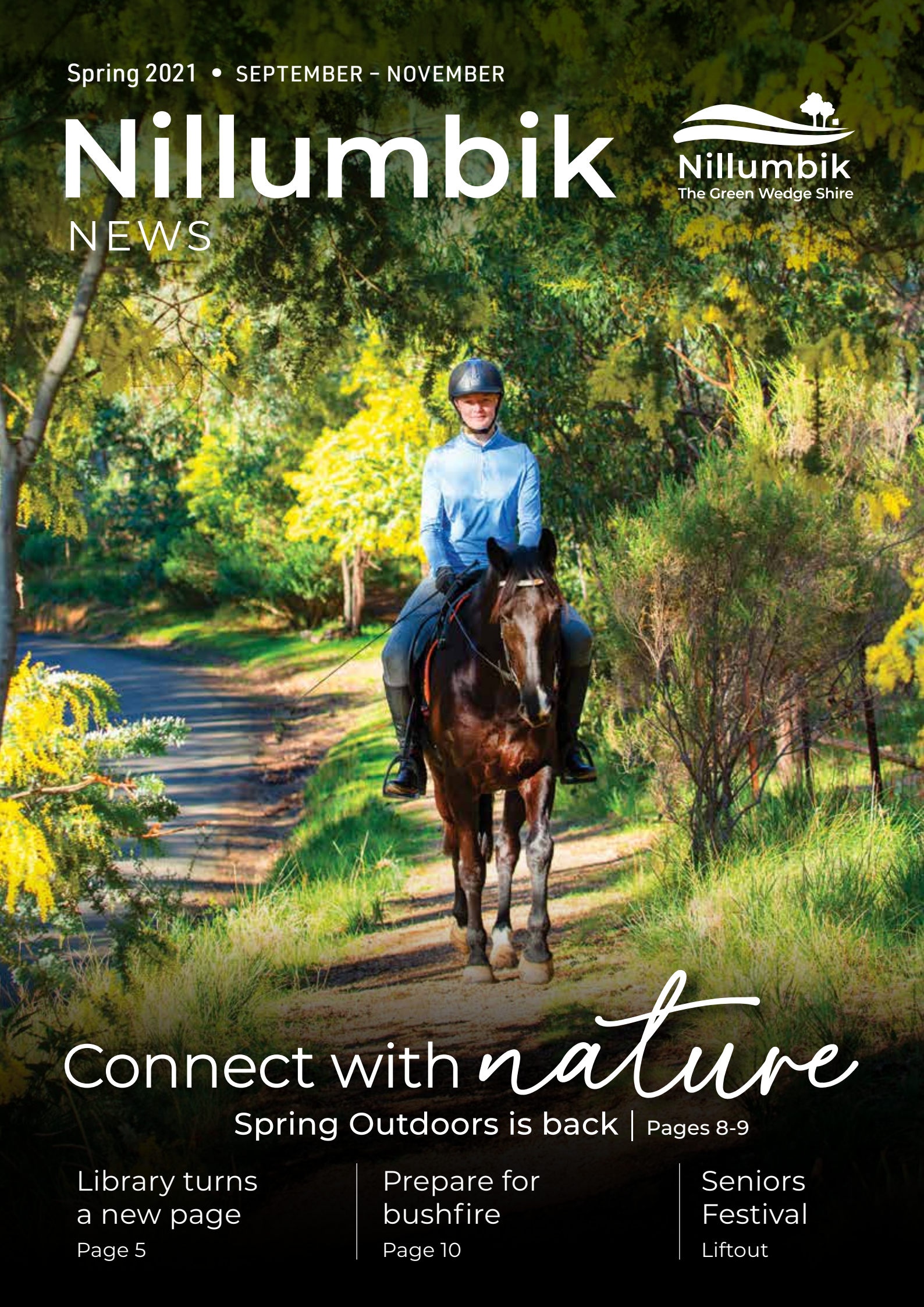


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There are a number of ways you can stay in touch with us.

COVID updates

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/covid-19

Customer Service desk

Nillumbik Shire Council
Civic Drive,
Greensborough

Our customer service desk is open 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

Customer Service call centre

Our customer service team is available to assist with your enquiries on 9433 3111, 8.30am-5pm, Monday to Friday.

Our website

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

Live Chat

Our Live Chat on our website can assist with your queries.

