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Nillumbik Australia Day Awards

Nikki Waterfall, the driving force behind Diamond Creek Parkrun, has been named as Nillumbik's Citizen of Year 2017.

The announcement was made at Council's Australia Day celebration at the Community Bank Stadium in Diamond Creek where 46 local residents also became Australian citizens.

Paul Di Benedetto of Hurstbridge was named Volunteer of the Year for 30 years dedication to the Diamond Creek Football Club and his ability to educate young people about life with a disability.

Peta Heywood, of Kangaroo Ground was awarded Senior Citizen of the Year for her

voluntary work with the Kangaroo Ground Adult Riding Club since 1984. Peta is one of the club's longest serving members.

Andrew Barras of Eltham received the Young Citizen of the Year Award for helping youth and young adults through community engagement and philanthropy.

Nillumbik's Community Group of the Year is the Diamond Valley Miniature Railway, which has provided entertainment and fun for thousands of families from its location at Eltham Lower Park for 55 years.

Citizen of the Year Nikki Waterfall

Nikki began the Diamond Creek Parkrun in November 2013, after identifying an interest in the local community and the potential to bring people together in a healthy, active way. Her tireless work has resulted in this group being considered as one of the most successful parkruns in Australia.

Hundreds of people have become more active as a result of Nikki's passion and are now living a healthier lifestyle. The popularity of the group has grown from an initial 47 runners and six volunteers to 316 runners and 13 volunteers at the 2016 Christmas Eve event.

Nikki also started the Diamond Creek Runners recreational running club which meets three times a week, and has more than 200 members.

The Club is recognised by Athletics Victoria as one of the state's biggest and most successful running clubs.



Senior Citizen of the Year
Peta Heywood

Peta Heywood was awarded Senior Citizen of the Year for her voluntary work with the Kangaroo Ground Adult Riding Club, having been a member since 1984. Peta is one of the club's longest serving members. She is currently the president and has been a committee member for many years, and editor of the Club's newsletter.

Peta is a wonderful role model and mentor to others. She has inspired and encouraged others with her energy and enthusiasm.

Peta has also made a valuable contribution to the Welcome to Eltham Group which was established in the wake of some community controversy over plans to resettle Syrian refugees at the St Vincent's Care aged facility in Eltham. Peta attended rallies and hand-made butterflies that have become the group's welcome symbol.



Young Citizen of the Year
Andrew Barras

Andrew Barras, Council's Young Citizen of the Year, was the founder of Relief LANS (Local Area Networks) a not-for-profit group that runs multiplayer video gaming events.

Andrew has helped raise more than \$16,000 for organisations such as CanTeen, the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre, The Smith Family, Save the Children, Kids Under Cover and Red Cross.

He does so by tapping into a passion that he has and many others his age have too – organising gaming events in a safe environment which attract hundreds of players.

With the support of St John's Parish in Diamond Creek, Andrew uses the church hall for his events which began with the very first Relief LAN to raise money for the Black Saturday Relief Fund in the wake of the 2009 bushfires.



Community Group of the Year
**Sam Daly,
Diamond Valley
Miniature Railway**

Diamond Valley Miniature Railway is run entirely by volunteers who give up their Sunday afternoons to entertain families from Nillumbik and beyond.

The Railway is very busy with 150 trains running each Sunday carrying 150,000 passengers each year along the 2km of track which goes around the park.

There are 160 volunteers who sacrifice a great deal of time to ensure that this attraction keeps going.

From those driving the trains, to the people in the back room who keep the engines working; they all have an important role to play.



Volunteer of the Year
**Paul
Di Benedetto**

Paul Di Benedetto of Hurstbridge has been a volunteer at the Diamond Creek Football Club for 30 years.

While Paul has a disability which has impacted his ability to play a sport, this has not impacted his enthusiasm to be part of his local club.

Timekeeping, updating the scoreboard, goal umpire, boundary umpire and umpire escort are some of the roles that Paul undertakes for the Club. He is there every Saturday for the Seniors and most Sundays helping out at the junior level as well.

Not only has Paul given his time to the club, he has also been able to educate young people about what it's like living with a disability.



from the Mayor

It is my pleasure to serve as your Mayor this year.

We are now a few months into our term as your new Council and we are working well together as a cohesive team with a common aim to deliver Council services, events and activities in an efficient and cost-effective way.

We are in the process of developing our Council Plan for 2017-2021. It will set our vision, objectives and priorities over the next four years and will be instrumental in guiding the organisation's work to manage and deliver services and facilities for Nillumbik residents. It will be the culmination of the commitments all Councillors made to you during the election.

