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New Council ready to get to work

Cr Peter Perkins elected to lead team as Mayor

Nillumbik has a new Council following the 2020 local government elections.

The results were declared on Friday 6 November and the new Councillors were officially sworn in on Tuesday 17 November.

The Council comprises seven councillors – five new councillors with Cr Peter Perkins (Ellis Ward) and Cr Karen Egan (Bunjil Ward) the two returning councillors.

Cr Peter Perkins was elected Mayor at an Extraordinary Council Meeting on Tuesday 24 November. Cr Frances Eyre (Swipers Gully Ward) was elected as Deputy Mayor.

Cr Perkins was first elected to Council in 2010 and this is his fourth term of Council. He also served a term as Mayor in 2012-13.

Cr Perkins said the community would be central to all decisions.

"All councillors have been elected to represent their own communities or wards but together we seek to represent and improve the lives of all the

65,000 people who are living in this wonderful place called Nillumbik," Cr Perkins said.

Cr Perkins committed to protecting and improving Nillumbik's outdoor spaces, as well as the neighbourhood character of the built environment.

"We will improve the way we as a Council consults and interacts with residents and businesses as we strive to break down the walls of division," he said.

"The global pandemic has changed the way we live and is the biggest challenge our council and community has faced.

"We look forward to better ways to support our community and to facilitate support from other levels of government and within communities themselves."

Cr Eyre said improving community engagement was critical.

"Youth empowerment, protection of the Green Wedge and the environment, and enhancement of neighbourhood character will be among my key areas of focus."



Mayor
Cr Peter Perkins
 Ellis Ward
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Elected 2010, 2012, 2016 and 2020.
Elected Mayor 2012, 2020

While Cr Perkins has delivered for Diamond Creek over the past 10 years as a Councillor, he believes that there is still more to do.

Projects and improvements he would like to see in his ward include an upgraded community centre, a library, a new leisure centre incorporating a redeveloped outdoor pool, improved pedestrian connectivity and an easing of traffic congestion.

He aims to ensure that Council processes put the community at the centre of decision-making, and its changing needs must be on the top of the Council agenda. This has never been more important than now as we all grapple with the ongoing fallout of the Global Covid-19 pandemic.

Cr Perkins is a current board member of the Municipal Association of Victoria, having first been elected in 2017, and a long-serving firefighter for Fire Rescue Victoria.



Deputy Mayor
Cr Frances Eyre
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Elected in 2020

Cr Eyre has been part of the Nillumbik community for 23 years and during that time has been active and engaged locally as both a resident and professional.

She is experienced in community development having worked across the sector, including seven years at Nillumbik Council as a council officer.

Youth empowerment, protection of the Green Wedge and the environment and enhancement of neighbourhood character are among her priorities. Cr Eyre is also committed to ensuring Council gets its approach to community consultation and engagement right.

Another focus is developing strategies to support the mental health of residents – young people in particular – especially during the recovery phase of COVID-19.

Having married at Montsalvat, Cr Eyre has lived in Swipers Gully for 11 years, with her husband, son and Cody the family Spoodle.



New Mayor, Cr Peter Perkins, with new Deputy Mayor, Cr Frances Eyre.

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Ellis Ward covers Diamond Creek and surrounds.



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



Cr Richard Stockman

Blue Lake Ward

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Cr Ben Ramcharan

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Cr Geoff Paine

Wingrove Ward

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Elected in 2020

Cr Stockman brings a diversity of professional experience, including having served in the Royal Australian Navy, as an Air Traffic Controller and over 30 years in business and media.

He sees infrastructure – in his Ward and throughout the Shire – as one of the major challenges and issues that must be addressed, and would like to see greater investment in local roads, trails, sports/recreational areas and tourism while being mindful of keeping reasonable rates.

Cr Stockman is a strong believer in the benefits of inclusion, productivity, positivity and working to ensure we get the best out of people. He is also a strong believer in the strength of community.

Someone who is outcomes-focused, he aims to make a contribution through ideas and action.

Elected 2016, 2020. Elected Mayor 2018, 2019, elected Deputy Mayor 2016, 2017

A resident in Nillumbik for almost 30 years, Cr Egan joined Council to represent landowners in the rural parts of the Shire, as well as urban areas, with honesty and transparency, and proper consultation.

Cr Egan lives on a rural property, and as such, she is determined to resolve community concerns around adequate fire preparation and mitigation.

Working to achieve further road safety outcomes is another priority.

She looks forward to building on her achievements in the previous term by working closely with the community.

Cr Egan has five children, enjoys her horses, is a professional photographer and small business owner.

Elected in 2020

Eltham North is home to Cr Duffy and her family and she brings a strong belief that community must be at the heart of all that Council does.

She has a background in business coupled with active community involvement in local schools, sports clubs and the Nillumbik Reconciliation Group.

Fostering respect and meaningful community engagement for all who live, learn, work and play in Nillumbik is another priority.

Cr Duffy wants Council to be nimble and creative in supporting the community with practical solutions to make life more enjoyable and connected for everyone. Locals must have a real voice in planning for the future, local business and education must be supported, climate change addressed and our Green Wedge protected.

Elected in 2020

Cr Ramcharan has been a North Warrandyte resident for 13 years and brings a background of strong community involvement.

He is committed to protecting Nillumbik's Green Wedge, neighbourhood character, improving road safety – for people and wildlife – and addressing the Climate Emergency.

He aims to ensure that community input is valued and respected in all Council decisions.

He believes that Council has a critical role to play in helping the community as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Cr Ramcharan works as a web developer in a not-for-profit organisation and wants to bring his technical understanding to his role as Councillor.

He enjoys bike riding and getting back to nature by spending time in the outdoors.

Elected in 2020

An Eltham resident since 2003, Cr Paine believes in ensuring the community is front and centre when it comes to Council decision-making.

He says that living in a Green Wedge Shire carries both privilege and responsibility.

Cr Paine sees the ongoing pressure for more development in the urban parts of the Shire as a key challenge, but one which can be successfully managed through collaboration and civil discourse.

A strong background in the arts has made him a team player and problem solver.

A professional actor who also works in communications and video production, Cr Paine is married with two adult children and enjoys motor bike riding as well as spending time with Maggie (a Golden Retriever that sometimes doesn't retrieve).



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



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



Edendale Ward covers Eltham North and parts of Diamond Creek.



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



Wingrove Ward covers Eltham South.

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There are a number of ways you can stay in touch with us.



Customer Service Call Centre

Our customer service team is available to assist with your enquiries on 9433 3111.



Our website

You can conduct many items of council business on our website at nillumbik.vic.gov.au



News

You can find out the latest news and sign up to receive our news releases at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/news



Social media

Find out the latest news, information about services, events and activities as well as local alerts on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn.



Community Conversations Let's Chat!

Council is launching a monthly conversation with our community.