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 local alerts on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn.

e-newsletters

We have regular e-newsletters providing news and information about the Arts, Business, Disability Inclusion, Environment and Living & Learning Nillumbik. Sign up at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/newsletters

Service dashboard

Council is committed to transparent reporting and accountability to the community. In support of this commitment, *Nillumbik News* includes a service dashboard to indicate performance across a range of key council services. Council's Annual Community Survey results continue to reinforce that residents rank core service delivery as important.

A snapshot of service performance for the April-June 2021 quarter is below, which provides a comparison between current and previous performance.



Playspace wins major award

We're thrilled the Diamond Creek Regional Playspace has won a prestigious Parks and Leisure Australia award.

The hugely popular park, a collaboration between Council, residents, community groups and businesses, won the Playspace Award in the over \$500,000 category for the Victoria/Tasmania region.

The playspace features experiences for all-ages and abilities, and its nature-themed design references Diamond Creek's gold mining history.

It was funded with \$2.5 million from the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.



The award-winning Diamond Creek Regional Playspace.

The park is now in the running for the national award which will be announced on 14 September.



The Hurstbridge Scouts received a Nillumbik Recovery Grant to help stay connected.

COVID recovery support

As the challenges of the pandemic continue to evolve, Council is committed to supporting our community.

Council recently endorsed its Nillumbik Community Pandemic Recovery Plan 2021-22, which outlines our response and actions in the recovery process.

The plan's actions will be supported by state and federal government initiatives and those delivered by community organisations and local partners.



Business support

Council has received funding through the Local Government Business Concierge and Hospitality Support Program for three COVID Business Support Officers to support the work of the Economic Development and Tourism unit.

Officers will be engaging community venues and local businesses regarding COVIDSafe practices, providing much-needed guidance and information directly to businesses to operate safely and compliantly as well as how to access grants and other useful business support tools.

Mayor Peter Perkins said collaboration was key for pandemic recovery.

"It will be a critical roadmap as we, alongside our community, navigate what continues to be a highly volatile and unpredictable environment," he said.

Council has also supported more than 150 community groups, organisations and businesses with \$130,000 worth of grants through the Nillumbik Recovery Fund. They have included COVID-19 quick response grants, community recovery project grants and emergency relief through community service organisations.

Kerri Wellington, of Diamond Valley Community Support, said the fund had supported a number of Nillumbik families.

"Since the COVID-19 pandemic, we have seen an increased demand for food relief, crisis housing, mental health support, assistance with bills and rent and mortgage payments," she said.

The grants are assisting organisations deliver community-led projects. The Hurstbridge Scouts received a grant to help them join a virtual scouting program and stay connected during the pandemic.

COVID vaccinations

For the latest information about COVID-19 vaccination eligibility and how to book, go to coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine



from the Mayor

Welcome to the spring edition of *Nillumbik News*.

We continue to battle our way through the COVID pandemic. The ongoing lockdowns distress us all but our resilient community continues to face our many challenges.

The resultant uncertainty has meant that many of the major events we normally look forward to at this time of year, such as the Diamond Creek Rotary Spring Town Fair and the Rotary Eltham Festival, have had to be postponed.

This is disappointing for everyone, particularly the volunteers who put their heart and soul into organising these events for us all to enjoy.

I encourage everyone to get vaccinated if you can.

Despite the upheavals, it's business as usual at Council. Thanks to everyone who recently provided feedback on our draft Community Vision, Council Plan, Health and Wellbeing Plan and Financial Plan, which are due to be presented to Council for endorsement in October.

We are now developing our Municipal Planning Strategy, which will set the vision and direction for future land use and development in the Shire. Get involved by completing a survey that will be available shortly at participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/mps.

In exciting news, Diamond Creek Regional Playspace was recently announced as the best Regional Playspace in 2021 in all of Victoria and Tasmania by Parks and Leisure Australia. Fingers crossed we can take out the national award, to be announced in September.

Finally, with spring here, warmer weather is on its way and the inevitable threat of bushfire. Now is the time to take action and prepare your property.

Stay safe everyone.

Cr Peter Perkins
Mayor Nillumbik Shire Council



Dog park starts

Big news for our canine companions – work on the new Eltham North Dog Park has begun!

A new 12-space car park is currently being completed. Once finished, work is expected to start on the dog park itself in early September, weather permitting and subject to COVID restrictions.

The park will feature a main off-leash area and quiet area.

We can't wait to welcome our furry friends later this year.

Switch it on Nillumbik

We've been listening to the community's feedback about wanting better lighting when exercising at night.

