

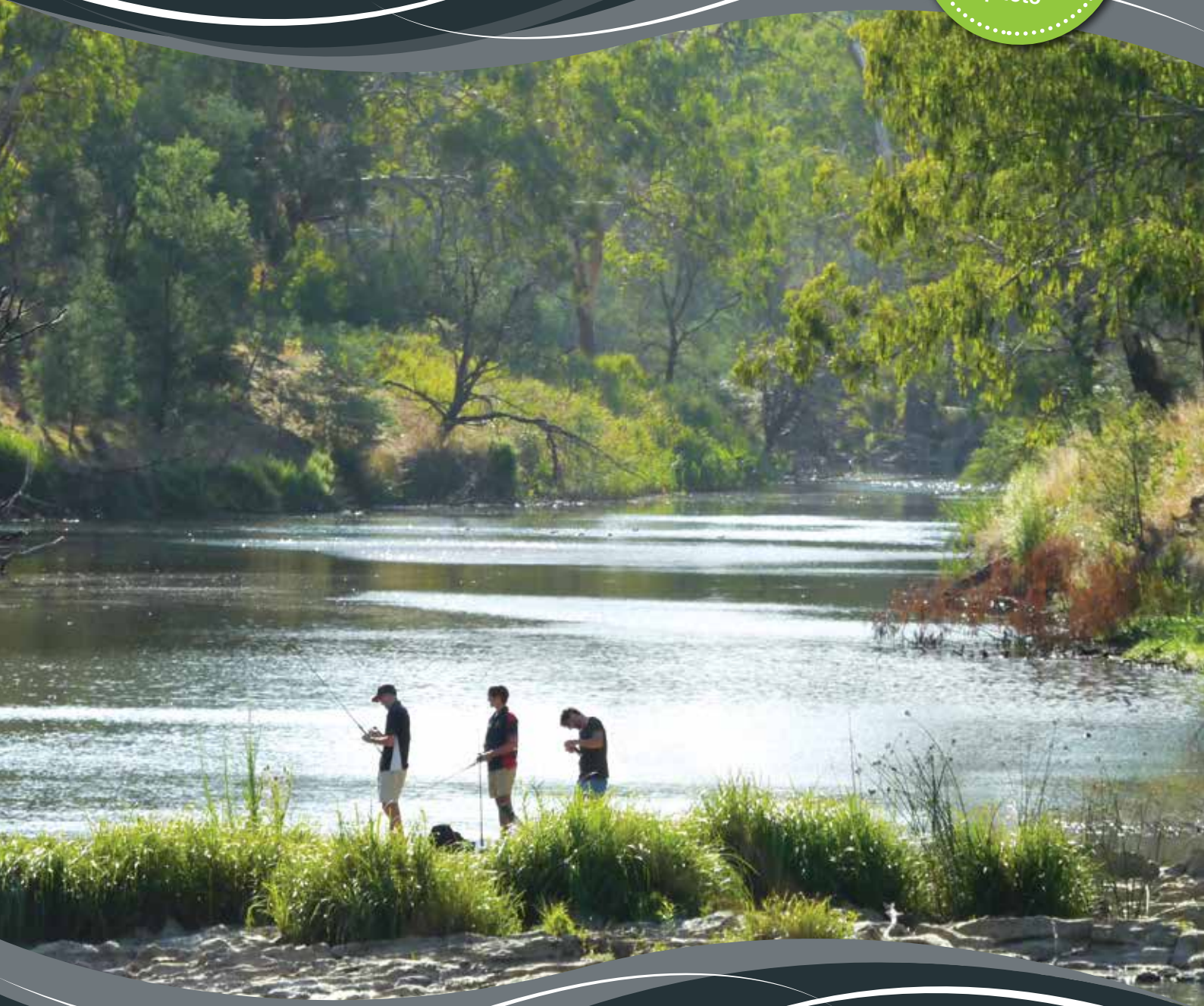
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# Nillumbik

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from the Mayor

Welcome to the spring edition of *Nillumbik News*.

As this Council reaches its halfway mark in our four-year term, I'd like to reflect on some of our remarkable achievements.

I'm proud to be leading a Council that is delivering and embarking on a large community infrastructure program, helping deliver on our goal of being the most liveable Shire, while not burdening ratepayers with large rate rises you've endured under previous councils.

In fact I thank all Councillors and staff for their efforts in ensuring we continue to achieve our low rating strategy – a zero rate rise in the first year and the smallest rate rise in Victoria this year, at just 1.95 per cent.

This is on top of reducing the historic debt burden. We've managed to pay down a considerable amount of debt, meaning less money spent on interest payments and more for our community.

Going forward, there's still more work to do. You'll read about the exciting activities being undertaken for the Green Wedge Management Plan review and the raft of upgrades to sporting pavilions, which include the addition of female change room facilities.

We will continue to advocate for public transport improvements and other upgrades to our road network ahead of November's state election.

I look forward to continuing to deliver for you and the community over the second half of our term.

*P. Clarke*

Mayor, Cr Peter Clarke



From left: Josephine Cassar, Chantal Stewart, Helen Wong, Dianne Collins (Secretary, Ceramics Collective), Jenny Krapez, Judith Hoffmann, Anne Sfetkidis, Sue McCormick (Coordinator, Clay MakerSpace) and Amber Green

## Artistic cups for Shire

Now's your chance to have a cuppa to protect the environment.

The Ceramics Collective, a group of potters working together in Nillumbik's Living & Learning Clay MakerSpace, in partnership with St Andrews' Men's Shed, have come up with an artistic solution to a messy problem.

They have created *Change Cups* to be used instead of paper coffee cups, which

are being sold at Zen Den Café in Eltham. The Men's Shed have built bespoke cabinets to display them.

Led by Sue McCormick, Coordinator of Clay MakerSpace, the project builds on Council's *Travelling Teapot* community engagement initiative which framed the Arts and Cultural Strategy for the Shire.

## Green Wedge plan

Nillumbik's first Community Panel, made up of 40 residents from across the municipality, recently started considering the future direction of our Shire's Green Wedge Management Plan.

Mayor Peter Clarke said an independent organisation randomly selected the Panel members from 10,000 invitations sent to residents and ratepayers to ensure a diverse and representative group.

"We had 220 people register to sit on the Panel which is a testament to the sense of community service and passion that we are lucky to have here in Nillumbik," Cr Clarke said.