Over a virtual cup of tea, we invite you to share your views, ideas and solutions on matters impacting the community.

Each month, a new topic will be on the table for us to explore how "Together in Nillumbik" we can work to create impactful change. It's a great way for the community to hear what others are doing, consider what could be done differently and find local solutions.

Upcoming virtual conversations:

- **Thursday 14 January**
11am-12.30pm
Topic: Community Engagement
- **Saturday 23 January**
11am-12.30pm
Topic: Community Health and Wellbeing

Please note, as restrictions ease, these conversations will be held in different places across the municipality.

Bring your cuppa and let's chat!

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/community-conversations



The Eltham Leisure Centre has reopened with the pool ready for visitors this summer.

Finding a new normal

Good news as facilities and services start to open again

As COVID-19 restrictions have been eased, we are pleased to have been able to start to reopen our facilities to the public.

Just in time for summer, the Diamond Creek Outdoor Pool and the pool at the Eltham Leisure Centre (ELC) are open with no restrictions or bookings required.

The gym and group fitness classes are back at the ELC and Diamond Creek Community Centre (DCCC) and stadium bookings have also resumed at the ELC, DCCC and Community Bank Stadium.

The Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre remains closed for redevelopment.

The Yarrambat Park Golf Course including mini golf and driving range has opened.

The Recycling and Recovery Centre has resumed its normal operating hours.

Edendale Community Environment Farm is open for free prebooked sessions.

The Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries including the Eltham and Diamond Valley branches are open, although numbers are limited and sessions are for one hour only.

Our Customer Service Centre at Greensborough was closed at the time of going to print, please keep checking our website for reopening information.

All our facilities and services are operating under strict COVID-safe plans and we ask visitors to continue to follow the Victorian Government guidelines.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/COVID-19

Supporting a COVID recovery

As we find ourselves with a little more freedom, we would like to thank those in our community who responded to the COVID-19 Survey.

The insights gained from the 380 individuals who completed the survey have been collated and will inform the Nillumbik COVID Recovery Plan being led by the new Nillumbik Recovery Taskforce.

In addition, a Together in Nillumbik: Local Services Network, with representation from key service providers supporting the community, has been formed to improve service access, address community needs and support the community to thrive moving forward.

For more information on the survey outcome, the Together in Nillumbik Covid-19 Report, is available on nillumbik.vic.gov.au/together-in-nillumbik



Festive fun in the Shire

Christmas celebrations couldn't come sooner this year!

If there is one message that we would like to send this Christmas, it is to give the gift of prosperity to our local businesses and Shop Local in Nillumbik.

Experience our range of exciting outdoor dining options for everyone to enjoy. We have also launched a new outdoor dining directory with information on where to dine out in Nillumbik at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/outdoor-dining-directory.

Christmas decorations inspired by our local fauna and flora have been installed in the main shopping precincts of Eltham, Hurstbridge and Diamond Creek to get into the festive spirit.

Activities include:

- Community-led Christmas program featuring virtual activities
- Be Kind Nillumbik activities encouraging random acts of Christmas kindness.
- Social media competitions for your chance to win prizes from local businesses.



For the full line-up of festivities, go to nillumbik.vic.gov.au/christmas2020 and follow @visitnillumbik on Facebook and Instagram.

Remember to enjoy COVID-safe celebrations, following the Victorian Government recommendations.

We wish you a merry Christmas and a safe, happy and prosperous New Year!

Community spirit shines

Local community groups, clubs, services and businesses have put together a fantastic calendar of events to celebrate the festive season.

Our Festive Grants program has provided funding for local organisations to deliver a project, program or activity that embraces the spirit of hope and community goodwill with a message to celebrate close to home and to shop local.

Grants of up to \$1000 were made available to develop activities such as:

- Performances
- Demonstrations, how-to videos, artistic festive displays
- Seminars/podcasts
- Virtual celebration events
- Goodwill programs that support local community captured on film
- Local stories
- Virtual walks.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/christmas2020



Deputy Mayor Frances Eyre and Mayor Peter Perkins assist Geoff Milner, of Diamond Creek's Sportsbus, with Christmas deliveries.

Santa has some local helpers

Santa will have a little extra help with his deliveries this Christmas with the return of our highly successful Shop Local Nillumbik delivery service.

From December 7, for 12 "small biz days" leading up to Christmas, shop local and have gifts delivered to your door from participating businesses.

The free service for local businesses will see the delivery of non-perishable items (no food) to Nillumbik homes.

When shopping locally, ask your retailer if they are using the service and save yourself time and money during the busy festive season.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/christmas2020

Sharing stories of kindness

Thank you to our residents, businesses and community groups who have played such an important role during COVID-19. Each of you have been doing your part in keeping us all safe.

As part of #bekindnillumbik, Council has been inundated with stories of acts of kindness among residents. It has shown the strength of the community and the genuine care towards neighbours and people in need.

We have put together a collection of community stories and are excited to launch Together in Nillumbik – Community Stories.

We will be collecting stories until 20 December. Please visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/be-kind.

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PROJECT UPDATES

Community Engagement Policy

Thank you to everyone who had their say on the community engagement survey conducted in October and November in which we heard about ways we can improve our engagement and what is important to you.

We are now developing a Draft Community Engagement Policy which will be available for public consultation from mid December before it is considered by Council for adoption by 1 March 2021.

Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park

In September, Council endorsed an amended concept for the park, which is available to view on Participate Nillumbik.

Deer Management

We want to help landholders in their efforts to control deer.

Tell us about your experiences with deer in Nillumbik and share your ideas on possible management options.

 **Have your say**
participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au



Join in and have your say

Participate Nillumbik is our online community engagement site

Here you can share your ideas, provide feedback and be kept up to date on a variety of projects that are open for consultation. You can sign up to be informed about new projects or updates to existing ones.

We look forward to hearing from you as we continue to map and shape Nillumbik's future.

NEW PROJECTS

Community Planning

In consultation with the community, we will soon start work on developing a long-term vision for the Shire, as required under the Local Government Act.

The vision will have a 10-plus year horizon and describe the community's long-term vision and aspirations.

Community engagement will start in the new year, with the vision expected to be adopted by October 2021.

In addition to the Community Vision, Council will be seeking the community's views on other key plans including the new four-year Council Plan (2021-2025).

As part of Council's strategic planning process, we will also be seeking your input for the Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan and future Place Strategy.

We encourage you to have your say in February 2021 on what is important to you for:

- Our People – The health and wellbeing of you and your family including community and health services, community safety, physical and mental wellbeing, support for children and families, healthy ageing, recreation and leisure.
- Our Place – Your neighbourhood, township and surrounds including local spaces and facilities, the environment, local businesses and shopping, parks and open spaces, public transport, events and tourism.

To register your interest to participate in an upcoming forum, the survey or a conversation pop-up, email us on community@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Climate Action

A new Nillumbik Climate Action Plan is being developed. See opposite page for details.

