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## Caption winner

Did you spot our competition on Facebook recently? We asked, and you delivered. We couldn't choose just one, so here are our favourites:

"At least on this train line I miss the pandemonium" – Jane Sanderson

"Why the big paws between buses?" – Graeme Synan

"If I miss this bus, I'm stuffed!" – Matt Bartlett

Thanks to everyone who joined in the fun. Keep an eye out for the next caption competition. [facebook.com/nillumbikcouncil](https://facebook.com/nillumbikcouncil)

# Safer to get to school

Safer footpaths and new pedestrian crossings will be rolled out at 17 sites across the Shire to increase school safety.

The \$1.7 million project was part of the *Getting to School Safely* initiative, which formed one of a number of items Council advocated for before the May



Federal Government election through its advocacy program.

New footpaths will be added around schools in North Warrandyte, Research, St Andrews, Eltham and Wattle Glen.

New or upgraded crossings will be built at sites in Diamond Creek, Eltham and Greensborough.

Mayor Karen Egan said this was a great example of successful advocacy delivering broad benefits across the Shire.

The *Getting to School Safely* initiative is one of two larger projects that will be funded by the Federal Government, which has also pledged \$6 million towards upgrades and increased parking at Eltham Station.

# Digital Agora – Illuminating stories of place

Over four weekends in September, the Digital Agora will shed light on the unique characteristics of our townships, transforming our public spaces through illuminated and projection art seen at night.

Sixteen artists will explore themes related to our natural environment, personal experiences and local legend, drawing attention to the stories and places that make each township special.

Lead artist Yandell Walton has developed an immersive large-scale projection for St Andrews Hall, utilising specialised 3D scanning technology.

Discover new interpretations of historical stories as you find artworks of all shapes and sizes nestled amongst

rocks, along walls, under buildings and on passers-by. The familiar will become unfamiliar as the Digital Agora sparks your imagination.

Digital Agora artworks will be showcased in public spaces in Hurstbridge (30 Aug–1 Sep), Eltham (6–8 Sep), Diamond Creek (13–14 Sep) and St Andrews (20–22 Sep).

For more information and to plan your visit: [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/digitalagora](https://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/digitalagora)



The Digital Agora is presented by Nillumbik Shire Council with the support of the Victorian State Government through Creative Victoria's 'Creative Suburbs Program' and in partnership with the Centre for Projection Art and ACMI X.



*Transient Entanglement* by Yandell Walton

# Council takes agenda to Canberra

Creating a domestic recycling scheme, removing mobile phone black spots and taking action to address climate change are all now on a national advocacy agenda.

It comes after the issues, put forward by Council, gained majority support at the Australian Local Government Association conference in June.

Mayor Karen Egan and Cr Peter Clarke represented Council at the national conference in Canberra where they also met with Acting Prime Minister Michael McCormack.

Cr Egan said most councils were facing the same issues and a collaborative approach, led by the Federal Government, was needed.

"Nillumbik has led the way when it comes to recycling for so many years and developing a domestic industry would mean we would no longer be reliant on China and other counties," Cr Egan said.

"We saw first-hand the issues created by the combination of mobile phone

blackspots and bushfires on Black Saturday. Poor mobile phone coverage puts people's lives at risk during emergencies, and councils need certainty that funding will continue in this area.

"For many resource-constrained councils, finding funds to reduce our own emissions through our buildings, lighting and fleet upgrades is extremely difficult given the competition for a myriad of community needs."

Nillumbik's three successful motions which are now added to the national advocacy campaign call on the Australian Government to: take a lead in supporting and potentially establishing a domestic recycling industry to address the current market failure; provide direct funding to assist local government to address the risks of climate change through the development of renewable energy facilities and support related community actions;

and secure further Mobile Black Spot funding to increase the safety, well-being and liveability of regional and rural communities.



Mayor and Cr Clarke with Acting PM Michael McCormack

# Write On!

## Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Writing

The biannual Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Writing (NPCW) builds on the Shire's strong tradition of supporting contemporary Australian writing. The 2019 NPCW maintains the beloved Alan Marshall Short Story Award and introduces an exciting new Creative Non Fiction award.

The NPCW Alan Marshall Short Story Award, now in its 35th year, invites writers to submit stories of up to 2,500 words in Open, Local and Youth categories.

A new award will be introduced to the NPCW this year to maximise opportunities for all types of writers, and will change genre every two years. In its inaugural year, the award will celebrate Creative Non Fiction – using literary styles and techniques to create factually accurate narratives. Pieces

of up to 5,000 words will be sought in Open, Local and Youth categories.

The NPCW offers cash prizes and publication in a bespoke anthology of writing. We are honoured to welcome acclaimed writers Melanie Cheng, Jeff Sparrow and Sarah Schmidt as judges.

Entries for the NPCW will open in October 2019.

For more information: [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/npcw](https://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/npcw)



## from the Mayor

### Welcome to the spring edition of *Nillumbik News*.

It has been a busy and exciting year for Council as it continues to deliver on a number of projects throughout the Shire.

Council adopted its first Bushfire Mitigation Strategy in July this year. Nillumbik Shire is one of the highest bushfire risk areas in the world and this Council identified bushfire mitigation as a key priority. The strategy outlines activities and measures to reduce the severity and impact of bushfires. More information on the strategy can be found on page 6.

Feedback on the draft Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP) will be heard this September after the community was invited to give its feedback on the draft plan earlier this year. The GWMP will be finalised for Council's consideration and adoption at the Council meeting in October.

Council has been successful in obtaining \$425,000 of road funding to complete two projects in the 2019/20 financial year as part of the Federal Government's Black Spot Program, which aims to reduce the risk of crashes occurring through funding safety measures. The program targets road locations where crashes are occurring and implements safety measures such as traffic signals and roundabouts at dangerous locations.

The funding will implement safety measures at certain points along Arthurs Creek Road and Deep Creek Road and Cottles Bridge-Strathewen Road. It's anticipated work will start early next year.

Plans are well underway for exciting new playspace in Diamond Creek after Council was successful in obtaining \$2.5 million through the State Government's Growing Suburbs Fund. You can stay informed on the progress of this exciting project at [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/DCRP](https://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/DCRP)

I thank the members of our community for their enthusiastic feedback and Council support on all that's been delivered so far this year and I look forward to a busy and successful end to 2019.

Cr Karen Egan  
Mayor Nillumbik Shire Council

## Inspiration for sustainable homes

Are you thinking about solar, batteries or efficient hot water? Renovating or building and looking for environmentally friendly options? Are you looking to go off gas to create an all-electric home? Maybe you want to lower your energy or water bills?

Council has teamed up with Clean Energy Nillumbik and Renew to bring you two great events where you can get information, inspiration and advice.

1. Join the trail around Nillumbik on **Sustainable House Day** on September 15 to see how other homeowners have made their homes more sustainable, comfortable and cheaper to run. Register at [sustainablehouseday.com](http://sustainablehouseday.com)
2. Get free advice from the experts in energy efficient products, green architects, solar, green roofs, and sustainable building when you **Speed Date a Sustainability Expert** on: Sunday 13 October from 2pm-4pm at Edendale Community Environment Farm. Book your consultation times at [sdse.ata.org.au](http://sdse.ata.org.au)

More information at [cleanenergynillumbik.org.au](http://cleanenergynillumbik.org.au)

## Spring Outdoors

Spring is a great time to get outside and enjoy nature.



Look out for the Spring Outdoors brochure and visit Council's website and social media for regular event updates about the 50+ environmental events and activities taking place during Spring.

The annual Eltham Copper Butterfly larvae count is happening throughout October at various bushland reserves in Eltham. You will learn about the ecology of the Eltham Copper Butterfly and work in groups searching bushes to record caterpillar numbers and locations.

