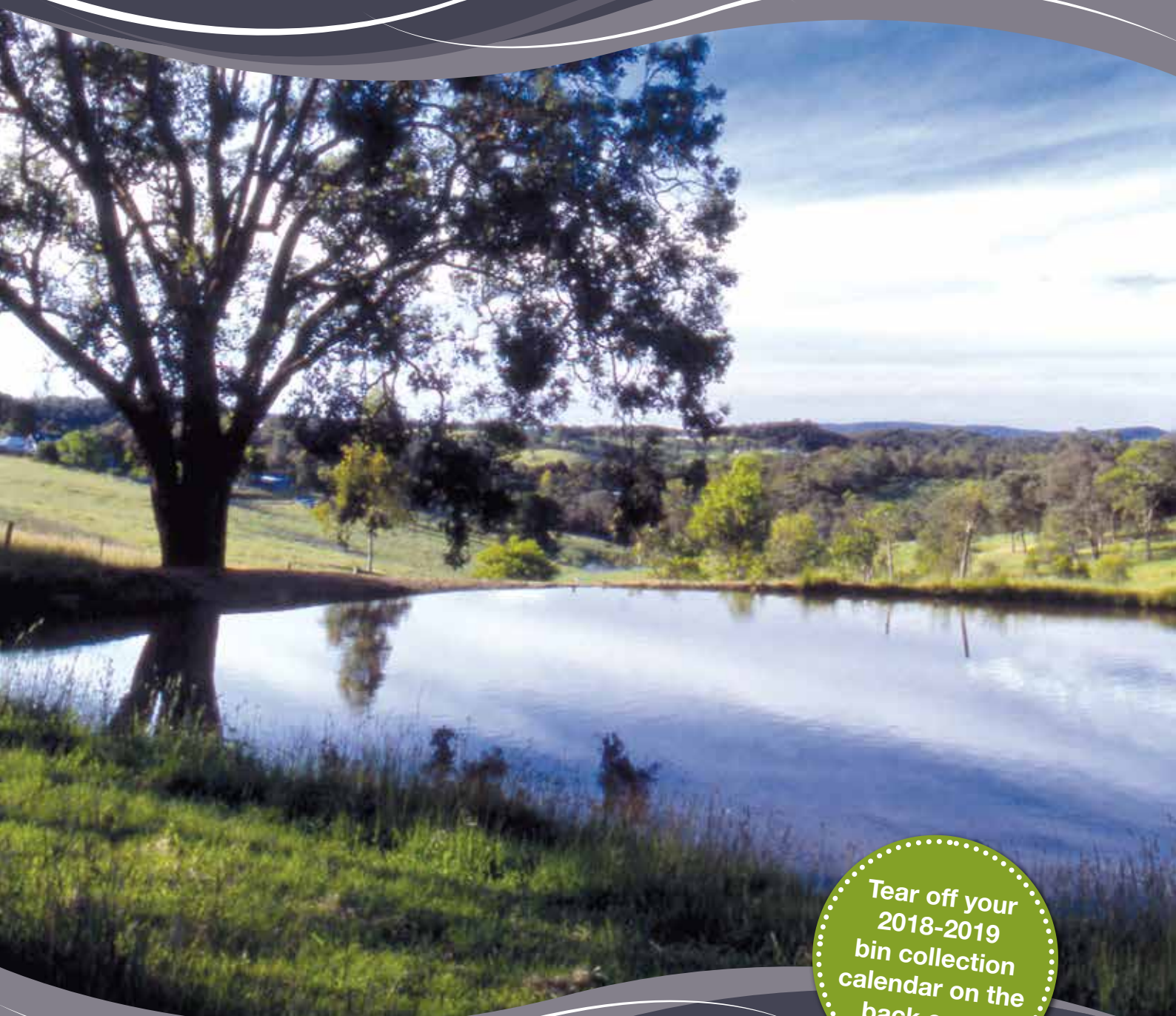


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People power shapes Green Wedge

For the first time in Council's history a special Community Panel of 40 residents from across the municipality will provide recommendations to Council as it reviews its Green Wedge Management Plan.

This innovative process aims to establish a new and higher standard for consultation and engagement by giving community members a greater say in forming Council policies.

The Green Wedge Management Plan review is focused on ensuring our green wedge's future and its importance as a living, breathing rural area that is vibrant, prosperous and adaptable to meet changing needs.

The four-stage process has commenced with Council and community representatives working together to identify the best ways to engage, to gather their views, ideas and expectations.

The result is a six-week engagement phase throughout June and July, designed to identify a broad range of issues and opportunities that are important to the community.

In June, 10,000 invitations will be randomly sent to Nillumbik residents inviting interested people to nominate for the Panel. Independent community engagement experts will assess nominations to ensure a fair cross-section of the community is chosen.

The Panel will sit for up to five days and consider important matters highlighted by the broader community including social, economic and environmental issues and opportunities.

The Panel will also hear from a range of experts on key topics and make recommendations to Council on ways to ensure the Green Wedge is preserved, nurtured and managed for current and future generations.

A draft Green Wedge Management Plan will then be prepared and put out for broad public consultation for a further three months toward the end of 2018.

Green Wedges

Melbourne's 12 Green Wedges sit outside the Urban Growth Boundary and are considered the 'lungs' of Metropolitan Melbourne.

They accommodate a mix of agriculture and other activities such as infrastructure supporting urban areas including airports and water treatment facilities, quarries, cultural heritage sites, biodiversity conservation areas and water catchments.

13,000 Nillumbik residents live in the Green Wedge. It is also home to agricultural producers, wineries, artists, recreation facilities as well as precious flora and fauna.

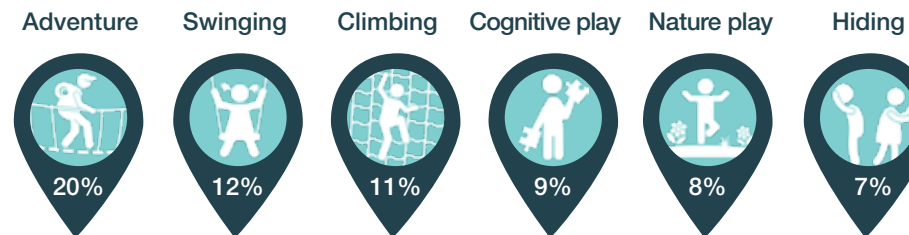
Regular updates, including research material will be provided via Council's website at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/greenwedge

To view a Community Panel in operation go to participate.melbourne.vic.gov.au and search 'citizens' jury.'