In collaboration with a number of Nillumbik sports clubs, we have arranged for the floodlights to be switched on at selected reserves and sports fields along trails at night.

The initiative to help more people be active will run until 30 September, subject to COVID-19 restrictions, at the following locations:

- **Eltham**
Susan Street Oval,
20-50 Susan Street
Wednesdays, 7.30pm-8.30pm
- **Wattle Glen**
Wattle Glen War Memorial Park,
137 Wilson Road
Wednesdays, 8.30pm-9pm
- **Yarrambat**
Yarrambat War Memorial Park,
448 Ironbark Road
Mondays, 5pm-8.30pm
- **Diamond Creek**
Marngrook Oval,
28 Main Hurstbridge Road
Thursdays, 7.30pm-8.30pm

Charge your cars at our leisure centres

Council is driving real climate action as we continue our big switch to renewable energy.

Two major solar systems at the Eltham Leisure Centre and Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre are up and running, cutting the Shire's reliance on grid-sourced electricity.

Drivers of electric vehicles also benefit, with six public charging stations installed at the two centres.

The 267kW rooftop solar PV at the Eltham Leisure Centre is the largest renewable energy generation system in the Shire.

It is anticipated to offset up to 20 per cent of annual grid-sourced electricity each year on average and also charges four electric vehicle charging outlets in the car park.

The system includes battery back-up for uninterrupted power to the reception area, toilets and change rooms during outages.

The \$540,000 project has been jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.

A 151kW rooftop solar PV and twin electric vehicle charging stations are now operational at the Diamond Valley Sports



The new electric vehicle charging stations.

and Fitness Centre in Greensborough, which is undergoing a \$16.5 million redevelopment. These have been funded with \$240,000 from Council.

Strong feedback on traffic plans

Our traffic management ideas for Eltham certainly got the community talking with more than 800 submissions via Participate Nillumbik about the Urban Congestion Fund Project.

We've received \$5 million from the Federal Government for a range of transport improvements to create a more pedestrian-friendly and connected Eltham Activity Centre.

The initiatives include upgraded pedestrian crossings, traffic signal changes, traffic

management treatments, an upgrade to a section of the Diamond Creek Trail, new car parking at the Eltham Central Oval and a new 40km/h speed limit.

Council will consider the submissions at the Planning and Consultation Committee on Tuesday 14 September. Submitters can apply to speak at the meeting.

Stay up-to-date at participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/congestion-busting



An artists' impression of the shared path along Main Road in Eltham.



Inside the library; (top) Local Government Minister Shaun Leane visits during works with Mayor Peter Perkins, Deputy Mayor Frances Eyre, Councillors Karen Egan, Geoff Paine, Natalie Duffy, Richard Stockman, Eltham MP Vicki Ward, Yan Yean MP Danielle Green, YPRL CEO Jane Cowell and Council's Manager Community Programs Narelle Hart.

Book in your next visit to our revamped library

Diamond Valley branch set to reveal \$1.3 million upgrade.

The library is expected to reopen shortly, subject to current COVID-19 restrictions. It includes a refurbished children's area with new parents lounge, fully accessible gender-neutral toilets, new community room with kitchenette, meeting pods and study areas, and a co-working zone for microbusinesses.

A big feature of the building is the refurbished skylight, while a new outdoor area with decking made from recycled tyres links the library to the garden makerspace.

Mayor Peter Perkins said even in the technological age, libraries were more important than ever.

"Libraries are not only about books, but are important community hubs and I know this community has certainly missed having its

local branch open while the works were taking place," Cr Perkins said. "The new co-working space will be a big boost for local micro and small businesses, providing them with a space to meet and collaborate."

Yarra Plenty Regional Library Chief Executive Officer Jane Cowell said staff were thrilled to welcome the community back soon.

"Users of all ages will be able to work, learn, read or play in the new spaces," she said.

The upgrade has been funded by Council, YPRL and the Victorian Government's Living Libraries Infrastructure Program.

The library will operate seven days a week once COVID restrictions allow. Hours will vary, for details go to yprl.vic.gov.au



Sports centre nearing completion

The \$16.5 million redevelopment of the Diamond Valley Sports and Fitness Centre is on the home stretch.

Refurbishment works on the existing building will be completed in the next two months and subject to COVID-19 restrictions, it could reopen by the end of September/early October.

Much of the work upgrading the existing building has involved ensuring it meets current safety and building compliance regulations including fire safety.