Cost: free. Bookings are required. Contact Nicole Drever, Environmental Works Officer 9433 3202 or [Nicole.Drever@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:Nicole.Drever@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

## Solar Savers

Council recognises that householders are interested in solar energy though upfront costs and the complexities of solar can discourage people from following through with installation.

Residents are now able to access affordable, high quality solar systems through the new Local Government Solar Savers bulk-buy program.

The Solar Savers program uses reliable installers to provide residents with a high-end system at an affordable rate. It also helps pensioners and low income households to avoid prohibitive upfront costs by providing access to

a low interest rate loan. Joining the program and installing solar panels will reduce your home's energy bills and environmental impact while providing protection against future electricity price rises.

Find out how you can reduce your cost of living by installing solar energy at [solarsavers.org.au](http://solarsavers.org.au)



Helpful volunteers join the fun on National Tree Day

## National Tree Day

National Tree Day is Australia's largest community planting celebrated in the last weekend of July each year.

On Sunday 28 July, the Nillumbik community, in partnership with Council, planted at Challenger Street Wetlands and with the Friends of Watery Gully at Peppers Paddock. Around 1300 indigenous trees, shrubs and grasses

were planted. This revegetation of the reserves helps improve water quality and canopy cover, provide habitat for native insects, birds and wildlife and engage the community in improving the local environment.

## A TREEmendous time to be outside!

Council has kicked off its 2019 tree planting program, planting more than 170 trees in nine streets and several parks across the Shire.

In 2018, several of the plane trees in the Eltham Avenue of Honour, on Main Road, had to be removed due to their declining health. Those trees were replaced in this year's planting program to ensure the Avenue of Honour, which dates back 102 years, to 1917, lives on for many years.

Tree planting is essential in maintaining Nillumbik as the Green Wedge Shire. Street trees make a huge difference to our urban areas. As the trees grow, they will help cool our streets and parks while providing wildlife with food and a place to hang out.



Christopher Ward, Ian Johnstone and Jacqui Ward at the Edendale Community Environment Farm

## Sensory friendly holiday fun

Children with autism and sensory processing disorder can explore Edendale Community Environment Farm through sensory-friendly tours during the September, January and April school holidays.

Sponsored by Eltham Paediatrics, the sensory friendly 45-minute tours are led by a farmer and allow children and young people to learn about the farm and seasonal activities, feeding the chickens and interacting with other animals in a sensory friendly and supported way.

Local paediatrician Dr Christopher Ward said the tours employed a range of strategies to support children and young people with autism and sensory issues, such as smaller group sizes, a flexible approach and reduced stimulation.

"Eltham Paediatrics is delighted to be able to support young people in our local community this way," Dr Ward said.

Community Services Chair Councillor Grant Brooker said the tours were a wonderful outing at a popular venue for children who

often found themselves excluded from these activities.

"It's great that children can learn about animals and the environment in this setting," Cr Brooker said.

Eltham Paediatrics is a local medical practice with roots in the community.

The cost is \$8 for young people going on the tour. Parents and carers go free. Booking is essential.

For more information, or to book, go to [edendale.vic.gov.au/Visit-Edendale/What-to-do/School-holiday-activities](http://edendale.vic.gov.au/Visit-Edendale/What-to-do/School-holiday-activities)



## New kiosk at Edendale Farm

There's a whole latte perks for visitors to the Shire's favourite farm, with Café Eden now operating from a brand-new kiosk.

Café Eden owner Ben Clark (of the Ten Tenors fame) and mum Glenda moved in to their new base in June after operating out of a food van on the site for the past seven years.

The new-look kiosk with its multi-purpose shelter and amenities block means the 100,000 plus visitors to the farm each year can have a place to relax and enjoy refreshments.

Mayor Karen Egan said the upgrades boosted the farm's capacity to host visitors through all weather conditions.

"It's a wonderful community asset which will be well used especially with the spike in the number of visitors to the farm," Cr Egan said.

Glenda loves their new base they are leasing from the Council and said firm favourites were cakes, scones, and raspberry and coconut slices which many men got nostalgic about and remarked it reminded them of mum's home cooking.

"We are also getting a lot of visitors from the Eltham North Adventure Playground, especially over the weekend," Glenda said.

## UPDATE

### Green Wedge Management Plan

**Nillumbik's Draft Green Wedge Management Plan 2019 (GWMP) was formally endorsed for public consultation at the Council Meeting in June 2019.**

The community was invited to give its feedback on the draft Plan between Monday 1 July and Sunday 11 August 2019.

Information sessions for the public to talk through the draft Plan and to promote the feedback timeframes were held in July 2019.

#### Next Steps

- A Future Nillumbik Committee meeting to consider community feedback is being held on 10 September 2019.
- All community members have an opportunity to speak to their submission at this meeting. To register to speak, you will need to complete the online form at [nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au) or call 9433 3271 by 5pm on Tuesday, 3 September 2019.
- Following the Future Nillumbik Meeting, the summary will be made available to the community.
- Council will consider all submissions received and will use the feedback to inform the development of the final Green Wedge Management Plan.
- The final Green Wedge Management Plan will be presented to Council for endorsement in October 2019.

You can access information and key dates and register to keep up to date with the project at [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp](http://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp) via email [gwmp@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:gwmp@nillumbik.vic.gov.au) or call 9433 3134.

## Get ready for bushfires, it's easier than you think

The 4 simple steps are:



1. Discuss



2. Prepare



3. Know



4. Keep

Visit our website to learn more  
[nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

## Children's Week

National Children's Week will be held in October and it is an opportunity to celebrate the talents, skills, achievements and rights of children.

In recognition of this, a 'Family Fun Day in the Park' will be held on Wednesday 23 October that will provide children an opportunity to explore new experiences and activities, promote health and wellbeing and encourage parental engagement in their child's learning

A highlight of this event will be a 12-minute ride on a miniature railway. We hope to see you there!

'Family Fun Day in the Park'

**Date:** Wednesday 23 October 2019  
**Time:** 10am-2pm  
**Venue:** Eltham Lower Park  
570 Main Road, Eltham

Activity is suitable for 0-6 year olds and is free to children and families.

For further information, please email:  
[Family.Services@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:Family.Services@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

## Council adopts first Bushfire Mitigation Strategy

Council adopted its first Bushfire Mitigation Strategy at its July Council meeting on 30 July 2019.

The strategy helps support Council's commitment to adopt a best practice approach to emergency and bushfire management. Significant public consultation has seen the establishment of four strategy priorities and four operating principles.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	OPERATING PRINCIPLES
Reduce the number and impact of bushfire incidents	Protection of human life
Creating a community focused approach to bushfire	Balancing bushfire risk mitigation with environment protection
Creating a coordinated approach between key agencies and the communities of Nillumbik	Shared responsibility, shared obligation and strong community connection
Ensuring strong advocacy	Reducing, managing and modifying fuels

The strategy guides the next steps in minimising the threat and impacts of bushfire in an area with significant bushfire history. It aims to achieve consistent and effective bushfire risk mitigation planning and practices through community engagement and a commitment to agency collaboration.

This includes knowledge-sharing, and an increase in proactive bushfire related learning and behaviour change.

The strategy will emphasise that bushfire mitigation is a shared responsibility and shared obligation between Council, the community, businesses, agencies, non-government organisations, and other levels of government.

The strategy and its supporting actions are based upon a common understanding of bushfire risk across the landscape and determine appropriate management strategies and actions to reduce the risk.



Diamond Creek PS Walk to School with Mayor Karen Egan

## Nillumbik primary school students get set for Walk to School Day

October is Walk to School month! Alongside VicHealth, Council encourages children and families to build healthy habits by walking, riding or scooting to school.