While the details are being finalised our Shire-wide plan will target:

- Community infrastructure
- Bushfire mitigation
- Debt reduction and reducing the rates burden
- Employment generating policies
- Planning improvements
- Road planning, targeting reducing congestion

When completed, it will be available on our website, in local libraries and various Council buildings.

In December we farewelled CEO Stuart Burdack, who served our Shire for six years. I would like to thank him for his significant contribution to the Nillumbik community including among many things, the completion of the Hurstbridge Community Hub, Community Bank Stadium in Diamond Creek and the redevelopment of the Eltham Leisure Centre.

The process to appoint a new CEO has begun. Mr Mark Stoermer has been appointed to lead the administration until the appointment of a permanent CEO which will be completed by mid-year.

Mr Stoermer has been the CEO of private sector companies and most recently was the Executive Director Corporate Services at Box Hill Institute and the Director of Corporate Business at the City of Melbourne.

P. Clarke

Mayor, Cr Peter Clarke



Top: An artist's impression of the completed centre. Inset: Construction of work during January and February.

Eltham Leisure Centre

The vision is becoming reality as construction of the pools begin.

Construction of the swimming pool shells has commenced, along with repairing termite damage to the existing facility.

The redevelopment will feature a 25 metre pool with eight lanes, a pool for aquatic education, children's aquatic play equipment and a warm water pool for rehabilitation and therapy programs. Accessible facilities will also be included.

During construction the 'dry' area of the Centre will be open, including the gym,

group fitness areas, café, consulting suites, stadium and crèche.

There are plenty of fun activities planned at the Centre this year including cardio tennis (low-impact group exercise using a tennis racquet and balls, not tennis as you know it), the Eltham Fun Run Walk and group fitness classes.

Eltham Leisure Centre members also have free access to the Diamond Creek



Outdoor Pool and Aquarena (Doncaster) while works are being carried out.

The redevelopment is funded by Nillumbik Shire Council (\$12.55 million), the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund (\$3.8 million) and Community Facilities Funding Program (\$3 million).

The project is due to be completed at the end of the year.

Eltham Community and Reception Centre

Works at the Eltham Community and Reception Centre are progressing well.

The new office area, kitchenette and servery at the front of the building is beginning to take shape and the upgraded theatre equipment in the main hall is almost complete. The new toilet area, including accessible toilets, has also been installed and landscaping will start in the coming weeks.

The Centre attracts more than 35,000 visitors per year. When completed, the redeveloped Centre will better meet the needs of the community and provide a fully-accessible and more functional venue.

Keep an eye on Council's Facebook page for more updates.



Facility boost

Funding sees projects become a reality.



Thanks to \$2.3 million in grants from the State Government's Growing Suburbs and Community Sporting Infrastructure funds, along with contributions from our community and ratepayers, Nillumbik residents will soon see improved recreation and community facilities across the Shire.

Four projects are earmarked to receive the funds. Civic Drive parkland in Greensborough will be developed with new paths, fitness stations, playground equipment and barbeques being built.

As well as the State Government and Council contributing towards improved facilities, the Research Junior Football Club and Research-Eltham Collegians Cricket Club are also contributing \$145,000 each towards the redevelopment of Research Park Pavilion. The redevelopment will include additional female-friendly change rooms as well as expanded social rooms.

Edendale Community Environment Farm is also set for an upgrade with a new permanent kiosk, nursery retail area, a children's sensory garden, improved access, upgraded teaching facilities, nursery infrastructure and additional public toilets.

Soccer is one of Nillumbik's fastest growing sports. The recent sportsground redevelopment at the Wattle Glen War Memorial Reserve has meant that the venue is now the Shire's second soccer facility.

The ground will be home to Nillumbik Junior Soccer Club and Eltham Eagles Soccer Club from the start of the 2017 winter soccer season. These further funds will now provide new change rooms supporting the new tenants.



Women in sport

Women and girls' participation in traditionally male-dominated sports such as girls' soccer, cricket and football is rapidly growing.

Between 2014 and 2016, female participation in these sports increased by 111 per cent, creating a demand for upgraded facilities.

Support from both the Growing Suburbs and Community Sporting Infrastructure funds means Council can now provide female-friendly change facilities at Research Park and Wattle Glen Memorial Drive Reserve.

New girls and women's teams and competitions in Nillumbik for 2017-2018 include:

- An Under 10 girl's competition in the Northern Football League
- A senior women's Northern Football league will be launched
- A senior women's league will start up in the Diamond Valley Cricket Association.