The reopening relies on authorities such as Fire Rescue Victoria inspecting and approving all of the works inside the building, as well as the fire-fighting storage tanks being installed in front of the building.

The new section of the centre is on track to be finished by end of this year. This will include four new basketball/netball courts with more than 3000sqm of timber flooring, reception and kiosk area, and new toilets, showers and change rooms.

We can't wait to welcome everyone back to our fantastic new centre. Follow us on Facebook for reopening dates.

You can also head to diamondvalleysfc.com.au to register for updates and special offers.



PROJECT UPDATES

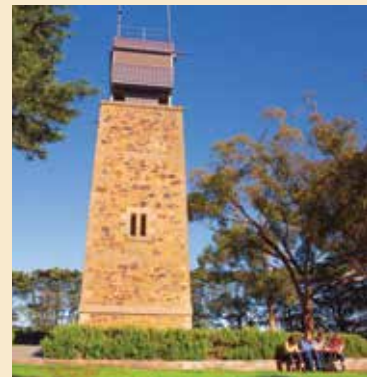
Memorial Park

We listened to what our stakeholders said during community engagement last year, and now propose to replace the masterplan plan for the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park, with a management plan.

The management plan will provide a practical road map for maintaining and enhancing the existing essential functions and character of the park with minimum change and moderate investment.

The plan is expected to be available for feedback in September subject to Council endorsement.

participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/kgwmp



Managing our pets

Thank you to those who shared their views so far on how we manage cats and dogs in Nillumbik.

This has helped to inform the draft DAMP 2022-2026 which is now available for review. Your feedback to the draft is welcome until 19 September.

participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/damp



Vision becomes clear for future of our Shire

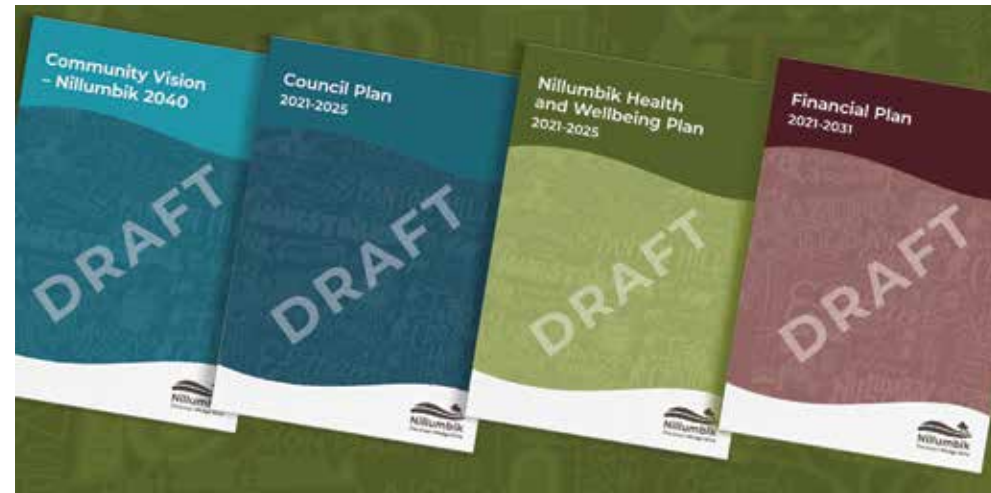
As part of our commitment to ensuring community involvement in key Council decisions, we are consulting on a range of projects

Thanks to everyone who provided their feedback on our draft Community Vision – Nillumbik 2040, Council Plan, Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan and Financial Plan throughout August.

The vision and plans will guide the strategic direction of Council and the Shire for the next four years and beyond. Feedback closed on 26 August.

Members of the public, including those who made a submission, can register to speak about the plans at the Planning Consultation Committee meeting on 14 September.

Following consideration of these submissions, the vision and plans will be presented to Council for adoption on Tuesday 26 October. participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/our-future



New blueprint for planning

Help us develop a vision for future planning in Nillumbik with the development of our new Municipal Planning Strategy (MPS).

The MPS is a high-level strategic document that provides an overview of important local planning issues and sets out the vision and direction for future land use and development in the Shire. Together with the Planning Policy Framework, the MPS forms the strategic basis of the Nillumbik Planning Scheme.

Consultation begins in September, building on broad feedback from the Our People, Our Place, Our Future engagement project earlier this year.