The Panel will listen to a range of speakers and access detailed information over five days from August to October to help shape its views. It will also consider the issues that emerged from the workshops and public consultation held between May and July this year.

"The Panel is considering the social, economic and environmental matters

that impact the management of the Green Wedge, which covers 91 per cent of our Shire," Cr Clarke said.

Members will prepare a final report and recommendations to Council.

Council is due to officially accept the Community Panel's report in October, before releasing a draft Green Wedge Management Plan later in 2018 for public consultation over a three-month period. It will seek to adopt a final plan in June 2019.

Regular updates, including research material and the Community Engagement Report, as well as information on the opportunity to observe the panel in operation, are available at [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

## Shire gets sporty

Sporting groups are the big winners from the 2018-2019 budget with more than \$10 million being spent on upgrading pavilions across the Shire.

The work has been necessary because the 40-50 year old buildings need more female toilets and change rooms, accessible toilets and facilities big enough to cope with the growth in sport in the Shire.

- **Research Park Pavilion:** parts of the pavilion have been demolished as the \$2.5 million revamp gets underway. The 50-year-old building will be transformed into a double-storey pavilion, which is widely used by cricket and football clubs and is due to be completed by mid-next year with the car park upgrade by spring 2019. It will have an accessible toilet to cater for players of all abilities.
- **Diamond Creek Netball Pavilion:** an architect has been appointed for the demolition and rebuild of the \$3.1 million pavilion and upgrade of car park. On Saturdays 1200 female players currently make do with two female toilets so this will be a significant improvement for them.
- **Marngrook Oval Pavilion Development:** the construction of a \$1.6 million new sports pavilion

including revamping the car park is currently on the architect's drawing board. This facility is used by football, cricket, running and other sports codes and is scheduled for completion by the end of 2019.

- **Eltham Central Pavilion Redevelopment:** architects have been appointed for the \$3.4 million revamp of the pavilion including building new female-friendly change rooms. It is used by cricket and football clubs as well as U3A. It is due to be completed by the end of 2019.
- **Wattle Glen War Memorial Reserve:** \$750,000 works are underway to extend the soccer pavilion to include female-friendly change facilities.
- **Eltham North Reserve:** builders have been appointed for the \$4.1 million facility redevelopment at Eltham North Reserve. The development will include a new cricket pavilion and upgrade and expansion of the existing soccer pavilion, community hall and Scout hall. It is due to be completed mid-late 2019.

## Fire ready

Council is urging residents to start fire preparation now: clear long grass, timber, wood stores, gutters and drains.

Council is hosting the regional emergency management forum on Saturday 27 October at the Eltham Community and Reception Centre which will cover what to do in bushfires, floods, storms and heatwaves.

The forum is free, but you need to register your attendance. More details, including the registration process will be on our website and Facebook page soon.

## Wheels to meals

Two innovative Council projects for older residents are proving to be a recipe for success.

One is a wheels to meals option where older people without transport are picked up in a community bus and taken to a shared lunch at a restaurant.

The other is a cooking project with Diamond Valley College VCAL students and Banyule Nillumbik Local Learning & Employment Network, where the two generations bond as the students cook meals to be taken home by the older people.

## Healthy Schools

Nillumbik Healthy Schools is the health promoting schools initiative delivered by healthAbility.

Local schools can enlist healthAbility to help join the Achievement Program – Victoria's state-wide health promoting schools framework, as well as help to promote health and wellbeing education.

For information or support contact the Health Promotion team at [healthyschools@healthability.org.au](mailto:healthyschools@healthability.org.au)

## Keeping cool

Visitors to Eltham Lower Park will be able to keep cool this summer, thanks to a \$20,000 shade sail. It was built thanks to a Federal Government Stronger Communities Grant with Council chipping in the other half. The park attracts up to 2000 visitors each week.

## Making a splash

A major redevelopment of the Eltham Leisure Centre is nearing completion, with aquatic facilities due to reopen in September.

The project includes redevelopment of the swimming pool to a 25-metre, eight-lane indoor heated pool with ramp access.

It has been accompanied by an upgrade earlier this year of the centre's gymnasium, which is now opening around-the-clock. Also included in the aquatic redevelopment are a warm water program pool with ramp access, program/leisure pool with toddler zone and an outdoor splash park.

In addition, the Centre now offers a multi-purpose program room, accessible change rooms, poolside seating, spa with ramp access and sauna and steam room.

Funding of the Centre in Brougham Street, Eltham, was provided by Council and supported by the State Government, through the Growing Suburbs Fund and the Community Facility Funding Program (Better Pools).



Cr Bruce Ranken and Mayor Peter Clarke

## Stronger together

Mayor Peter Clarke has congratulated the new presidents of the Diamond Creek and Eltham Rotary Clubs and is looking forward to working with them over the coming year.

Kerry Jones handed over the reins as president of the Rotary Club of Diamond Creek to Alicia Hall, while Jill Ramsay has taken over from Judy Sharp as president of the Eltham Rotary Club.

Cr Clarke said it had been a pleasure working with the clubs in serving the community.

"I am also delighted that women continue to hold the top positions in these community organisations," he said. "Council strives for gender equality and empowering women in the workforce and it is good to see this reflected in the wider community."

Ms Jones said Cr Clarke had been "fabulous to work with" while Ms Ramsay said: "We work closely with Council, together we are much stronger."

## Seniors Festival

The 2018 Victorian Seniors Festival will take place across Victoria throughout October offering a huge range of free and low-cost events and activities for older Victorians.

The annual festival provides opportunities for older people to try new things and to contribute and remain engaged in their local community.

Council has published a Festival Program to highlight all the activities in the Shire during October. Download a copy at [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival) or collect a hard copy from your nearest library or leisure centre. Email [positive.ageing@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:positive.ageing@nillumbik.vic.gov.au) or call 9433 3345 for information.

As a Victorian Seniors Card holder you can travel free from Sunday 7- Sunday 14 October. Simply carry your Seniors myki and Victorian Seniors Card with you on public transport, and touch on and off as usual. This also applies to regional services. Contact Public Transport Victoria on 1800 800 007 or [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au) for information.

## Hurstbridge's own heaven

Your opinion is now being considered for the Final Open Space Precinct Plan, Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge.

The Draft Open Space Precinct Plan was on display between June and August and feedback will now be incorporated in the Final Precinct Plan and considered by Council later this year. The Precinct Plan will incorporate a 10-year implementation plan.