Planning to redevelop sports centre has started

We are planning to improve our 40-year-old Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre in Greensborough which is in need of a substantial redevelopment.

The Centre is one of our busiest venues with nearly 500,000 visits per year accessing a range of sports, fitness, health and wellbeing programs.

The Centre is home to many local sports clubs and associations including netball, table tennis, squash, badminton and the 5,500 member Diamond Valley Basketball Association.

An upgrade was recommended in the Recreation Strategy 2011-2019 and identified the need for additional indoor sports courts, improved change facilities, court upgrades and compliance with accessible building standards.

Any redevelopment may also identify opportunities to improve meeting and social spaces for wider community use.

Council and the State Government are funding the creation of this Masterplan however any redevelopment will need significant external funding to develop a facility that meets the needs of Nillumbik residents into the future.

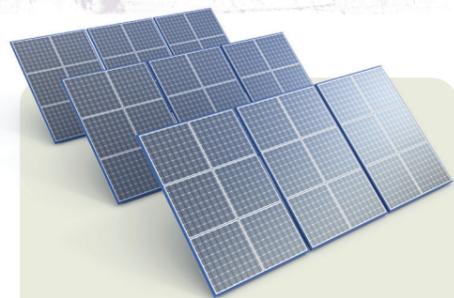
For information on the Masterplan visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au or 9433 3111. For details on activities at the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre visit diamondvalleysfc.com.au



Disability and Inclusion Network

Whether you're a person with a disability, a carer or an advocate for people with a disability, or a local disability service provider, we'd like to hear from you about becoming part of Nillumbik's informal Inclusion Network.

Contact inclusion@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or 9433 3361 to find out more.



Solar panels to power the Civic Centre

Early in 2017 a solar electricity system was installed at the Civic Centre in Greensborough. The 124 kilowatt system includes 478 solar panels that will generate 26 per cent of the electricity needs of the Centre.

As well as saving around \$20,000 in electricity each year, the system will create large scale generation certificates that will give Council an annual income of over \$8,000. The large system will also reduce demand on the electricity network during the summer months, contributing to a more stable electricity supply in the area.



Volunteering in Nillumbik

Did you know that volunteering is good for you? It's good for the mind and body and helps develop new skills.

Volunteering can be a stepping stone into a new career and some studies suggest it helps you live longer. But most of all, volunteering is very rewarding and a great way to meet people and have fun.

Council offers a range of volunteer roles. If you are interested visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au or contact Jane Lawson, Volunteer Development Officer on 9433 3147.



Hurstbridge Hub

The Hurstbridge Community Hub is a multifaceted facility able to take your booking now.

The Hub provides a focal point for integrated services and community activities including: early years (long day care, preschool and occasional childcare), maternal and child health, allied health, parent support groups, community choir, disability support, U3A classes, group fitness, outreach and youth support services.

The Hub also offers the community a space for meetings, training sessions, seminars, events, exhibitions and

activity spaces with a number of rooms available to hire.

There's always a lot happening at the Hub but there's room for more, so if you would like a tour, have suggestions or ideas let us know.

Contact Melanie.Holt@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or 9719 8400.

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



Four-year-old preschool 2019

Registrations will be accepted from Wednesday 1 March, for families planning to send their child to four-year-old preschool in 2019. Children who turn four by 30 April 2019, are eligible to apply.

How to apply

For information about the registration process, form and supporting documents, visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/preschools

Deciding which preschool to attend

For a list of preschools in Nillumbik: nillumbik.vic.gov.au/preschools

Like to know more?

Contact Family and Children's Services on 9433 3161 or preschool@nillumbik.vic.gov.au



PRAM WALKING GROUP

- Feel energised
- Chat with other parents
- Improve your health and fitness

Join these relaxed walks for parents with young children. The walking group leaves at 9.15am for one hour at Diamond Creek every Thursday during school terms. Location provided upon registration.

To find out more contact Jodie Leahy from Family and Children's Services on 9433 3165.



Parenting in Perspective

Council's Parenting in Perspective program provides practical and useful information for parents of newborns, pre-schoolers and those expecting.

A number of free sessions will be held throughout the year on Thursday evenings between 6.30pm-8.30pm at Edendale.

Bookings

All sessions are free but bookings are essential

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/pip



EXPECTING YOUR BABY

UNDERSTAND YOUR BABY

BABY TO TODDLER

TODDLER TO PRESCHOOLER

WHY DADS MATTER

SUPPORTING MOTHERS

HAPPY PARENT PARTNER HAPPY CHILDREN

RESPONSIVE PARENTING

Would you like to have your say on Council's Health and Wellbeing Plan?