Arts and Culture Strategy

We are working on the Arts and Culture Strategy 2022-2026 and there will be a number of ways you can be involved. We want to know what you value most in Nillumbik and how those values relate to our local arts and culture.



Stay informed! Sign up to Participate Nillumbik today at participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au



Climate right for change

Council charges ahead with efforts to tackle climate change

In September, Council moved a significant step closer to its aim of developing a solar farm on the former Plenty landfill site in Yan Yean Rd, after awarding the tender for its development and operation to renewable energy project company LMS Energy.

The solar farm project will initially supply electrical power to Council's corporate buildings, including the Civic Centre, and street lighting as part of a phased approach under a power purchasing agreement.

Council and LMS Energy expect to soon commence further community consultation and engagement to inform the design phase of the project.

Another solar project at the Eltham Leisure Centre will see the installation of a 267kWp rooftop solar PV, battery back-up systems and four electric vehicle charging stations.

And in exciting news, Council won the prestigious Innovation (Metropolitan) Award at the 2020 Cities Power Partnership National Climate Awards on 29 October.

The judges selected Council's Hybrid Solar & Battery Off-Grid Community Stadium & Relief



Nillumbik's first electric vehicle charging station.

Centre project as joint winner with Brisbane City Council's Metro charging station.

citiespowerpartnership.org.au/climate-awards-2020/

Accepting the award, Nillumbik CEO Carl Cowie said the hybrid solar and battery project at the Community Bank Stadium Diamond Creek was the first of its kind.

"Council is committed to doing its utmost to achieve meaningful climate action," he said.

Nillumbik is part of the Cities Power Partnership program which supports 139 Australian councils tackle climate change.



Free advice for your home

Residents can now book a free one-on-one energy consultation with Australian Energy Foundation.

Council has partnered with the Australian Energy Foundation to help you make your home more energy-efficient.

AEF's vision is for all Australians to have access to the affordable and clean energy they need to be healthy, have meaningful work, maintain financial stability, connect with their community, prosper through continuous learning, and live in a thriving natural environment.

From solar to insulation and everything in between, the Australian Energy Foundation helps you with all areas of your home. They can:

- Help you understand how to make your home energy-efficient
- Provide trusted, independent advice helping you make an informed decision
- Connect you with fully vetted suppliers, so you can buy with ease and confidence.

Book a free consultation at bookings.aef.com.au/#/customer/energyconsultations aef.com.au



People power needed for plan

We are preparing our new Climate Action Plan, and want your help to guide its direction.

Community input is critical to the development of the new plan to help us better understand your priorities for responding to climate change.

Council launched a survey in late October to find out Nillumbik's understanding of climate change; what actions we should prioritise; and what the community can and is already doing to respond to climate change.

The survey will assist the development of the new plan which will outline what Council will do to reduce its carbon footprint, build

resilience and adapt to changes in climate, while supporting the community to do the same.

The online survey, which is open until 20 December, along with a telephone survey of randomly-selected residents is the crucial first step. There will be further opportunity for community consultation before the plan is finalised in the second half of 2021.

For more information on what we are already doing to address climate change, go to nillumbik.vic.gov.au/climate-change

To complete the survey and help inform future action, go to participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/climate-action

Reverse your energy bills

Are you finding your summers a bit hot or your winters too cold?

Reverse cycle units are the most energy-efficient option for heating and cooling your home.

Reduce the guesswork and cost of buying a new unit by participating in The Nillumbik Bulk Buy.

cleanenergynillumbik.org.au/events

PROJECT UPDATES

Eltham Central Pavilion

The new \$3.56 Eltham Central Pavilion was officially opened in September.

The project was funded through \$2.36 million from Nillumbik Shire Council, and \$1.2 million from the Victorian Government – \$800,000 through its Growing Suburbs Fund and \$400,000 through Sport and Recreation Victoria.

Hurstbridge multi-use facility

This \$1.7 million project will see the existing pavilion extended with two extra change rooms, accessible amenities, umpire change rooms and extended social area.

It's funded with \$705,000 from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund, \$150,000 from Sport and Recreation Victoria and \$700,000 from Council. Construction is due to start in March.

Diamond Valley Library upgrade

Work will start next year on the upgrade which will include an expanded kids' zone, co-working zone, community zone and pop-up café.

Hockey pavilion

The \$2.7 million redevelopment in Greensborough, funded by the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund, Council and the club is expected to be completed in March.

Eltham tennis courts

Three new multi-sport courts will be ready in the new year with the \$1.4 million upgrade funded through the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.

Eltham North dog park

An off-leash dog park in Dansey's Paddock, Eltham North, will be built next year with funds from the Victorian Government.



Four new courts will be built at the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre.

Diamond Valley sports centre set to sparkle

Redevelopment the second-biggest ever in the Shire

Work has started on the second-biggest capital works project undertaken in the Shire – the \$16.5 million redevelopment of the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre in Greensborough.

The redevelopment will include:

- Three additional compliant netball/basketball courts line-marked for netball, basketball, volleyball and badminton.
- Extension of an existing court to make it a fully compliant netball/basketball court
- A new double-story administration building with offices, café, kiosk, change rooms, toilets, storage, first aid, lift and male/female referee rooms
- Refurbishment of existing mid-level toilets and change rooms.

The project is being funded with \$6 million from Council, \$8 million from Sport and Recreation Victoria and \$2.5 million from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning's Growing Suburbs Fund.

The project is the second-biggest capital works project undertaken in the Shire after the Eltham Leisure Centre.

The centre is used by thousands of people across the region who play basketball, netball, squash, badminton, table tennis and dodgeball.

The redevelopment started in September and is expected to be completed by early 2022.

The Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre is operated by Aligned Leisure on behalf of Council.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/DVSFC

Big goals for netball pavilion

The new Diamond Creek Netball Pavilion is hoped to be completed soon, now that COVID-19 restrictions on construction has eased.

The pavilion has been funded by \$2.8 million from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund, \$200,000 from Council and \$80,000 raised by the Diamond Creek Force Netball Association.

The netball courts will be resurfaced following a \$1.96 million grant from the Victorian Sports Infrastructure Stimulus Program.

Council also received \$1.48 million from the same program to upgrade lighting at the courts and other sports grounds



The netball pavilion under construction.

including Diamond Hills Reserve, Eltham Lower Park front oval, Eltham Rugby Oval and Hurstbridge East Oval.

Summer fun in Nillumbik



Pictures: Roger Knight, Another Dimension



Playspace swings into action

You don't have to be a kid to enjoy the newest attraction in Diamond Creek

The long-awaited \$2.5 million Diamond Creek Regional Playspace is proving very popular with locals and visitors alike.

There's plenty of activities to explore with accessible equipment and areas for younger and older children featuring flying foxes, parkour and climbing structures, swings, slides, a sandpit, nature play and cubby houses.

