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Green Wedge Management Plan update

A final Green Wedge Management Plan (GWMP) was expected to be considered by Council on November 26, as this edition of *Nillumbik News* was going to press.

To stay informed about the latest developments, you can visit participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/gwmp

The final plan follows an extensive community consultation process over the past 18 months, which provided a range of ways for people to get involved and share their views.

Council received 746 submissions in response to the draft GWMP during the six-week community consultation period from 1 July to 11 August 2019.

Council's Future Nillumbik Committee meeting considered the community feedback to the draft GWMP. The committee heard 80 verbal submissions across two nights on 10 and 11 September.

While there have been divergent views on how the green wedge should be managed, one thing is clear – our community is passionate about this unique landscape in which we live, work and visit.

Council appreciates everyone's feedback and has listened to what you have had to say. The submissions have been used to further shape the final plan.

We thank everyone who has participated in this review for sharing your ideas and knowledge.



Sue Penninger loves to take residents out in the community bus.

Ticket to ride

Our dedicated volunteers are hitting the road, transporting residents in need around the Shire.

Sue Penninger is driven to help others.

Ms Penninger is Nillumbik's newest Volunteer Community Transport Driver and loves taking the 10-seat community mini bus out on the road.

The community transport program provides a door-to-door transport service for people who are elderly, have a disability and/or require their carers to access the community. Passengers can use the service for social and community activities, shopping, medical and health-related appointments.

Ms Penninger is not at all daunted by driving the community bus.

"The bus is incredibly manoeuvrable and very responsive," she said. "And you are sitting very high up, the visibility is excellent,

it is not dissimilar to some of the large SUVs. It's really a lot of fun."

Ms Penninger said driving the bus could be very social. "I enjoy the banter with my passengers. And everyone has a good laugh," she said. "I also love driving the bus around this beautiful part of the world."

Council is looking for more Volunteer Community Transport Drivers. Volunteers are needed to drive either the community bus, or provide one-to-one transport where volunteers use their own car to transport passengers and are reimbursed for the kilometres travelled between the client's residence and their appointment.

If you would like to volunteer, email community.transport@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or phone 9433 3723.

International Women's Day

"An equal world is an enabled world."

The theme of International Women's Day (IWD) 2020 is #EachforEqual and encourages us to challenge stereotypes, fight bias, broaden our perceptions and celebrate women's achievements.

Council invites everyone to join IWD celebrations on Wednesday 4 March at Eltham Community and Reception Centre.

Running from 6pm-9.30pm, the function will include dinner, guest speakers, live entertainment by local female artists, a Women in Business marketplace,

networking opportunities, and a gift bag for each guest. This year's guest speaker will be celebrated Australian author Maxine Beneba.

Feminist action group The Violet Ferns, made up of students from Eltham High School, will also join the speaking panel. The group was recently awarded a grant as part of the 16 Days of Activism campaign for their installation *The Catwalk*, which put the spotlight on gender inequality as seen through the issue of catcalling.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/iwd

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Shire gets into the Christmas spirit

Christmas is almost here and communities across the Shire are enjoying the festive fun.

We have been working in partnership with traders in Diamond Creek, Eltham and Hurstbridge to bring Christmas cheer to the streets.

In Eltham, activities will include a Christmas children's pantomime, Christmas carols and musical performances in the rotunda.

The annual Eltham Town Christmas Twilight Market will be on Thursday 12 December from 4pm.

In Diamond Creek, check out the decorations around town and pride of place on the bridge, and spot the large Christmas tree on the shipping container Cube Z.

On Saturday 15 December, 10am-1pm, festive fun in the town will include a visit from Santa in the CFA truck, Christmas

face painting, and entertainers and musicians roving the streets.

Hurstbridge will feature bespoke Christmas decorations by local artisans and crafters. Pride of place in Anzac Park will be a Christmas tree with an image, *Honey Eaters and Bottlebrush*, by Nillumbik artist Kate Hudson, and a handmade star on top by artist Gay Chatfield.

The Hurstbridge Twilight Market is on Friday 13 December, 3.30pm-8pm while the Hurstbridge Makers Market is on Saturday 14 December, 9am-1pm, with the popular wreath-making workshop and fun activities for the kids.

For more details about Christmas events in the Shire go to nillumbik.vic.gov.au/events



Tales of success

Congratulations to our Community Support Services team who have won a major award for their Tech, Tea and Tales program.

Tech, Tea and Tales took out the Outstanding Program or Project (grant based) award at the LGPro (Local Government Professionals) Active

Ageing & Wellbeing Awards at the Arts Centre in September.

As part of the program, young jobseekers helped older people learn to use technology to connect with family, friends and their interests. The program at the St Andrews Community Centre was funded through a grant from the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal.



from the Mayor

Welcome to the summer edition of *Nillumbik News*.

I am very honoured to have been elected Mayor for a second term, alongside new Deputy Mayor Peter Clarke. I have been proud to represent the people of this Shire as Mayor over the past year, particularly as the first rural ward Mayor. I look forward to working with Cr Clarke and the other Councillors over coming 12 months.

The past quarter has seen many achievements across the Shire. I was pleased to deliver on our promise to introduce the Prohibition of Fireworks Local Law on private rural properties, protecting livestock, pets and wildlife while helping prevent the threat of bushfire.

It was great to be at the launch of the solar system at the Community Bank Stadium in Diamond Creek. This project is not only important in helping us reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, but as the stadium acts as a community emergency relief centre, it will help provide our rural residents a safe place to shelter during an emergency such as bushfire. I hope to see more of these systems in Council facilities in the not too distant future.

Recycling has been a hot topic, and it's a relief our recyclable materials are being processed again instead of going to landfill. But I should point out that bagged soft plastics are no longer accepted in our yellow bins.

A highlight of our arts program was the Digital Agora projection art project. It was wonderful to see four of our townships up in lights, bringing the arts to the streets of our Shire.

Next month, I'm looking forward to honouring some of our most outstanding community members at the 2020 Nillumbik Australia Day Awards.

I would like to congratulate our Community Services Team, who won the Most Outstanding Program or Project award the LGPro Active Ageing & Wellbeing Awards in September for their Tech, Tea and Tales program.

I wish you a happy and safe Christmas and look forward to a successful 2020.

Cr Karen Egan
Mayor Nillumbik Shire Council

Early Years Planning

Council's Early Years is about to start working with township groups and individual services to develop a 10 to 15-year infrastructure plan.

This will be the final phase after two years of research and consultation with families, services and the community in understanding our current infrastructure and community needs and what we need to plan for in the future, particularly given the implementation of funded three-year-old kindergarten from 2022.