The site was re-purposed by the current Council, who overturned a decision of the previous Council to sell the site to developers.

The area will serve as the gateway to the future Diamond Creek Trail and will include a series of landscape enhancements to protect the area's unique amenity and environmental qualities.

Some of the possible elements include:

- Redeveloping the existing Basketball Stadium to include full size all-purpose courts
- A natural amphitheatre with views to the hills
- A small water-based natural play zone to mimic the natural creek environment
- An integrated cycle hub including a storage locker and bike workshop
- Heritage information of the Hurst Family Cemetery with signage and heritage fruit trees
- A nature play trail with sensory and exploratory elements
- A new Men's Shed
- Two additional netball courts
- Improved car park area.



Niamh, Kate and Peter Kearney

## Gearing triplets for success

Council's L2P mentor drivers can be forgiven for counting in threes now the last of the six sets of triplets they've helped, have their P-plates

Niamh, Kate and Peter Kearney, 18, have joined the Nixon, Strebinos, Howell, Nye and Smeath triplets in driving success.

The L2P volunteers have notched up 3240 triplet driving hours over the last seven years the program has run.

During this time they've steered 170 youngsters to success.

Volunteers are always needed. And twin learner-drivers – just to skew the stats a little!

[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/L2P](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/L2P)



Siobhan Parker helps Be Connected participant Sabi with her novel.

## Learn to be a keyboard champion

Siobhan Parker is a volunteer with Living & Learning Nillumbik and mentors local seniors in digital literacy as part of the Be Connected Program.

Siobhan works with small groups or one-to-one with participants, usually for an hour a week and covers many activities like using the internet, setting up an email account or areas of individual interest.

She's also helping one resident, Sabi write and save her novel on her computer. Siobhan explains why she finds her role so rewarding.

"Initially participants can be overwhelmed by the internet as it seems so foreign. I really enjoy observing their growth in understanding and confidence as the lessons progress."

More volunteers are needed to expand the Be Connected Program. Phone 9433 3744 or visit [livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au) for details.

## Closing the gap

More than a dozen community and sports groups are throwing their weight behind Council's bid for more funding to complete the Diamond Creek Trail.

Council still needs \$3 million to complete what has been one of its top priorities for 20 years – the extension of the trail from Diamond Creek to Hurstbridge, creating a 55km unbroken trail to the CBD.

Council is asking the government for funding to complete the \$11 million project.

Mayor Peter Clarke said the shared trail would be used by walkers, joggers, cyclists and horse riders and is expected to attract 360,000 users a year and bring in \$32.6m in economic benefits over a 30-year period.

"It will add to the Shire's offering as a destination and improve safety and wellbeing. If we are successful in securing the funding, the trail could be completed by 2020" Cr Clarke said.

Creek Trail Blazers president Helen Legg said the association's 1500 members wanted the link completed.

Other groups supporting the trail extension include the Diamond Creek Traders Association, Diamond Creek Parkrun, Diamond Creek Runners, the Nillumbik Emus Orienteering Club, the North Eltham Wanderers Cricket Club, the Older Men of Nillumbik Men's Discussion Group and Friends of the Diamond Creek (Eltham Lower Park), Friends of Watery Gully in Wattle Glen and The 1st Hurstbridge Scout Group.

Yarrambat Horse & Pony Club Secretary Teha Smart said there were very few places their 70 members could safely ride. The Nillumbik Horse Action Group (NHAG), Nillumbik Bicycle User Group and the Café Latte Bike Group also wrote in support of Council's bid to attract funding for the trail.

## Young ambassador

Alistair Bowles of Eltham East Primary School attended the 30th Asian Pacific Children's Convention in Fukuoka, Japan recently. Mayor Peter Clarke sent a letter of greeting with Alistair to the Mayor of Fukuoka.

## Pups in need

The Nillumbik Regional Pound offers affordable and accessible emergency housing for dogs caught up in family violence and unable to continue living at home. Sadly pets are often caught up in family violence and may need urgent accommodation. The address of the pound is 290-304 Yan Yean Road, Plenty (behind the Nillumbik Operations Centre). Call 9433 3111.

## Caring for carers

A run down building behind Greenhills Neighbourhood House is being transformed into an inviting community space for the Hearts in Mind Service. The service supports women carers looking after children with special needs or who are ill. Thanks to a \$5000 Community Grant from Council, paint supplied by Bunnings Eltham and members of the Diamond Valley Lions Clubs who helped with the painting. The grant will be used to buy furniture and the revamp should be completed by mid-October.

## Top prize



Siri Hayes with Nillumbik Prize judge Mark Feary

Eltham artist Siri Hayes has won the prestigious 2018 Nillumbik Prize with her artwork entitled *Yellow oranges and purple brown* (pictured). The two commendations were awarded to Ash Keating for his HD video *North Park Proposition* and Sam Condon for his painting *deux soldats et leurs chevaux* (two soldiers with horse).



# Say no to violence

Council is taking a stand to promote gender equality and prevention of violence against women and children. Council has unanimously adopted a Gender Equity Policy and is determined to lead by example.

Cr Jane Ashton said her twin sister Julie, who was killed by her (Julie's) estranged husband 15 years ago, was a tragic example of the shocking Australian statistic of one woman killed every week through family violence.

Cr Ashton said it was worrying that one in three people in Nillumbik did not believe in equal relationships between men and women. She said police attended family violence incidents in Nillumbik every day, with sexual violence reported weekly.

"We must change this," Cr Ashton said. "We all know someone who has been affected by domestic violence in the community. Preventing violence against women starts with community attitudes, and Council must lead by example."

Cr Ashton said Council's initiative in adopting a gender equity policy statement would be reflected in all its internal and external operations.

## THE FACTS

-  police attended 468 incidents of family violence in the Shire during 2016-2017
-  85.4 per cent of victims were women; 95 per cent of alleged offenders were men during 2015-2016 period.
-  about half all reported assaults and sexual offences were in family settings (2015-2016), with children present at 142 reported incidents
-  36 per cent of women do 15 hours or more of unpaid domestic work each week compared to 11 per cent of men

"Council can provide great customer service, we can fix roads, pick up rubbish and provide new sporting facilities. But the most important thing we can be part of the move to stop women being killed," Cr Ashton said.