You will be able to provide your thoughts through an online survey at Participate Nillumbik at participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/mps.

While we had planned to hold in-person workshops in each of the townships, due to the current COVID situation these will now be held online during September.

You can register at participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/mps.

Local laws

Our local laws discussion paper generated more than 700 submissions on issues ranging from barbed wire fencing and use of glyphosate to barking dogs, helicopter landings and smoking in public.

There will be further opportunities to provide feedback as well as the formal exhibition of the draft local law later this year.

participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/local-laws

Artbeat

More than 2000 people shared their thoughts on Arts and Culture as part of the Artbeat project.

We'll now take what you told us to develop a draft Arts and Culture Strategy for your feedback in early 2022.



Your chance to be part of the action on climate

Work to develop the Nillumbik Climate Action Plan 2022-2032 is about to reach a critical stage.

In October, a draft Climate Action Plan will be put to the community for further feedback and input, subject to Council endorsement. The draft plan is informed by an already extensive process of consultation and research.

This includes a community survey, conducted in late 2020, consultation with Council's advisory committees and advice from subject matter experts.

The plan will build on a platform of work already undertaken by Council – our first Climate Plan was endorsed in 2010.

The new plan will outline what Council will do to reduce its carbon footprint, build resilience and adapt to changes in climate, while supporting our community to do the same.

Council hopes to have its endorsed Climate Action Plan in place in the first half of 2022.

Sign up to stay informed at participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/climate-action

Proposed community hospital

The Victorian Government has identified Council-owned land at Civic Drive, Greensborough, as its preferred location for the Eltham Area Community Hospital.

Throughout August, the agency responsible for the delivery of the project, the Victorian Health Building Authority (VHBA), sought formal community feedback on its proposal.

Council has not yet resolved a position on whether or not to sell the land to the Victorian Government. It will do so once it has conducted its own community consultation and gained a better understanding of the proposal and its potential impacts.

At the time of going to print, Council was finalising its preparations for community



The proposed hospital site in Greensborough.

engagement on this matter. Keep an eye out on our Participate Nillumbik engagement portal and other channels for opportunities to have your say.

Further information on the proposal can be obtained from the Victorian Government at vhba.vic.gov.au or engage.vic.gov.au

YOUNG MINDS



Youth speak

Mental health, climate change and discrimination are the biggest issues facing Nillumbik youth today, according to Council's Young Minds: Your Voice, Our Future engagement program.

Almost 900 young people aged 12-25 provided their feedback as part of the program.

We asked young people what was important to them in relation to their wellbeing, education, community and their future.

Top priorities areas for young people were identified as:

- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Climate Change & the Environment
- Education & Employment
- Discrimination & Inclusion
- Crime & Safety.

The results will help develop Council's Youth Strategy, which is due to be available for public consultation in October and launched later this year.

Stay up-to-date at participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/young-minds

Wattle Glen framework

Have your say and provide input into the Wattle Glen Public Realm Framework Project, which is all about public space design improvements in the centre of Wattle Glen.

Register for one of our online workshops on 11 and 16 September, or complete a short online survey by 26 September.

participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/wattle-glen-project

Keep it loose to get recycling right

In Nillumbik, we're great recyclers and it's more important than ever to make sure we put the right things in our recycling bins.

Together, we need to improve the quality of material being collected and help build a strong local waste and recycling industry.

Our new waste collection contractor, JJ's Waste & Recycling, has improved truck technology to monitor and record collection and bin issues. While we've always had live-feed cameras in our trucks and bin inspection programs to help residents get recycling right, the truck technology can now take photos of incorrect items (contamination) in bins to assist in waste education.

When bins are contaminated, it is difficult for recycling processor Cleanaway to sort items into high-quality material ready to recycle into new products, and the material can often end up in landfill. This is bad for the environment and increases disposal costs for Council and ratepayers.

Place recycling items loose in the bin, not in a plastic bag. When recycling is in a plastic bag it cannot be sorted correctly and ends up in landfill.



Place items loose, not in a plastic bag

A recent change means that recycling facilities in Victoria can no longer recycle cartons. Cartons make up less than 1 percent of the kerbside recycling stream and due to their composition of plastic, paper and often foil, they are problematic to recycle. We ask you to now put cartons in your landfill bin.

If you're unsure about an item, visit Council's online A-Z recycling guide.

Find out more about 'What goes where in your Nillumbik bins' at our free webinar on Thursday 21 October. You may also be interested in our webinars 'Using cloth nappies' and 'All things reusable'.