This year, as part of Council's Annual Community Survey, we asked a number of questions about health and wellbeing. That, along with input from Council's new Health and Wellbeing Reference Group, will help shape our plan for the next four years.

Once the plan is drafted it will be published on Council's website and social media inviting you to let us know if we have identified the right issues for our Shire.

Visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/healthandwellbeing for your chance to get involved to shape Nillumbik's Health and Wellbeing Plan.



2017 eltham FUN runwalk

Fundraising event for people with disabilities

Find your happy pace on Sunday
26 March at Eltham Leisure Centre's
Annual 5-10 km Fun Run/Walk to
assist people with disabilities.

Bring your friends and family to run or walk
along Nillumbik's picturesque recreational
trails with this year's Race Ambassador,
Ironman triathlete, Tracy Morrison.

The fun run supports YMCA's Open Doors
Program, which helps people with disabilities
access vital programs and services to
improve their health and wellness.

Register now and help to build a stronger,
healthier and more connected community.

Like to know more?

For registrations and information visit
eltham.ymca.org.au/funrun

To volunteer or make a donation contact
Amanda Uniacke amanda.uniacke@ymca.org.au
or 9439 2266.

 [ElthamLeisureCentre](https://www.facebook.com/ElthamLeisureCentre) #ElthamFunRun



Mission Songs Project

Friday 24 March, 7pm, St Margaret's
Church, 79-81 Pitt Street, Eltham.

Nillumbik Reconciliation Group is hosting
The Mission Songs Project, a special musical
event of early indigenous contemporary
songs which highlight communities, stories
and resilience in a changing world.

Jessie Lloyd, an Aboriginal singer/
songwriter, and her band offers a unique
window of life on the Christian missions,
native settlements and the fringes of
townships where Aboriginal and islander
people were displaced.

Booking: trybooking.com/250002
Contact Vera Herman 0409 435 245 for
more information

EVENTS



Free family event

Open Farm Day

Sunday 2 April • 10am – 4pm

Open Farm Day is bigger than ever this year
with farms in Nillumbik, Whittlesea and the
Kinglake Ranges opening their gates to
showcase farming on Melbourne's fringe.

Bring the family and meet farmers
and growers from a diverse range of
working farms. Experience farm tours,



demonstrations, animals, product tastings,
and find out more about the region's
wonderful produce.

Pick up a trail map and start planning your
Open Farm Day adventure.

 nillumbik.vic.gov.au/openfarmday

Anzac Day services

Anzac Day is a time for reflection and remembrance.
There are a number of services being held across the
Shire so why not come along to show your respect.

ELTHAM

Tuesday 25 April
6am sharp (gather before 5.45am)
War Memorial, Main Road, Eltham

DIAMOND CREEK

Tuesday 25 April
March at 10am from Commonwealth
Bank, Chute Street, Diamond Creek
Service at 10.30am at Diamond Creek
War Memorial, Main Street,
Diamond Creek

HURSTBRIDGE

Saturday 22 April
9am service
Corner of Anzac Avenue and
Heidelberg-Kinglake Road

MONTMORENCY

Tuesday 25 April
March at 9.30am from Were Street
10am Service
Cenotaph, Petrie Park Hall,
Montmorency

YOUTH SERVICES

WHAT'S ON IN 2017

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

Nillumbik Youth Theatre

Join 100+ other young people
and get involved in NYT in
2017. NYT members take
part in all aspects of theatre
production including planning,
promotion, backstage activities, acting,
singing and dancing.



We're gearing up for another
year of creative magic in
2017. The seniors have started casting
workshops for *Grease* and are preparing for
the singing auditions. We have lots of fun
workshops coming up, too.



Disney's *Alice in Wonderland* 2016 junior production

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

Game of Skate

Free skate and BMX events for
10-18 year olds.

Friday afternoons 3.30pm-5pm
March to April, Hurstbridge, Eltham and
Diamond Creek skate parks

 9433 3327
 Denzil.Bentley@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Are you a party planner?

We are looking for event planning
superstars aged 12-25 to become
members of a new FReeZA Committee.
You'll have the chance to help organise
music gigs, dance parties and other
fun events for young people. All events
are drug, alcohol and smoke free in
supervised and safe venues.

 9433 3327
 Denzil.Bentley@nillumbik.vic.gov.au



Run away with the circus

Learn balancing, juggling, plate-spinning and
more with RUCCIS circus school.