As part of 16 Days of Activism, Council officially supported both Victoria Against Violence and the global campaign. The State campaign, now in its third year, involves 16 Days of Activism from 25 November to 10 December. This week includes the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women and International Human Rights Day.

Since August, residents may have spotted a garbage truck with the sticker reading "Together, ending violence against women and children". It is hoped this mobile billboard will help get the message out to the community as well as the range of other activities being undertaken by Council.

## Youth artwork goes digital

The Nillumbik Digital Agora project will create a contemporary agora of projection and digital based artworks.

This year the project kicked off with its youth program to showcase the Shire's young artistic talent and to whet the community's appetite for projection and digital art in public spaces.

Young people (aged 13-18 years) interested in art, film, design, illustration, animation, projection and gaming worked with lead artist Yandell Walton over three-days to gain new skills and collaboratively create new digital public artworks.

The resulting artworks will be launched on Friday 14 September and will be on display in Eltham until late September. For location details visit [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/digitalagora](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/digitalagora)

The Nillumbik Digital Agora project is proudly supported by the State Government of Victoria through Creative Victoria's *Creative Suburbs Program*. The project's youth program is presented in partnership with Banyule Nillumbik Tech School and Eltham Chamber of Commerce and Industry.

## We're building adventure

The Eltham North Adventure Playground rebuild is underway and it's all about fun.

The new playground designs were based on ideas and feedback we received following the tragic playground fire last December.

The new playground will bring adventure and fun for children, while also providing shelter from the elements. Like the original playground, it will be connected to the local environment with many elements of the original playground included in the new design. There is even a tractor in the centre!

Based on community feedback over many years before the fire, the safety of children visiting the playground site was a concern. Children were moving between the playground and oval across the car park and road.

As a result, it was decided to build the new playground on the southern end of the site, nearer to Edendale. This decision was made after community consultation showed the majority of our residents supported the relocation.

The new playground will be open by Christmas and we would like to thank everyone who gave feedback on the designs. Thank you also to the Eltham & District Community Bank® Branch of Bendigo Bank, the State Government and local community groups for their financial contributions.

We will be inviting the community to get involved in working bees at the playground. Details of the rebuild can be found at [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au)



Eltham North Primary School students planting trees with Council staff at the playground site

## Best in business

The winners of the Northern Business Achievement Awards will be announced at a breakfast on Thursday 6 December. The awards promote the economic contribution businesses make to Melbourne's North by recognising local achievement and small to medium-sized businesses and entrepreneurs were invited to enter.

Last year two Nillumbik businesses were award winners: Diamond Creek homebuilder LP Warren Homes took out the Workplace Diversity Award and Hyperwave, a fixed wireless internet provider, took out the Best Start-Up or Microbusiness Award.

## Gearing up

Council has entered into a 12-month pilot program with Hyundai Australia as part of a wider Low Emissions Fleet Assessment Project. Council now has three Hyundai Ioniq Hybrid vehicles used as pool vehicles at Council's Civic Centre. Plans are underway to transition pool vehicles to low emissions options including hybrid, parallel electric and full electric type of vehicles.

## Twilight Picnic

Spend the evening at Edendale on Saturday 1 December from 5pm-8pm. There'll be music, activities and outdoor entertainment. Cost is \$8 adult, \$5 child or \$20 family. Visit [edendale.vic.gov.au/events](http://edendale.vic.gov.au/events) for details.

## Harm to calm

This session is aimed at helping parents and carers understand self-harm through evidence-based research and how to understand emotional distress in youth. A typical session runs for 1.5 hours and can be tailored to suit your requirements. Visit [healthability.org.au](http://healthability.org.au) or call 9430 9100 for details.

## Green honour

Nillumbik residents are tops when it comes to putting 'green' into the Green Wedge Shire through recycling their old mobile phones. Nillumbik was the Victorian winner of the 2018 MobileMuster e-waste collection for the fourth year in a row.

## Advisory Committee positions vacant

Council is seeking expressions of interest for two volunteers to join the Recreation Trails Advisory Committee (RTAC).

The role of RTAC is to provide Council with specialist advice on the development and review of new and existing recreation trails, as well as supporting infrastructure within the Shire.

RTAC meet every three months with additional special meetings scheduled as required.

The position is voluntary and held until July 2019.

The positions are:

- A person to represent the walking community; and
- A person with a disability or an advocate on behalf of people with a disability.

The closing date for applications is Thursday 27 September at 5pm. For information and to apply visit [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/rtac](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/rtac)

## Favourite farm gets a facelift

Edendale Community Environment Farm's expanded café is another taste of all that's on offer.

A new café has been built to the north of the historic Edendale homestead, complementing a new multi-purpose shelter and amenities block.

The Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund contributed \$500,000 to the redevelopment, with Council providing the remaining \$400,000.

Recent works will increase Edendale's capacity to attract visitors through all weather conditions, with two outdoor shelters completed this year and the café deck offering long-awaited undercover seating with views of gardens and a nature play space.



Brady Freeman was a finalist in the 2018 Nillumbik Prize and won the Full Monty Prize



Kylie Gentle with her work *Elvis in Las Vegas*



Gabrielle O'Connor with her work *Marilyn Monroe after Andy Warhol*

## We're Better Together

The six-month *Better Together* art exhibition is travelling around Nillumbik and will springboard public consultation into Council's new Disability Action Plan.

The exhibition features the work of 30 artists from Araluen and St John of God Accord and was launched at the Diamond Valley Library and moved to the Hurstbridge Community Hub.

In September the exhibition will be on show at the St Andrews Community Centre and the Eltham Leisure Centre in October.

It will also travel to various local cafés and businesses in the Shire, including all three branches of the Bendigo Bank in Eltham, Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge. You can stay up to date with the exhibition locations on Council's Facebook page and the events section of our website.

At each *Better Together* exhibition venue, the community is asked to fill in feedback postcards about how we can make Nillumbik more inclusive.

This feedback is just one of many consultations being undertaken to help shape Council's new four-year Disability Action Plan.

The name *Better Together* applies to not only the travelling art exhibition but also the new plan itself.

For information visit [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/inclusion](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/inclusion) or email [inclusion@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:inclusion@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

## Remembering Black Saturday ten years on

In 2019, Council will host a special memorial exhibition to acknowledge the 10th anniversary of Black Saturday.

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The exhibition called *Renewal* will be held at the Eltham Library Community Gallery and Wadambuk Art Gallery St Andrews from Thursday 24 January – Monday 25 February.

