill Park Leisure Centre – City of Whittlesea
- Thomastown Recreation and Aquatic Centre – City of Whittlesea
- Watermarc – Banyule City Council

The anticipated completion date is late 2017.

Top: artist impression; inset: the current works underway at Eltham Leisure Centre.

Preschool Open Day
 Saturday 25 February 10am-1pm
 Come along and see the quality preschool programs available in Nillumbik while your children take part in a range of fun activities.
 Participating preschools are listed at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/preschool
 For information preschool@nillumbik.vic.gov.au 9433 3161

Playhouses

The Eltham and Panton Hill Playhouses are unique places that offer children a safe and nurturing environment for them to be educated, recognised and valued.

The playhouse educators encourage children's confidence through programs delivered in a space that provides a sense of belonging.

For information contact:

- Eltham Playhouse 9433 3755
- Panton Hill Playhouse 9433 3795



Practically GREEN

Sustainability Awards

Congratulations to the 2016 Practically Green Sustainability Award winners.

The winners are...

SUSTAINABLE BUILDING AWARD

Llewellyn Pritchard, Conscious Homes, Bransgrove House, Panton Hill

A great example of passive solar design using natural building materials to create a comfortable self-sufficient home.

SUSTAINABLE HOME AWARD

Katrien Bauwens and Luc De Pauw, St Andrews

A truly sustainable home including power and water supplies, chickens and a greenhouse.

SUSTAINABLE SMALL TO MEDIUM BUSINESS AWARD

Real Food Catering, Research

Chef Duang provides healthy and delicious food from chemical free produce, most of which she grows herself.

SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL BUSINESS AWARD

Enesys Pty Ltd, Eitham North

This engineering business aims to help solve future resource shortages and put energy efficiency in the hands of every household.

SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY ORGANISATION AWARD

Beales Road Farm

This community garden demonstrates how community can come together and support each other through gardening.

SUSTAINABLE SCHOOL OR CHILDREN'S CENTRE AWARD (JOINT WINNERS)

Diamond Hills Preschool

Integrating sustainability into everyday activities such as caring for animals, growing food and recycling household waste.

Hurstbridge Learning Cooperative

The children grow fresh produce and seedlings to sell at the local farmers' market.

For more information about the winning entries and award details visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/pgawards

Thank you to our award sponsors

Valley Community Financial Services, The Crosbie Collective, Nillumbik Mudbrick Association and Enterprise Nillumbik.

Green Thumb Package \$40
Enjoy gardening? Then the native plant package may be just the thing.

- Plant voucher for two 150mm pots and 10 tubes
- Advice and information about selecting plants
- Pair of garden gloves
- Live Local Plant Local book

Valued at \$55

Family Fun Package \$55
Treat the family to a fun day out!

- Two family tickets to a wildlife show and/or an art activity
- Six tickets for a farm tour
- Two vouchers for coffee and cake at café eden
- Nillumbik's Native Fauna book

Valued at \$85

Bag of Worms Package \$85
Do you know someone who would be interested in worm farming or composting?

- A worm farm OR a compost bin and composting tumbler
- A batch of worms (250g) and worm farming workshop
- Home Harvest book

Valued at \$110

Green gifts for Christmas
community environment farm
edendale

Order using an online enquiries form or in person at Edendale. Available until sold out. Enquiries – 9433 3711.

Home Harvest FEASTival

Harvest Month

Celebrate local food and the summer harvest with us at the Home Harvest FEASTival!

Register as a grower to supply produce that will be prepared into a shared harvest meal. Your donation of home grown produce is your ticket to attend.

The FEASTival will be held at Edendale Farm on Sunday 26 February from mid-afternoon until early evening. It will include workshops, entertainment, music and the shared harvest meal.

Find out more and register today at www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/homeharvest

The Home Harvest FEASTival is brought to you by Nillumbik Shire Council, Banyule City Council, HealthAbility, Local Food Connect, Eitham High School, Bulleen Art & Garden, Real Food Catering and Home Grown Catering.

YOUTH SERVICES

Nillumbik Youth Theatre



nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au
[facebook.com/nypoyouth](https://www.facebook.com/nypoyouth)

Nillumbik Youth Theatre has had another fantastic year with over 200 participants in the musical productions and workshop series.

The senior production, *High School Musical* was a great success with an incredibly committed and talented cast and crew. As this publication goes to print, the junior cohort are performing Disney's *Alice In Wonderland*.