The playspace references Diamond Creek's gold mining history with a replica poppet head a particular feature. Children can "mine" for gold in the sandpit using play equipment.

Look out for the digital play experience, offering a unique way to further explore and experience the playspace. There are also barbecues, picnic shelters, seats and tables, making it the perfect place to enjoy a day out during the holidays.

A highlight is the historic Tram Cafe, which was restored by the Rotary Club of Diamond Creek and a host of volunteers. It is a welcome stop on the Diamond Creek Trail for visitors, walkers and cyclists.

The community run café offers a range of beverages and other delicious treats and money raised goes to not-for-profit organisations and causes.

For those feeling more reflective, a labyrinth has been created a short walk from the playspace in Diamond Creek Reserve.

The playspace was funded through the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.

For details on the playspace go to nillumbik.vic.gov.au/DCRP

For information about the Tram Café including operating hours and menu, go to [facebook.com/diamondcreektramproject](https://www.facebook.com/diamondcreektramproject)

YOUR
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GUIDE

Step back in time

Try one of these walks and learn some more about Nillumbik's great history.

Hurstbridge Heritage Trail

📍 From 794 Main Rd, Hurstbridge
Distance: 3.6km

The Hurstbridge Trail comprises of 30 sign-posted historical sites spanning early settlement to the mid-1900s. There is no real start or finish, just pick up the trail where you like and enjoy an easy one-hour walk through town.

Smiths Gully to St Andrews Nature History Trail

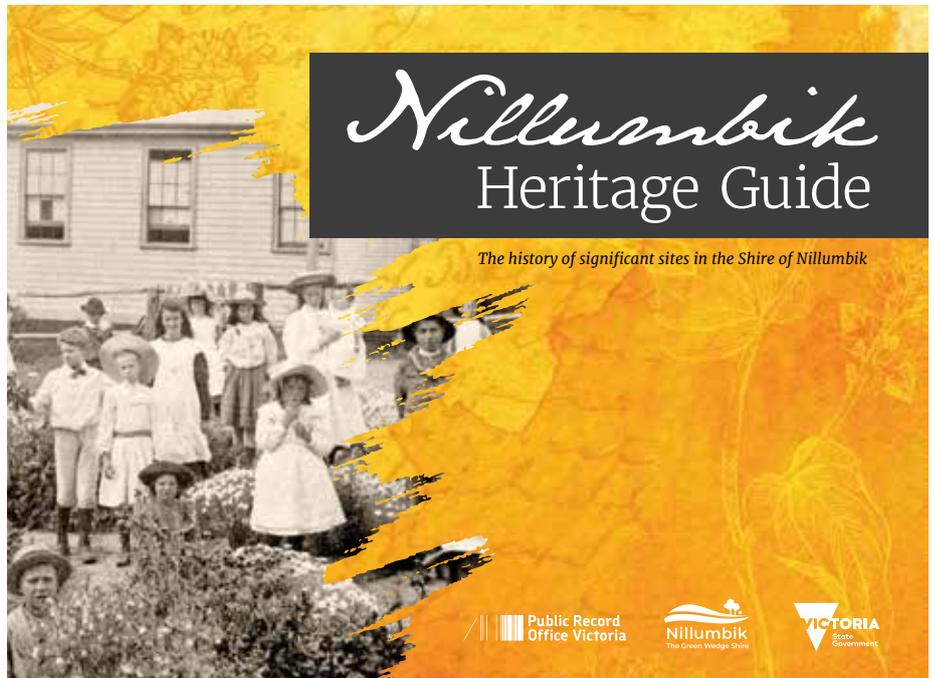
📍 From Peter Franke Reserve car park to St Andrews
Distance: 3km

The trail follows the Smiths Gully Creek through the old Caledonia Gully alluvial gold diggings of the 19th-20th century.

Ye Old Yarrambat Walk

📍 From 474 Ironbark Rd, Yarrambat

This walk takes in 13 sites which link 'Olde' Yarrambat to today including the Eltham and District Woodworkers and the original schoolhouse site.



History on our doorstep

Rediscover the beauty and history of your own back yard with our new digital Nillumbik Heritage Guide

Did you know that a ghost is rumoured to haunt the homestead at Edendale Community Environment Farm?

A council ranger's wife, who lived at the farm from 1970-78, reported seeing a ghostly figure in the front room. Other residents and council staff have also reported feeling a presence in the house.

Find out about this story and more in our new digital Nillumbik Heritage Guide, which is now available to view from our website. The historic interactive guide showcases the rich history of Nillumbik through photographic images, interactive maps, pop up discoveries, and storytelling.

The guide has been created in collaboration with Nillumbik's historic societies, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation, Nillumbik Reconciliation Group, Yarra Plenty Regional Library and many other contributors.

Discover the fascinating history of Nillumbik's First People, our local pioneers, the Shire's historic sites, homes and

buildings, memorials and cemeteries, and our arts and culture heritage. All of this can be found among tales of local folklore and mysteries.

Presented in a beautiful digital format, the guide is a treasure trove of information accompanied by over three hundred photographs from our earliest history right through to the present day.

There are also driving tours and historic walks to explore to help make the most of our long summer days close to home.

Interesting facts include:

- The Kangaroo Ground Cemetery is the oldest working cemetery outside Melbourne
- At one point there were 13 hotels between the Diamond Creek Bridge in Eltham and the Yarra River at Yarra Glen.
- In its early days, the St Andrews Hotel held coronial inquests and it doubled as a morgue. It's rumoured it was also used as a brothel.
- The tunnel known as Pioneers Tunnel in Dunnes Gully is rumoured to have been a hideout for bushrangers and the infamous gangster Squizzy Taylor.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/heritageguide

Enquiries: Arts and Cultural Development team on 9433 311 or artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

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Yarrambat State School circa 1928;
St Andrews Hotel circa 1926 (H18640).

Take a drive

Get behind the wheel and take one of four self-guided driving tours through different parts of the Shire as featured in the heritage guide.