Wednesdays 3, 7, 10, 17 and 24 May and 7 June
4pm-5.30pm
Hurstbridge Hall

 trybooking.com/OFUA
 9433 3345
 Cath.Rutten@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

World Music workshop

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

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

 trybooking.com/NJPU
 9433 3168
 Holly.Teagle@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Get smart on street art

Spend a day exploring Melbourne with a
street art tour of the city. Bring your Myki and
lunch. Places limited; bookings essential.

Thursday 6 April
10am-4.30pm
Free to NYT members, \$10 non-members

 trybooking.com/OFSX
 9433 3345
 Cath.Rutten@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

BMX only comp

Saturday 18 March
11am-4pm
Diamond Creek Skate Park

 9433 3327
 Denzil.Bentley@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Entrepreneurs: look here

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?

We would like to hear from you – even if
you are still forming your idea. Funding
and support are available.

 9433 3158
 sarah.hammond@nillumbik.vic.gov.au
 nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au/home
(search for 'youth development grants')

L2P LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAM

In 2016...

2 CARS



42 MENTORS



86 LEARNERS



3000 HOURS
of supervised driving



28 CONGRATULATIONS
to young people who
got their licence

3000 THANK YOUS
to our wonderful L2P
mentor drivers



We look forward to continuing
these successes with the support
of Hurstbridge, Diamond Creek and
Eltham Community Bendigo Bank.

Learner driver Jake was so happy when
he got his licence recently with the help
of his mentor, Joy. "I've learned how to
drive and I've gained a great friend and
mentor," Jake said. Now that he has
his P-Plates Jake is working part-time in
hospitality and starting an apprenticeship.

Mentor Joy, from Eltham, said she
"absolutely recommends this program" to
anyone looking to volunteer. "I particularly
enjoyed the personal rewards in seeing
young drivers improve and become
responsible drivers with consideration for
other road users."



The L2P Program is funded by the
Bendigo Bank, TAC and managed by VicRoads.

 L2P@nillumbik.vic.gov.au
 9433 3329

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cultural vitality

ARTS AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

LITERARY NILLUMBİK

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

Entries are now open for the Literary Nillumbik Awards 2017, and close Friday 31 March. Entry free for Nillumbik writers and youth poets. Winning entries will be included in an anthology of Nillumbik writing.

(03) 9433 3126 @ artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au



ALAN MARSHALL SHORT STORY AWARD 2017

Celebrating the art of writing and honouring the life and work of Australian literary icon, Alan Marshall.

Prize pool includes mentoring and membership with the Australian Society of Authors and Writers Victoria.

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 Writers Victoria membership

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/AMSSA2017



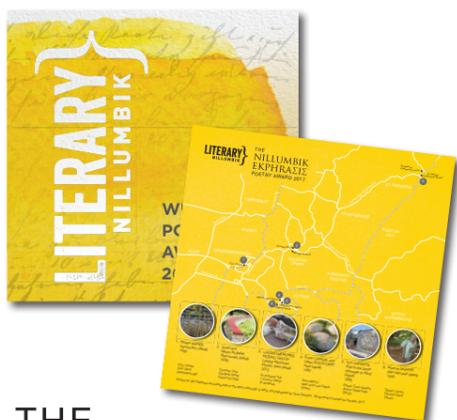
What's next for Arts and Culture?

Keep an eye on our website, subscribe to our e-bulletin and like us on Facebook to have your say in our arts and culture plan for Nillumbik. We will be consulting with the community over the coming months.

THE NILLUMBİK PRIZE 2017

Entries close Friday 10 March
Submit entries online
montsalvat.com.au

CLOSING SOON!



THE NILLUMBİK EKPHRASIS 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.

Poets can find a map of artwork locations on our website – we encourage you to get out in the Shire and get inspired!

The award will be judged by Helen Lucas, Karen Throssell and Steve Smart.

Open: \$550
Local: \$350
Youth: \$200

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ekphrasis2017



Enver CAMDAL and Helen BODYCOMB, *Nest* (detail), 1997. Located at roundabout, Main and Luck Street, Eltham.



LASTING MEMORIES MOSAIC GROUP, *Lasting Memories Mosaic Seat* (detail), 2012. Located at St Andrews Hall, 1 Proctor Street, St Andrews.



Susie and Naomi KUMAR, *Benchmark* (detail), 1998. Located at Coventry Oval, Elizabeth Street, Diamond Creek.



Robert BAINES, *Transaction* (detail), 1995. Located at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough.



Marcus SKIPPER, *Alan Marshall* (detail), 1995. Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham.



Tom SANDERS, *Wall of the Moon (Homage to Miro)* (detail), 1968. Located at Eltham Town Square (Arthur Street side), Eltham.