2017 senior production

We will be running casting workshops to hone acting and dancing skills, as well as auditions for lead roles. Auditions for lead roles will be held in March.



Workshops dates:

4.30pm-6.30pm, Hurstbridge Hall
Mondays 13, 20, 27 February and 6 March (attendance at all workshops is required).

www.trybooking.com/NJOS

World music workshop – Term 1

Learn a series of world music songs accompanied by percussion instruments with Kurt Shean from One World Song.

Wednesdays 15 and 22 February and 1, 8, 15 and 22 March.
4pm-5pm, Hurstbridge Hall
Free to NYT members
\$20 non-members

www.trybooking.com/NJPU

For NYT membership information

nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au/nyt
9433 3168
Holly.Teagle@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Events for young people by young people

We are looking for dedicated enthusiastic young people aged 12-25 to become members of a new FReeZA Committee.

The youth development program provides opportunities to enjoy, plan and develop live music, dance parties and other cultural, recreational and artistic events. All events are drug, alcohol and smoke-free in supervised and safe venues.

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Watch out for pop-up Freeza gigs around Nillumbik in 2017.

FReeZA is a Victorian Government program.

freeza
www.freeza.vic.gov.au

Game of Skate

Free skate and BMX events for 10-18 year olds

Friday afternoons 3.30pm-5pm from February to April
Hurstbridge, Eitham and Diamond Creek skate parks

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Youth Development

Quick Response Grants – available now

Do you have a great idea for a project or program that involves young people aged 10-25 years? Need some dollars to get it up and running? Then we would love to hear from you. Come and talk to us (even if you are still forming your idea).

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L2P LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAM

Reduce risks, stay safe

The most dangerous time for young drivers is the first six months after getting their licence. They are 30 times more likely to crash when they start driving on their P plates. Follow these tips to help keep your young driver safer on the road.

- Avoid distractions in the car**
Encourage your young driver to put their phone in the boot and if they need to make a call or reset the GPS, encourage them to pull over at a safe place. It is illegal for P plate drivers to touch or use their phone for any reason while driving.
- Limit night time driving**
Catch public transport or get a lift to social events. Drivers can get fatigued at night especially after a full day at work, study or sport. Driving after 17 hours awake is the equivalent of having a blood alcohol reading of .05.
- Combat fatigue**
Long distance driving can result in fatigue and difficulty concentrating. It is important to build up long driving experience and encourage young drivers to plan their trip, consider unique road conditions, have a rest stop every two hours and if possible share the driving. Drowsy driving is dangerous and potentially deadly. If you're already behind the wheel when you start to feel drowsy pull over and have a 15 minute power nap.
- Expect the unexpected on rural roads**
Be aware of native animals such as kangaroos, especially at dawn and dusk.
- Drive to the conditions**
Keep a safe distance from the car in front; around three seconds is best. If driving conditions are affected by rain or reduced visibility, increase the gap to at least four seconds. Remind your young driver that there's nothing wrong with driving a little under the speed limit, or pulling over in fog, hail, storms and high winds.

Contact the Nillumbik L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program to get involved.

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CubeZ in Diamond Creek

A temporary pop-up art gallery in the shape of a 40-foot shipping container is now pride of place in Main Street, Diamond Creek. The gallery is called CubeZ and is the creation of award-winning artists Ixia Black, Miranda Burton and Melissa Haslam.

CubeZ will stay in Diamond Creek until March 2017 and will host a number of exhibitions during that time. The gallery will be open Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday.

CubeZ was made possible with an Arts and Culture Grant from the Nillumbik Community Fund and support from the Diamond Creek Traders Association.



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

NILLUMBIK PRIZE 2017

Celebrating contemporary works of excellence by artists with a Nillumbik connection

Entries open Tuesday 17 January and close Friday 10 March.

Submit entries online at www.montsalvat.com.au



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ALAN MARSHALL
SHORT STORY
AWARD 2017

Australian writers are invited to enter the 32nd Alan Marshall Short Story Award which celebrates the art of writing and honours the life and work of Australian literary icon, Alan Marshall.

Entries can be up to 2,500 words and will be judged by award winning writer Bruce Pascoe.

Open: \$2,000 plus mentoring and membership with Australian Society of Authors

Local*: \$700 plus mentoring and membership with Writers Victoria

*Nillumbik writers do not attract an entry fee.