Rebuilding the people's playground

The Eltham North Adventure Playground is on track to be rebuilt before Christmas.

MOST IMPORTANT THEMES



Council has consulted widely with residents by collecting hundreds of drawings, ideas and recollections from young and old.

And while we have been listening, we have also been acting. We have spoken to the designers of the original playground, constructed in the 1990s, and to other experts to ensure we can rebuild the type of adventure playground our community expects and deserves.

We are also committed to ensuring children of all abilities have a great time at the new playground.

Following a tender process we appointed Naturform – a company with more than 35 years' experience in playground construction to work with the original Eltham North Adventure Playground designers – Gardiner Architects and

Jeavons Landscape Architects to design and rebuild the new playground.

The companies have designed some of Victoria's most popular playgrounds including Hays Paddock in Kew East and Bollygum in Kinglake.

You will have an opportunity to tell us what you think of the concept plans once they are prepared.

In the meantime thank you to all who have assisted along the way; including children, mums and dads, grandparents, local schools and preschools; along with the Eltham and District Community Bank and the State Government for their contributions.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/elthamnorthplayground

[facebook.com/nillumbikcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/nillumbikcouncil)

New funding options for Nillumbik projects

Some of Nillumbik's biggest infrastructure projects will soon be eligible for Federal Government funding following a year of Council advocacy.

The announcement was welcomed by the Mayor at his recent trip to Canberra where he met with senior government Ministers and members of the Opposition. The changes mean Council will soon be eligible for the next round of the \$481 million Building Better Regions Fund, which we had previously not had access to.

Mayor Peter Clarke said he makes no apologies for adding pressure to the State and Federal Governments to see better outcomes and more funding opportunities opened up to the Nillumbik community.

"This Council will continue to advocate for infrastructure projects and road and traffic improvements – especially ahead of the two upcoming elections.

"The change to the criteria for the Building Better Regions Fund means our Council will be able to apply for funding for projects

like the Diamond Creek Trail extension and the refurbishment of the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre. The community has been calling for these projects for far too long, and we thank the Federal Government for opening the criteria to enable us to apply."



ABOVE: Mayor Peter Clarke and the Hon. Greg Hunt, Minister for Health



from the Mayor

Welcome to the winter edition of *Nillumbik News*.

I am confident our small rates increase of 1.9 per cent will be the lowest of any council in Victoria (even though the increase will fluctuate due to it being a property revaluation year).

It's heartening to know the latest results from the 2018 Annual Community Survey show that residents were largely happier with core services than the previous year, and rate them as good to excellent.

We continue to focus on essential service delivery whilst building infrastructure for our sports and community groups; funding the land acquisition to complete the Diamond Creek Trail extension and for the legacy projects including the Research Park Sports Pavilion, the Marngrook Oval New Pavilion, the Diamond Creek Netball Pavilion, the Eltham Central Oval Community Sports Hub and the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre upgrade.

Debt reduction also remains a priority with further reductions in the 2018-2019 budget. Our advocacy efforts have encouraged the State Government to reinstate the \$50 million for the Growing Suburbs Fund and agree to an additional \$400,000 for the Eltham Football/Cricket Clubrooms.

We have also been successful in achieving support from the Federal Government to change the rules enabling us to access funds in the Building Better Regions and Regional Growth Fund.

This success has enabled us to minimise the need to sell parcels of land and we are now applying the public parks and recreation zones to safeguard them into the future. Council has listened to the community and acted decisively.

I was also delighted to be able to assist the Eltham Men's Shed move to its new home in Wattleree Road, Eltham North.

P. Clarke

Mayor, Cr Peter Clarke

COMMUNITY SATISFACTION



8.74
Libraries



8.36
Environmental programs



7.99
Arts and Cultural programs



8.02
Children's Services



8.13
Green waste collections



8.00
Recycling collections

Core services rank highly

Residents rank Council's core services as very good and excellent.

The latest results from the 2018 Annual Community Survey of 500 randomly selected households conducted by Metropolis Research, show residents surveyed rate Council's core services as good to excellent.

The results were better than those recorded in the previous 2016 survey. On a scale from one to 10, those interviewed ranked as 'excellent' their local library (8.74) and environmental programs and facilities (8.36).

Other services rated excellent were green waste and recycling collections, services for young children, and arts and cultural programs. Council has just launched its Arts and Cultural Plan which aims to create jobs and tourism benefits from arts and culture and keep the Shire as a front runner in the arts.

Likewise hard rubbish and garbage collections; animal management; bike paths; maintenance and cleaning of parks, gardens, street lighting and shopping strips; services for youth and seniors; litter collection; public toilets and education and learning were among the services residents ranked as good or very good. Satisfaction levels with hard rubbish collection jumped from a rating of 6.77 in 2016 to 7.76 in 2017, and senior services from 6.99 to 7.45.

Residents ranked street sweeping and maintenance of footpaths, roads and drains as solid, with tree services and footpath repairs as areas for improvement.

Council has increased its budget for tree services in 2018-2019 and is focusing on all areas that need improvement.

Making decisions in the interest of the community and representation and advocacy on behalf of residents were higher than the metropolitan average. We will use the results to prioritise these areas for improvement in the coming 12 months.

COUNCIL BUDGET 2018-2019

Council has delivered on its promise to keep any rate rises below CPI

Council is committed to reducing the rate burden on families through its low rates strategy and the commitment to keep increases below CPI.

This year's budget sees a 1.95 per cent increase on rates, 0.30 per cent less than the official rate cap set by the Victorian Government. Last year Nillumbik was the only Council in Victoria to keep rates on hold, presenting a zero increase.

Council has also simplified the rating structure by abolishing the \$95.84 Municipal Charge by

incorporating it into the General Rates. An extensive capital works program sees \$26.4m allocated including \$9.2m in grant-funded works.