Council is committed to developing a plan that will enable the delivery of early years education and care services from facilities that align with government policy, contemporary practice and the needs of the community.

NILLUMBIK PRIZE CONTEMPORARY WRITING 2020

Entries closing

Entries for the 2020 Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Writing close on 12 December 2019.

The Open Award is \$5000 and open to writers who live in Australia; the Local Award is \$2500 and open to writers who live, work or study in Nillumbik; and the Youth Award is \$1000 and open to writers aged 11-18.

Entries are invited both for the NPCW Alan Marshall Short Story Award (2500 words) and NPCW Creative Non-Fiction Award (5000 words).

Judges Melanie Cheng, Claire G. Coleman, Sarah Schmidt and Jeff Sparrow will assess the manuscripts in early 2020, and award recipients will be announced as part of the Emerging Writers Festival in June 2020.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/npcw



Karen Egan and Vicki Ward (centre) with councillors and football and cricket club members at the new pavilion.

Pavilion makes its mark

Sport continues to be a big winner in Nillumbik with the opening of the new \$3 million Research Park Pavilion.

Nillumbik Mayor Karen Egan and Cr Bruce Ranken officially opened the pavilion in October in conjunction with Eltham MP Vicki Ward, who was representing Local Government Minister Adem Somyurek.

The \$3 million redevelopment at the park, which is home to the Research Junior Football Club and Research Eltham Collegians Cricket Club, includes a double-storey pavilion with player, umpire and community facilities.

Mayor Karen Egan said the upgrade included the addition of two much-needed female change rooms and facilities for female umpires.

"This wonderful new facility is a win for our whole community and, importantly,

caters for the growing number of females in sport," she said.

Nillumbik Council contributed \$1.69 million to the project as well as \$265,000 for the upcoming car park works. The State Government provided \$950,000 through the Growing Suburbs Fund (\$650,000) with a \$100,000 grant from Sport and Recreation Victoria and \$200,000 in funding through a State Government election commitment in 2014.

The football and cricket clubs raised \$130,000 for the pavilion.

Cr Ranken said the new pavilion was long overdue: "Council listened to what the community had to say and now we have this modern all-inclusive facility."

Supporting our youth

Want to get involved with a group of committed young people who run a variety of music and arts events?

Council's FReeZA Committee is a team of volunteers aged 12-25 who organise events for other young people in Nillumbik.

Committee members gain valuable hands-on music industry experience and learn about planning, developing and managing events; artist liaison, stage management and technical production.

The FReeZA Committee also supports local musicians, artists and performers by providing performance opportunities at FReeZA events.

The events are free from drugs, smoking, and alcohol.

Details: nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au; contact youth@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or speak with a Youth Development Officer on 9433 3111.

Val doesn't do things by half

Exercise is the key to healthy active ageing.

Val Halfpenny is proof of the physical and psychological benefits of exercise. The 72-year-old has been an almost daily presence at Eltham Leisure Centre for decades. Val knows every staff member and countless members by name, greeting them with a smile that stays fixed in gruelling, high-octane exercise classes.

"I do Pump, which is weights, Combat, which is punching and Cycling, which is a great workout," she said. "I also do Attack, which is high impact, but at a low level because of a crook back."

When Val was suffering depression 32 years ago, a friend suggested music-driven workouts.

"Before too long I was coming almost every day," she said, "Sometimes, if I'm down, I think 'I know what to do' and I head to the Leisure Centre. I do a class, there's music, dance, friends and I feel so much better. It has changed my life."

Val loves the refurbished centre.

"The pool, the gym, the classes; it's so lively and fun. To anyone around my age thinking of joining, I recommend stretching classes like Body Balance and Pilates to start with. The gym staff will help with what you need."

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/leisure



Val Halfpenny at the Eltham Leisure Centre.

16 Days of Activism

Congratulations to the 10 preschools, leisure centres, schools and community groups who were recently awarded grants as part of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence campaign.

Projects that received funding include:

- Organising events and purchasing books and equipment that encourage children and young people to challenge gender stereotypes
- An immersive installation that demonstrates the impacts of catcalling via virtual reality
- And many more!

Check our social media for details of the 25+ events happening from 25 November to 10 December.

facebook.com/nillumbikcouncil

Be Connected

The Be Connected program supports Australians over 50 to get online by providing an opportunity to learn and practise computer and technology skills with the help of volunteer mentors.

Connect with friends and family overseas, research your family tree or find out more about shopping and accessing services online. These sessions are free for over 50s - to register, call Living & Learning Nillumbik on 9433 3744.



Be Connected

Every Australian online.

Community Directory

Exciting News! A community directory will be launched at the Healthy and Active Ageing Expo on 1 March 2020.

If you belong to a community group interested in being listed in the directory, go to nillumbik.vic.gov.au/MyCity/Log-in create a free account and provide details about your group.

Healthy and Active Ageing Expo

SAVE THE DATE

The Inaugural Healthy and Active Ageing Expo is a free event for people to come along and get information to help them or their family members stay healthy, active and connected to their community.

Events will include cooking demonstrations, health checks, massages, information sessions, fun exercise activities and giveaways.

The expo will be held from 10am to 4pm, at Eltham High School, 30-60 Withers Way. nillumbik.vic.gov.au/haa

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Community environment grants

Congratulations to the recipients of Nillumbik's Community Environment Grants, awarded in October.

Sixteen community groups, preschools, schools, scouts groups and environmental groups were awarded a total of \$30,000 for projects that care for our local environment.

At Diamond Creek Memorial Kindergarten, funds will be used to enable children to create and publish a book in partnership with local community groups, schools and the library to raise awareness of the decreasing population of platypus that are living in and around the Diamond Creek.

Other projects include installing community gardens, water tanks, nest boxes, automated wildlife cameras and composting systems.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/community-environment-grants

Nillumbik's Native Animals

A pocket guide to local wildlife

This recently revised popular pocket guide will help you easily identify more than 380 different indigenous reptiles, frogs, mammals, waterway and wetland birds and nocturnal birds of prey that call Nillumbik home.

Pick up a copy from Council offices, Edendale Community Environment Farm or the Hurstbridge Hub.

Save on solar

Residents now have until the end of the year to register for the Solar Savers program.

The bulk-buy scheme provides home owners with a high-quality solar system at an affordable rate, helping to reduce energy bills as well as carbon emissions. The systems are installed by an accredited and trusted company.

Visit solarsavers.org.au or call 1300 548 598 to find out more.

Power to the people

Council leads the charge in renewable energy.

A new solar system at Community Bank Stadium in Diamond Creek is not only cutting greenhouse gas emissions, but is helping the Shire stay prepared during the summer bushfire season. The unique solar and battery system also powers the Shire's first public electric car charging station.