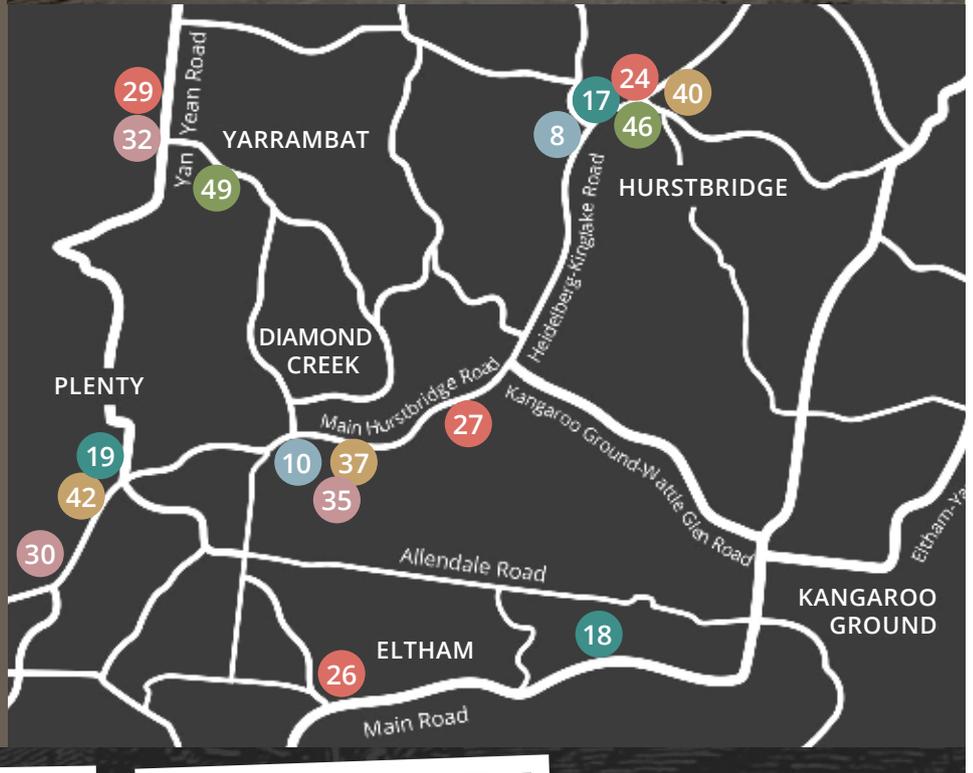
The West and Central Tour takes in Eltham, Plenty, Diamond Creek, Yarrambat and Hurstbridge.

West & Central Tour

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Diamond Creek Railway Crossing circa 1910.



Clockwise from top left: Montsalvat; State Battery, Queenstown; Golden Stairs Miners, Yarrambat, 1946; Allwood House; Nillumbik Cemetery; Arthurs Creek Cemetery
 Pictures courtesy of: Shire of Eltham Pioneers Photograph Collection, Yarra Plenty Regional Library in partnership with Eltham District Historical Society, Michael Aiken Collection, Eltham District Historical Society, Nillumbik Historical Society, Yarrambat Historical Society, State Library Victoria (Photo by Seers Studios), Amanda Grant.



Ride the new Diamond Creek Trail.

Diamond Creek trail to open

We have some amazing trails in Nillumbik. But after this year's COVID-19 restrictions, many of us are a little tired of the same well-worn paths close to home.

But in good news for residents and visitors, we have something new for you to explore.

Stage 1 of the Diamond Creek Trail extension is expected to open this summer.

So grab your walking shoes, bike or even your horse and check out this fantastic new shared-use trail.

Work has also started on Stage 2 of the trail, taking it all the way to Hurstbridge.

When finished – in mid-2021 – it will be possible to ride 55km all the way into the city with the Diamond Creek Trail linking to the Main Yarra Trail at Eltham Lower Park.

Stage 1 of the extension starts in Luscombe Drive, Diamond Creek and continues for 2.5km to Wilson Road in Wattle Glen.

It features a concrete path for walking, running and cycling, and a separate, natural-surface trail for horse riding.

The Victorian Government has contributed \$9.1 million to both stages of the project with Council committing \$4 million so far.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/diamond-creek-trail

Get off the beaten track

Discover our beautiful Panton Hill Bushland Reserves

Summer is the perfect time to explore the network of trails through the beautiful Panton Hill Bushland Reserves.

There are seven reserves extending from Smiths Gully in the north to Watsons Creek in the south, forming a corridor of remnant bushland covering 140ha.

The traditional owners of this land, the Wurundjeri people, have an ancient and enduring connection to this place. Each of the reserves is named after a local species in Woi-Wurrung language – Bulwidj, Yanggai, Wimbi, Bunjil, Warran, Yirrip and Gawa.

Walks/rides range from 340m to 12km and vary in difficulty.

Learn more about the traditional owners, pass sites of cultural and historic significance, and

immerse yourself in the native habitat of a number of rare and threatened flora and fauna species including the brush-tailed phascogale, powerful owl, southern toadlet and wine-lipped spider orchid.

The Gawa Wurundjeri Resource Trail is 340m loop that provides a deeper understanding of how the Wurundjeri used the bushland resources.

New interpretive signage that enhances the visitor experience has been installed at the reserves and a new brochure with maps and information can be downloaded from our website nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Panton-Hill-Bushland-Reserves



Learn about the traditional owners of this land on the Gawa Wurundjeri Resource Trail.



New friends at Edendale Farm

A visit to Edendale makes a great school holiday activity. The farm has reopened for free prebooked visits. Numbers and times are limited and can vary, so it's best to book early at the farm's website.

There's been plenty happening since the farm closed to the public in March. Many of our farmyard friends have welcomed new additions including Edendale's first baby alpaca (cria) called Pinto (right). Truffles gave birth to Pinto, a baby boy, in October and he has been enjoying hanging out with his mum and the other alpacas – Nutmeg and Poppy.

Edendale's indigenous nursery has also reopened – but you need to prebook your visit. Alternatively, the nursery offers a contactless click & collect service.

edendale.vic.gov.au





Strathewen artist Tara Stublely with her work *Time for Clarity*.

Exhibition puts COVID-19 pandemic in the frame

Artists reflect on their experience in new show at Montsalvat

Tara Stublely was preparing for the opening of her exhibition at the Eltham Library Community Gallery when COVID-19 hit in March.

The library was forced to close and the Strathewen artist's event was cancelled.

The arts community, like so many others, has been deeply affected by COVID-19.

To provide support, Council commissioned 40 local and national artists including Tara to create new works as part of the Art in the Time of COVID-19 program.

These works will be part of a major exhibition at Montsalvat, opening on 5 February.

Tara's painting, *Time for Clarity*, explores the human connection to the landscape and environment. While the changes COVID brought to Tara's work, study and family life were at first overwhelming, she has found it has also been a time to pause and reflect.

"I feel like COVID has opened a new door of future possibilities, a glimpse of the ecological value of taking a more thoughtful and measured approach to the way we consume, it's slowed down time and given us a chance to be more introspective," she said.

"Birds are filling the skies rather than planes, we are hearing the sounds of nature and breathing in fresh air instead of pounding the pavement to the thrum of a congested highway."

Tara said the exhibition had been a great opportunity for artists locally and nationally.



FEBRUARY 5 - APRIL 5 2021
nillumbik.vic.gov.au/covid-art  

Montsalvat, 7 Hillcrest Ave, Eltham

ENTRY

Adults \$14; Concession \$10
 Children under five free
 Families (two adults and up to three children under 13) \$35

Proceeds to Montsalvat

Laughing Waters set to reopen

Laughing Waters will again be home to an artist-in-residence program.