Local primary schools will be hosting active events during October, and students can go into the draw to win a Rebel Sports voucher by telling us what they enjoy about walking, riding or scooting to school!

For more information visit [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/active-transport](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/active-transport) or contact Iwona Trickett at 9433 3148 or [walktoschool@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:walktoschool@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)



Members of the Eltham Men's Shed and their conversation-starting orange wigs

## Talking the talk

In between sawing and carving wood, members are building something else at the Eltham Men's Shed.

From the familiar comfort of a workshop filled with tools and sawdust, a quiet revolution may be brewing. New friendships founded on real conversations about feelings, thoughts, and life stories are encouraging men to share and reflect on the effects of anger, fear and love in their lives.

And it all started with silly-looking orange wigs – of course!

In 2018, Eltham Men's Shed received a small grant from Nillumbik Shire Council as part of 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence – a global campaign promoting gender equality and preventing violence against women. Supporters of the cause often sport orange, so the men at the Shed decided to do the same. On a busy weekend in November, about a dozen Men's Shed members braved Eltham's Main Street, sporting bright orange curly wigs. Using the attention generated by their unusual hairstyles as an opportunity, their goal was to start conversations with other men, discussing issues related to gender equality and gender-based violence.

The project was a resounding success, and inspired Eltham Men's Shed president Jim Gundrum and fellow member Tony Webb to explore ways of continuing these important conversations after the wigs came off. Jim and Tony set about organising fortnightly meetings where men are encouraged to share and explore how their feelings and experiences influence their thoughts and behaviour. The conversation is conducted in a circle of trust and topics range from health problems and childhood issues to building better relationships with partners, children and friends.

"Once we men find a safe space where we can take down our barriers and share the parts of our lives that really mean something to us, we tend to open up more to family members and friends. We also tend to be more aware of our behaviour and how it affects others. There's a ripple effect," Jim said.

Elements of this work in Eltham have already been taken up by the Diamond Creek Men's Shed. Discussions about extending this to St Andrews Men's Shed are underway – with the aim being to implement it at all the Men's Sheds across the shire. The next stage will be developing mentoring skills and safety protocols so men can share their life skills by mentoring younger men, teenagers and those with disability.

Mayor Karen Egan said the grant used to buy orange wigs was money very well spent.

"So much good has come from this. Let's hope our men continue to share their life experiences and flourish," Cr Egan said. "It looks like there is a quiet revolution going on in our shire, one that has potential to benefit men, their families and the whole community."

This October, Jim hopes there'll be a huge group of men in orange wigs beating a path down Eltham's Main Street. So if you see them, have a chat and find out more about how a little conversation can make a big difference.

For more information about the shed and its activities please contact Eltham Men's Shed on 0490 208 243.



## 16 Days of Activism

Council is offering grants of up to \$500 for community led projects in an effort to put an end to violence against women as part of the upcoming 16 Days of Activism campaign.

The campaign starts on 25 November to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and ends on International Human Rights Day on 10 December.

Council is committed to promoting gender equality and preventing violence against women.

Last year, seven recipients from across the Shire were awarded grants to run projects.

Organisations interested in applying for a grant can do so by visiting: [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/16daysofactivism](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/16daysofactivism) Applications close on 20 September!

16 Days of Activism events will take place from 25 November to 10 December – keep an eye out on Council's Facebook and website for more information.

## Community Transport

**Need to get to an appointment or do some shopping?**

Operating on weekdays (subject to availability), our community transport service enables eligible residents to access appointment, shops, social/community groups etc.

If you are over 65 please contact My Aged Care on 1800 200 422 or [myagedcare.gov.au](http://myagedcare.gov.au) and if you are under 65 please contact Council on 9433 3384.

# Living & Learning Nillumbik

Returning to study or looking for a new career? At Living & Learning Nillumbik we have a team of highly professional trainers who have extensive industry experience.

We specialise in face-to-face learning in small groups in a supportive, inclusive and flexible learning environment with genuine connections to industry which ensures that our graduates are job ready and highly sought after.

We work with each individual to make sure you have the best possible experience and best possible outcome.

As a result Living & Learning Nillumbik is the preferred choice for students who would like to pursue a career in the Early Childhood Education, the Home and Community Care industries or become a recognised Trainer and Assessor.

Qualification courses commencing in 2020 include:

- Certificate IV in Training and Assessment TAE40116
- Certificate III in Individual Support (Ageing, Home and Community) CHC33015
- Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care CHC30113
- Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care CHC50113

For details of each course, go to [livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)

Government funded places are available for eligible learners, provided with Victorian and Commonwealth Government funding.

Find out more about these courses, our facilities and trainers at these two events:

## Qualification Courses Information Session

**Tuesday 22 October**  
7pm-9pm  
Living & Learning Nillumbik  
Eltham centre  
739 Main Road, Eltham

To register, call 9433 3744 or contact us at [info.livinglearning@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:info.livinglearning@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

RTO no. 3989

## Early Childhood Education and Care Open Day

This is a great way see first-hand what studying with us is like. You will see the beautiful training environment and the current students in action as they facilitate a children's program as part of their studies. Current students will be available to share their experiences as students and our trainers and the course co-ordinator will be able to answer your questions.

**Friday 25 October**  
10.30am-1pm  
Edendale Community  
Environment Farm,  
30 Gastons Road, Eltham

Registrations essential: 9433 3744 or [info.livinglearning@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:info.livinglearning@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

*"The qualified trainers are so warm and welcoming. Our class only has 12 students which allows a more intimate connection with our trainers and classmates."*

*The location and the environment in which we learn in is so peaceful and beautiful, coming to learn is a pleasure. Everybody here has so much energy and passion being here, because they want to be here. I am excited for a wonderful year ahead"*

– Certificate III student, Emily

## Enrolments for Term 4 short courses and activities open on Monday 2 September.

Go to our easy to navigate website for course details and enrol online or contact us on 9433 3744.

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



Discover the range of work created by our artists and makers at this vibrant and diverse exhibition.

You'll see works in a wide range of media – glass, textiles, paint, pencil, ceramics, paper and more.

Keep any eye out for Gallery Gigs and Pop-up Shops throughout the exhibition and vote for the People's Choice and Encouragement Awards.

**Exhibition dates:**  
**Thursday 31 October –**  
**Monday 2 December**  
Eltham Library Community  
Gallery, Panther Place Eltham



**If you love unique, hand-crafted wares that are designed and created with love, and like to meet the people who made them, then these curated markets are for you!**

You'll find something for yourself, your home, your friends and family.

## On the Hill Festival Makers Market

**Sunday 27 October**  
11am-4pm  
18 Bishops Road, Pantom Hill  
(opposite the oval)

## Christmas Makers Market

**Sunday 24 November**  
10am-4pm

739 Main Road, Eltham

*Our Makers Markets are plastic bag free events.*



Anthony Hamdorf (Archaeologist – Heritage Insight), Ian Edmondson (Archaeologist – Heritage Insight), Tony Garvey (Wurundjeri Cultural Heritage Officer), Paul Challis O'Shea (Archaeologist – Heritage Insight) Front – Thane Gannaway (Wurundjeri Cultural Heritage Officer)

## Work progresses on Diamond Creek Trail Extension

Artefacts were found along the Diamond Creek Trail extension in Hurstbridge as part of cultural significance works carried out to ensure Aboriginal culture is protected before construction begins.

Council engaged archaeologists from Heritage Insight to develop a Cultural Heritage Management Plan for the trail extension.

They worked with the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation to assess archaeological and cultural significance and ensure the

cultural values of the Wurundjeri people are protected and reflected in the design and construction.

We expect to receive the plan in late 2019 and will review and implement outlined recommendations before work begins on Stage 1 of the extension, which covers Diamond Creek to Wattle Glen.