Mayor Karen Egan launched the new solar system in October in conjunction with Yan Yean MP Danielle Green, who was representing Minister for Energy, Environment and Climate Change, Lily D'Ambrosio.

Cr Egan said the solar and battery system was a significant achievement because it would continue to power the

stadium, which acts as an emergency relief centre, in the event of grid failure or disconnection.

"This solar system will enable us to reduce our greenhouse gas emissions, lower the running cost of our facility and enable us to support our community during emergency events such as bushfires," Cr Egan said.

Nillumbik Council contributed \$200,000 as well as staff to deliver the project. The system was also made possible with \$252,000 from the Victorian Government's New Energy Jobs Fund and the support of the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.



Mayor Karen Egan, CEO Carl Cowie, Yan Yean MP Danielle Green, Cr Grant Brooker and Cr Peter Clarke at the launch.

Home Harvest Picnic

Experience the satisfaction of growing your own produce, and the pleasure of eating and sharing it with others at the Home Harvest Picnic.

Join us on Sunday 1 March 2020, 3.30pm-7pm at Edendale Community Environment Farm in Eltham for a great afternoon of home-grown food, stalls, music and activities.

If you grow your own produce at home (or are thinking of starting), register as a grower today. Spend the summer tending to your produce and donate

what you have grown to the picnic in late February. Produce will then be turned into a delicious picnic feast by trained cooks, and shared at the community picnic on March 1.

Not a grower? You can still come and enjoy the feast! Purchase a prepared picnic for \$10 or BYO picnic and attend for free.

To find out more and register, visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/home-harvest-picnic



Mayor Karen Egan turns the first sod at Goanna Golf with Belgravia Leisure's Michael McKay and Mitchell Walker.

Mini-golf to be a big hit

Family fun par for the course at Yarrambat Park.

A new nine and 18-hole mini-golf course will provide plenty of summer fun at Council's Yarrambat Park Golf Course. Belgravia Leisure, which manages the golf course on behalf of Council, has invested \$1.2 million into the development of Goanna Golf, which is expected to open in December.

The mini-golf course has been designed to be fun and educational, with each hole themed around a native Nillumbik animal, providing facts about each species.

Other works as part of the revamp include the new Field Days Café and a range of other improvements to the traditional golf course.

Mayor Karen Egan visited the site in October as works were about to start.

"Both families and school groups will be able to come down for a fun activity and learn about the beautiful native environment unique to the Nillumbik region," Cr Egan said.

Top 3 themes



The top three themes as voted for by our community through the community engagement Participate Nillumbik website, revealing what our community wants to see as a part of the new playspace.

Regional playspace on track

Progress on the Diamond Creek Regional Playspace is in full swing.

We have appointed Ace Landscape Services to design and build the playspace, drawing on ideas the community has shared.

The community was asked to give us feedback on the draft designs in November.

Preparatory and associated works are underway within the reserve before works on the playground itself are scheduled to begin in autumn, once the design is finalised.

The nature-based playspace received \$2.5 million from the Growing Suburbs Fund and will be suitable for people and children of all abilities and ages.

Mayor Karen Egan said awarding the contract was an exciting step making all the community's ideas for the playspace a reality.

To keep updated on the project, go to participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/

Eltham Playhouse extension

An exciting extension to the Eltham Playhouse Early Education Service is due to be completed in January 2020, providing more options for families caring for our youngest Nillumbik residents.

Nillumbik owns and operates two early education occasional care centres known as playhouses, one in Eltham and one in Panton Hill. The centres are open during school terms and offer four or five-hour childcare sessions for up to 20 children aged six weeks to six years.

The Eltham Playhouse provides childcare under the Federal Government's Child Care Subsidy Program. The addition of a designated sleep area will enable the Playhouse to accommodate young babies and toddlers who need sleep and rest time, while allowing older children to continue activities.

For more information about Nillumbik's Playhouses, or to book for 2020, visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/childcare or email playhouse@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Preschool Open Day

Parents of preschool-aged children in 2020 are invited to attend Nillumbik's Preschool Open Day.

Find out more about the quality preschool programs available in the Shire while your children join in a range of fun activities.

Saturday 22 February 10am-1pm
Various preschools in Nillumbik

Visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/preschool for a list of participating preschools.



Summer safety a hot topic

Summer is here and it is expected to be long and hot. Follow our tips to ensure you and your loved ones stay safe and cool as the temperature heats up.

Snake safety

As the weather warms, snakes are more likely to be active and visible.

- If you see a snake, keep calm and make yourself safe by moving yourself and your pets away from the snake. Don't attempt to capture or harm a snake.
- For assistance with a snake in Council-owned, high-use areas such as a playground, sportsground, barbecue area or building, contact Council on 9433 3111.
- For assistance with a snake on private land, call the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning on 136 186, who can put you in contact with a licensed snake handler.
- If someone is bitten, call triple zero (000) immediately.

Pool, spa regulations

From 1 December 2019, the registration, inspection and certification of swimming pools and spas will become mandatory across Victoria.

These changes to the Building Amendment (Swimming Pool and Spa) Regulations 2019 are designed to save the lives of young children.

The new Victorian Government regime includes:

- a mandatory requirement for pool and spa owners to register their pools and spas with Council, and
- requirements for pool and spa owners to have their safety barriers inspected.

Council is committed to ensuring the safety of our residents.

All pool and spa owners should visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/pools-and-spas to find out more and register their pools and spas.

Heat and older people

It's important to take special care in hot weather. Older people can be at increased risk of heat-related illnesses at this time.

Here are some tips for you or a loved one to stay safe this summer.

- **On hot days** – stay inside and turn on some cooling if possible. Visit a shopping centre, community centre or library that has air conditioning.
- **Keep cool** – take a cool bath or shower or place a damp washcloth on your face or back of your neck.
- **Rest** – avoid strenuous activity.
- **Stay hydrated** – consume cool food and drinks, keep up the water.
- **Wear loose**, lightweight clothing.
- **Seek shade** – stay out of the sun during peak hours.
- **Medications** – discuss with your doctor because some can increase risk of heat stress.
- **Check on** any older family or friends during hot weather.

For more advice, speak to your doctor, or NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24. In an emergency call triple zero (000).

For more information go to betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/HealthyLiving/heat-stress-and-older-people

Source: Better Health Channel



Help keep your pets cool

Don't forget about your furred and feathered friends during a heatwave.

On hot days, make sure you:

- Bring pets inside if possible.
- Provide plenty of water in large containers in the shade. Even if you don't have pets, this can be of great benefit to local wildlife.
- Never leave your pet in the car, even for a few minutes.
- Try to walk your dog in the evening or early morning. Avoid hot pavement as this can damage their paws.
- Be prepared and plan early to ensure you will be able to safely evacuate your pets in the event of an emergency.