Entries open: 1 February
Entries close: 31 March

Winning entries will be included in an anthology of Nillumbik writing.

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THE NILLUMBIK ΕΚΦΡΑΣΙΣ POETRY AWARD 2017

Australian poets are invited to respond to one or more of selected Nillumbik public artworks in poems up to 12 lines long.

Judges: Helen Lucas, Karen Throssell, Steve Smart
Open: \$550
Local*: \$350
Youth*: \$200

*Youth and Nillumbik poets do not attract an entry fee.

Entries open: 1 February
Entries close: 31 March

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The winning poems and their corresponding artworks will be included in the Literary Nillumbik anthology of award-winning writing.

ABOVE LEFT TO RIGHT:
Enver CAMDAL, and Helen BODYCOMB, *Nest*, 1997. Location: Roundabout, Main and Luck Street, Eltham
Robert BAINES, *Transaction*, 1995. Location: Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough
Susie and Naomi KUMAR, *Benchmark*, 1998. Location: Coventry Oval, Elizabeth Street, Diamond Creek

CALENDARS

December

Give the gift of learning this Christmas and purchase a Living & Learning Nillumbik gift voucher. Enrolments for 2017 courses, MakerSpaces, activities and events are now open. Call 9433 3744 to buy a voucher today.

12pm-2pm
Every Saturday
in December
Diamond Creek
Outdoor Pool
inflatable

living & learning
nillumbik

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
	 Summer Reading Club 1 December – 1 February Sign up to the summer reading club for a great range of library activities and prizes. yprl.vic.gov.au Mammoth reads For ages 3-12 YRead – escape the ordinary For ages 12-24	 3pm-4pm Nourishing yoga Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au	 Enrol online now for Term 1 courses and activities at Living & Learning Nillumbik's three centres. livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	 10.30am-11.30am Christmas cupcake decorating Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au 6pm, Mindfulness eating feast Eltham Leisure Centre eltham.ymca.org.au	 Hurstbridge Farmers' Market 8.30am-1pm hurstbridgemarket.com.au	
 2pm-3pm Christmas de-stress with essential oils Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au	 7pm Policy and Services and Planning Committee Meeting Civic Centre nillumbik.vic.gov.au	 9am-10am Making Christmas eCards Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au	 10.30am-12pm Homemade Christmas using seasonal produce Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au	 Until 15 December Exhibition: diversARTY Living & Learning Nillumbik Eltham Library Community Gallery Mon-Thur 10am-8.30pm Fri-Sat 10am-5pm, Sunday 1pm-5pm Be inspired with this showcase of visual arts, ceramics, textiles, glass, crafts and more. Vote for the People's Choice Award. <small>Right: Sweet Dreams, (detail) Robyn Koiker, watercolour, 2015 People's Choice Award diversARTY 2015</small>		
 12 December – 11 January Exhibition: Three Well Known Australians Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au	 4pm-9pm St Andrews Twilight and Makers Market standrewsmarket.com.au	 Tuesday 13 December 7pm-8pm Italian Christmas cake decorating Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au	 3.30pm-4.30pm Decorate Christmas cookies Diamond Valley Library 6.30pm-8pm Christmas movie night Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au	 Christmas in Hurstbridge Twilight Family Fun Thurs 15th Dec Meet Sarla Elf treasure hunt Makers Market Local singers Free Christmas cards Free Parade Bookings and enquiries Christmas Cards at Home hurstbridgemarket.com.au www.hurstbridgemarket.com.au		 Hurstbridge Farmers' Market – Christmas Twilight Market 4pm-8pm hurstbridgemarket.com.au
 Tuesday 20 December – Term 4 ends	 11.30am-12.30pm Christmas in the garden Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au 7pm Ordinary Council Meeting Civic Centre, nillumbik.vic.gov.au	 Christmas storytime 8 December 7pm-8pm Christmas stories by candlelight Eltham Library 16 December 10.30am-11.30am Preschool storytime – Santa visits Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au				
 Boxing Day	 Christmas Day public holiday					

January

Diamond Creek Outdoor Pool inflatable
Wednesday's 1pm-3pm
Saturday's 12pm-2pm



Come along to the next Edendale Young Farmers activity for kids aged 8-12 on Wednesday 25 January. Your budding farmer will have the chance to experience real farm activities and enjoy a well-deserved morning tea after getting their hands dirty. Call 9433 3711 to book a place.