Applications for exhibition proposals from community members who live, work, study, or have a strong connection

to Nillumbik are open until Friday 5 October. All art mediums are eligible and works should respond to the theme of *Renewal*.

Exhibitors are offered: no gallery hire fee, no commission on sales, support with installation and promotion; inclusion in exhibition publications and public liability insurance cover.

Submit your application online at [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG)

## Animals star at pet expo

Sunday 21 October 10am-3.30pm Marngrook Oval, Diamond Creek

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

The Pet Expo is a fun-filled day out for both two and four-legged visitors. This vibrant event celebrates our furry and feathered companions and has plenty on offer to keep them happy and healthy including displays and demonstrations, nutritional and grooming advice, obedience training, education and much more.

Wild Action Zoo will present three live shows at this year's expo, featuring a koala, wallabies and other Australian species while Leigh's Farmyard Friends will provide a tamer experience with a petting zoo. Central Animal Records will be on hand to

ensure that your pet's details are up-to-date with free microchip checks. There will also be a dedicated kids' zone with face painting and an inflatable animal kingdom obstacle challenge, jumping castle and animal run.

Prior to the expo, local primary school students were invited to enter a colouring competition. The school with the highest percentage of students submitting will win a visit by Leigh's Farmyard Friends so keep an eye out for some of the students' entries on display at the expo.



## Sound decision

A young audio engineer is making his mark after being employed through the Nillumbik Youth Theatre program – the same program he volunteered for as a teen.

For Diamond Creek's Morgan Beck (pictured), the journey began after a friend encouraged him to join Nillumbik Youth Theatre to help out the audio crew at live musical productions. Morgan said this was his introduction into the profession.

Fast forward a year later, and Morgan had worked on three stage productions before completing his Diploma of Live Audio Production in 2016.

Morgan's paid work in last year's musical production of *Elf Junior* has opened new doors for him and he now freelances as an audio engineer with Council and other production companies.

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

## Power of words

### Literary Nillumbik awards announced

THE NILLUMBİK ΕΚΦΡΑΣΙΣ POETRY AWARD 2018

**Open winner**  
Julie Twohig: *Carnival Day*

**Highly commended**  
Bai Klane: *A long stretch*

**Local winner**  
Hayley Gabrielle: *With or Without Us*

**Highly commended**  
Jennifer Porter: *Sink*

**Short-listed writers**  
Liz Allan, Helen Bashford, Melissa Beit, Susan Bennett, Robyn Black, Sarah Bloedorn, Kevin Bonnett, Linda Brandon, Sue Brennan, Jim Briggins, Jennifer Bryce, Suzannah Churchman, Bethany Cody, Sean Crawley, Ryan Delaney, Kathryn Fletcher, William (Bill) Fogarty, K. W. George, Rosa Holman, Margaret Hutchings, Alys Jackson, John Jenkins, Dan Kaufman, Ashley Keeling, Martin Eddy Knight, Leo Lazarus, Nicole Lenoir-Jourdan, Andrea Macleod, Michael Olsen, Clemence Overall, Oleg Parenta, Llewellyn Prain, Andrew Roff, Kit Scriven, Robert Selzer, David Shelley Jones, Anna Trembath, Tegan van der Linden, Tanya Vavilova, Roger Vickery, Catherine Watkins, Morgan Wesley Nunan and Fiona Wilson.

ALAN MARSHALL SHORT STORY AWARD 2018

**Winner**  
Miguel Jacq:  
*The map is damaged and beautiful*

**Highly commended**  
Magdalena Ball: *Cartouche*

**Local winner**  
Karen Andrews:  
*Bodies Are Always Made of Light*

**Local highly commended**  
Anna Trembath: *Awe*

**Youth winner**  
Coco Huang: *Visage*

**Highly commended**  
Maya Rizkyvianti: *Patchwork Head*

**Short-listed poets**  
Karen Andrews, Monica Carroll, Natalie Cooke, Katherine Healy, Helen Verity Hewitt, Penny Lane, Sandra Fiona Long, Shane McCauley, Damen O'Brien, Michael Olsen, Jessie Pearson, Alan Pentland, Sam Waldron and Claire Rosslyn Wilson

The Literary Nillumbik Awards are presented in partnership with Yarra Plenty Regional Library and in association with Baldessin Press and Studio, Writers Victoria and Australian Society of Authors.



To read the winning stories and poems get your free copy of the *Literary Nillumbik Anthology of Winning Writing 2018* from Council phone 9433 3126 or email [Clare.Leporati@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:Clare.Leporati@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

## Sweet success

Two of Council's four crossing supervisors nominated for the Victorian Crossing Supervisor of the year, attended the glittering awards night along with 250 people from 45 Victorian Councils.

Pictured is John Ferwerda and Debra Mathews holding certificates for Betty Anderson and Graham Constantine, who could not be present. Centre is Council's Sarah Peachey.



# YOUR COUNCILLORS



**Mayor Councillor Peter Clarke**  
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The redevelopment of the Eltham Central Pavilion is out for tender, with construction anticipated to start late September.

The upgrade will be welcomed by sports users of Eltham Central Park, in particular the football and cricket clubs, University of the Third Age (U3A) and the new user groups.

Accessibility has been improved at Eltham Courthouse, with the completion of works for a new access ramp and disabled parking bay. This will enhance the appeal of one of Eltham's most historic buildings.

Footpath upgrades continue, with construction of a new path to start shortly on the west side of Main Road, between Pitt Street and Brougham Street, Eltham.

I encourage all locals to visit our new aquatic centre opening in mid-September.



**Deputy Mayor Councillor Karen Egan**  
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Council has responded to Melbourne Water's options to dispose of around 1000 hectares of surplus land at Watson's Creek. As the future planning authority for this land, we maintain that the proposed planning framework is based on the best strategic outcome for the green wedge.

Congratulations to our residents on helping Nillumbik to be Victoria's top municipality in the 2018 Mobile Muster award for e-waste collection and mobile phone recycling.

I'd also encourage everyone to follow the development of the Green Wedge Management Plan, now being discussed and assessed by a Community Panel. This process is crucial to protecting our lifestyle and our significant natural features.

And the Cherry Tree Road trail, linking Hurstbridge with Pantom Hill, has now been completed following delays around permits for vegetation removal. It is a crushed rock natural trail that will be shared by walkers, cyclists and horse riders.