Diamond Valley Basketball Association Acting Manager, Jonathan Goodman and Cr Grant Brooker

## New lift a win for community

A lift has been installed at the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre. The lift enables people with disability, older people, those who are injured and others who can't use stairs easier access to all areas at the centre. The lift is a first of a series of works to ensure the centre becomes a fit-for-purpose and accessible facility.

## Dementia Awareness Month

Australians are encouraged to get involved in Dementia Awareness Month during September to help improve the lives of people living with dementia, their families and carers.

Council is hosting two free information sessions on this important topic:

### Worried about your memory?

**Tuesday 3 September**  
11.30am-1pm  
Hurstbridge Community Hub

### Understanding Dementia

**Wednesday 11 September**  
11.30am-1pm  
Diamond Creek  
Living & Learning Centre

Bookings are essential – contact Council on 9433 3345.

These sessions will be hosted by facilitators with specialist knowledge, skills and experience. Topics covered include common changes to memory that may occur with ageing, strategies for improving memory, when to seek help about your concerns, and services provided by Dementia Australia.

Visit [dementiafriendly.org.au](http://dementiafriendly.org.au) for further information.

## Water wellness

**A water movement is sweeping our Shire. Are you ready to take on the challenge?**

A local water movement is happening across our Shire to increase people's consumption of water and other healthy drink options for 30 days. There are so many different ways to get involved that require little effort but make a huge difference. We will be hitting the pavements in the coming weeks to get people involved, so look out for us! This program is a key action in promoting healthy eating and sustainable food within the Nillumbik Health and Wellbeing Plan 2017-2021.

If you want to know more, contact Keera Weise at [keera.weise@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:keera.weise@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

# Community Bus Hire

Do you need transport for your community groups?

Did you know Council has three mini buses available for hire by community groups that are fully accessible? Priority is given to not-for-profit organisations operating within Nillumbik Shire.

For more information please call Community Transport 9433 3723 or visit [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Living-in/Transport/Bus-hire](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Living-in/Transport/Bus-hire)



# Giving back to the community

Council's transport service has great opportunities available for people who would like to volunteer their time to support older people in the community.

Drivers are needed to drive either their own vehicle (reimbursed for mileage) or a community bus (only requires a car licence) to provide older people access to appointments, shops or social groups.

For more details call 9433 3723. [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/DrivingandTransport](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/DrivingandTransport)

# It's Pet Expo time

The annual Nillumbik Pet Expo will be held at Marngrook Oval, Diamond Creek on Sunday 20 October, 10am-3.30pm.

This fun day out includes displays, advice, training, microchip checks, a kids' zone, and much more. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for 'pupdates' ahead of the expo.

[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Events/2019-Pet-Expo](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Events/2019-Pet-Expo)



Diamond Creek Regional Playspace – Tram community group

# All aboard for the new Diamond Creek Regional Playspace

Plans are on track for the creation of an exciting new playspace in Diamond Creek after Council was successful in obtaining \$2.5 million in State Government funding.

Set in a natural parkland environment, this fantastic nature-themed playspace will provide a variety of play experiences for all ages and all abilities, including hands-on nature play, open spaces for running around and having picnics, and an area for digital play activities. It will be situated on the old pony club site – near Marngrook Oval, Diamond Creek Bowls Club and off-leash dog-park – and will be easily accessed from the Diamond Creek Trail.

Another feature of the precinct will be a historic W-class Melbourne tram; one of 134 that the State Government made available to community groups. There were 1500 applications received, with a joint submission by Diamond Creek CFA member Joshua Allen, Diamond Creek Rotary Club member Kerry Jones and Diamond Creek Men's Shed member Leigh Marshall, being ranked number one.

In just a few short months, the Diamond Creek Tram Project has generated a huge amount of community interest and support. The tram is currently being lovingly restored and refurbished thanks to volunteers from the Rotary Club and the community. It will also benefit from

generous in-kind support from a number of local tradespeople and donations from businesses including a solar system, plumbing and building supplies.

Once in place the tram will operate as a community-run coffee shop, creating a unique destination in the new playspace. It will be overseen by the Diamond Creek Rotary Club and made available to local community groups for their fundraising.

Over five weeks in June and July, the community contributed hundreds of ideas for the playspace via our website and through pop-up consultation sessions. Local school students also shared their wishes for the playspace through drawings and conversations.

All the ideas will be provided to the playspace designers to help to shape the draft designs, which will then be shared with the community for feedback later this year.

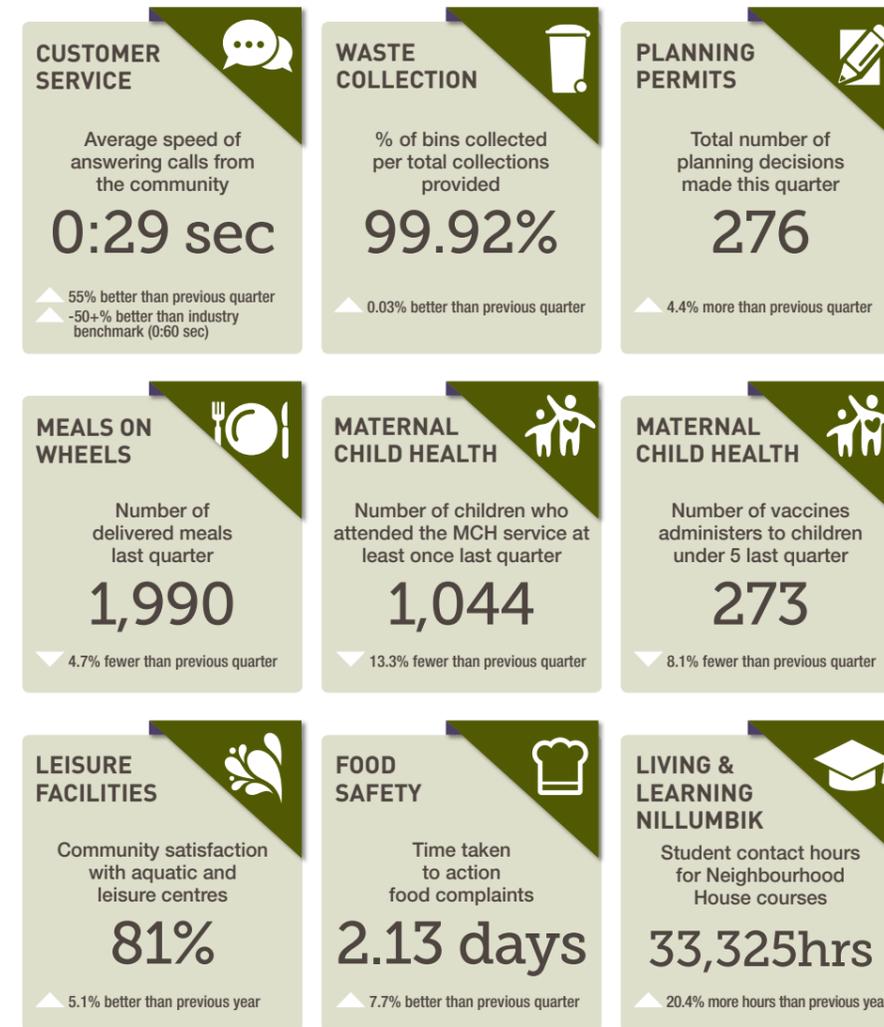
You can stay informed on the progress of this exciting project at: [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/dcrp](http://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/dcrp)

*The Diamond Creek Regional Playspace is supported by the Victorian Government through the Growing Suburbs Fund.*

# Service dashboard

Nillumbik Shire Council is committed to transparent reporting and accountability to the community. In support of this commitment, Nillumbik News includes a service dashboard to indicate performance across a range of key council services.