Council has also increased its budget on service delivery which includes a \$115,000 increase in funding to our libraries and \$184,000 on Arts and Cultural services.

Key projects include:

- Diamond Creek Netball Pavilion \$3,086,025
- Eltham Central Oval Pavilion upgrade \$2,516,269
- Redevelopment of the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre \$2,000,000
- Hurstbridge Rail Overpass \$1,726,000
- Diamond Creek Trail extension - \$1,500,000 for acquisition of land for the \$11 million project
- Former Plenty landfill site rehabilitation works \$1,633,000
- Marngrook Oval Pavilion \$1,582,650
- Eltham North Reserve Pavilion upgrade - \$830,000 for the \$3.18 million project
- Research Park Pavilion redevelopment - \$825,000 for the \$2.3 million project
- Township entry and streetscape improvements \$400,000

The budget continues to provide significant resources for annual programs to maintain and develop infrastructure, including:

COMMUNITY FACILITIES



Sports fields and pavilions
\$9,491,000

Public open space and playgrounds
\$1,437,500

Recreation trails
\$3,716,000

Disability access works
\$120,000

PLANNING FOR OUR FUTURE



Leisure centres and community halls
\$2,312,000

Other Council buildings
\$909,000

INFRASTRUCTURE



Roads
\$2,730,000

Includes sealing a portion of Allendale Road (from Aqueduct to Ingrams Road)

Footpaths
\$640,000

Includes a path along Doctors Gully Road, from Yan Yean Road to Doreen Primary School

Drainage
\$700,000

Includes replacement of existing pipes and connection to existing drainage infrastructure at Acacia Road, Hurstbridge

Traffic works
\$500,000

Includes calming projects at intersection, slow points and speed humps across the Shire

COMMUNITY



The ramp that love built

More than 15 children are riding high after a wheelchair-friendly wooden ramp has been custom-built for the St Andrews Riding for the Disabled Centre.

The ramp was built by retired engineer Steve Jenkinson and fellow-members of the Mens Shed at St Andrews. Thanks to sponsorship of \$1500 from Council, \$500 from Bendigo Bank and \$1000 from Greensborough Rotary Club the children can now mount the horses easily.

The success of the ramp has been measured by the children's smiles as they more confidently and easily mount the

horses at the St Andrews Pony Club in Smiths Gully.

St Andrews Riding for the Disabled Centre President and Founder Dr Maggie Broom said the ramp made it much easier for children, especially those in wheelchairs, as well as for the volunteers helping them.

The centre, which was founded three years ago, is staffed by around 30 volunteers using six horses with 45 minute

sessions run on Tuesday and Thursday mornings and Monday afternoons. There are still spaces in the Tuesday morning group.

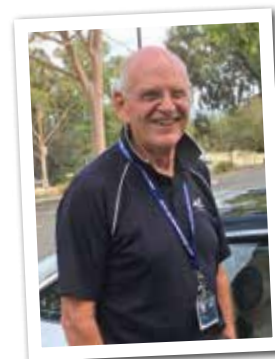
Dr Broom said riding the horses had a calming effect on children with autism, as well as improving their core strength.

The more people who offer to volunteer, the more kids can join so please consider helping out. For details call 0418 521 048.

Focus on our volunteers

At Council we are extremely fortunate to have large groups of volunteers, donating their time to assist us in delivering high quality services to the community.

Almost 500 volunteers contribute over 1,000 hours per week to our programs. This includes Edendale, Living & Learning Nillumbik, Community Transport, In Home Family Mentoring, L2P, Advisory Committees, Panels and Reference Groups, Delivered Meals, environmental friends groups and our festivals and events. These people give their time to our community and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a dedicated group of people supporting our programs.



Noel's story

Noel Sinclair has been volunteering with our Medical Transport program since August 2015. Noel was a chauffeur for 20 years, with his own private limousine service and a taxi driver before that.

He lives in Kangaroo Ground with his wife, Shirley; they have two daughters, four granddaughters and two grandsons. Following Noel's retirement he found himself reading a 'Volunteer Drivers Needed' poster in a doctor's surgery in Hurstbridge. He knew his skills and experience fitted perfectly with what Council needed. It wasn't long before he

was driving members of our community to medical appointments: doctors, hospitals, the dentist or the physio.

Noel explains "I am really proud to volunteer for Council and try to provide the best possible service to all my clients." His car is meticulously clean and he always waits for clients to finish their appointment, ensuring they know where to meet him afterwards. The drive is often a social connection for the client; they might be lonely, nervous or in pain going to their appointment. "I try to put a smile on their face and relax them, make it a special day out," he explains.

Noel gets to know the clients well and builds trusted relationships with them. His professionalism and dedication to customer service is admirable and we are extremely fortunate he volunteers his time to provide such a great service.

What is medical transport?

Noel volunteers as a driver for our Medical Transport Service.

This is an affordable door-to-door transport service to assist Nillumbik residents who are unable to get to medical appointments because they cannot drive and have limited access to other transport options.

The service is for people over 65 who are registered with My Aged Care, as well as eligible people under 65.

If you would like to find out more about the service, please contact the Community Transport Services Team at Council.

UPDATE Open Space Precinct Plan

Graysharps Road Hurstbridge on exhibition soon

Community members are invited to take a look at the Draft Plan and provide Council with feedback. The feedback will then inform the Final Masterplan which will be presented to Council later in the year.

The Draft Masterplan includes creating a number of exciting outdoor options for the old Hurstbridge High School site (Lot 1) and extending the area beyond to create added community space.

The Project Reference Group, comprising ten local community members and chaired by Councillor Karen Egan, was created to help steer the project as a partnership.

The Plan will be exhibited at the Hurstbridge Community Hub and will be available on our website. If you would like to stay informed, email leisure@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Thank you to all the members of our community who have been involved to date.



Play space revamps

Three of the most older looking play spaces in the Shire are about to undergo a revamp.

Brinawa Reserve in Greensborough, and Coniston Street and Jessamber Court playgrounds in Diamond Creek will share in \$170,000 of funding set aside in Council's budget for the Play-space Renewal Program 2017-2018.

Brinawa Reserve is aimed at primary school kids aged between 5-10 years, while the other two playgrounds are geared for the littlies aged four and under.