Council has agreed to enter into a new lease agreement with Parks Victoria for the two properties involved in the program – "River Bend House" and "Birrarung House" in Laughing Waters Road, Eltham.

The Laughing Waters Artist Residency was an important arts and cultural development program of Council that ran from 2001 to 2015.

The properties at Laughing Waters – or Garambi Baan – are culturally and historically significant, with River Bend designed by Alistair Knox and Birrarung by Gordon Ford, two highly influential and important architects.

The Victorian Government's recent approval of Planning Scheme Amendment (C125) again allows the use of the buildings for an artist residency program.

Residency Projects will be supported by Council to run the artist residency program.

laughingwaters.com.au

Walk this way

On your walks around the Shire this year, you might have noticed the short texts stenciled on the trails and footpaths.

These reflections on the pandemic were part of Council's Written in the Time of COVID-19 project. Council has released an anthology of these works and others.

These Tiny Threads Remind Me: The Written in the Time of COVID-19 Anthology features 79 pieces from 53 writers including poetry, vignettes and micro-stories and is beautifully illustrated by Mandy Ord and Angharad Neal-Williams.

The anthology is available to buy as a paperback for a special Nillumbik local price, from Eltham Book Shop, as a paperback or ebook through popular online bookstores or to borrow from the Yarra Plenty Regional Library.

IN BRIEF

Can I or can't I?

The Fire Danger Period is expected to be declared shortly.

The CFA declares the Fire Danger Period for each municipality, and the timing can change each year depending on local conditions.

For information on what you can and can't do during the Fire Danger Period and on Total Fire Ban days, go to cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/can

Heat health

It's important to take care in hot weather. Older people, young children and people with a medical condition can be at increased risk from extreme heat.

The Victorian Government's Better Health Channel has five tips to help survive the heat:

- Drink plenty of water
- Never leave anyone (or pets) in a car
- Stay somewhere cool
- Plan ahead
- Check in on others

betterhealth.vic.gov.au/heat

Cutting the risk

Our roadside mowing program began in November as part of our bushfire mitigation program.

Extra contractors have also been brought in to assist in mowing our parks and reserves.

The works are scheduled to be completed ahead of the peak fire season. We start as late as possible to ensure the grass is dry, rather than green, so it only needs to be cut once.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/bushfire-mitigation



Working together to prepare

Council has been funded by the Victorian Government to assist rural Nillumbik to better prepare for bushfires.

The project is called Communities First and is all about strengthening community engagement, local connections, knowledge and resource sharing.

We acknowledge and value the fire preparedness work that is being led by

communities and agencies, and we wish to explore what else we can do together.

Join Q&A sessions, workshops, webinars and focus groups.

You can also book a conversation with our Emergency Project Resilience Officer through our website.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/communities-first

Summer is here – are you ready for bushfire?

Having a written, well-practised plan can save lives

The Green Wedge Shire is a beautiful part of the world, but one that comes with a high threat of bushfire. If you haven't already, now is the time to prepare your property.

In the lead up to the bushfire season, our Municipal Fire Prevention Officers began inspecting properties across the Shire to identify those that could be a fire hazard.

Fire Prevention Notices have been, and will continue to be, issued to owners who are required to undertake works. Property owners are encouraged to maintain their properties to ensure they are fire ready.

It's a good time to review your Bushfire Plan, remembering that the safest option is always to leave early. The CFA has some great resources to help you prepare at cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

COVID-19 adds to the complexities of an emergency situation. If COVID-19 restrictions are in place, you can leave your home during an emergency.*

The CFA advises to add to your emergency kit extra face masks, hand sanitiser and antibacterial wipes, and to follow COVID-19 health advice.

The Fire Danger Rating should be your trigger to act or leave. The automated Fire Danger Rating sign at the Warrandyte Bridge has been repaired and is fully operational.

Find out what the ratings mean at cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions/about-fire-danger-ratings

*Source: CFA

Stay up to date

Find out the latest information in an emergency including fire, flood or storm.

- Download the **VicEmergency app** from the App Store or Google Play
- Tune into **ABC radio** or local emergency broadcaster **Plenty Valley FM**
- Go to the VicEmergency website emergency.vic.gov.au





What can go in



Paper and cardboard



Hard plastic bottles and containers (labelled with codes 1 – 5)



Glass bottles and jars (lids off and in the recycling bin)



Cans and tins, foil (scrunched in a ball), empty aerosols



Main problem items



Bags of waste



Bags of recycling



Broken crockery and ceramics



Broken window glass and drinking glass



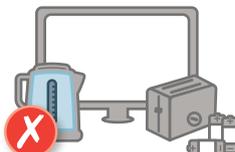
Polystyrene and foam



Soft plastics



Textiles, clothes or shoes



Electrical waste (e-waste) and batteries

New way to celebrate Home Harvest

Home Harvest, our annual picnic at Edendale Farm, has always been about a community, the satisfaction of growing your own produce and the pleasure of sharing and eating it with others.

With the uncertainty around public gatherings this season, we are unable to host the picnic at Edendale, but we have some new ways to celebrate.

Online community

Join our Home Harvest online community at [Facebook.com/HomeHarvestCommunityHub](https://www.facebook.com/HomeHarvestCommunityHub) where you can share home growing tips and find out about online events.

Seed Libraries

Nillumbik and Banyule councils have partnered with Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries to create a series of Seed Libraries to share seeds.

Donate food

Donate your extra produce to local food share groups.

Donation points:

- BANSIC @ the Hub, Heidelberg West
- Greenhills Neighbourhood House, Greensborough
- Secondbite at Diamond Creek Uniting Church.

Please check [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/home-harvest](https://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/home-harvest) for donation drop-off times.

Family picnic

This Home Harvest, enjoy a picnic in the park or back yard with family and friends on February 28, as COVID-19 restrictions allow. Although we won't be at Edendale, we can still follow the growing journey together.

[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/home-harvest](https://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/home-harvest)

Know how to recycle right

It's important we put the right thing in our recycling bins

Recycling plays a huge part in how we manage our waste and the more effort we make, the better the future of the industry will be.

Although we are proud of our high rates of recycling, Nillumbik has seen a rise in recycling contamination.

This year's audit of household recycling shows a 17 per cent contamination rate, in which non-recyclable items end up in the recycling stream.

Some of the most common contaminants include bags of waste, bags of recyclable materials, ceramics such as crockery, non-recyclable glass including drinking glasses, vases and window panes, soft plastics and polystyrene.

Our new waste collection contractor, JJ's Waste and Recycling, has cameras in the trucks to help us monitor recycling contamination and assist in waste education.

If your recycling has been contaminated, we will send a friendly reminder in the mail with some helpful tips.

Accepted items include paper and cardboard, hard plastic bottles and containers (labelled with codes 1-5), glass bottles and jars (lids off and in the recycling bin), cans and tins, foil (scrunched in a ball) and empty aerosols.