CALENDARS

March

Bring a picnic rug or bean bag and spread out on the lawns at the Twilight Outdoor Cinema on Saturday 4 March. Come along from 6.30pm and enjoy the family friendly screening of *FernGully: The Last Rainforest* under the stars at Edendale.

edendale.vic.gov.au



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Until Monday 13 March <i>Symphony of Colours – Azure</i> Eltham Library Community Gallery Panther Place, Eltham Vahabi BAHMAN <i>Persian Symbols</i> (detail) 2016 mixed media	2 7pm-8pm Helping children through emotional intelligence 2 March – 20 April 6.30pm-8pm Writing group Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au	3 Green Wedge Public Art Incubator – <i>Grow your creative ideas in Nillumbik</i> Expressions of interest now open nillumbik.vic.gov.au/artincubator	4 Saturday 4 March 2pm-4.30pm Soil improvement workshop Free. Edendale edendale.vic.gov.au	5 From 6.30pm Edendale Twilight Outdoor Cinema edendale.vic.gov.au 4 March – 18 March 12.30pm-4pm Local women writers of history Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au	6 HURSTBRIDGE FARMERS MARKET Hurstbridge Farmers' Market 8.30am-1pm hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au	7 Every Monday and Wednesday 3.30pm-5.30pm Homework help – (age 5-18) Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au
8 Labour Day Public Holiday	9 7pm-8pm French café monthly meeting Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au	10 Thursday 9 March 6.30pm-9.30pm Nillumbik International Women's Day event Swipers Gully Vineyard and Restaurant 25 Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, Kangaroo Ground Tickets: \$30 International Women's Day	11 Clean Up Australia Day Sunday 5 March Clean Up Australia Day cleanupaustraliaday.org.au 10am-12pm, Platypus Creek Clean Up Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge nillumbik.vic.gov.au/enviroevents	12 THE NILLUMBİK PRIZE 2017 Closing date for entries nillumbik.vic.gov.au	13 11am-4pm BMX only comp Diamond Creek Skate Park Denzil.Bentley@nillumbik.vic.gov.au 7pm-10pm Picnic in the dark and spotlight walk Edendale edendale.vic.gov.au	14 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31
16 6.30pm-8.30pm Supporting mothers and Why dads matter Edendale nillumbik.vic.gov.au/yprl 7.30pm Courthouse Poetry Readings Main Rd, Eltham 0438 339 732	17 Friday 17 March and 24 March 10am-4pm Introduction to permaculture (two day workshop) \$115 Edendale edendale.vic.gov.au	18 7pm Nillumbik Reconciliation Group – The Mission Songs Project St Margaret's Church, 79-81 Pitt St, Eltham nrg.org.au	19 24 – 26 March Warrandyte Festival warrandytefestival.org	20 2pm-3pm Author talk – Sabi Buehler, author of <i>A Life in Two Suitcases</i> Diamond Valley Library yprl.vic.gov.au	21 Monday 20 March 1.30pm-2.30pm Italian pasta demonstration Eltham Library yprl.vic.gov.au	22 6.30pm Just Eat It (film screening) Documentary film that will encourage thinking and action around food waste. Edendale edendale.vic.gov.au
23 7pm Ordinary Council Meeting Civic Centre nillumbik.vic.gov.au 7pm-9pm Creative MakerSpace Living & Learning Nillumbik Hurstbridge livinglearning.nillumbik.vic.gov.au	24 6.30pm Love food hate waste workshop Free Edendale edendale.vic.gov.au	25 PRAM WALKING GROUP Thursdays during school terms at 9.15am in Diamond Creek. Contact Jodie Leahy from Family and Children's Services on 9433 3165	26 ALAN MARSHALL SHORT STORY AWARD 2017 THE NILLUMBİK EKPHRASIS POETRY AWARD 2017 Literary Nillumbik Awards Closing date for entries nillumbik.vic.gov.au	27 Thursday 16 March – Monday 17 April Creative Minds – Nillumbik VCE Art and Studio Art Students of 2016 Eltham Library Community Gallery Panther Place, Eltham Stephanie NAYLOR, <i>Untitled</i> 2016 mixed media	28 Eltham Fun Run 40 Brougham St, Eltham www.eltham.ymca.org.au/funrun	29 30 31

YOUR COUNCILLORS



Mayor Councillor Peter Clarke
 ☎ 0401 100 141
 @ Peter.Clarke@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Wingrove Ward

The first four months have seen action on a number of issues residents raised during the election campaign.