Works are expected to be completed by the end of June.



Sign up to swimming lessons at the Eltham Leisure Centre

With the Centre nearing completion a variety of aquatic classes will be available to suit everyone.

In partnership with the Royal Life Saving Society the Centre will run the Swim and Survive Program which aims to increase swimming and water safety skills.

To make things convenient for everyone, aquatic classes will be

held during the week and on weekends, with morning and evening sessions available.

To register your interest, head to elthamleisurecentre.com.au/aquatics or email eltham@alignedleisure.com.au

New sports facilities on the drawing board – literally

Architects have been appointed to design three community sports facilities – two are being completely rebuilt and a third is receiving a major upgrade.

Diamond Creek Netball Pavilion (\$3.1 million)

Demolition and rebuild of a new pavilion and upgrade of the car park. The new pavilion will include a social room, accessible player and umpire change facilities and match day operations rooms.

Marngrook Oval Pavilion (\$1.6 million)

Construction of a new sports pavilion and alteration of the car park. The pavilion will include accessible umpire and players change facilities, a kiosk and public amenities. It is used by the Diamond Creek Football Club, the Diamond Creek Cricket Club, the Diamond Creek Runners and other groups.

Eltham Central Pavilion (\$3.4 million)

A major revamp of the pavilion including building new female-friendly change rooms and refurbishing the social room facilities. It is used by cricket and football clubs as well as U3A.

These three projects have long been on the community's wish-list and will be well used by thousands of sports players across the Shire.



Trail blazing for all abilities set to get easier

Shayla Meredith's face lights up when she goes riding on her adaptive bike. And while she's non-verbal, her grin says it all.

Thanks to a joint venture between Council, the Brotherhood of St Laurence and the Australian Government, heading out to the Diamond Creek Trail will be a whole lot easier for families like Shayla and mum Cheryl (pictured below), with the construction of a shed to store these special bikes.

Combined grants of \$15,000 have been awarded to building the storage facility.

Shayla's adaptive bike is relatively small compared to some other models. However, most bikes cannot be transported in cars, so being able to store them in a shed at the Diamond Creek site next to the trail will make getting out to ride easier for parents and carers.

Cheryl said being able to store the bike in the shed would mean more frequent rides in a safe off-road environment for her daughter.

"Biking is Shayla's favourite thing in the world, followed by swimming," Cheryl said. "Right now I have to push her along, but she'll hopefully soon learn to get the hang of the pedals which will help build up muscles in her legs."

Chair of the Inclusion Advisory Committee, Councillor Jane Ashton said given the Diamond Creek Trail was the most popular trail in Melbourne's north, it was wonderful the shed could be used to make biking easier for people of all abilities.

Howling success

Thanks to kind-hearted Nillumbik residents, it's happier tails all round at the pound after people donated blankets, towels and even jumpers to keep dogs warm in winter.

The (very cute) face of our campaign was Ozzy, a dog belonging to a member of staff, who acquired pin-up pup status when he was used to highlight a valuable service offered by the pound: immediate and affordable care for dogs caught up in domestic violence. Sometimes these sad pups like to cuddle up to soft toys while they wait to go home.

Thank you to everyone who has donated items to the pound, we are now well stocked for winter.



ABOVE: Biljana Buccheri receives her certificate

Citizenship Ceremony

On Thursday 4 May Nillumbik Shire Councillors and staff welcomed 48 new citizens.

Council hosts citizenship ceremonies for Nillumbik residents on behalf of the Department of Home Affairs throughout the year. The ceremonies are a special and often emotional experience for the new citizen, as well as their guests.

Citizenship ceremonies not only fulfil requirements under Australian citizenship law, they also provide an important opportunity to officially welcome new citizens as full members of the Australian community.

For information about Australian citizenship applications or ceremonies, contact the Department of Home Affairs at homeaffairs.gov.au

Winter is coming... and with it the wood fire smoke

Do you use a wood heater in winter? Residents are reminded to check their chimneys regularly.

You can reduce the amount of smoke from your chimney by burning wood cleanly and efficiently. For information visit epa.vic.gov.au and search 'wood burning'.



ELTHAM LIBRARY COMMUNITY GALLERY

Ideas welcome

Do you have an idea for an exhibition? From July, the Eltham Library Community Gallery is calling for proposals for the 2019 exhibition program.

Council provides highly subsidised opportunities for successful applicants, so start thinking about a proposal that contributes to a diverse exhibition program for the Shire.

For more information call 9433 3175 or email artsinfo@nillumbik.com.au



ABOVE: Jodi STEWART, *Georgia* (2015) sculpture porcelain and stoneware, © Jodi Stewart

LEGACY DUNMOOCHIN ARTIST COLLECTIVE

Now is your chance to get a rare glimpse into the practises of Dunmoochin Foundation Artists in Residence.

The Dunmoochin Artist Collective's bespoke exhibition is on at the Eltham Library Community Gallery until Monday 2 July. Immerse yourself in the inspiration of three-time Archibald Prize winner Clifton Pugh, and his legacy of the Dunmoochin Foundation.

dunmoochin.org



ABOVE: Yandell WALTON, *Human Effect*. 2012. Interactive projection installation.

Digital Art

The Nillumbik Digital Agora, a revolutionary digital arts project which embraces new media, is set to grace our public spaces.

An *Agora* is an ancient Greek gathering place, and this two-year project will see digital art such as gaming, sound art and film on display locally.

It's being developed using feedback gathered during Council's *Travelling Teapot* consultation – where residents asked for more contemporary art and to embrace new media. Creative Victoria responded to this need and provided

Council with a grant of \$119,000 to develop the project. The Nillumbik Digital Agora will be the signature program under the Council's new Arts and Cultural Plan 2018-2022.

The unique and innovative program will be rolled out in partnership with ACMI X, Writers Victoria, esteemed artist Yandell Walton together with many local artists.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/arts

THE NILLUMBIK PRIZE 2018

NOW SHOWING

Outstanding contemporary artworks of excellence by artists with a local connection will be on exhibition at Montsalvat this winter.

A record number of artists entered Council's program and their work was of an incredibly high standard.