The Nillumbik Annual Community Survey results continue to reinforce that residents rank core service delivery as important. The key service indicators on this dashboard provide a comparison between current and previous performance.



## Service improvement highlight

Over the last quarter, requests for Building Information Certificate (Reg. 51(1) of the Building Regulations 2018) and Property Information Certificate (Reg. 51(1) of the Building Regulations 2018) are now lodged and issued electronically via Council's website.

Every year Council receives around 900 requests for Building Information Certificates or Property Information Certificates. Respectively, these are requests to Council for:

- information regarding details of any building approvals over the previous 10 years (including any current enforcement that relates to the land)
- information regarding certain threats to the land or Melbourne Water assets (e.g. termite infestation, flooding) that are usually used by building designers and building surveyors as part of the design and approval process for new building works.

The digitisation of these requests means that our customers have a more convenient option to make applications online, with responses now generally provided to the customer's nominated email address within 5 business days.

# Maternal and Child Health Updates

## Immunisation dates

To ensure your child is up to date with vaccinations, please visit: [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Immunisations](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Immunisations)

## What do we do?

The maternal and child health service is staffed by maternal and child health nurses who provide support for families with young children in Nillumbik. All nurses have qualifications in general nursing, midwifery and maternal and child health. After the birth of your child a nurse will call to arrange

to visit you and your baby in your home. After this visit, parents are invited to attend the nearest maternal and child health centre, or the centre of your choice. This is a free service.

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

## How do I book my appointment?

To arrange you Key Age Stage (KAS) visit, reschedule or cancel your appointment please contact our MCH Business Support Officer on 9433 3368 or email [mch@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:mch@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

## Do you need additional support?

Did you know we offer a breastfeeding support service, new parents group, baby settling and an in-home mentoring program?

To find out more information and how to booking into one of our services, please contact 9433 3368 or email [mch@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:mch@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

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

## YOUR COUNCILLORS



Mayor Councillor Karen Egan  
Bunjil Ward

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I'm very excited to see two new businesses opening up within Bunjil. In Hurstbridge, we've welcomed Black Vice Café and Roastery and Amore Beauty and Laser to our community. I hope you will continue to support our local businesses to ensure that our local economy remains strong and we continue to create more local jobs.

Council has been successful in obtaining two road black spot grants through the federal government.

For Bunjil, we will have new flashing school zone signs outside Arthurs Creek Primary School which will mean during school times, the signs will illuminate and change to 40, and outside these times will revert back to the standard 60 speed signage.

I also want to thank everyone who has contributed or had their say towards the Bushfire Mitigation Strategy. I look forward to Council, other government departments and the community working together to ensure we are as best prepared as possible ahead of the upcoming fire season.



Deputy Mayor Councillor Bruce Ranken  
Swipers Gully Ward

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We welcomed the completion of the Research Park Pavilion – a project that was a long time coming. This excellent facility includes female-friendly change rooms to accommodate the growing number of women and girls using Research Park.

As Social Infrastructure portfolio chair, I'm delighted to see works at Marngrook Oval progressing and look forward to the completion of Eltham North Pavilion in November – great news for the Scouts, cricket and soccer clubs.

With our third budget delivered, we are very much on our way to reducing our debt and increasing the community's assets. As a responsible council, we have made savings along the way while improving our customer experience.

Heading into spring, festival season is coming up. Be sure to join us at the Diamond Creek Rotary Festival in September and the Rotary Eltham Festival in November.

## VEC Ward Update

Nillumbik Shire Council welcomes the decision by the Victorian Electoral Commission to maintain the current single councillor ward structure in the Shire.

Earlier this year, VEC made a recommendation to the Minister for Local Government that Nillumbik Shire Council

continues with the current ward make up of seven wards and seven councillors.

The decision comes after a significant review by the VEC which sought submissions and comment from the public both online and through public hearings.



Councillor Grant Brooker  
Blue Lake Ward

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The new lift at the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre marks the start of a series of works that will be carried out to ensure the centre becomes a fit-for-purpose and accessible facility.

2018/19 has seen a number of substantial investments at Yarrambat War Memorial Park ranging from new floodlights and fixing long standing drainage problems to installing a new grass nets training facility for cricket – the first of its type in the North East.

Eltham Woodworkers opened their extension to accommodate growing membership. In total this represents more than \$700,000 of upgrades.

Shade cloth has been installed at the playground at Civic Drive, with the trees becoming more established at the passive recreation area by the library. Seniors should check Council's website for a number of events in October for Seniors Month around broad themes of participation, inclusion and positive ageing.



Councillor John Dumaresq  
Edendale Ward

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You may have noticed some improvement works throughout the Edendale ward during winter, including trail improvements below the Eltham Trestle Rail Bridge. This included replacing the retaining wall and levelling the path.

In July, a new footpath was installed along Old Diamond Creek Road between Jacaranda Drive and Diamond Creek Road, and the street tree planting program kicked off around David Hockney Drive in Diamond Creek and Parry Road in Eltham North.

Work is also under way to construct two new sheds at the Eltham Men's Shed site, which is an exciting development for this growing group.

In a great win for Edendale Ward and for our community, at the July Ordinary Council Meeting, a majority of councillors voted to continue to support Edendale Community Environment Farm in its current structure and to prioritise community consultation on this much-loved Eltham asset going forward.



Councillor Peter Perkins  
Ellis Ward

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Local works recently completed include sealing of Allendale Road from Aqueduct Trail to Ingrams Road, renewed footpaths in Broadgully and Grassy Flat Roads, maintenance works on Lambert Street and Cowin Streets, streetscape and pedestrian improvements in Station Street and guardrail/safety measures for rural parts of Broadgully Road.

Diamond Creek trail sections near the netball courts and Allendale Road have been upgraded thanks to Parkrun and three fitness pods installed courtesy of Diamond Valley Lions. November should see Marngrook Oval pavilion complete and commencement of the Diamond Creek netball pavilion works programmed to be finished late 2020. New floodlights at both facilities are working well.

The design and construction tendered for the new Diamond Creek Regional Playspace was advertised in August with design works commencing in October and building works commencing in January 2020. The should be finished by June 2020, complete with a W-Class tram thanks to Josh Allen, Rotary and their huge team of community contributors.



Councillor Jane Ashton  
Sugarloaf Ward

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Well, spring is in the air and the new Bushfire Mitigation Strategy has been adopted, so hopefully we are all preparing our properties and our fire plans for next fire season.

Arts and Culture grants have gone to programs in St Andrews, Panton Hill, Hurstbridge and Christmas Hills for community arts and poetry events.

The Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP) is due to be finalised shortly and will offer opportunities for us to all work together to maintain our beautiful countryside. The deer eradication program will soon be underway in Sugarloaf and we look forward to evaluating it over the next 12 months.

As Environment and Sustainability portfolio chair, I've been pleased to see the great community response to our small e-waste drop-off points in Hurstbridge, Eltham and Greensborough. This initiative is enabling valuable materials to be recycled and keeping hazardous substances out of landfill.



Councillor Peter Clarke  
Wingrove Ward

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Thanks to all who attended the Wingrove Ward community meeting recently.

The issues we covered included traffic congestion, graffiti removal, the Shire office site, bike paths, planning matters, the Eltham Lower Park review, rates, the Green Wedge Management Plan, the look and feel of Eltham, bike paths, Yarra Valley water sewer upgrade, stormwater improvements, bus shelters and footpaths.