Register for any of these webinars at: nillumbik.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors



Sean and Lucinda Flynn's Hurstbridge home is on the 2021 Nillumbik Trail.

Going, going, green

With a record 10 homes on display, this year's Sustainable House Day – The Nillumbik Trail will be bigger and better than ever.

The event on Sunday 17 October will feature a mix of retrofitted and sustainably designed houses.

Properties will be open in Eitham, St Andrews, Hurstbridge and Panton Hill. By registering, you can view the homes and have a chat with the owners about their sustainability journey. The event will be adapted to virtual in the event of COVID restrictions.

Among the houses set to be showcased this year is Lucinda and Sean Flynn's Hurstbridge home. Their property features solar hot water; solar panels; a permaculture garden; organic waste composting; an outdoor kitchen for brewing, preserving and dehydrating; blow-in wall insulation; underfloor insulation batts; double and secondary

glazing; invisible pelmets and various draught-proofing methods.

"We look forward to welcoming visitors and talking with them about the range of practical ways they can improve the comfort and energy efficiency of their homes, no matter what budget they have," Lucinda said.

All homes on the trail have at least four sustainable features, and electric vehicles will be on display at many of the properties. Attendees will receive a coffee voucher to make the most of their outing in Nillumbik.

Sustainable House Day – The Nillumbik Trail is run by Clean Energy Nillumbik with funding from Council. Pre-event registration online is necessary.

cleanenergynillumbik.org.au/shd2021

Expert Eco Chats

Clean Energy Nillumbik is running an Expert Eco Chats event with support from Council on 18 September.

Participants can make free appointments to chat with experts about energy efficiency, building, insulation, solar and more.

Pre-event registration is necessary. The event will be adapted to virtual in the event of COVID restrictions. View participating experts and book online.

cleanenergynillumbik.org.au/eec



Get free tips from industry experts.

Get in touch with nature

Celebrate getting outside and up close to nature with our exciting program of events.

Spring is here and the hint of warmer weather to come will hopefully see us emerging from our winter lockdowns soon (fingers crossed!).

Nillumbik is again partnering with Manningham and Banyule councils to bring you a combination of in-person and online events as part of our annual Spring Outdoors program, subject to current COVID-19 restrictions. Some events may switch to online if restrictions continue.

Unfortunately, we've had to postpone our Platypus Celebration at Edendale Community Environment Farm until next year. But we hope to continue with a Platypus Walk and Talk along the Diamond Creek, if restrictions are lifted.

There will be plenty of activities to keep the kids busy during the school holidays. Join our Nillumbik Nature Treasure Hunt. Pick up a treasure hunt postcard from

locations including Edendale, the Shire Offices, Hurstbridge Hub and libraries when open again, or download a copy from our website, and see what natural wonders you can cross off the list.

Kids can also take part in a guided treasure hunt at Bunjil Reserve, Panton Hill, or enjoy a Water Bug Discovery Activity at the Diamond Creek Regional Playspace. Farmer Rae will be holding a Chooks for Kids and Families workshop at Edendale.

Home growers will enjoy sessions covering composting, worm farming, starting spring and summer veggies from seed, nutrition gardening, growing tomatoes, designing a permaculture garden, and dealing with Queensland Fruit Fly.

For details of these activities and more, go to nillumbik.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors



Join our Chooks for Kids and Families workshop at Edendale.

Carbon farming

Learn about carbon farming during our free webinar series.

Agricultural economist and farm manager Louisa Kiely will explain how you can reduce greenhouse gas emissions and capture and hold carbon in your vegetation and soils.

Louisa will delve into different forms of carbon farming, ranging from a single change in land management, such as no-till cultivation or grazing management, to a whole-of-farm integrated plan which

maximises carbon capture and emissions reduction.

The free webinars will start on Monday 20 September and run for four weeks.

Register at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors

Spring Outdoors 2021

Wildlife rescue

Do you know what to do if you come across injured wildlife?

Join our workshop at Edendale Community Environment Farm on 12 September and find out what you can do as a first responder if you come across injured wildlife, and who you need to contact. The workshop will cover the most common scenarios that you might encounter with injured or orphaned wildlife. This workshop will be run online in the event of COVID restrictions continuing.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors



Bird count takes flight

Join in the Aussie Backyard Bird Count from 18-24 October.