Judged by Gertrude Contemporary artistic director Mark Feary the exhibition is on until Sunday 22 July at the Barn Gallery, Montsalvat. It's also a chance to explore their unique gardens and studios, and dine at The Boulevard @ Montsalvat.

Visit montsalvat.com.au to find out more.



Making studying more accessible

Living & Learning Nillumbik now offer a new model for the Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care CHC50113. Instead of being a full time course, this diploma will run over one day per week plus some Saturdays, making the course more accessible for those who need to continue working while studying, or have other commitments.

Local resident Pauline Berick completed her Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care in 2016 and is about to complete her diploma qualification.

Pauline has a young family and it was through her daughter Abigail she first became aware of our courses.

Pauline explains "I wanted to enrol but was concerned about juggling my family and studying. However, the course trainers and coordinators immediately put my mind at ease. They have been very supportive of me and the other students. I am currently completing my final placement and getting real-life experience in a kinder room. The courses thoroughly prepare you for your new career and I can't recommend them enough."

Places are limited and interviews are being held for the diploma course now. Other courses starting in July include our Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing, Home and Community) CHC33015 and Certificate IV in Training and Assessment TAE40116.

Congratulations, Class of 2017

At our annual Ceremony in March we celebrated with 81 graduates who completed qualifications in Early Childhood Education, Aged Care and Home and Community Care, and Training and Assessment. Well done to all of our graduates, your hard work has paid off.

livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au

Discover your next adventure!

A selection of our upcoming short courses and activities, more details can be found on our website.

July school holiday workshops

From animation to sword fighting, craft to cooking, keep the kids entertained this holiday with a range of fun activities.

After school activities for kids

Guitar, bear making, cartooning and animation for kids.

Mexican cooking workshops

Discover how to prepare delicious Mexican style meals in these cooking workshops.

Upcycling MakerSpace

Share your ideas and arty creations with like-minded people who have a passion for upcycling. Reduce, reuse and recycle. Register your interest on our website.

Be Connected and thrive in a digital world

Aimed at people aged over 50 who have never used the Internet before. Our Pantan Hill and Diamond Creek centres are community partners of this new digital strategy for older adults. Find out more at

beconnected.esafety.gov.au

Calling all Makers

From July we will be running Practical Marketing for Makers, a short course specifically designed for artists, makers and artisans to help you market your unique products.

MakerSpaces

Shared spaces where makers and artists connect, share skills and gain inspiration.

Diamond Creek – 119 Cowin Street
Eltham – 739 Main Road
Pantan Hill – 18 Bishops Road

ANY MONDAY

9.30am-11.30am
Art MakerSpace

[Pantan Hill](#)

12pm-5pm
Sewing and wool crafts MakerSpace

[Eltham](#)

ANY TUESDAY

9.30am-1.30pm
Needle natter MakerSpace

[Pantan Hill](#)

9am-3.30pm
Studio arts MakerSpace

[Eltham](#)

9am-4.30pm
Clay MakerSpace

[Eltham](#)

ANY WEDNESDAY

9.30am-3pm
Crafty cats MakerSpace

[Pantan Hill](#)

12pm-5pm
Scrapbooking and paper crafts

[Eltham](#)

1pm-6pm
Leadlight and glass arts MakerSpace

[Eltham](#)

ANY THURSDAY

9am-4.30pm
Clay MakerSpace

[Eltham](#)

9.30am-3pm (third Thursday only)
Just Xmas MakerSpace

[Pantan Hill](#)

7pm-9pm (first Thursday only)
Sew social MakerSpace

[Diamond Creek](#)

ANY FRIDAY

9.30am-2pm
Mosaics MakerSpace

[Pantan Hill](#)

9.30am-4.30pm
Leadlighting and glass arts

[Eltham](#)

YOUR COUNCILLORS



Mayor Councillor Peter Clarke
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The Diamond Valley Miniature Railway is back on track for the next two decades after we entered into a new 21-year lease agreement with the iconic non-profit railway attraction.

A small parcel of land from the corner of the Eltham Lower Park has been added into the lease. This will remain unfenced and be open to the public around the clock. It is set to be more beautiful than ever, as the club says it plans to work with community groups to revegetate it with native plants. In terms of the lease, the railway club will maintain the area – one less cost for the ratepayers.

More good news is that once Fordham's Road has been resurfaced, Council will use money allocated in the budget to upgrade Eltham South Preschool car park.

As a result of our lobbying efforts, we will not be selling the parcels of land at 120 Arthur Street, 17a Ruskin Court and 20a Henry Street and we will be rezoning them to public park and recreation, to provide further protection from future Council land sales programs.



Deputy Mayor Councillor Karen Egan
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I attended a wonderful lunch at a combined meeting of the Men's Sheds of St Andrews, Diamond Creek, Hurstbridge and Eltham at the Diamond Creek Men's Shed recently. Guest speaker was top Collingwood supporter Joffa (Jeff Corfe). This is the second time a combined meeting has been held and members are hoping to get together twice a year.

I was also MC and spoke at the International Women's Day dinner at Eltham recently. Thanks to panel members, Janice Crosswhite, founding president of Australian Womensport and Recreation Association; award-winning novelist and poet Susan Hawthorne; Aunty Pam Pederson, NAIDOC National Sports person of the Year and Ambassador; Rhiannon Tracey, former Australian of the Year; and Colleen Woolley, former Victorian police officer and author.

Huge thanks to all the entertainers who made the evening such a success: Amie Grisold, Joy Van Dieman, Lottie Liams, Georgie Hughes, Tyrian Ejay and duo Jazz & Kristy.



Councillor Grant Brooker
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The past three months has seen five public meetings where around 200 residents voiced opposition to proposed land sales to fund community infrastructure. This extensive community engagement process highlights how there are always competing priorities for councils to deal with and often conflicting community views. Public policy decisions are not wrong because they are unpopular. They are right or wrong depending if the underlying analysis is correct or not.

I successfully passed an amendment to a Council motion earlier this year to the Minister for Planning concerning changes to aged care planning provisions that would have allowed taller and larger buildings in our sensitive residential zones. The motion specified that there should be NO exemption from third party notice and review rights. The review of the Green Wedge Management Plan has commenced with the process and details available on our website.