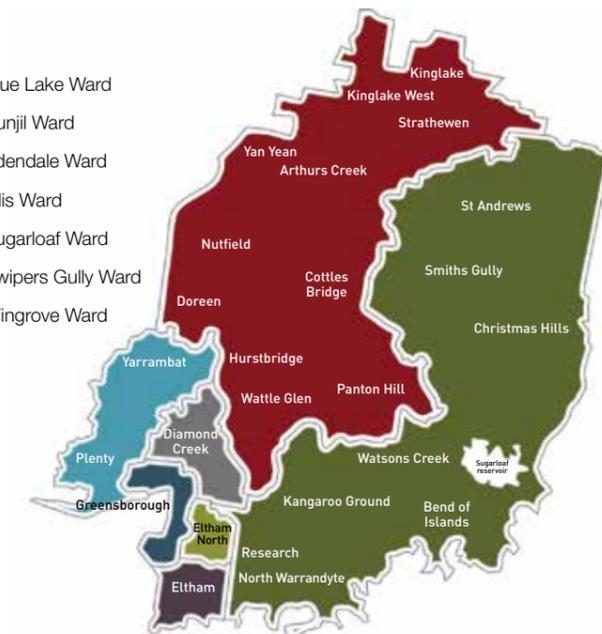
We took on new initiatives as a result of questions.

We are still meeting to discuss unsealed sections of local roads including View Hill Crescent, Rockcliffe Street, Fordhams Road and Jalna Court, amongst others.

Our new more flexible policy on the road design is certainly helping.

### 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

# What's on in September

## SPRING MARKETS

### Eltham Craft and Produce Market

Alistair Knox Park  
15 September  
20 October  
17 November  
8.30am–1pm

### Kinglake Produce and Artisan Market

Whittlesea-Kinglake Road  
Fourth Sunday of every month  
10am–2pm

### Hurstbridge Farmers' Market

Fergusons Paddock,  
Hurstbridge-Arthurs Creek Road  
First Sunday each month  
8am–1pm

### St Andrews Community Market

Corner Kangaroo Ground-  
St Andrews Road and  
Heidelberg-Kinglake Road,  
St Andrews  
Saturdays 9am–2pm

### Kingsbury Drive Community Market

Kingsbury Drive, Bundoora  
Sundays 9am–1pm

### Eltham Farmers' Market

Eltham Town Mall, Arthur Street  
Sundays 9am–1pm

### Living & Learning Nillumbik Makers Market Pantom Hill

Saturday 27 October  
18 Bishops Road, Pantom Hill

### Living & Learning Nillumbik Christmas Makers Market

Sunday 24 November  
739 Main Road, Eltham

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### All Shook Up

Thursday 19 September 7pm  
Friday 20 September 7pm  
Saturday 21 September 2pm and 7pm  
Eltham College

This year's Nillumbik Youth Productions' show is All Shook Up; an uplifting jukebox musical inspired by the storyline of Twelfth Night that features the greatest hits of Elvis Presley. The cast – comprised of young people in the community with a passion for the arts – has been rehearsing since February and is ready to rock Eltham College. The production is suitable for all ages.

TICKETS [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/all-shook-up](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/all-shook-up)

### Eltham Readings (the old Courthouse Poetry Readings)

19 September

NEW VENUE

Nillumbik Living & Learning, Eltham  
[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/readings](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/readings)

### Arts & Culture Annual Grant Projects, 2019-20

[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/artsandculturegrants](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/artsandculturegrants)  
Information available mid-September

### Nillumbik Open Studios Artists

26 September – 28 October 2019

### Eltham Library Community Gallery Exhibitions

Wood Works,  
Eltham & District Woodworkers  
Colours of Life, Margarita Lopez  
22 August – 23 September 2019

### Nillumbik Digital Agora Program

Showcases artworks and projects in public spaces at night.  
[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/digitalagora](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/digitalagora)

Hurstbridge	29 August – 1 September
Eltham	5 – 8 September
Diamond Creek	12 – 15 September
St Andrews	19 – 22 September

## BUSINESS

### Tax record keeping (GST)

Wednesday 11 September  
10am–12pm  
Nillumbik Shire Offices  
Civic Drive, Greensborough  
A free introductory workshop for small businesses who are GST registered to learn how to keep tax records to claim all entitled benefits.

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

### Small Business Bus

Thursday 19 September  
10am–4pm

Diamond Creek Mitre 10  
Free business mentoring sessions from the State Government's Small Business Mentoring Service.

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

## HEALTH/COMMUNITY

### Be Healthy & Active Session Understanding Dementia

Wednesday 11 September  
11.30am–12.30pm  
Peppercorn room, Diamond Creek Living & Learning Centre  
119 Cowin Street, Diamond Creek  
This session will explain dementia, its causes, signs and symptoms and how to reduce the risks.

BOOKINGS 9433 3345

### Diamond Creek Rotary Spring Town Fair

Saturday 14 September  
Diamond Creek  
The annual Diamond Creek Rotary Spring Town Fair will feature entertainment and activities, rides, craft stalls, food, novelty races, displays, presentations, the CFA tug-o-war and of course, the famous parade.

Dress up as your favourite movie character and join in the fun.

MORE INFORMATION  
[diamondcreektownfair.org.au](http://diamondcreektownfair.org.au)



The Brennan's are opening their home in St Andrews for Sustainable House Day

## Sustainable House Day

Sunday 15 September 10am–4pm  
Free or gold coin donation (depending on property)  
Throughout Nillumbik, Banyule and Manningham

See how others in Nillumbik have adapted their homes to make them more environmentally friendly, cheaper to run and more comfortable to live in.

REGISTER [sustainablehouseday.com](http://sustainablehouseday.com)

## ENVIRONMENT

### Spring Outdoors Program 2020

Regional program of environmental events by Nillumbik Shire Council and Banyule City Council. See below for a list of events

### Artist Tim Read's Recycled Bush Sculpture Trail

The first Saturday and Sunday of every month  
10am–4pm  
Free  
225 Catani Boulevard,  
Bend of Islands  
Wander in a bush setting at artist Tim Read's Sculpture Trail. Spend a few hours with the whole family.

### Detox your Home

7 September  
9am–1pm  
Free  
Epping  
Dispose of household chemicals  
REGISTER  
[sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](http://sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome)

### Home Composting

Sunday 8 September 2pm–4.30pm  
Free  
Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
An informative workshop on improving soils naturally through worm farming and composting.  
BOOKINGS [edendale.vic.gov.au](http://edendale.vic.gov.au)

### Backyard Chooks for Beginners

Saturday 14 September 2pm–4pm  
Free  
Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Learn the basics of backyard chicken keeping including bird selection, housing and care.  
BOOKINGS [edendale.vic.gov.au](http://edendale.vic.gov.au)

### Food Swap

Saturday 14 September  
Saturday 12 October  
10am–11am  
Free  
Diamond Valley Library  
Civic Drive, Greensborough  
Bring your excess garden produce and swap for other great produce.  
No bookings required

### Omaru Alpaca Open Farm Days

Sunday 15 September  
Sunday 20 October  
Sunday 17 November  
11am–3pm  
Adults \$10, Children \$5, Family \$20  
190 Hildebrand Road, Cottles Bridge  
No bookings required

### Organic Gardening for Beginners

Tuesday 17 September  
10am–3pm  
\$45  
Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
For the beginner organic gardener this workshop will assist you develop the skills and knowledge to start a thriving edible oasis at home.  
BOOKINGS [edendale.vic.gov.au](http://edendale.vic.gov.au)

### Indigenous Plant ID Workshop

Sunday 22 September  
10am–2pm  
Free  
St Andrews Hall,  
1 Proctor Street, St Andrews  
Find out about common indigenous plants found in Nillumbik and how to identify them using a few simple tips. Light lunch provided.  
BOOKINGS  
[indigenous-plant-id.eventbrite.com.au](http://indigenous-plant-id.eventbrite.com.au)

### Phascogales and Chainsaw Hollows Information Session

Sunday 29 September  
10.30am–12.30pm  
Free  
Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Chainsaw hollows craved in certain trees to provide homes for one of Victoria's most elusive and vulnerable marsupials, the Brush-tailed Phascogale.  
BOOKINGS  
[phascogales.eventbrite.com.au](http://phascogales.eventbrite.com.au)

# What's on in October

## COMMUNITY

### Safe Travel on Metro Trains

Thursday 3 October  
9am–1.30pm  
Free

Starting at Hurstbridge Community Hub, you will then be driven to the Hurstbridge Railway Station for a return trip on a Metro Train by authorised officers. Find out about Seniors Myki cards, Journey Planner and Traveller's Aid, accessibility options and safety features – the Safety Zone and brochures to assist with travel.