See our A-Z recycling guide at [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/A-Z-recycling](https://www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/A-Z-recycling)

Christmas tree disposal



1 You can cut your tree into small pieces and place in your green waste bin.

2 Or drop your tree off at the Recycling and Recovery Centre in Plenty and use a green waste voucher to dispose it for free.

Leading the way

Nominations are open for Council's Young Women Leaders Awards.

Tying in with International Women's Day celebrations in March, the awards recognise the contribution of young women in Nillumbik to their communities in five categories:

- Nillumbik Young Woman of the Year
- Excelling in Arts and Sport
- Gender Equity Advocacy
- Young Environment Leader
- Young Business Leader

Women and those who identify as female aged 12-25 who live, work, study, volunteer or play in Nillumbik are invited to self-nominate. Friends and family can also nominate. Nominations close 20 December 2020.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/young-women-leaders



Trauma teddies

More than 100 residents have put their time in lockdown to good use – knitting teddies as part of the Red Cross Trauma Teddies project.

We put the call out in July for knitters to join the project, which sees the teddies given to children and young people experiencing illness or trauma.

Wattle Glen resident Marj and Shirley, of Diamond Creek, were among the army of knitters who joined the cause.

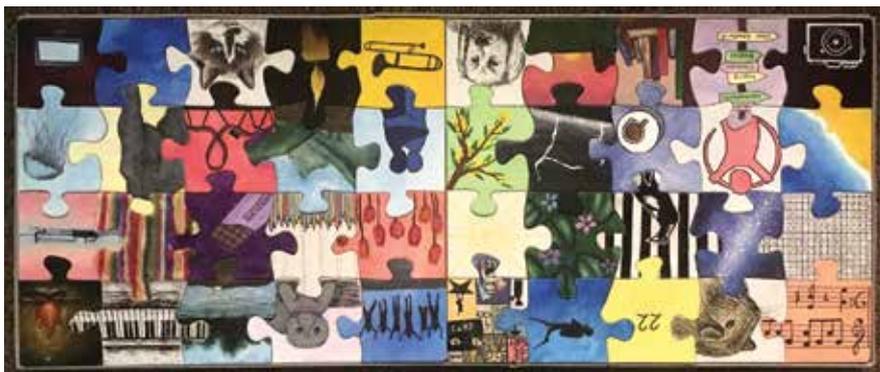
Marj had heard about the project from her husband, Ron, who is one of our Community Transport volunteers.

The two women made a great team, completing 12 teddies between them. The teddies will be donated to the CFA, police, hospitals and welfare organisations for distribution.

The project has been such a success we have partnered with North East Healthy Communities to continue the initiative.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/trauma-teddies.

Shirley, Marj and Ron with some of the teddies



Some of the winning artworks from Council's youth art competition; Clockwise from top left: *Holding On and On and On* – Fieke van der Kamp, *Hope* – Nha Hoang and *What makes you happy* – Emily Broeren.

Our art competition winners are unmasked

Online exhibition showcases Shire's talented youth

A new youth art competition has given Nillumbik's young people the opportunity to get creative during the COVID-19 lockdown.

Council launched The Creative Collective in August with the theme for 2020 'Unmasked' and the winners are now featured in an online exhibition on the Nillumbik Youth website.

The winners were announced in November with the top prize going to Fieke van der Kamp, 16, for *Holding On and On and On*.

Fieke describes their winning work as symbolising "the repetitiveness of each day in a lockdown and the lockdown as a whole".

Council received many entries of a high calibre. Some works explored the loneliness and struggle with isolation during COVID.

Others showed the pandemic provided young people the unique opportunity to increase positive connections

with family, appreciate nature and community, and the time to experiment with creative expression.

And the winners are...

Overall Winner

- *Holding On and On and On* – Fieke van der Kamp, 16

12-16 Age Group

- *Hope* – Nha Hoang, 14
- *The Great Indoors* – Elliot Howell, 15
- *Cabin Fever* – Caitlin Bowden, 16

17-20 Age Group

- *What makes you happy* – Emily Broeren, 17

21-25 Age Group

- *Kookaburra* – Emma Crupi, 25

The Creative Collective will now be an annual event.

You can view the exhibition at nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au/the-creative-collective

Hub to support parents

New online resources and seminars to help Nillumbik families

Being a parent is one of the best jobs in the world, but one that can sometimes throw up unexpected challenges.

To support parents, carers and grandparents of children and young people, we are pleased to launch the Nillumbik Parenting Hub: Building Resilient Families in partnership with healthAbility and ParentZone.

The hub will offer a range of seminars, workshops, services, information and resources in two key ways:

- The Nillumbik Parenting Hub online portal on Council's website
- The Nillumbik Parenting Series

The program aims to strengthen skills, strategies and tools for families to provide positive support to children and young people, and respond effectively during the most challenging times.

The Nillumbik Parenting Series will offer a range of information sessions over a six-month calendar.

The programs will include seminars on babies and toddlers, early years and youth and general parenting tips.

Visit the Nillumbik Parenting Hub at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/nillumbik-parenting-hub



Bianca and Kritz from The Big Sister Experience.

Three keys to Nurturing Happy Girls

Help your daughter to thrive after the hardships faced in 2020.

Come and join The Big Sister Experience for a free online workshop to discover the three keys to nurturing young girls of today into the strong, confident and happy women of tomorrow.

The event is being held as part of the Nillumbik Parenting Series.

Learn simple and implementable strategies to foster connection, build resilience and allow your daughter to create a solid foundation for her overall wellbeing.

When: Friday 12 February, 4pm
Cost: FREE
Venue: Online (Zoom)
Bookings: [nurturing-happy-girls eventbrite.com.au](https://www.eventbrite.com.au) (essential)

Upcoming online sessions include:

- **Parenting children experiencing anxiety**
Wednesday 10 February, 7pm
Free
In partnership with Relationships Victoria
- **Three keys to Nurturing Happy Girls, Big Sister Experience**
Friday 12 February, 4pm
Free (details below)
For parents of teenage girls
- **Tuning into Teens**
Wednesday 17 February, 1pm-2.30pm, Free
Information session presented by healthAbility for parents of adolescents aged 10-18 years
- **Living with Autism**
starting Wednesday 3 March, 10am-11.30am
An eight week program in partnership with ParentZone
- **Building Happy and Resilient Kids with Dr Michael Carr-Gregg**
Thursday 4 March, 7pm-8pm
Cost: \$5

Apply for preschool

State Government funding for three-year-old preschool programs will be available in Nillumbik from 2022.

Applications for 2022 open on 1 February 2021. Families will be able to apply online via Council's website or by postal/hard copy.

Applications close on 30 June 2021 for 2022 attendance. Visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/preschool or email preschool@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Be included

Are you passionate about inclusion in Nillumbik?

We are seeking expressions of interest to join our Inclusion Advisory Committee. Speak to our Inclusion Officer on 0438 277 428 or email inclusion@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

Applications close Friday 18 December 2020.