Locally, I was pleased to support an upgrade to the gym equipment at the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre along with some lighting upgrades.



Councillor John Dumaresq
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I was especially delighted to see the ideas and designs from our local children for our new Eltham North Adventure Playground. In addition to listening to the local community, we have spoken to playground experts, including the designers of the original playground, to ensure we build the type of playground you expect and deserve.

In April, I had the pleasure of welcoming the Eltham Men's Shed to their new home on Wattletree Road in Eltham North. The 55-member Men's Shed outgrew its previous location at St Vincent's Care Facility. Men's Sheds give purpose and structure to the lives of many of its members; they have an instant circle of like-minded friends and complete community projects which otherwise may not have been done. Council is proud to support them.

Over at Edendale, our two new outdoor teaching shelters are getting a lot of use from local school children. We are looking forward to opening our new permanent café, outdoor undercover deck, toilets and another teaching space in the coming months.



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Upgrades and renewals are taking place across Diamond Creek to our play spaces as part of Council's Lifetime Play Strategy, all age's framework. Work is nearing completion to Coniston Street, Jessamber Court and Brownlow Drive Reserve play spaces, with new play equipment, improved pram access, footpaths, vegetation and bollards for site protection. I'm aware that a lack of shade is a problem for some play spaces, and I thank you for your patience as I work toward improving this.

Good news for those using Marngrook Oval with the circuit road around the Oval now sealed, and lighting upgraded. Plans for a new pavilion are being finalised.

Baseball players will benefit from improvements to the Campbell Street Baseball Reserve with upgrades to fencing, batter cage, lighting and irrigation. Netball is also on the agenda, with the new Diamond Creek Netball Pavilion being designed and construction to start toward the end of the year.

We are working with the State Government on pedestrian access for the railway line adjacent to the Community Bank Stadium. I'll let you know more details on this soon.



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Getting to know the community better has been a priority for me. The Ageing Well Survey results should be in soon. LGBTI support is off to a great start so get your rainbow flags ready.

The Eltham Historical Society tour with Jim Connor was fascinating. Kangaroo Ground Memorial Tower is now getting some TLC, and another amazing Anzac Day service was held.

Congratulations to Open Studios on their 30th Anniversary, love your work. The Living & Learning graduation – it was an amazing night.

Let's all support a new way of looking at things with the Green Wedge Community Panel.

Melbourne Water will shortly announce its suggestions for disposal of land in Christmas Hills and the next stage of community engagement. Huge thanks to Christmas Hills CHOPS for bringing the musical event of the decade, Baching Mad.



Councillor Bruce Ranken
Swipers Gully Ward

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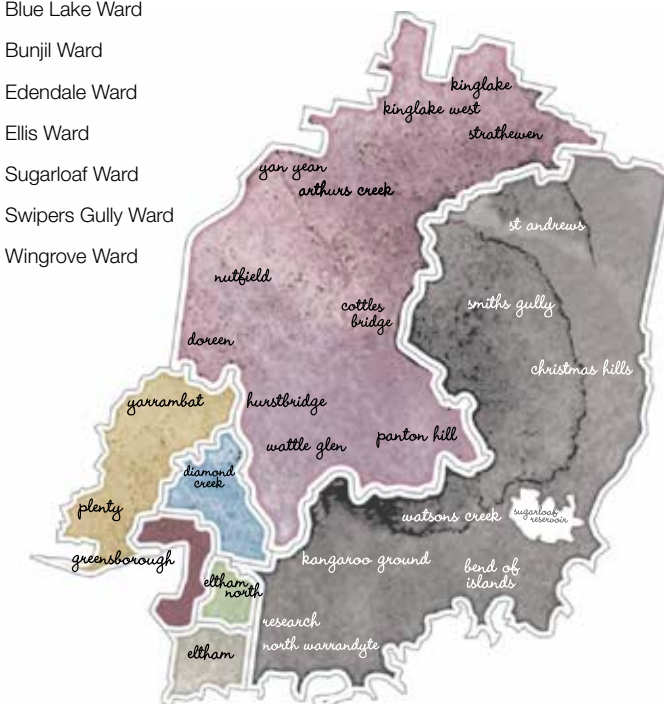
Community feedback and ideas for the Eltham North Adventure Playground has been flooding in. Thank you to those who have contributed ideas, offered to help or donated money. We have appointed an architect and builder and we are on track to have the playground completed by the end of the year.

At the start of the year, Council asked for your feedback on the proposed land sales. I attended the public submission evenings and was overwhelmed by the passionate speeches from our community. We asked for your feedback and we got it! Thank you for taking the time to express your views and for being so invested and engaged in our Shire.

Work has started on the new pavilion at Research Park. This pavilion will deliver fit-for-purpose player, umpire and spectator facilities on the ground floor and a second floor community facility for sports clubs and wider community use. It will be a great new facility for our community and will open in April 2019.

KEY

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



Postal address for Council and all Councillors:

✉ Nillumbik Shire Council
PO Box 476, Greensborough VIC 3088

Community CALENDAR

REMINDER

Council will begin the 2019 four-year-old preschool offer process in mid-July. If you haven't submitted your application you have until 30 June.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/preschool



June

MARKETS AND FOOD

Every Saturday 9am-2pm
St Andrews Community Market
[facebook.com/StAndrewsMarket](https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsMarket)

Every Sunday 9am-1pm
Eltham Farmers' Market
10-18 Arthur Street, Eltham
localfoodconnect.org.au/elthamfm

Sunday 3 June 8.30am-1pm
Hurstbridge Farmers' Market
Fergusons Paddock
hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au

Saturday 9 June 10am-11am
Food swap
Diamond Valley Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

Saturday 16 and Sunday 17 June 11am-5pm
Open Cellars of The Artisan Hills
opencellars.com.au

Sunday 17 June 8.30am-1pm
Eltham Craft and Produce Market
Alistair Knox Park
elthammarket.com.au

BUSINESS

Wednesday 27 June 6pm-8pm
Marketing your business
Cost \$20
Civic Centre
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/businessworkshops

ENVIRONMENT

Saturday 2 June 2pm-4pm
Vertical gardening
Eltham Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

Thursday 14 June 2pm-3pm
Community gardening
Diamond Valley Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

COUNCIL

Tuesday 12 June 7.30pm
Future Nillumbik Committee
Civic Centre
nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Tuesday 26 June 7.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting
Civic Centre
nillumbik.vic.gov.au

COMMUNITY/FAMILY

Wednesday 13 June 6.30pm-8.30pm
Parenting in Perspective – understanding your baby
Civic Centre
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/pip

Wednesday 20 June 6.30pm-8.30pm
Parenting in Perspective – supporting mothers and why dads matter
Civic Centre
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/pip

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY?