**Councillor Grant Brooker**  
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Rates will increase by 1.95 per cent in 2018-2019, lower than the State Government cap of 2.25 per cent and a tangible outcome of our rating strategy. Individual results are impacted by the relationship between your locality and the average increase in property values across the Shire. Please call for an explanation if needed. Property revaluations are now conducted every year so all residents should understand this process.

The CFA has committed to enhanced community consultation for its new fire station in Plenty.

An expression of interest for a long-term lease of Yarrambat Golf Course goes public from September.

As Environment Portfolio Chair, I can advise the installation of solar power with battery storage at Community Bank Stadium is a first in Nillumbik. Short term off-grid power along with an electric vehicle charge station will be clean and green and an achievement that was a dream not that long ago.



**Councillor John Dumaresq**  
Edendale Ward

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Café, decking and nursery shed works are complete at Edendale, which will be a major enhancement of this popular attraction. I look forward to the opening of the café, which no doubt will be well patronised by Nillumbik residents and visitors from all over Melbourne.

At the Eltham North Adventure Playground, works have finished on a new car park, drainage and associated improvements. Works have started on a new playground, following a period of consultation. I would like to thank the Eltham North community for their cooperation adjusting to the new car park.

Temporary facilities have been installed at the Eltham North Pavilion, ahead of a redevelopment now underway. It is expected that works will take around 12 months.

At the Eltham Men's Shed, amenities and car parking have been upgraded. The Men's Shed plays a vital role in fostering skills and friendship among men in Nillumbik.



**Councillor Peter Perkins**  
Ellis Ward

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The upgraded playgrounds at Coniston Street and Jessamber Court were well received but we've experienced some delays with the Brownlow Drive Reserve playspace as consultation and approval by Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning is required. My apologies but works will commence before the end of the year.

Another project tracking well is a new sports pavilion on the eastern side of Marngrook Oval. We should see the ground floodlights installed and pavilion construction commence in the next month or so.

Plan development and consultation is also ongoing around amenity, traffic, parking and pedestrian improvements in Station, Elizabeth and Gipson Streets, including duplication of the single lane bridge. Please email me with comments or suggestions as we must ensure overall community sentiment is captured.

At the time of writing we are having some planning issues with the new netball pavilion. It's in an area prone to flooding but we're hoping our local MP Danielle Green will help us out again.

The outdoor pool will open on Saturday 27 October. Enjoy your Spring!



**Councillor Jane Ashton**  
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A visit to Greensborough Hockey Club confirmed that it is doing everything right with regard to high levels of competition and female participation, so hopefully we will be able to support them with better facilities.

The Green Wedge Management Plan review is still rolling out with amazing public support. Landowners, horse-riders and environmental groups have all entered into the spirit of trying something new.

National Volunteer Week saw me potting plants at Edendale, then an amazing night when we celebrated volunteering in Nillumbik.

The sun shone as we met for a reconciliation event at Lenister Farm and the didgeridoo sung out along the creek.

Open Cellars in the rural areas went ahead despite the awful weather. I enjoyed a night at the Christmas Hills Mechanics Institute hearing poetry and music.



**Councillor Bruce Ranken**  
Swipers Gully Ward

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Children at Eltham North Primary School are benefiting from works at Eltham North Reserve, where the playground and car park have effectively swapped locations.

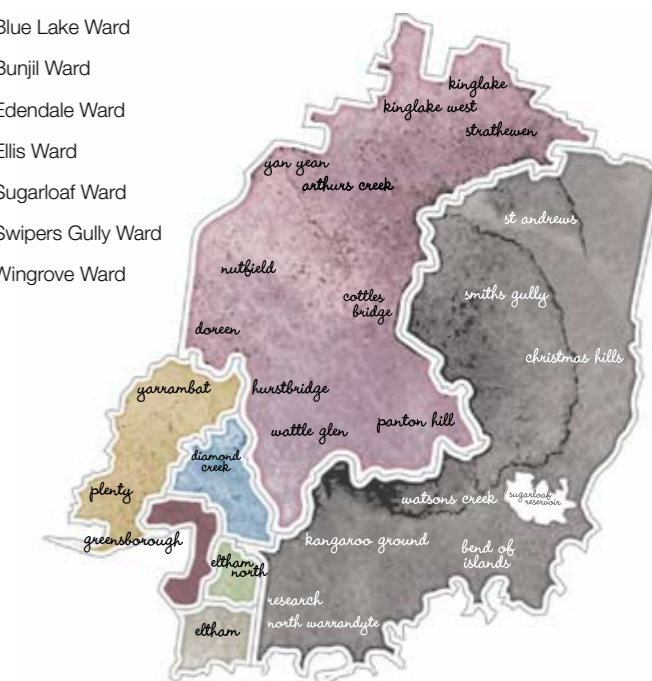
In a common sense solution, children no longer have to cross the car park to get to the playground. Safety around the children is absolute paramount and the end result delivers an improved connection between Edendale and the school and a better parking facility for the school community.

Works on redeveloping the Research Park Pavilion have started, with demolition of the existing pavilion. The committee at Research are very happy to see a positive result of their hard work over many years.

Pick my Project – a number of residents have come up with some fantastic ideas, including the playground in Frank Street Reserve; and improvements at Diamond Creek Football Club to include lighting upgrades to LED and a net behind the goals to block footballs.

## KEY

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



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# September EVENTS

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### Down The Rabbit Hole

Thursday 13 September –  
Monday 15 October  
Eltham Library Community Gallery,  
Panther Place, Eltham  
Celebrated illustrators Clare Dunstan  
(of Tog & Pini) and Sarah Hardy  
(Popcorn Blue) exhibit.  
[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG) or  
[artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

### Montsalvat Arts Festival

Sunday 16 September  
10am-4pm  
Montsalvat 7 Hillcrest Ave, Eltham  
An afternoon of art and performance  
including live music, theatre, artists open  
studios, tours and workshops for adults  
and children.  
[montsalvat.com.au](http://montsalvat.com.au) or 9439 7712

### Rock of Ages

Thursday 20, Friday 21 and  
Saturday 22 September  
Eltham College Performance Centre,  
1660 Main Road, Research  
Nillumbik Youth Theatre's senior musical  
production with 45 people on stage  
and backstage.  
[trybooking.com/VKXN](http://trybooking.com/VKXN)