Are you prepared?

Your guide to staying safe this summer

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Mayor's Message

Nillumbik Shire is an amazing place to live, work and visit. However, in our beautiful rural and bushland setting, we face the real threat of bushfire.

Our Shire is one of the highest bushfire risk areas in the world and it is important we are prepared to meet the challenges that risk brings.

I hope that by now you have prepared your properties for the event of fire, and if you have not, I urge you to prepare now. We must also continue to stay prepared for what is expected to be a long bushfire season.

It is essential you have a written fire safety survival plan for what you, your family or employees are going to do on days of high bushfire risk.

Bushfires can move quickly and unexpectedly, so it is important you and your loved ones are ready. Knowing your options during an emergency, having the decision-making process organised and practising your plan is crucial.

Don't leave it too late. Leaving early is the safest option, not when you can see fire or smoke. On code red days this means leaving the night before or early in the morning.

Make sure you have decided the trigger for when you are going to leave, where you are going to go and which route you will take. Plan what you will take and what you will do with pets and livestock.

Please take the time to read this important guide to help you be fire ready.

Most importantly, I urge you to take care and stay safe during this summer bushfire season.



Karen Egan

Cr Karen Egan
Mayor



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Check your water tank



Your water tank and its connections are vital in protecting your property.

Whether you have a CFA valve on your tank or not, if the connection has seized or is dirty and no water can be sourced, your property can't be protected.

Make sure you check:

- If your tank has a CFA valve.
- Is the valve clean?
- Is any plastic piping protected from heat?
- It is easy to access?

Council prepares

Council has been busy preparing for the fire season, including:

- fuel reduction, brush cutting and mowing across 82 parks, bushland reserves and open spaces
- 410km of roadside mowing
- 250km of box clearance (removal of vegetation around the required clear zone of the road)
- assessment of tree hazards along 91km of road and resulting pruning and removal
- ongoing maintenance to roadside trees affected by the 2009 bushfires
- planned burns across 24 sites
- fire track maintenance
- water tank maintenance
- clearing vegetation from around electric lines.

Council's Bushfire Mitigation (Fire Prevention) Works Program is developed and reviewed each year in consultation with the Municipal Fire Management Planning Committee including CFA, local brigades, Council, Parks Victoria and other key stakeholders.

The majority of works are scheduled to be completed by 1 December, which balances the start of the Fire Danger Period, pre-booking contractors, summer weather patterns and the Christmas holiday period. This target can alter by a couple of weeks due to inclement weather, a longer growing season and site accessibility.

We schedule works as late as possible to maximise benefit and value, for example, we want grass to be cured before we cut so we only have to do it once, but need to start early enough so that works are finished ahead of the peak fire season. Peak fire season is dependent on weather patterns but is often around January.

Is your property prepared?

Nillumbik Shire is one of the highest bushfire risk areas in the world. This means properties need to be prepared and/or maintained throughout the year.

There are three main reasons houses burn down during fires:

- **Embers** – Embers are burning pieces of bark, leaves and twigs. They are carried by wind and can start spot fires. They are the most common way houses catch fire.
- **Heat** – The heat from fires is intense (think of how hot a campfire is). When flammable materials get hot enough, they can catch alight without any flame. Heat can also cause glass to break.
- **Flames** – Fires typically destroy everything in their path. If you live in a high fire-risk area, it may be impossible to prevent. What you can do is design your property so that you reduce the intensity of the fire when it reaches your home.

Guide to preparing and maintaining your property

- Remove flammable items such as boxes, furniture and doormats from decks and verandahs.
- Keep gutters clear of leaf litter
- Keep grass cut short
- Keep woodpiles away from the house
- Store flammable liquids away from the house
- Get rid of dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark
- Prune lower branches of shrubs to separate from surface fuels underneath
- Cut back overhanging branches (see below).



Tree and vegetation management 10/30 and 10/50 exemptions

When preparing your property for bushfire and considering the removal of vegetation, check which of the 10/30 or 10/50 exemptions apply.

10/30

- No Bushfire Management Overlay on property
- Remove trees up to 10m around existing building*
- Clear vegetation up to 30m around existing building*

10/50

- Bushfire Management Overlay on property
- Remove trees up to 10m around existing building*
- Clear vegetation up to 50m around existing building*

* Buildings must be used for accommodation and have existed before September 2009. Landowners must check there are no covenants or other legal agreements which are not covered by the exemptions.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/10-3050rule

Planning for a bushfire

Did you know that only 5 per cent of Victorians in bushfire prone areas have written down important things to remember in case of a bushfire*? Getting prepared before the fire season means you know what to do when you're at risk of fire. A written and, if possible, well-practised plan, will help you remember what needs to be done during an emergency.

Have you thought about?

- ⚠ Which Fire Danger Rating is your trigger to leave?
- ⚠ Will you leave early that morning or the night before?
- ⚠ Where will you go?
- ⚠ What route will you take – and what is your alternative in the event that a fire is already in the area?
- ⚠ What will you take with you?
- ⚠ What do you need to organise for your pets or livestock?
- ⚠ Who do you need to keep informed of your movements?
- ⚠ Is there anyone outside your household who you need to help or check up on?
- ⚠ How will you stay informed about warnings and updates?
- ⚠ What will you do if there is a fire in the area and you cannot leave?
- ⚠ Who will do what?

Write down your plan

In an emergency, surrounded by smoke, heat or flames, would you remember what you need to do?

Writing your plan down allows you to consider different scenarios and how you would plan for each. It will also assist in case of an emergency. You can use it as a checklist and avoid delays in leaving.

Resources

The CFA website has some great resources to assist in your planning:

- Bushfire survival planning template
- Fire Ready Kit
- Bushfire survival options poster
- Your guide to Survival

*CFA Knowledge & Evidence, 2019



Checklists

Source: CFA Your Guide to Survival

Before summer

- Pack an Emergency Kit with essential items and keep it in a handy place.
- Scan important documents and photos onto a memory stick.
- Buy a battery-operated radio, powerful torch and extra batteries.
- Save important contact numbers in your mobile phone. Include family, friends and the VicEmergency Hotline. Have a spare mobile phone that you keep fully charged for emergencies. Download the VicEmergency app if you have a smartphone.
- Set aside protective clothing (long-sleeved, made from natural material such as cotton, and sturdy footwear such as leather boots) for each member of the family.
- Put woollen blankets in your car for protection in case you get caught on the road.
- Practise packing your car so you know how long it will take.
- Make arrangements with anyone you plan to visit or stay with when you leave early.
- Remove any materials that could burn easily from around your home.