February

Ageing Well in Nillumbik is a quarterly newsletter to keep you up to date with Council and community news to help you live well, and age even better. Contact positive.ageing@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or call 9433 3348 to join the mailing list.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
30 9am Living & Learning Nillumbik Diamond Creek and Panton Hill centres re-open livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	31 Term 1 begins 	 edendale School holidays @ Edendale open 9.30am-4.30pm • 30 Gastons Road, Eltham www.edendale.vic.gov.au Pack a picnic and come and enjoy Edendale these summer holidays. There are lots of fun free activities available to entertain the kids. Sign up to our enews to receive information about programs and booking availability and much more.			1 New Year's Day	
2 New Year's Day Public Holiday	3 				8	
9 9am Living & Learning Nillumbik Eltham re-opens livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	11 1pm-6pm Leadlighting and Glass Arts MakerSpace (experienced) Living & Learning Nillumbik Eltham livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	13 	14 Little Dog and the Christmas Wish Written by Corinne Fenton Illustrated by Robin Cowcher First published in 2014 Illustrations created with ink and watercolour Book size: 240 (h) x 270 (w) mm	14	14	14
16 12pm-5pm Sewing and Wool Crafts MakerSpace Living & Learning Nillumbik Eltham livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	17 THE 2017 NILLUMBİK PRIZE Entries open montsalvat.com.au	19 Wednesday 18 January – Monday 13 February Exhibition: Words and Windows Picture books connect us to infinite stories, great histories and each other. Author Corinne Fenton's words come alive through a showcase of original illustrations, photographs and artefacts. Eltham Library Community Gallery yprl.vic.gov.au	21 Saturday 21 January 2pm-4pm Words and Windows Launch and Family Event Meet Australian author Corinne Fenton and Australian Children's Laureate Leigh Hobbs and participate in family-friendly art activities. Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au	21	21	22
23 Tuesday 24 January 10am-11am Words and Windows – Storytime and Guided Tour Enjoy a special story time and guided tour of author Corinne Fenton's exhibition <i>Words and Windows</i> . Meet Corinne and learn more about her writing, her inspiration and the process of picture book. Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au	24	25 Thursday 26 January 9.30am Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony Welcome our newest Australian Citizens and celebrate the winners of the 2017 Nillumbik Australia Day Awards. Community Bank Stadium, Diamond Creek	26 Australia Day 	28 	29	29

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
6 9.30am-11.30am Art MakerSpace Living & Learning Nillumbik Panton Hill livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	7 9.30am-1.30pm Needle Natter MakerSpace Living & Learning Nillumbik Panton Hill livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	8 9.30am-3pm Crafty Cats MakerSpace Living & Learning Nillumbik Panton Hill livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	8 PRAM WALKING GROUP 9.15am-10.15am Pram Walking Group Diamond Creek familyservices@nillumbik.vic.gov.au for location	11 	12 	5 Sunday 5 February Free green waste drop off 8am-4pm 105 Graham Road, Kangaroo Ground nillumbik.vic.gov.au/waste Hurstbridge Farmers' Market 8.30am-1pm hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au
14 9am-4.30pm Clay MakerSpace (experienced potters) Living & Learning Nillumbik Eltham livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	14 Wednesday 1 February entries open nillumbik.vic.gov.au	16 7pm-9pm Sew Social MakerSpace (fortnightly) Living & Learning Nillumbik Diamond Creek livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	17 9.30am-2pm Mosaics MakerSpace Living & Learning Nillumbik Panton Hill livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	21 9am-4.30pm Studio Arts MakerSpace Living & Learning Nillumbik Eltham livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	21 12pm-5pm Scrapbooking and Paper Crafts MakerSpace Living & Learning Nillumbik Eltham livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	22 9.30am-3pm Just Xmas MakerSpace Living & Learning Nillumbik Panton Hill livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au
28 7pm-9pm Creative MakerSpace Living & Learning Nillumbik Hurstbridge Hub livinglearning nillumbik.vic.gov.au	28 Keep an eye on our website for details about our exciting workshop programs! edendale.vic.gov.au	25 Saturday 25 February 10am-1pm, Preschool Open Day Come along and see the quality preschool programs available in Nillumbik while your children take part in a range of fun activities. Check out the website for a list of participating preschools. nillumbik.vic.gov.au/preschool	26 Home Harvest FEASTIVAL Celebrate local food and the summer harvest at Edendale. edendale.vic.gov.au	25 Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 February Eltham Jazz, Food & Wine Festival Enjoy fabulous music, delicious food and award-winning local wines in a relaxed atmosphere at this family friendly event. elthamjazz.com.au	26 	26

HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS



CIVIC CENTRE

Civic Drive, Greensborough

Friday 23 December	8.30am-1pm
Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 December	CLOSED
Wednesday 28 December	8.30am-5pm
Thursday 29 December	8.30am-5pm
Friday 30 December	8.30am-5pm
Monday 2 January	CLOSED
Tuesday 3 January	8.30am-5pm

KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTION

Bin collection will remain as normal over the holiday period, as Christmas Day and New Year's Day fall on a weekend.



RECYCLING AND RECOVERY CENTRE

290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty

Friday 23 December	8am-4pm
Saturday 24 December	8am-4pm
Sunday 25 and Monday 26 December	CLOSED
Friday 30 December	8am-4pm
Saturday 31 December	8am-4pm
Sunday 1 and Monday 2 January	CLOSED

REUSE SHOP

290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty

Friday 16 December	9am-4pm
Saturday 17 December	9am-4pm
Sunday 18 December	9am-4pm
Monday 19 December – Monday 9 January	CLOSED
Friday 13 January	9am-4pm

OPERATIONS CENTRE OFFICE

290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty

Friday 23 December	8.30am-12.30pm
Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 December	CLOSED
Wednesday 28 December	8.30am-4.30pm
Thursday 29 December	8.30am-4.30pm
Friday 30 December	8.30am-4.30pm
Monday 2 January	CLOSED
Tuesday 3 January	8.30am-4.30pm

LIVING & LEARNING CENTRES

Eltham – 739 Main Road, Eltham

Closes 11am Tuesday 20 December 2016
Reopens 9am Monday 9 January 2017

Diamond Creek – 119 Cowin Street, Diamond Creek

Closes 3pm Thursday 15 December 2016
Reopens 9am Monday 30 January 2017

Panton Hill – 18 Bishops Road, Panton Hill

Closes 1pm Wednesday 14 December 2016
Reopens 9am Monday 30 January 2017

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WASTE AND RECYCLING



Plastic bag recycling is here

You can now recycle plastic bags and other flexible/soft plastic in your recycling (yellow lid) bin.

How to do this:

1. Collect your unwanted plastic bags and other flexible plastics
2. Put them in a plastic bag (such as those from the supermarket)
3. Tie the bag when full and put it in your recycling bin
4. Do not put individual/loose plastic bags in your recycling bin
5. Keep your hard/rigid plastics and other recycling loose

To get you started, we sent households an information pack with instructional bags in November. If you didn't receive it, simply use the above instructions or contact us and we'll send you a pack.



Bags and flexible plastics, including:

- plastic shopping bags
- plastic packaging from groceries like bread, rice, pasta, toilet paper and frozen foods
- inner cereal/biscuit wraps
- clean cling wrap and freezer bags
- plastic wrapping from appliances
- plastic postal bags
- bubble wrap



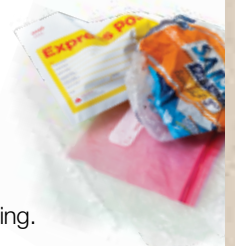
Do not include:

- silver-lined packaging such as chip and chocolate wrappers
- paper docketts
- garbage or food
- polystyrene
- nappies

Collecting your plastic bags and flexible plastics in a bag makes them easy to sort at the recycling facility, where they will be sent off to make new products such as playground equipment and textiles for clothing, toys and furniture or turned back into packaging.

Nillumbik is one of the first councils in Victoria where residents are able to recycle plastic bags in the recycling bin, which will help reduce the amount of plastic that ends up in landfill.

If you reuse your plastic bags for other things or avoid plastic bags/packaging when shopping, continue to do this as it is even better than recycling.



Did you know you can get extra bins?

Nillumbik households can have up to two of each bin. The 2016-2017 prices for extra bins are:

- **Green waste** – \$78 up front, no annual collection charge (this extra 6.25 cubic metres annually is great for gradually disposing of green waste stockpiles)
- **Recycling** – \$92 up front, no annual collection charge
- **Garbage** – \$78 up front, \$151.85 annual collection charge

You can also change your 120-litre garbage bin to an 80-litre bin and reduce your annual waste management charge.

Visit our website or call Customer Service for more information.

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