Friday 1 June – Saturday 30 June 10am-5.30pm
Diamond Valley Photographic Society exhibition
Diamond Valley Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

Monday 4 June 11.15am-11.45am
Bookaroo
Diamond Valley Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

Thursday 7 June 6.30pm-8.30pm
Kids movie night
Eltham Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

Wednesday 20 June 6.30pm-8pm
Guest author Robert Hillman
Eltham Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

ARTS AND CULTURE

Thursday 21 June 7.30pm
Courthouse Poetry Readings
Eltham Courthouse
0438 339 732

Thursday 28 June 7.30pm
Poetry @ Chrissy Hills – Feature Poet Michael Reynolds
A night of poetry and ideas, every 4th Thursday, bi-monthly
Cost \$5
Christmas Hills Mechanics Institute Hall
Sandy Jeffs 0418 523 644



Did you know that you can apply for Sporting Achievement Grants year-round? Sporting Achievement Grants encourage and recognise outstanding sporting efforts and achievements by providing financial assistance to individuals and teams who meet the criteria.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/grants



ABOVE: *Squished*, Squish Art Collective exhibition runs until Monday 6 August at the Eltham Library Community Gallery. Ellie BRICKNELL, *Big Face*, (detail) 2017, oil pastel.

July

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

School holidays at Edendale
Open 9.30am-4.30pm
Head to Edendale over the school holidays and enjoy a variety of fun free activities available to entertain the kids. Sign up to our e-newsletter to receive updates about programs and events
edendale.vic.gov.au

MARKETS AND FOOD

Every Saturday 9am-2pm
St Andrews Community Market
[facebook.com/StAndrewsMarket](https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsMarket)

Every Sunday 9am-1pm
Eltham Farmers' Market
10-18 Arthur Street, Eltham
localfoodconnect.org.au/elthamfm

Sunday 1 July 8.30am-1pm
Hurstbridge Farmers' Market
Fergusons Paddock
hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au

Sunday 15 July 8.30am-1pm
Eltham Craft and Produce Market
Alistair Knox Park
elthammarket.com.au

BUSINESS

Wednesday 11 July 10.30am-2.45pm (four sessions available on the day)
Business mentoring clinic
Civic Centre
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/businessworkshops

ARTS AND CULTURE

Sunday 1 July
Applications to exhibit at the Eltham Library Community Gallery in 2019 open
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

Until Monday 2 July
Legacy, Dunmoochin Artist Collective exhibition
Eltham Library Community Gallery
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

Thursday 5 July – Monday 6 August
Squished, Squish Art Collective exhibition
Eltham Library Community Gallery
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

Thursday 19 July 7.30pm
Courthouse Poetry Readings
Eltham Courthouse
0438 339 732

Until Sunday 22 July
The Nillumbik Prize 2018 finalists exhibition
Barn Gallery, Montsalvat
montsalvat.com.au

COUNCIL

Tuesday 17 July 7.30pm
Future Nillumbik Committee
Civic Centre
nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Tuesday 31 July 7.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting
Civic Centre
nillumbik.vic.gov.au

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY?

Monday 2 July 1pm-3.30pm
Telltales creative writing
Diamond Valley Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

Saturday 14 July 2pm-4pm
Saturday kids craft
Eltham Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

Monday 16 July 10am-12pm
Yack and Yarn
Eltham Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

Wednesday 18 July 10.30am-11.30am
Philosophy club
Eltham Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

Monday 23 July 2pm-3pm
Tech help
Eltham Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

Tuesday 24 July 11.30am-12pm
Toddler time
Eltham Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

Saturday 28 July 2pm-4pm
Diamond Valley Genealogy Group
Diamond Valley Library
yprl.vic.gov.au

Community CALENDAR



August

MARKETS AND FOOD

Every Saturday 9am-2pm
St Andrews Community Market
 facebook.com/StAndrewsMarket

Every Sunday 9am-1pm
Eltham Farmers' Market
 10-18 Arthur Street, Eltham
 localfoodconnect.org.au/elthamfm

Sunday 5 August 8.30am-1pm
Hurstbridge Farmers' Market
 Fergusons Paddock
 hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au

Saturday 11 August 10am-11am
Food swap
 Swap your excess garden produce
 Diamond Valley Library
 yprl.vic.gov.au

Sunday 19 August 8.30am-1pm
Eltham Craft and Produce Market
 Alistair Knox Park
 elthammarket.com.au

COUNCIL

Tuesday 14 August 7.30pm
Future Nillumbik Committee
 Civic Centre
 nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Tuesday 28 August 7.30pm
Ordinary Council Meeting
 Civic Centre
 nillumbik.vic.gov.au

COMMUNITY

Sunday 26 August 10am-8pm
Hurstbridge Wattle Festival
 Enjoy fabulous entertainment and activities for all the family. Take a trip back in time and travel on board a historic steam train, from Melbourne in the morning, between Hurstbridge and Eltham during the day. There's also an unforgettable night train from Hurstbridge to Melbourne. Tickets for the steam train go on sale from 1 July.
 wattlefestival.org.au

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIBRARY?