Remember to prepare for your pets as well.

Make sure your pet is wearing an identification tag and add the following items to your Emergency Kit:

- suitable transport carriers or leash
- any medications
- dietary supplements
- food and drinking water
- a familiar item (toy, bed, treats) to help reduce stress
- spray paint phone number on your horse.



On fire risk days

- Stay updated by using more than one source of information so you will know if a fire has started near you.
- Move livestock to a safe area and put your pets in a safe place ready for loading in the car.
- Pack personal items such as a change of clothing for each person and toys for children and pets and put them in the car.
- If your car is behind an electric garage door or gate, take it out and position it in the driveway facing out or on the side of the road.
- Remove any materials that could burn easily from around your house, on decks, verandahs and pergola areas, this includes mats and outdoor furniture.

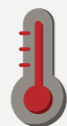
Last things to do before you leave:

- Add final items to your Emergency Kit such as medications, prescriptions, mobile phone chargers, pet food and water for everyone.
- Pack the car, remembering your most important items such as wallet, cards, keys, banking, medical and insurance documents (these should be easily accessible on a USB stick or in an expanding file).
- Turn off the gas supply.
- Block the downpipes and partially fill the gutters with water, only if you have time.
- Make sure everyone is wearing or has access to protective clothing – long pants, long-sleeved shirts and sturdy shoes such as leather boots (not sandals or runners). Clothes should be loose fitting and made from natural fibres like pure wool, heavy cotton drill or denim. Do not wear synthetics.
- Tell people you are leaving.
- Close all doors and windows and lock doors.
- Leave the front or access gate open.

Plan 4 days ahead



Weather forecast and Fire Danger Rating
Available from the Vic Emergency app and website and BoM website



Heat Health alerts
Visit the dhs.vic.gov.au website



Know local conditions
Have a plan for heat and fire high-risk days



Have at least 2 sources for info and warnings
Such as the emergency.vic.gov.au website, VicEmergency app and/ pre tune your emergency broadcast radio station Plenty Valley 88.6FM, ABC local radio, commercial and designated radio stations or Sky News TV radio



Council's role in an emergency

Before

Council works with other councils, emergency services and a range of government and non-government agencies to prepare for emergencies. This includes developing a Municipal Emergency Management Plan and delivering Council's annual Bushfire mitigation works program.

During

When an emergency occurs, Council responds in a number of ways. Council can provide additional resources to responding agencies, open, and operate, a Municipal Emergency Coordination Centre (MECC) and, where required, Emergency Relief Centre (ERC).

After

If people are displaced from their homes or in need of assistance, Council will open an ERC. Council will set up and operate the centre to provide for people's immediate needs.

Various agencies will work in the Emergency Relief Centre to provide services such as food, temporary accommodation, personal support and financial assistance.

Council will work with the community to provide assistance and help to recover from an emergency.

Warnings and Updates

Warnings are issued when a fire has started and you need to take action. It's your responsibility to understand the different types of warnings and how to access them.

You should never wait to receive an official warning before you leave. Bushfires can start, spread and become uncontrollable quickly.

Levels of warnings

There are three different levels of warnings – **Advice, Watch and Act** and **Emergency Warning**.

Don't expect warnings to be issued in any particular order. The first warning issued could even be an **Emergency Warning**.



ADVICE
An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area. Access information and monitor conditions.



WARNING (WATCH AND ACT)
An emergency is developing nearby. You need to take action now to protect yourself and others.



EMERGENCY WARNING
You are in imminent danger and need to take action now. You will be impacted.

Source: CFA Fire Ready Kit

Know your daily fire danger rating

The Fire Danger Rating predicts fire behaviour (should a fire start) and how dangerous it would be to put out. The higher the rating, the more dangerous the conditions. Fire Danger Ratings feature in weather forecasts during the fire season.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

CODE RED	These are the worst conditions for a bush or grassfire. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. The safest place to be is away from high-risk bushfire areas.	SEVERE	Expect hot, dry and possibly windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it may be uncontrollable. Well-prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.
EXTREME	Expect extremely hot, dry and windy conditions. If a fire starts and takes hold, it will be uncontrollable, unpredictable and fast moving. Spot fires will start, move quickly and come from many directions. Homes that are situated and constructed or modified to withstand a bushfire, that are well prepared and actively defended, may provide safety. You must be physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions.	VERY HIGH	If a fire starts, it can most likely be controlled in these conditions and homes can provide safety.
		HIGH	Be aware of how fires can start and minimise the risk. Controlled burning off may occur in these conditions if it is safe – check to see if permits or conditions apply.
		LOW-MODERATE	

Source: CFA Fire Ready Kit

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.

Council's 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.



* The results form part of an independent assessment on phone skills and customer service carried out by a quality benchmarking company who, under the guise of mystery shoppers, assess customer service on their phone skills from call introduction, knowledge, information flow to call closure.

** The noted increase is due to significant uptake of flu vaccinations for children under 5 years of age following an extensive media campaign.

***Includes diversion of 1,258.94 tonnes of recycling to landfill due to SKM closure.



Service improvement highlight

Council wants to continue to attract the best candidates to work with us so we can keep providing the highest-quality service to our community.

We want to inspire and excite high-performing candidates from their first experience with the Council recruitment process; and we want the process to be simple.

We recently launched our new recruitment hub, which provides prospective employees with information about Nillumbik, why it is a great place to work, and access to our current vacancies, which they can apply for easily and quickly online.

To find out about current job vacancies at Nillumbik please check out our recruitment hub at nillumbikshirecouncil.recruitmenthub.com.au

Or use your smart phone camera or a QR code app reader to access the recruitment hub by scanning the QR code.



Celebrate with us

Have you considered holding your next event at a Council facility?

Nillumbik manages 14 community facilities which suit a range of purposes – from weddings, birthdays and celebrations to exhibitions, exercise classes and craft groups.

During summer, the Civic Drive Outdoor Performance Centre provides the perfect place to enjoy a sunny afternoon. The space is located at the bottom of a grassed slope and next to the new playspace.

Contact Community Facilities for details on 9433 3733
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/facilities-for-hire

YOUR COUNCILLORS



Mayor Councillor Karen Egan
Bunjil Ward

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Changing a local law to ban fireworks in rural areas was a significant achievement. Many of you expressed concern about fire danger and disruptions to pets, livestock and native animals during fireworks. We listened to those concerns and I hope the ban brings relief to our rural residents.

We've been busily preparing for the fire season and I encourage you to read through the special feature in this edition. We all need to be aware of fire risk heading into another hot summer.

There were some great events held in Bunjil Ward these past few months, including Hurstbridge's wonderful Wattle Festival in August and Pantom On the Hill Festival in October.