The data helps BirdLife Australia understand more about the birds that live where people live.

aussiebird.count.org.au

See the full calendar of events at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors

* Please note, events are subject to current COVID-19 restrictions.

NILLUMBIK PRIZE CONTEMPORARY WRITING 2022

Pencil this in

Do you have the write stuff?

Entries for the 2022 Nillumbik Prize for Contemporary Writing are now open.

This year, prizes will be awarded for the best short story (the Alan Marshall Short Story Prize) and the best poem from three categories of writers.

We're seeking responses for both the local and open categories. Local writers are eligible for both. There'll also be a youth writing category.

The highlight of the prize is the prestigious Alan Marshall Short Story Award, which has been an important fixture on the Australian Literary calendar since 1985 and celebrates one of the giants of the local literary scene.

The best poems and stories by local, open and youth entrants will be published in the Nillumbik Prize anthology, and celebrated at a special event next year.

Now is the time to start writing those unwritten short stories.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/NPCW



Get groovin

Nillumbik Grooves is a new video project that spotlights our amazing local musical talent.

We've recently filmed several artists performing short pop-up performances, each at a great Nillumbik location. Check out this series showcasing the diversity and brilliance of Nillumbik's local musicians and unique locations.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/nillumbik-grooves

An artful spring awaits

Art comes to life in Nillumbik, in this series of exhibitions at the Eltham Library Community Gallery.

The Artistry of Books: Thou Art Mum

10 September-10 October

The newest exhibition by Thou Art Mum – a Diamond Valley-based group of more than 40 female visual artists – is The Artistry of Books. An experimental collection of artistic works that deconstruct and reconstruct some of the artists' favourite books, the exhibition is not to be missed.

Nillumbik Artists Open Studios

ELCG Exhibition:

14 October-14 November

Studio Open weekends:

20-21 and 27-28 November, 10am-5pm

Check out the exhibition at the library and then plan a trip through the Shire for your chance to meet some of the talented artists who call Nillumbik home during the two open studio weekends in November. Catch a special glimpse of the studios of working artists across a range of media, including ceramics, glass, illustration and more. Download the studio guide and map at artistsopenstudios.com



Visit Baldessin Studio in St Andrews during the Nillumbik Artists Open Studios weekends in November.

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19 November-12 December

The annual exhibition of Living & Learning Nillumbik's artists and makers showcases the 2D and 3D works of tutors and participants across a diverse range of artistic courses.

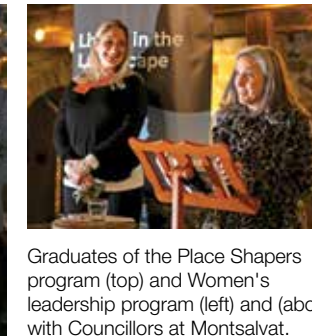


2018 diversARTy People's Choice winner: Carlotta by Wendy Kemp

* Exhibitions and events subject to current COVID-19 restrictions.

Eltham Library Community Gallery exhibitions – 2022

Applications to exhibit at ELCG in 2022 close 30 September. More details at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ELCG



Graduates of the Place Shapers program (top) and Women's leadership program (left) and (above) with Councillors at Montsalvat.

Bringing Nillumbik to life

Keep an eye out for some exciting new public spaces and community projects thanks to an innovative group of locals.

Congratulations to the participants of two new Council initiatives – the Women's Community Leadership and Connections Program, and the Place Shapers Program – who officially graduated at a ceremony at Montsalvat in July.

The two programs were designed to empower local people to help make our community a better place for everyone.

The women's leadership program was a great opportunity for women to build their skills and networks to become more confident, active and engaged leaders and community connectors in Nillumbik. The women worked with Council to each develop a local project

to build community resilience and supportive networks for women including a repair café, a new group for carers, a health and wellbeing hub and exercise group for new parents.

The Place Shapers program provided local people with the resources and skills to implement their own community projects. From community gardens to pop-up parks, festivals to public art, main street improvements to new township events, these practical projects will transform local spaces and create vibrant, authentic local places.

We look forward to seeing these projects come to life over the coming months.

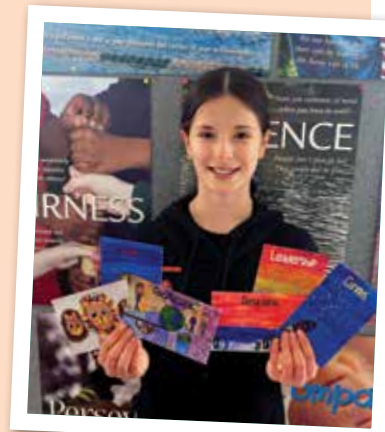
Action on the cards

We're proud to again support the global 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence campaign.