Thursday 2 August 6.30pm-8.30pm
Kids movie night
 Eltham Library
 yprl.vic.gov.au

Tuesday 14 August 4pm-5pm
Just4Kids
 Eltham Library
 yprl.vic.gov.au

Monday 20 August 1pm-3.30pm
Telltales creative writing
 Diamond Valley Library
 yprl.vic.gov.au

Friday 24 August 10.30am-11.30am
Preschool storytime
 Eltham Library
 yprl.vic.gov.au

Monday 27 August 4pm-5pm
LEGO club
 Eltham Library
 yprl.vic.gov.au

ARTS AND CULTURE

Thursday 9 August –
 Monday 10 September
Monument, 3 Stooges exhibition
 Eltham Library Community Gallery
 nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG

Thursday 16 August 7.30pm
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 0438 339 732

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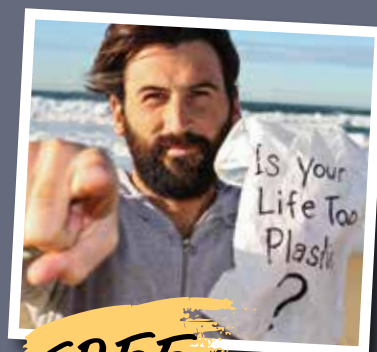
SAVE THE DATE

- SEP 8 Diamond Creek Rotary Town Fair
- OCT 13 Practically Green Festival
- OCT 21-22 Open Cellars of the Artisan Hills
- OCT 21 Eltham Mudbrick Tour
- OCT 21 Nillumbik Pet Expo
- OCT 28 'On the Hill' Pantom Hill Festival and Makers Market
- NOV 10-11 Rotary Eltham Town Festival

ABOVE: **Monument, 3 Stooges exhibition** runs until 10 September at the Eltham Library Community Gallery. Ann-Maree GENTILE, *Two Dogs*, 2017, ceramic.



WASTE



FREE

Nillumbik war on waste

Tim Silverwood from the popular ABC 'War on Waste' series is coming to Hurstbridge.

Sunday 5 August
 2pm-3.30pm
Hurstbridge Community Hub

As a passionate advocate for protecting our oceans, Tim will share his experiences sailing 5000km across the North Pacific Ocean to study the infamous Great Pacific Garbage Patch and his ongoing efforts to reduce plastic pollution and waste in communities in Australia and around the world.

Tim is co-founder and CEO of non-profit organisation Take 3 for the Sea and a respected advocate for a zero-waste, circular economy future.

Following his talk you will be invited to:

- Join him on his mission and learn about what you can do as a consumer to reduce your impact on the environment
- Talk directly to Council officers about your waste services
- Enter the door prize to win reusable products from Tim's eco-enterprise ReChusable

To book or to find out more
 trybooking.com/373523
 9433 3525

OTHER DISPOSAL OPTIONS

Nillumbik Recycling & Recovery Centre

290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty

Open 8am-4pm
 Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday
 Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays

Recycle free of charge:

- batteries – household, car and mobile phone
- cardboard (excluding waxed cardboard)
- clothing in good condition
- e-waste e.g. computers, printers, keyboards, screens, hard drives, mice
- household recycling
- light globes/bulbs and fluoro tubes
- mobile phones
- motor oil and containers
- scrap metal e.g. bikes, stoves, washing machines, dryers, metal poles, roofing (charges apply for fridges, freezers and air conditioners due to the de-gassing process)
- televisions
- x-rays

Charges apply for:

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



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

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

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/rrc

Reuse Shop

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

Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays



Where possible, items brought to our Recycling & Recovery Centre that are in good condition and able to be re-used are donated to the on-site Reuse Shop. The Shop is open to the public and run by the Green Wedge Christian Community.

Hard waste collection

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

9433 3512

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Request collection online

Composting and worm farms

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

edendale.vic.gov.au

THINGS WE DON'T ACCEPT, AND WHERE TO TAKE THEM

Hanson Landfill

Bridge Inn Road, Wollert

9408 1299

hansonlandfill.com.au

- asbestos (small quantities, charges apply)
- building/renovation rubble such as concrete, bricks, stone and tiles (charges apply)
- commercial quantities of waste – vehicles with more than 4.5 tonne capacity (charges apply)
- dirt, soil, sand and clay (charges apply)



Hume Resource Recovery Centre

Bolinda Road, Campbellfield

9359 3813

hume.vic.gov.au

- chemicals – household, garden and automotive (no charge)
- empty gas bottles (no charge)
- paint (no charge)



Yarra Ranges Transfer Station

Cnr Ingram Road and Leonard Road, Coldstream

9739 1227

yrrs.com.au

- empty BBQ gas bottles (charges apply)
- paint up to 100L (no charge)

Banyule Waste Recovery Centre

Cnr Waterdale Road and Banksia Street, Bellfield

9490 4222

banyule.vic.gov.au

- empty gas bottles (no charge)
- paint (no charge)



Darebin Resource Recovery Centre

Kurnai Avenue (off Henty Street), Reservoir

9462 3455

darebin.vic.gov.au/resourcerecovery

- empty gas bottles (charges apply)
- paint (no charge)



Sustainability Victoria collection program

1300 363 744

sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome

- chemicals – household and garden (no charge)
- fire extinguishers (no charge)
- fuels (no charge)

Tear off and put on your fridge

2018-2019 BIN COLLECTION CALENDAR



FREE
kids' activity

GREEN WASTE (GREEN LID)

Collected weekly and turned into compost



Food scraps – fruit, vegetables, dairy, bread, pasta, rice, meat, small bones, tea bags and coffee grounds (loose or wrapped in newspaper or paper towel)



Garden materials – clippings, leaves, flowers, grass, small branches and weeds

RECYCLING (YELLOW LID)

Collected fortnightly and recycled



Loose hard plastics, glass bottles and jars, aluminium/steel cans and trays, foil, pots and pans, plastic toys and plant pots



Loose cardboard, paper and cartons



Bundled plastic bags and other flexible/soft plastics ONLY

GARBAGE (RED LID)

Collected fortnightly and goes to landfill



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



Silver-lined soft plastics



Household rubbish, nappies, polystyrene and foam

No plastic or biodegradable bags

Helpful hints

- Your green waste bin is collected weekly on the same day as your recycling or garbage bin
- Due to the Christmas Day, New Year's Day, Good Friday and Anzac Day public holidays, bins will be collected one day later for that day and the remainder of that week
- Place bins out by 6am on collection day
- Place bins half a metre apart, away from trees, power poles and cars
- Do not overfill your bin; the lid must be closed

Find a full A-Z list of items on our website. Turn over for more recycling and waste disposal options

My bin day is

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