Additionally we celebrated the innovative arts program Digital Agora and supported Nillumbik Youth Theatre with its September production of *All Shook Up*. It's been an exciting time for arts and culture in the Shire.



Deputy Mayor Councillor Peter Clarke
Wingrove Ward

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Council has stated its position of concern on the State Government's dramatic proposal to upgrade the Fitzsimons Lane/Main Road intersection, which it owns. The proposed project has been designed and managed by Major Road Projects Victoria (MRPV) – not Council.

Further, the State Government is proposing to proceed in a way that doesn't require public exhibition of the amendment or consideration of feedback from Council or the public.

We've written to MRPV, the Ministers for Roads and Planning and Member for Eltham Vicki Ward acknowledging a problem with traffic congestion in the road corridor, but the over-reaching proposal will destroy Eltham's entrance. We're requesting minimal tree and vegetation removal and a traffic modelling review to better reflect current circumstances and future projects. The proposal goes from 11 lanes to two in a short distance. We've advocated for community consultation on the works and transparency in the process as much thus far has been deemed in confidence and not for public engagement.



Councillor Grant Brooker
Blue Lake Ward

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Join me on a Sunday in December to walk around the Diamond Valley Library precinct for an in-person chat. I'll be at the library from 1pm on December 1, 8, 15 and 22. I'm interested in your thoughts on how we can use the new open space east of the library, which is one of the few flat passive recreation spaces in Blue Lake Ward. Community softball games could be an option.

I featured in *The Age* in August discussing what residents could do to avoid recycling being sent to landfill. New products for this material (roads, clothing, paper) are the long-term solution.

Council will outsource kerbside recycling from 1 July 2020. Upgraded technology that reduces contamination rates is needed to minimise future cost increases.

I've been actively seeking changes to the draft Green Wedge Management Plan.

A happy Christmas and holidays to all. A new decade awaits!



Councillor John Dumaresq
Edendale Ward

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In October and November, we welcomed feedback on a new off-leash dog park. Our proposed location is on Wattletree Road, near Edendale Community Environment Farm and the Eltham North Adventure Playground. We'll be notified in early 2020 if our application for State Government funding is successful and, if so, planning will commence from February.

Eltham North Adventure Playground continues to go from strength to strength. We've engaged an artist to develop signage for the indigenous garden, with planting set to begin in March, after the heat of summer has passed.

By mid-2020 we'll have installed additional signage in the playground's carpark to increase safety in this busy space.

It was great to see the completion of the Eltham North Pavilion in November. This was a major infrastructure project for Council and will be an immense asset to the community well into the future. Work on Eltham pavilions continues more broadly – change room facilities at Eltham Central were finalised as well.



Councillor Peter Perkins
Ellis Ward

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Upcoming local works include an upgrade to the playground in Elizabeth Street between the pool and clubrooms in January 2020, and the Diamond Creek Memorial Kinder playground and landscaping project in February. The long-awaited Diamond Creek Trail extension is also scheduled to begin in February.

The Diamond Creek Netball Pavilion works will begin in December 2019, with completion due before the end of 2020.

Works are progressing on the Diamond Creek Regional Playspace. The community was asked to provide feedback on the draft designs in November, and construction will begin in autumn. The W-class tram is being refurbished by a huge team of local sponsors coordinated by Diamond Creek Rotary and will function as a community café when the playspace opens.

In October, a new solar and battery system was launched at Community Bank Stadium to cut carbon emissions and provide emergency power. The system also powers the first public electric car charging station in Nillumbik.

Have a safe summer, great Christmas and Happy New Year!



Councillor Jane Ashton
Sugarloaf Ward

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October was a busy month with the opening of the new Research Park Pavilion, On the Hill Festival in Pantom Hill, Poetry@Chrissy Hills, another successful Open Cellars event, and the Friends of Kangaroo Ground Memorial Tower hosting a history road show.

Bunjil Reserve saw the Paradoxa Collective walking talks with Wurundjeri-wilun elder and artist Aunty Judy Nicholson, and there was a gathering of Nillumbik Men's Shed participants at St Andrews or the classic, vintage and veteran car display.

Sustainable House Day Nillumbik saw more than 500 attendees, thanks to the hard work of Clean Energy Nillumbik.

In November was the Artists Open Studios weekend and the Rob Roy Hill Climb.

Our Environment and Sustainability and our Pantom Hill Bushland User Group Advisory Committees both saw the addition of some new residents. Welcome to all.



Councillor Bruce Ranken
Swipers Gully Ward

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There has been great progress on infrastructure projects. Research Park Pavilion opened in October, and in November Eltham Central Pavilion change rooms and Eltham North Pavilion were completed. We've been working hard with Eltham Football Club on the development of their new pavilion and to ensure the continuation of the Good Friday game.

We've been advocating Council's and the community's thoughts on the Fitzsimons Lane/Main Road project to the State Government. Council doesn't have approval authority on the project. The managing authority is including traffic lights at Leane Drive and Main Road. I've been pushing for these lights for years, and now this group wants to include them in this project. Please tell the State Government we want these light installed now – not years down the track.

We're consulting with Eltham traders and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry to manage parking in Eltham. The Circulatory Road permit scheme is anticipated to come into effect in December.

Have a safe and happy Christmas. Happy 2020.

KEY

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



Postal address for Council and all Councillors:

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What's on in December

SUMMER MARKETS

Diamond Valley Lions Twilight Market
Friday 6 December
7pm-10pm
Coventry Oval Reserve,
Diamond Creek
Pre-Christmas market with jazz,
Santa and more than 65 stalls.

St Andrews Twilight market
Tuesday 10 December 4pm-9pm
Friday 13 December 3.30pm-8pm

Diamond Valley Library Christmas Market
Thursday 19 December
11am-12.30pm
Civic Drive, Greensborough

Eltham Farmers' Market
Sundays 9am-1pm
Eltham Town Mall, Arthur Street

Eltham Craft and Produce Market
Third Sunday of every month
8.30am-1pm
Alistair Knox Park

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

Kingsbury Drive Community Market
Sundays 9am-1pm
Kingsbury Drive, Bundoora

Hurstbridge Market
First Sunday each month
(except January)
8am-1pm
Fergusons Paddock,
Hurstbridge-Arthurs Creek Road



Join us for some Christmas cheer at the library. Enjoy a story, craft and meet the man in red himself!

Santa Visits the Library

Diamond Valley Library
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Tuesday 10 December 10.30am-11.30am

Eltham Library, Panther Place
Wednesday 18 December 11am-12pm
Thursday 19 December 10.30am-11.30am

HEALTH

Kitchen Garden after School

Tuesday 10 December
3.45pm-5pm
Diamond Valley Library
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Join in the fun as we dig in the garden,
pick fresh veggies and prepare fresh
dishes to share and enjoy. Ages 5-12.