### Courthouse Poetry Readings

Thursday 20 September  
7.30pm  
Eltham Courthouse,  
728 Main Road, Eltham  
Poetry reading and open mic.  
\$5 entry includes tea, coffee, wine, and  
door prize.  
0438 339 732

## FAMILY

### Parenting seminar

Monday 10 September  
7pm-8.45pm  
healthAbility, 917 Main Road, Eltham  
Help your child identify and understand  
feelings. Cost is \$20 per person or  
\$30 per couple.  
[healthability.org.au](http://healthability.org.au) or 9430 9100



Family fun at the Rotary Town Fair

## Diamond Creek Rotary Town Fair

Saturday 8 September 10am-10pm  
Marngrook Oval and Coventry Oval, Diamond Creek

There's so much on offer at the Diamond Creek Rotary Town Fair. The Central Victorian Axemen's Association is bringing wood chopping back to the fair – always fun to watch. There will also be carnival rides, craft and food stalls, sporting clubs, CFA Tug-O War and displays. The evening entertainment will include the CFA Torch Light Parade, entertainment on the main stage and a stunning fireworks display. The event is the major fundraiser of the year for the Rotary Club.

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

## NATURE

### Home composting

Saturday 8 September 2pm-4.30pm  
Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Free home composting workshop.  
[edendale.vic.gov.au](http://edendale.vic.gov.au)

### Indigenous Plants

Sunday 16 September 10am-1pm  
Bunjil Reserve, Bishops Road, Pantan Hill  
Identification field day.  
[edendale.vic.gov.au](http://edendale.vic.gov.au)

### Beginners' gardening

Friday 21 September 10am-3pm  
Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Organic gardening for novices,  
\$65 per person.  
[edendale.vic.gov.au](http://edendale.vic.gov.au)

### Farm school holidays

24 September – 5 October  
9.30am-4.30pm weekdays  
Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Free and paid activities, help the kids  
become farmers, have fun and collect eggs.  
[edendale.vic.gov.au](http://edendale.vic.gov.au)

## MARKETS

### St Andrews Market

Saturdays  
9am-2pm  
Kangaroo Ground-St Andrews Road,  
St Andrews  
Regulars include arts and crafts, face  
painting, pony rides and a great selection  
of foods.  
[facebook.com/StAndrewsMarket](https://facebook.com/StAndrewsMarket)

### Eltham Farmers' Market

Sundays  
9am-1pm  
10-18 Arthur Street, Eltham  
Local stallholders sell fruit, veggies,  
condiments and sweet treats.  
[localfoodconnect.org.au/elthamfm](http://localfoodconnect.org.au/elthamfm)

### Eltham Craft and Produce Market

Sunday 16 September  
8.30am-1pm  
Alistair Knox Park, Eltham  
Stallholders make, bake or grow their  
own wares.  
[elthammarket.com.au](http://elthammarket.com.au)

# October EVENTS

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### Courthouse Poetry Readings

Thursday 18 October 7.30pm  
Eltham Courthouse,  
728 Main Road, Eltham  
Poetry reading and open mic. \$5 entry  
includes tea, coffee, wine, and door prize.  
0438 339 732

### Open Studios

Thursday 18 October –  
Monday 19 November  
Eltham Library Community Gallery,  
Panther Place, Eltham  
Experience the diversity of the Nillumbik  
Artists Open Studios program before the  
Open Studios Weekends in November.  
[artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au](mailto:artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

### Open Cellars

Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 October  
11am-5pm  
Open Cellars of The Artisan Hills. Visit  
cellars and taste wines not always open  
and on offer.  
[opencellars.com.au](http://opencellars.com.au)

### Mudbrick Tour

Sunday 21 October 10am-4pm  
Meet at 7 Hillcrest Ave, Eltham  
See unique mudbrick architecture  
in some open homes dotted on  
The Artisan Hills.  
[elthammudbricktour.org](http://elthammudbricktour.org)

## NATURE

### Worm Farm

Saturday 6 October 3pm-4pm  
Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Learn how to set up and maintain a  
worm farm.  
[edendale.vic.gov.au](http://edendale.vic.gov.au)

### Orchid walk

Sunday 7 October 10am-1pm  
Bunjil Reserve,  
Bishops Road Pantan Hill  
See the incredible orchids in our Shire  
and learn more about the beautiful plant.  
[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Events](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Events)



Celebrate sustainable building, living and all things green

## Fun for all at Practically Green Festival

Sunday 14 October  
10am-4.30pm  
Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham

The festival has sustainable building and lifestyle exhibitors, music, children's activities and entertainment, a workshop program, local food and wine, market stalls and a sustainable art project. There will be cleaning options, how to set up a veggie patch, musical performances and entertainment.

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

## MARKETS

### St Andrews Market

Saturdays 9am-2pm  
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St Andrews  
Regulars include arts and crafts, face  
painting, pony rides and a great selection  
of foods.  
[facebook.com/StAndrewsMarket](https://facebook.com/StAndrewsMarket)

### Hurstbridge Farmers' Market

Sunday 7 October 8.30am-1pm  
Fergusons Paddock, Hurstbridge  
Stallholders sell free range meats  
(including pork, beef and buffalo), fresh  
seasonal fruit and vegetables, honey and  
more. Entry is \$2 and all proceeds go to  
the CFA.  
[hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au](http://hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au)

### Eltham Craft and Produce Market

Sunday 21 October 8.30am-1pm  
Alistair Knox Park, Eltham  
Stallholders make, bake or grow their  
own wares.  
[elthammarket.com.au](http://elthammarket.com.au)

## EXPO/FESTIVALS

### Volunteer Expo

Tuesday 23 October 10am-1pm  
Community Bank Stadium  
129-163 Main Hurstbridge Road,  
Diamond Creek  
Council expo on volunteering  
opportunities for seniors.  
[nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au)

### Pantan Hill On the Hill Festival

Sunday 28 October 11am-5pm  
Firefighters Memorial Park,  
Main Road, Pantan Hill  
Dog jumping, makers market, music,  
kids' fun, stalls, music, craft and baking.  
[facebook.com/OnTheHillFestivalPantanHill](https://facebook.com/OnTheHillFestivalPantanHill)

## OUT AND ABOUT

### Rail safety

Friday 12 October 9am-1pm  
Civic Centre,  
Civic Drive, Greensborough  
Free workshop to provide tips on how to  
use Myki and travel safely on trains.  
[nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Events](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/Events)