I advocated for the North-East Link and a roads strategy to deal with traffic congestion. We have now seen \$15 million Federal grants and \$30 million in State grants to commence the development and feasibility work for this project.

The design outcome is being completed for Bolton Street with further consultation and construction to start later this year. We have also met with VicRoads to discuss additional measures to deal with traffic congestion from Fitzsimons Lane to Main Road.

Bushfire mitigation strategies have been a focus together with a targeted removal of tagging and graffiti, improved planning outcomes and the abandonment of Amendment C101.

As well as being your local Councillor I was pleased to be appointed as Mayor for this first year.



Deputy Mayor Councillor Karen Egan
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Bunjil Ward

Council has been extremely busy – meeting staff, local residents and community groups. One of our first acts was to abolish C101 and we also requested the Minister for Planning abolish C81.

Planning will continue to be on the agenda for Bunjil as the State Government looks to implement Bushfire Management Overlays. I am currently reviewing the precinct planning that has already taken place for Graysharps Road and further consultation will be undertaken shortly on its future.

As well as being Bunjil's Ward Councillor, I am Chair of the Economic Development and Marketing Committee. Part of this work includes a Town and Country Connect Expo on 20 May at the Hurstbridge Community Hub. This will showcase and increase awareness of community groups to the town and rural residents.

The new cycle lanes between Wattle Glen and Hurstbridge will make the route safer for cyclists and planning for streetscape works for Hurstbridge starts soon.

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Blue Lake Ward

It has been an exciting start to this Council's term for all Blue Lake residents. A \$950,000 grant to assist in the redevelopment of the Civic Drive Precinct was announced.

This Growing Suburbs Grant, along with a Council contribution of \$335,000, is the culmination of years of consultation with local residents and advocacy from Friends of Apollo Parkways. It demonstrates that perseverance pays.

This piece of work is a first step to finally improve the loss of public open space at Civic Drive. The Concept Plan can be viewed on Council's website – suffice to say it includes play spaces, fitness stations, connected footpaths, upgraded landscaping and more.

The major project momentum continues with the start of the Masterplan for the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre. A new direction and expansion of this now iconic 40-year-old stadium is finally on the agenda.



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Edendale Ward

It's been a busy start to the Council year. In Edendale Ward works will soon take place to improve the bridge in Diamond Street and plans are continuing to be developed for the Eltham North Pavilion and the Eltham Central Pavilion.

It was great to see Edendale Farm receive \$500,000 from the Growing Suburbs Fund. Along with \$300,000 commitment from Council this means there will be a children's sensory garden, upgraded teaching facilities and nursery infrastructure, permanent kiosk, nursery point of sale and retail area, additional public toilets, and further improved access to the site.

Keeping Nillumbik active is an aim of Council and we continue work on upgrades to the Diamond Creek Trail and the Eltham Leisure Centre Aquatic facilities.

I look forward to 2017 and I trust Nillumbik will have a great year and will be an active, engaged and inclusive community.



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Ellis Ward

As the only Councillor to return to elected office, I will continue to advocate for Diamond Creek residents to improve our township, services and facilities.

You may have seen some beautification works taking place in Chute Street outside the Degani Café. This includes new paving and landscaping, while the playground at Rotary Park has been completed and the construction of a new toilet block is about to start (accurate at time of print). We are also now the proud owners of a brand new all-weather table tennis table which was designed by Kylie Gentle from Araluen.

My election commitment was to deliver more services at Diamond Creek and I will continue to work with the community in developing much-needed social infrastructure including a proposed library, ageing in place, creative arts and youth opportunities.

I have been appointed Chair of Council's Planning Committee which is a central issue for all Nillumbik residents whether they live in the urban or rural areas.



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Sugarloaf Ward

I had a great summer in The Artisan Hills, meeting many residents and community groups, learning about their plans and visions: for their families, their sporting clubs and their communities. We truly have some creative and dynamic people in this area.

Many Sugarloaf residents were concerned about Amendment C101 and Amendment C81 and I'm pleased to report that they were dealt with immediately, C101 has been abandoned and we are calling for C81 to also be abandoned. Being bushfire season, we have worked closely with CFA Captains to discuss fire mitigation, roadside reserves and the development of clear bushfire information for residents. This is an ongoing task.

My portfolio area of community services is exciting, and covers everything from sports and leisure, preschools, aged and disability support to recreation trails, indigenous reconciliation and exhibitions. So much more than roads, rates and rubbish – 2017 will be a busy year.



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Swipers Gully Ward

Over the past three months a number of Swipers Gully Ward residents have been talking to me about their concerns with local roads and drains, particularly after heavy rains in December.