Supporting our local businesses

Looking to open a business? Council is here to assist.

Find out which permits you may need to apply for, how to apply for them and how the permit application process works by completing our simple checklist.

Council has undertaken the Better Business Approvals Project, an outcome of the Victorian Government's Small Business Regulation Review Program.

The review looked through the eyes of small business at the regulations and processes needed to start and/or grow a business in Victoria.

The project aimed to:

- Reduce the regulatory burden for business;
- Reduce the time and money spent by businesses during the application process;
- Increase the likelihood of businesses setting up and succeeding.

Your concierge through this journey is Council's Economic Development and Tourism team, who are committed to providing you with the right advice and relevant information to help your business be the best it can be.

For more information nillumbik.vic.gov.au/businesspermits or email business@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Service dashboard

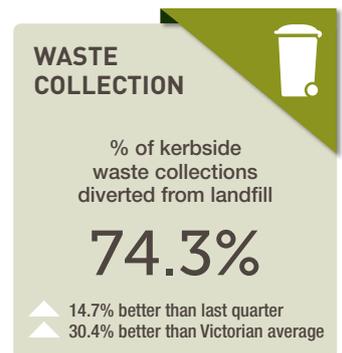
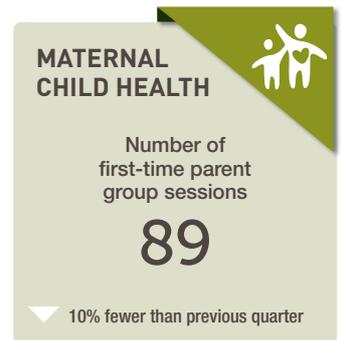
We are committed to transparent reporting and accountability to the community. In support of this commitment, *Nillumbik News* includes a service dashboard to indicate performance across a range of key council services

Various restrictions in place since March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic has greatly impacted our service delivery to the community.

Although some facilities have closed, and some services are operating differently, Council staff continue to work hard to deliver a wide range of high-quality, important services

to our community. Council's Annual Community Survey results continue to reinforce that residents rank core service delivery as important.

A snapshot of service performance for the July-September 2020 quarter is below, which provides a comparison between current and previous performance.



Webinars to watch

Missed any of our exciting sustainability events throughout spring? Not to worry, we have made sure the webinar recordings are available online.

The webinars cover the Eltham Copper Butterfly, Queensland Fruit Fly, Eucalypts of North East Melbourne, Divine Daves: Traditional burning and botany in conversation, The biology and population dynamics of kangaroos, and much more.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/SpringWebinars

What's on this summer

Markets

Hurstbridge Market

Christmas Twilight Market

Saturday 19 December, 4pm-8pm

Holiday Twilight Market

Saturday 16 January, 4pm-8pm

Hurstbridge Primary School,
961-989 Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd

hurstbridgemarket.com.au

Eltham Craft & Produce

Sunday 20 December, 8am-1pm

Alistair Knox Park,
Panther Place, Eltham

elthammarket.com.au

Eltham Farmers' Market

Sundays, 9am-1pm

Eltham Town Mall, 10-28 Arthur St

elthamfm.org.au

St Andrews Market

Every Saturday except
total fire ban days

Cnr Kangaroo Ground-St Andrews
Rd and Heidelberg-Kinglake Rd

standrewsmarket.com.au

Study with us

Living & Learning Nillumbik will be offering the following accredited qualification courses in Term 1 2021:

- **Cert III in Early Childhood Education and Care** – CHC30113
- **Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care** – CHC50113
- **Cert III in Individual Support (Ageing, Home and Community)** – CHC33015

All courses will be delivered virtually, with some face-to-face sessions.

For more information visit

livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au or follow us on Facebook at [facebook.com/LivingLearningNillumbik](https://www.facebook.com/LivingLearningNillumbik)

Living & Learning Nillumbik is a Registered Training Organisation (No. 3989).

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International Women's Day 2021

Our celebrations will be taking a different format, moving online for the first time

Join us as we celebrate International Women's Day during the week of 8-12 March 2021.

Events throughout the week include a Women in Business Networking event on Wednesday 10 March featuring a guest speaker and virtual Women in Business Marketplace, online exhibitions and galleries, interactive workshops with local female authors, artists and

businesswomen, performances and more.

The main event on Thursday 11 March will feature keynote speaker Carly Findlay, entertainment and the presentation of the Young Women in Leadership Awards.

Find out more and book your ticket at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/IWD

SAVE THE DATE



Celebrate some of our most outstanding citizens at our virtual Australia Day ceremony.

Australia Day

Tuesday 26 January 2021, online

Join us as we celebrate the achievements of the Nillumbik Australia Day Award recipients and welcome our newest Australian citizens.

The theme for our Australia Day Awards is *Reflect. Respect. Celebrate. We're all part of the story*, where we will shine a light on the Nillumbik community and all we have achieved.

The awards will be presented at Nillumbik's first virtual Australia Day and Citizenship Reflection Ceremony in four categories:

- Young Citizen of the Year (16-30 years old)
- Senior Citizen of the Year (aged over 60)
- Volunteer of the Year
- Community Group of the Year

A winner from one of the four categories will also be presented with the Citizen of the Year award.

For details on how to attend the 2021 virtual event, go to nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ausday



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 to shop in our
SHIRE

For the full line-up of festivities, go to
www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/christmas2020
 and follow @visitnillumbik on
 Facebook and Instagram



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nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Holiday opening hours

Council offices*

Visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au to check if the offices in Greensborough are open.

Customer Service call centre

9433 3111

8.30am-5pm, Monday-Friday except:

Christmas Eve

Thursday 24 December 8.30am-1pm

Christmas Day

Friday 25 December Closed

Boxing Day public holiday

Monday 28 December Closed

New Year's Eve

Thursday 31 December 8.30am-1pm

New Year's Day Friday 1 January Closed

Australia Day Tuesday 26 January Closed

Bin Collection

Christmas Day

Friday 25 December No collection*

New Year's Day

Friday 1 January 2021 No collection*

Waste bin collection will occur on the Saturday instead.

Recycling & Recovery Centre

290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty

Open 8am-4pm, Friday-Monday.

Closed Tuesday-Thursday, public holidays and during periods of extreme weather.

Christmas Day

Friday 25 December Closed

Boxing Day Saturday 26 December Closed

Boxing Day public holiday

Monday 28 December Closed

New Year's Eve

Thursday 31 December Closed

New Year's Day Friday 1 January Closed

Nillumbik Pound*

Please call 9433 3111

Edendale Community Environment Farm

Gastons Road, Eltham

Open for booked sessions only

edendale.vic.gov.au

Living & Learning Nillumbik*

9433 3744

17 December – 11 January Office closed

livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au

* At the time of going to print, this service was closed to the public.

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