# November EVENTS

## MARKETS

### St Andrews Market

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[localfoodconnect.org.au/elthamfm](http://localfoodconnect.org.au/elthamfm)

### Hurstbridge Farmers' Market

Sunday 4 November 8.30am-1pm  
Fergusons Paddock, Hurstbridge  
Free range meats, fresh fruit and vegetables, honey and more.  
[hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au](http://hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au)

### Eltham Craft and Produce Market

Sunday 21 November 8.30am-1pm  
Alistair Knox Park, Eltham  
Stallholders make, bake or grow their own wares.  
[elthammarket.com.au](http://elthammarket.com.au)

### Christmas Makers Market

Sunday 25 November  
10am-4pm  
Living & Learning Eltham,  
739 Main Road, Eltham  
Unique wares that are designed and created with love.  
[livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)

## NATURE

### Permaculture classes

Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 November  
10am-4pm  
Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham  
Introduction to Permaculture.  
Cost \$120 per person.  
[edendale.vic.gov.au](http://edendale.vic.gov.au)



The Eltham Woodworkers will hold their annual display

## Roll up for Rotary Eltham Town Festival

Saturday 10 November 12pm-9.30pm  
Sunday 11 November 9am-5pm  
Alistair Knox Park, Eltham Central Oval and Eltham Skate Park

There's something for everyone at this two-day festival held across three venues. Free activities include the Hot Rod display, a mobile farm and evening fireworks display. Local sporting and community groups invite you to try out activities at the Have a Go Oval. There'll also be three stages of music and heaps of stalls and food. The Eltham Woodworkers will have their annual display, and a scooter and skateboard competition is on at the Eltham Skate Park.

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

## ARTS AND CULTURE

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0438 339 732

### Nillumbik Artists Open Studios

Saturday 17 and Sunday 18 November  
Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 November  
Visit artists in their studios throughout Nillumbik.  
[artistsopenstudios.com.au](http://artistsopenstudios.com.au)

### diversARTy

Thursday 22 November –  
Monday 10 December  
Eltham Library Community Gallery  
Be inspired by Living & Learning Nillumbik tutors and participants in a showcase of visual arts, ceramics, textiles, glass, crafts and more.  
[livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au)

## FAMILY

### Story time

Tuesday 6 and Wednesday 28 November  
Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham  
French story time on Tuesday  
6 November 11am-11.30am and  
German story time on Wednesday  
28 November from 10.15am-10.45am  
[yprl.vic.gov.au](http://yprl.vic.gov.au)

### Parenting classes

Tuesday 13 November 9.30am-11.30am  
healthAbility, 917 Main Road, Eltham  
*Bringing up Great Kids* is a six session program for parents to communicate calmly and positively with pre or primary school children. Workshops every Tuesday for five weeks.  
[healthability.org.au](http://healthability.org.au) or 9430 9100

### Philosophy Club

Wednesday 21 November  
10.30am-11.30am  
Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham  
Monthly discussions on philosophical topics.  
[yprl.vic.gov.au](http://yprl.vic.gov.au)

## SERVICE DASHBOARD

Council is committed to transparent reporting and accountability to the community. The introduction of a service dashboard in each edition of *Nillumbik News* is a means to support this commitment.

The Annual Community Survey undertaken earlier this year reinforced that Nillumbik residents rank core service delivery as important.

The key service indicators on this dashboard provide a comparison between current and previous year performance, and some indicators have been able to be measured against the collective average of all Victorian Councils based on 2016-2017 data.

Look out for this new feature in future editions of *Nillumbik News*.



**SERVICE IMPROVEMENT QUARTERLY HIGHLIGHT**

In the last quarter, we worked with our Hard Waste contractor to develop an online request system for residents to book their annual hard waste collection. This service improvement was identified as a priority through customer feedback. The new online request system was launched in early April and in the first week over 25% of bookings were made. On average we now have around 30% usage.

## READERS' PICTURES



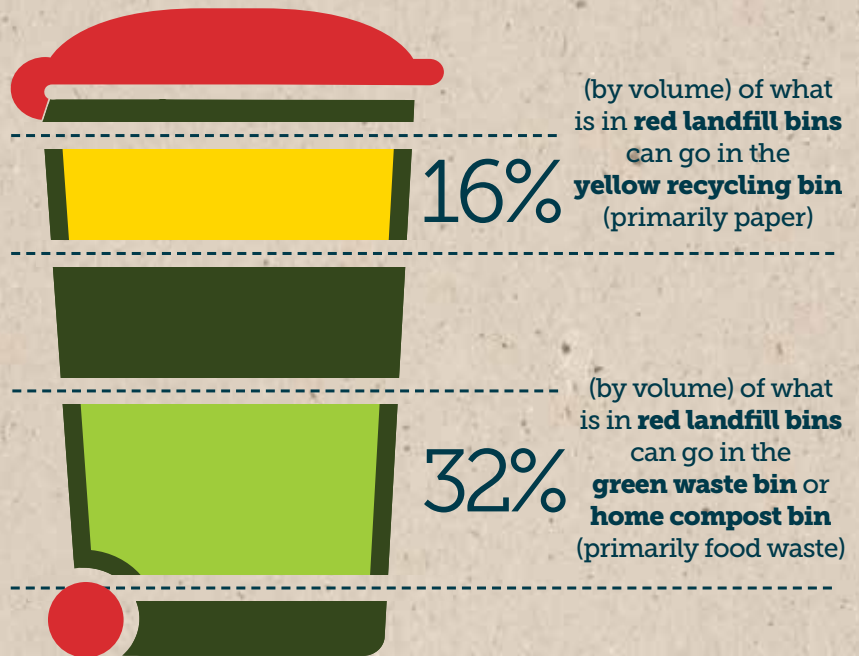
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**66%** of Nillumbik's kerbside waste is diverted from landfill (by weight)

**We can do better**

Our last audit shows that there are recyclable items in **red (landfill) bins**:



**Please use your bins correctly**

Visit the online A-Z recycling guide [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/A-Zrecycling](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/A-Zrecycling)

Your green waste voucher is a QR code on your 2018-2019 Valuation and Rates Notice  
 Visit [nillumbik.vic.gov.au/greenwastevouchers](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/greenwastevouchers) to find out more.



Join the **Compost Revolution**

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**CUT YOUR RUBBISH IN HALF**

Get 50% off a compost bin, worm farm or bokashi bin plus free delivery from Nillumbik Council.\*

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