ARTS AND CULTURE

Looking Back, Looking Forward

Thursday 5 December –
Monday 6 January
Eltham Library, Panther Place
An art exhibition that looks back on
outdoor recreation and summer fun in
Yarra Plenty over the years.
Monday 9 December
7pm-8pm
Learn more about where you live
through stories and historical photos
at an informal presentation drawn from
the exhibition.

COMMUNITY

Christmas Hors D'Oeuvres

Friday 13 December 10.30am-11.30am
Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham
A free Christmas cooking demonstration
by Marie Vassallo.
03 9439 9266

Eltham Leisure Centre Seniors Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 17 December 11.30am-3pm
Ballara Receptions
1435 Main Road, Eltham
Celebrating the amazing contributions
seniors make to the Eltham Leisure Centre.
Tickets \$42, book and pay by
13 December: 03 9439 2266

Christmas Party in the Garden

Thursday 19 December 11am-12pm
Diamond Valley Library
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Celebrate a wonderful year of garden
with violin music and song from Laura
Kate and delectable nibbles.

Diamond Creek Community Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 25 December 12pm-3pm
Diamond Creek Uniting Church
32 Wensley Street
A special free Christmas lunch event,
now in its 14th year.

What's on in January

COMMUNITY

Diamond Creek Parkrun

Wednesday 1 January 9.30am
Marngrook Oval
Free
An extra-special run to kickstart the
New Year.

Toddler Garden Play

Friday 3 January 11am-12pm
Diamond Valley Library
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Bring your toddler to play in the
garden following storytime. Enjoy
the playground, mud kitchen and the
extra toys provided.

School holidays at Edendale

Monday 13 – Friday 24 January
Edendale Community Environment
Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham
Free and low-cost children's activities
will be available during the last two
weeks of the school holidays.
edendale.vic.gov.au

Build a 117-Storey Treehouse

Tuesday 14 January 10.30am-12.30pm
Diamond Valley Library
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Join us in the garden to build an epic
treehouse using Makedo construction
and cardboard.

Rob Roy Hill Climb Victorian Championship Round 1

Sunday 19 January
375 Clintons Road, Smiths Gully
robroyhillclimb.com.au

Eltham/Dandenong Junior Basketball Tournament

Friday 24 – Monday 27 January
Various locations
The world's largest annual basketball
tournament heads into its 43rd year with
children from all over Australia and some
international visitors joining the fun in 2020.
elthamtournament.com.au



Some of our outstanding residents will be recognised at the Australia Day Awards.

Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony

Sunday 26 January 10am-12pm
Eltham Community and Reception Centre

Join us for the presentation of our Australia Day Awards and welcoming our
newest Australian Citizens.
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ausday

ARTS AND CULTURE

Make a Notebook Cover

Tuesday 7 January 2pm-3.30pm
Diamond Valley Library
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Learn the art of wet felting and create
your own unique notebook cover.
Bookings essential: 03 9434 3809

Movie Making Morning

Wednesday 8 January 10.30am-12pm
Diamond Valley Library
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Make your own movie! Use an app to
plan, film, and edit your own movie.
All materials provided.
Bookings essential: 03 9434 3809

Hush Treasure Book Exhibition

Thursday 9 January –
Monday 10 February
Eltham Library Community Gallery
Panther Place, Eltham
Free
Features all the original art created for
The Hush Treasure Book.

Build an Ideas Machine

Thursday 16 January 10.30am-12pm
Diamond Valley Library
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Do you love to write stories? Join in
a writing workshop with local author
Vikki Conley, and learn how to get your
creativity flowing.

NGV Kids on Tour

Monday 20 January 11am-12.30pm
Diamond Valley Library
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Supported by NGV kids summer festival,
engage with the current NGV exhibition
featuring fun, interactive activities and
make your own masterpiece.

Mirror Mirror on the Wall

Wednesday 22 January 2pm-3pm
Diamond Valley Library
Civic Drive, Greensborough
Carp Productions present a theatrical
fairytale spectacular, featuring the
Big Bad Wolf trying to be a Big Good
Wolf, The Gingerbread Man, Snow White
and more!

What's on in February

ENVIRONMENT

Setting Up and Maintaining a Worm Farm

Saturday 1 February
Edendale Community Environment Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham
 Free workshop
Bookings: edendale.vic.gov.au

Food Swap

Saturday 8 February 10am-11am
Diamond Valley Library Civic Drive, Greensborough
 Bring your excess garden produce along and swap for other wonderful produce.

Kids in the Garden

Tuesday 18 and Wednesday 19 February 10.30am-11.30am
Diamond Valley Library Civic Drive, Greensborough
 Check out what we can harvest in the garden, make a salad, followed by nature play (weather permitting). Ages 3-5.

Worm Farm Workshop

Thursday 20 February 11am-12pm
Diamond Valley Library Civic Drive, Greensborough
 Learn how to reinvigorate your worm farm or start from scratch in this hands-on presentation. All ages.

Home Composting

Saturday 22 February
Edendale Community Environment Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham
 Free workshop
Bookings: edendale.vic.gov.au

Save the date

Home Harvest Picnic

Sunday 1 March 3.30pm-7pm
Edendale Community Environment Farm, Gastons Road, Eltham
 Experience the satisfaction of growing your own produce, and the pure pleasure of sharing and eating it with others!
Find out more and register: nillumbik.vic.gov.au/home-harvest-picnic



Enjoy some great music, food and wine at the Eltham Jazz Festival.

Eltham Jazz Festival

22-23 February
Various locations around Eltham

This free festival, held across three stages within the Eltham township, features a mixture of the best established and up-and-coming jazz, blues and soul acts. elthamjazz.com.au

ARTS AND CULTURE

Shakespeare in the Park

Eltham
Alistair Knox Park
Friday 7 – Sunday 9 February
7pm for 7.30pm show

Diamond Creek
Thursday 13 – Saturday 15 February
7pm for 7.30pm show
 In the Park productions presents Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*
 @intheparkvic
intheparkproductions.com.au

Stable Art Exhibition

Thursday 13 February – 16 March
Eltham Library Community Gallery Panther Place
 Six women artists celebrate their collective and individual artistic achievements.
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/elcg

Poetry@Chrissy Hills

Thursday 27 February 7.30pm
Christmas Hill Mechanics Institute 787 Ridge Road
 \$5 entry, open mic
facebook.com/PoetryChrissyHills

Save the date

The Wife by Lisa Inman

Thursday 12 – Saturday 14 March 7.30pm
Sunday 15 March 3pm
St Andrews

Tickets: \$30/\$20, pre-theatre dining options available at an extra charge
 Theatre 451 – New Australian theatre – Up close and personal. Funded by the Regional Arts Fund and Nillumbik Shire Council.
Details: theatre451.com

COMMUNITY

Cooking with Love

Wednesday 5 February 2pm-3.30pm
Diamond Valley Library Civic Drive, Greensborough
 Join Marie as she bakes traditional orange ricotta donuts.