RSVP **Sunday 29 September**  
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 9433 3345

### Open Cellars Weekend

19 and 20 October  
Various participating wineries throughout Nillumbik

MORE INFORMATION [opencellars.com.au](http://opencellars.com.au)

### Eltham Mudbrick Tour

Sunday 20 October  
10am–4pm  
Fees apply

Nillumbik Shire is unique in its mudbrick architecture. Join in an hour or the whole day viewing classic Eltham mud brick houses.

MORE INFORMATION  
[elthammudbricktour.org](http://elthammudbricktour.org)

### Rob Roy Hill Climb 2019 – Interclub Challenge Round 3

Sunday 6 October  
Clintons Road, Christmas Hills

ENQUIRIES John Kelso 0417 398 606  
or [robroyhillclimb.com.au](http://robroyhillclimb.com.au)

### On the Hill Festival

Sunday 27 October  
10am–6pm  
Panton Hill

A popular day out with live music, fantastic food and a terrific line up of entertainment to suit the whole family.

MORE INFORMATION  
[facebook.com/OnTheHillFestivalPantonHill](https://facebook.com/OnTheHillFestivalPantonHill)



## Nillumbik Pet Expo

Sunday 20 October 10am–3.30pm  
Marngrook Oval, Diamond Creek

The Pet Expo is a fun-filled day for two- and four-legged visitors. This vibrant event celebrates our furry and feathered companions and includes displays and demonstrations, nutritional and grooming advice, obedience training, education and more. Central Animal Records will be on hand to ensure your pet's details are up-to-date with free microchip checks. There will also be a dedicated kids' zone with face painting and an inflatable animal kingdom obstacle challenge, jumping castle and animal run.

MORE INFORMATION [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Pet-Expo](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Pet-Expo)

## BUSINESS

### Small Business Bus

Thursday 7 October  
10am–4pm  
Diamond Creek Shopping Centre  
95 Main Hurstbridge Road,  
Diamond Creek

Business mentoring sessions from the State Government's Small Business Mentoring Service.

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

### Marketing your business: How to get it right, first time

Thursday 24 October  
6pm–8pm  
Nillumbik Shire Offices, Civic Drive,  
Greensborough

This interactive two-hour workshop will show you how to make your business stand out from the crowd by building your own marketing strategy.

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

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### Poetry@Chrissy Hills

Thursday 24 October

Featured readers:  
Anna Fern and Maurice Mcnamara  
[facebook.com/PoetryChrissyHills](https://facebook.com/PoetryChrissyHills)

## COMMUNITY HEALTH

### Be Healthy & Active Session Falls Prevention

Thursday 10 October 10.15am–11.15am  
Free  
Living & Learning Nillumbik Centre,  
18 Bishops Road, Panton Hill

One third of people over the age of 65 fall at least once per year, and half are in the home. Understand the reasons you may be suffering from falls and steps to reduce your risk of falling.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 9433 3345

### Be Healthy & Active Session Healthy Brain, Healthy Body

Monday 21 October 1pm–2pm  
Free  
Living & Learning Nillumbik Centre,  
739 Main Road, Eltham

Happy people live longer, have stronger immune systems and have improved coping skills. Learn how to experience happiness and satisfaction at any age.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL 9433 33455

### Run for the Furies

Sunday 27 October 8am–12noon  
Eltham North Adventure Playground,  
Wattletree Road, Eltham North

The Fun Run raises vital funds for the Research and Kangaroo Ground volunteer fire brigades.

MORE INFORMATION [runforthefuries.com/](http://runforthefuries.com/)

## ENVIRONMENT

### Spring Outdoors Program 2020

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### Eltham Copper Butterfly larvae counts

Throughout October  
7.30pm and 9.30pm  
Free

Various locations in Eltham and Greensborough

The annual evening caterpillar counts are on throughout October in bushland reserves in Eltham and Greensborough. Search the bushes to count and record their locations.

BOOKINGS  
Nicole.drever@nillumbik.vic.gov.au  
or 9433 3202

### Set Up and Maintain a Worm Farm

Saturday 12 October  
3pm–4pm  
Free

Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Learn how to set up and maintain a home worm farm.

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

### Gardening with the Plants of Nillumbik

Saturday 12 October  
10am–12pm  
\$10

Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Join local plant expert Fiona Cross and learn about the indigenous plants of Nillumbik.

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

### Indigenous Plant Propagation workshop

Saturday 12 October  
10am–12pm  
\$10

Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Find out how to select suitable cutting materials, what species grow from seed, collecting seed and storage, the propagation medium, techniques and care for growing seedlings.

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

### Speed Date a Sustainability Expert

Sunday 13 October  
2pm–4pm  
Free

Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Get free advice from the experts in energy efficient products, green architects, solar, green roofs, and sustainable building when you Speed Date a Sustainability Expert.

BOOKINGS  
Space is limited and you must register in advance. Go to [sdse.ata.org.au](http://sdse.ata.org.au) to see the available experts and register.

### Traditional Indigenous Burning Information Session

Sunday 13 October  
10am–12pm  
Free

Wadambuk  
St Andrews Community Centre,  
35 Caledonia Street,  
St Andrews

Join Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Dave Wandin to discover how traditional indigenous fire practices are being reintroduced into contemporary land management.

Note: This is an information session and no burning will take place.

BOOKINGS  
[traditional-burn-info.eventbrite.com.au](http://traditional-burn-info.eventbrite.com.au)

### Growing and Reintroducing Native Orchids

Thursday 17 October  
7pm–8.30pm  
Free

Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Nillumbik Shire is rich with native orchids. Learn about species you can grow and hear about the reintroduction of threatened orchids in the local bushland.

REGISTER  
[native-orchids.eventbrite.com.au](http://native-orchids.eventbrite.com.au)



### Vegetable Seedling Propagation

Thursday 17 October  
6.30pm–8.30pm  
\$10

Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Spring is the time to propagate vegetable and herb seedlings to ensure a bumper summer harvest. Come and learn how easy it is to grow your own vegetables from seed.

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

### Detox your Home

Saturday 19 October  
9am–3pm  
Free

Reservoir  
Dispose of household chemicals

REGISTER  
[sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](http://sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome)

### Home Composting

Saturday 19 October  
2pm–4.30pm  
Free

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Sunday 20 October  
10am–3pm  
\$45

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Part theory and hands-on, this workshop will help the beginner organic gardener develop the skills and knowledge to start a thriving edible oasis at home.

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

### Working bees at Yarramie Reserve

Sunday 20 October  
10am–12pm  
Free

Yarramie Reserve  
Thompson Crescent, Research  
Meet in the playground. Bring your own gloves, hat, boots, and rain gear and be prepared to weed, mulch and monitor nest box.

CONTACT  
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# What's on in November

## ENVIRONMENT

### Powerful Owl Information Session

Friday 8 November  
7pm–8.30pm  
Hurstbridge Hub  
Free

Owl specialists talk about the ecology and movement of this threatened species in the urban environment and ways you can help them survive now and for years to come. Light supper.