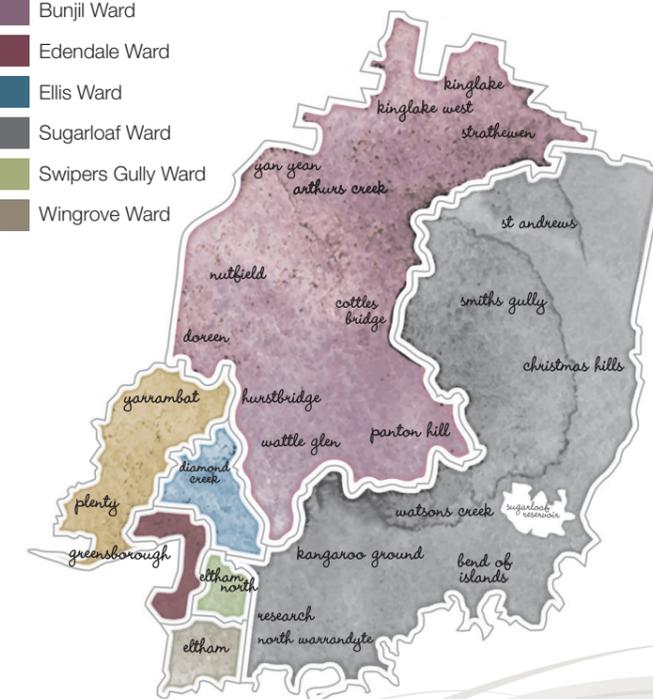
As well as being Swipers Gully Ward Councillor, I'm pleased to be the Chair of the new Social Infrastructure Committee, an area that I'm truly passionate about.

Over the next four years, efforts will be put into developing our community and sporting facilities to allow our next generation to develop and expand their minds. These facilities are not only used by sporting clubs, but other community groups with many residents using these facilities on a weekly basis.

We're progressing our Council Plan and my commitment to you was to examine the high rates that we encounter here in Nillumbik. My aim continues to be to reduce costs, and manage the budget responsibly to either reduce rates or at the very least keep them stable.

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Recycle right

In Nillumbik, we are great recyclers and now, with plastic bag and flexible/soft plastics recycling, we can be even better. There's also a few other improvements we can make.

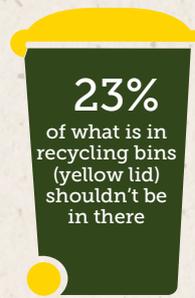
Along with our ongoing green waste education, Council has started a recycling education program to help clear up some of the confusion around recycling. As well as a communication campaign, this program includes inspections of recycling bins. The program aims to help residents identify incorrect items and learn what bin items belong in or, if an item can't go in any bin, how to responsibly dispose of it.

Tips to get it right

1. Inside the house, have one bin for collecting most of your recycling. Items don't need to be sparkling or washed clean, but empty as best you can and remove food scraps like pizza and leftovers. Keep this recycling loose; do not put it in plastic bags.
2. Have a separate bin or plastic supermarket shopping bag hanging on a hook (or similar) to bundle all plastic bags and other flexible/soft plastic packaging. Shake out any food or other residue from each item. Tie the bag when full, ready for the outside recycling bin (yellow lid).
3. Take care to separate recycling from items you place in the landfill bin (red lid) or green waste bin (green lid).
4. Try placing recycling bins throughout your home to collect recycling from areas such as the bathroom, laundry and garage, as well as the kitchen.



Our last audit shows that:



RECYCLE BIN DOS AND DON'TS (YELLOW LID)

Collected fortnightly and recycled



More information

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/waste 9433 3111 getitrightbinnight.vic.gov.au

HOLIDAY HOURS

KERBSIDE BIN COLLECTION

Bins **will not** be collected on Friday 14 April (Good Friday); they will be collected the following day (Saturday 15 April).

Bins **will not** be collected on Tuesday 25 April (Anzac Day), they will be collected the following day (Wednesday 26 April). Bins for the remainder of that week will be collected one day later than normal:

- Wednesday bins will be collected Thursday
- Thursday bins will be collected Friday
- Friday bins will be collected Saturday

CIVIC CENTRE Civic Drive, Greensborough

Monday 13 March	closed
Friday 14 April	closed
Monday 17 April	closed
Tuesday 25 April	closed

RECYCLING & RECOVERY CENTRE REUSE SHOP 290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty

Monday 13 March	closed
Friday 14 April	closed
Saturday 15 April	closed
Sunday 16 April	closed
Monday 17 April	closed