Decorative Book Garland

Thursday 13 February 2pm-3pm
Diamond Valley Library Civic Drive, Greensborough
 Come along to this workshop and create your own a decorative paper garland to celebrate Library Lover's Day.

Recycling update

In good news for the Shire, our recyclable materials are being processed again.

But in a big change, bagged soft plastics are no longer accepted for recycling in the yellow bins.

Instead, take your bagged soft plastics to Coles and Woolworths stores for recycling through the REDcycle program, redcycle.net.au

See our A-Z guide at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/a-zrecycling

Meanwhile, Nillumbik has embraced the State Government's e-waste to landfill ban.

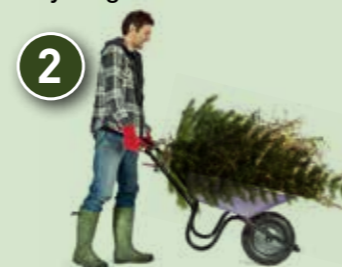
Since the ban kicked in on 1 July 2019, more than 10,700kg of e-waste has been taken to the Recycling and Recovery Centre in Plenty, with a further 1400kg collected from the e-waste drop-off points at Hurstbridge Hub, Diamond Valley Library and Eltham Library.

View more information and opening hours of the drop-off points at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/e-waste

Christmas tree disposal



Green waste bin – cut your tree into small pieces, place in your green waste bin.



Drop your tree off at our Recycling and Recovery Centre in Plenty – use a green waste voucher to dispose of your tree free of charge.

Other disposal options

Recycling & Recovery Centre

290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty

Open 8am-4pm
 Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday

Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays

Recycle free of charge:

- batteries – household, car and mobile phone
- CDs and DVDs
- cardboard (excluding waxed cardboard)
- e-waste* (anything with a plug, cord or battery) e.g. televisions, computers, printers, monitors, mobile phones
- household recycling
- light globes/bulbs and fluoro tubes
- scrap metal* e.g. bike, stove, washing machine, dryer, metal poles, roofing
- video tapes and cassettes
- x-rays

* Charges apply for fridges, freezers and air conditioners

Look out for your green waste vouchers on your rates notice

Charges apply for:

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

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

For a full list of accepted items, prices and items we don't accept, visit: nillumbik.vic.gov.au/rrc

Things we don't accept

Asbestos, gas bottles, fire extinguishers and paint can be taken to other nearby facilities. Call us or visit our website for details.

Reuse Shop – now re-open

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

Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays.

Hard waste collection

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

9433 3512
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Composting and worm farms

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

How to put your bins out



Place bins out by 6am on collection day



Place bins half a metre apart, away from trees, power poles and cars



If your bin goes missing or is damaged, report it online nillumbik.vic.gov.au/bins or call us

Squeeze any air from bags of rubbish before placing in your landfill bin. This will create more space in your bin, stop waste from getting stuck and prevent a partially-emptied bin



Do not over compact your bin



Do not overfill; the lid must be closed

Tear off and put on your fridge

December 2019-June 2020

Bin collection calendar

Soft plastics are no longer accepted in your yellow recycling bin. Please replace your annual bin collection calendar with this version and re-check what goes in each bin. More information: nillumbik.vic.gov.au/recyclingupdate

Green waste
(Green lid)

Collected weekly and turned into compost




All food scraps (loose or wrapped in newspaper or paper towel)

Garden materials

X No plastic, compostable or biodegradable bags

Recycling
(Yellow lid)

Collected fortnightly and recycled




Loose plastic bottles, containers and toys, glass bottles and jars, cans, foil and foil trays

Loose cardboard, paper and cartons

X No bagged recycling

X No soft plastics

Landfill
(Red lid)

Collected fortnightly and goes to landfill




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

Nappies, textiles/rags, rubber, polystyrene and foam

X No food

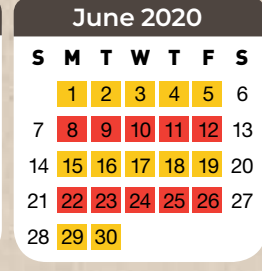
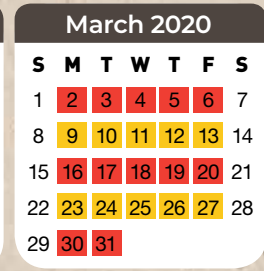
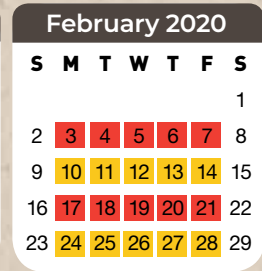
X No garden material

NO E-WASTE IN YOUR BINS

If you are unsure, look up an item on our A-Z recycling guide: nillumbik.vic.gov.au/recyclingguide

Reduce your waste. We all have a role to play to reduce the amount of waste we create. Find and share local options that will help minimise your waste: nillumbik.vic.gov.au/reducewaste

My bin day is



Your green waste bin is collected weekly on the same day as your recycling or landfill bin.



Due to Christmas Day, New Year's Day and Good Friday public holidays, bins will be collected one day later.



Holiday opening hours

Council offices

Open 8.30am-5pm
Monday to Friday except:

Tuesday 24 December	8.30am-1pm
Wednesday 25 December	closed
Thursday 26 December	closed
Tuesday 31 December	8.30am-1pm
Wednesday 1 January	closed
Monday 27 January	closed

Bin Collection

There will be no kerbside bin collections on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. Bins will be collected the next day, and one day later than normal for the remainder of the week. So if your normal collection is on the Friday, it will be collected on Saturday.

Recycling & Recovery Centre

290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty
Normal opening hours – 8am-4pm Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday
Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays

Sunday 26 January	closed
Monday 27 January	closed

Edendale Community Environment Farm

Gastons Road, Eltham
Closed Christmas Day
Open every other day, 9.30am-4.30pm

Living & Learning Nillumbik

Eltham
739 Main Road, Eltham
Closes 11am
Thursday 19 December
Reopens 14 January 2020

Diamond Creek
119 Cowin Street, Diamond Creek
Closes 11am
Thursday 19 December
Reopens 28 January 2020.

Panton Hill
18 Bishops Road, Panton Hill
Closes 1pm
Wednesday 11 December
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