[MORE INFORMATION  
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/powerfulowl](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/powerfulowl)

### Set up and Maintain a Worm Farm

Saturday 9 November  
3pm–4pm  
Free

Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Learn how to set up and maintain a home worm farm – it's easier than you think.

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

### Introduction to Permaculture Two Day Course

Sunday 17 November and  
Sunday 24 November  
10am–4pm  
\$125

Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
A whole system approach to ecological planning and design for sustainable living.

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

### Home Composting

Saturday 23 November  
2pm–4.30pm  
Free

Edendale Community Environment Farm, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
An informative workshop on improving soils naturally through worm farming and composting.

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



Harry Zed HUGHES, *The Coronation of the Emperor Eolian*, (detail) 2017 oil on board

## Nillumbik Artists Open Studios

16–17 and 23–24 November

Discover artists from an array of artistic practices including painters, sculpturers, ceramicists, print makers, glass workers and photographers.

[MORE INFORMATION artistsopenstudios.com.au](http://artistsopenstudios.com.au)

## ARTS AND CULTURE

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#### Living & Learning Nillumbik

Until Monday 2 December 2019  
Eltham Library Community Gallery  
Panther Place, Eltham

Discover the range of work produced by Living & Learning Nillumbik artists and makers. Visual arts, ceramics, textiles, glass, crafts and more. Vote for the People's Choice and Encouragement Awards.

### Eltham Readings

(the old Courthouse Poetry Readings)

Thursday 21 November

NEW VENUE

Nillumbik Living & Learning, Eltham  
[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/readings](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/readings)

### Poetry@Chrissy Hills

28 November

Featured reader: Felix Nobis  
[facebook.com/PoetryChrissyHills](https://facebook.com/PoetryChrissyHills)

## COMMUNITY

### Rob Roy Hill Climb 2019 – 28th Historic & Classic Rob Roy

10 November  
Clintons Road, Christmas Hills

[ENQUIRIES John Kelso 0417 398 606 or  
robroyhillclimb.com.au](mailto:John.Kelso@rotroyhillclimb.com.au)

### Rotary Eltham Festival

Saturday 9 November 12pm–9.30pm  
Sunday 10 November 9am–5pm  
Eltham

The Rotary Eltham Festival has been run by the Rotary Club of Eltham, in partnership with the Shire of Nillumbik, for the past 18 years. Events get under way Saturday with children's music and entertainment, before an evening of family entertainment and the legendary fireworks. Sunday sees music, activities, displays and stalls throughout Alistair Knox Park, Panther Place and Eltham Oval.

[MORE INFORMATION  
elthamfestival.org.au](http://elthamfestival.org.au)

## WASTE & RECYCLING

# Keep recycling

As the recycling industry continues to face significant challenges, please continue your recycling efforts. We need to improve the quality of material being collected, and reduce the amount of non-recyclable content in yellow bins.

All three levels of government, as well as the private sector and community, are responsible for managing resources in a sustainable way. To achieve this, we need to reduce the amount of waste generated in the first place, improve recovery of resources and create more local end markets for recycled materials.

Residents can help by following the waste hierarchy – Avoid, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (in that order) – and buying recycled products. When it comes to recycling, revisit what can and can't go in each bin. If you're unsure, check our online A-Z recycling guide.

No one wants recycling to end up in landfill, however, as a result of recycling processor SKM's closure and limited capacity at other facilities, there's been no other option.

In the event that recycling is going to landfill, residents can choose to:

- separate paper and cardboard, and metals (cans, foil, pots, pans) and recycle them free of charge at Council's Recycling & Recovery Centre
- recycle soft plastics through REDcycle collection points at Coles/Woolworths

Nillumbik, along with other councils, is working with the state government's Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group (MWRRG) to find processing options for recycling and to support collaborative procurement of services to attract new investment in recycling in Victoria.

With more than half a billion dollars of unspent landfill levy income sitting in the Sustainability Fund, the Victorian Government has the means to both support councils in the short term and drive long-term meaningful change.

Some of this money is being used to investigate better sorting technology to improve the quality of recycled material; increase local processing capacity; research and develop end markets for recycled products; educate households and businesses about how to better manage waste, and develop a circular economy policy and action plan.

Council is urging the Victorian Government to fast-track and invest more in the initiatives already underway, as well as to:

- ensure existing recycling machinery continues to operate
- waive or refund the landfill levy and reimburse associated costs, when we have no choice but to send recycling to landfill
- introduce a container deposit scheme
- establish greater oversight of the recycling industry to improve transparency and accountability in delivering an essential community service

The Australian Government can also do more to reduce waste generation and strengthen the industry such as: introducing more mandatory product stewardship programs so products are recycled at the end of their life (such schemes already exist for mobile phones, TVs and some other items); restricting hard-to-recycle materials and packaging; certifying the use of recycled content, and requiring packaging to display the Australasian Recycling Label so people know what is and isn't recyclable.

Everyone has a role to play. With the right leadership, policy and investment along with improved consumer education and habits, we can fix and strengthen recycling in Victoria.

**LATEST**  
[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/recyclingupdate](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/recyclingupdate)

## Check what goes where

Nillumbik residents are some of Victoria's best recyclers, with 60–70 per cent of kerbside waste diverted from landfill, compared to the Victorian average of 45 per cent. But we can do better.

This year's audit shows:



## E-waste ban to landfill

If it's got a plug, battery or cord it's e-waste and must not be put in your normal household bins.

E-waste is full of valuable resources we can reuse, as well as some nasty materials that are bad for the environment.

**Recycle your e-waste free of charge**

**Recycling and Recovery Centre**  
290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty  
Open Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday  
Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays.

All e-waste recycled here. Charges apply for fridges, freezers and air conditioners.

**Small e-waste drop off points**

- Diamond Valley Library
- Eltham Library
- Hurstbridge Community Hub

Check venue opening hours



Only for recycling batteries, light globes/LEDs/CFLs, mobile phones and any e-waste item that is smaller than a laptop.

### Hard waste collection

All e-waste can be included in your annual hard waste collection

[MORE INFORMATION  
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/e-waste](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/e-waste)

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# See what capital works are happening in your area

Residents often ask what major projects are going on in their area.

So we had a look at our website and are pleased to announce you can now see what major capital works are going on in your area through the Council website. You will be able to see a quick snap shot of the project and any updates as the project progresses. Go to [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/My-neighbourhood](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/My-neighbourhood) to see what on it your area.

## Community Service Updates

In the last 10 months...



1,112kms were travelled to transport clients to access the community



6,248 individual meals have been delivered to clients by Delivered Meals program



Approximately 500 pre-school enrolments were processed



The Early Years Infrastructure Plan is well underway

In the last year...



We had 591 babies

3,874 vaccines administered to children under 5 years in Nillumbik



147 13 MakerSpaces with participants so far this year (total being 170 last year)

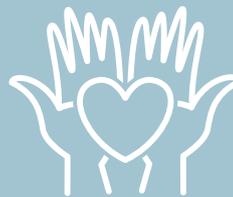


33 L2P has helped Learner drivers get their Probationary License

An average of 849 participants attended our three neighbourhood houses on a weekly basis



140 people enrolled in our nationally recognised qualification courses with an 88% completion rate (including Certificate III Early Childhood, Certificate III Individual Support, Diploma Early Childhood, Cert IV Training and Assessment and Diploma of Project Management).



Supported 500 volunteers across Council programs



Completed service reviews for:

- Maternal Child Health
- Living & Learning Nillumbik
- Youth and Community Partnerships

Over 30,000 people have stepped through the Hurstbridge Community Hub doors to participate in an event or function, in addition to the thousands who visited the Hub during the Wattle Festival