The campaign starts on Thursday 25 November, International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women, and runs until Friday 10 December, International Human Rights Day.

The campaign will feature a range of community-led activities and projects across the 16 days that challenge gender stereotypes and promote gender equity and funded with Council grants of up to \$500.

Applications are now open for the grants until Sunday 19 September at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/16-days-grants.



Last year, grants were awarded to five preschools and early years services to purchase resources, books and toys that challenged gender stereotypes.

Funding was also given to Sacred Heart Primary School for students to make respectful relationship cards (pictured above), Eltham and Diamond Valley libraries for light displays and Nillumbik Leisure Facilities staff to go orange in support of the campaign.

For more information about the 16 Days of Activism events go to nillumbik.vic.gov.au/16-days

Creating new 'perspectives'

Nillumbik Youth is excited to again host The Creative Collective annual youth art competition.



The Creative Collective engages local groups, individuals, communities and schools to invite young people to demonstrate

their unique points of view through creative expression.

The theme for 2021 is 'Perspectives' – encouraging young people to share what they are passionate about through painting, photography, sculpture, literature, and more.

The competition is open to anyone aged 12-18 who lives, works, studies, volunteers or plays in Nillumbik Shire. Entries close on Sunday 17 October 2021.

LEFT: Creative Collective 2020 Overall Winner Holding On and On and On – Fieke van der Kamp

Adaptive bike shed the wheel deal

Council has completed what may be Australia's first adaptive bike storage shed in Diamond Creek.

The shed has eight large lockers in a range of sizes to suit different adaptive bikes, trikes, recumbent bikes or tandems, and is next to the Diamond Creek Regional Playspace and Tram Cafe.

This means that people with a disability will be able to easily access the Diamond Creek Trail without having to transport the often bulky and heavy bikes.

Local disability service Araluen has been the first to reserve lockers to store bikes for use by their participants, with Nathan (pictured) hoping to get out and enjoy the trail more often!



Nathan from Araluen at the adaptive bike storage shed

For more information contact Council's Disability Inclusion Officer, inclusion@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or call 0438 277 428.

IN BRIEF



The fine details

Did you know that trees are not the main factor in increasing fire intensity and spread?

Fine fuels such as grass, leaves, bark and twigs smaller than the diameter of your little finger are responsible for the major increase in fire and intensity. Start your clean up now.

Burning off

From 1 October until the start of the Fire Danger Period, a permit to burn is required for any property less than 0.4ha.

Properties over an acre do not require a permit, unless burning a large heap exceeding 10sq m or over 25 cubic metres in volume.

Smaller amounts of green waste can be put in the green waste bin which is collected weekly. Residents can use their green waste vouchers on their rates notices to dispose of trailer loads of green waste at the Recycling Centre, 290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty.

Find out more

The Country Fire Authority has excellent resources to assist in preparing homes for bushfire. Go to cfa.vic.gov.au

For information about preparing for fire and other emergencies in Nillumbik, go to our website at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/fire-flood-emergencies



Be bushfire prepared

Are you ready for the upcoming fire season?

Living in Nillumbik provides a unique rural lifestyle and experience. However, it is also one of the most bushfire-prone areas in the world. It is your responsibility to prepare yourself, your family and your property for the upcoming fire season.

Inspections will commence in early October across the Shire by Municipal Fire Prevention Officers to identify properties that may be a fire hazard.

If your property is identified, you will receive a Fire Prevention Notice requiring you to undertake works.

It is an offence to fail to comply with a Fire Prevention Notice and property owners can be fined and ordered to pay the costs of a contractor to undertake the works.

Last year, we issued more than 558 Fire Prevention Notices and eight property owners did not comply and were subsequently fined.

Now is the time to take action and prepare your property. Let's work together to protect life and property against the threat of fire.



We love our beautiful Green Wedge Shire, but it is also one of the most bushfire-prone areas in the world.

Free planning workshops

To support some of our more vulnerable residents, Council is hosting two workshops on preparing for an emergency including bushfire, house fire, storm and flood.

The free workshops are for residents who may require additional assistance during an emergency including older people and people with a disability as well as their families, carers and friends.

Led by experts in the field including the CFA, the workshops will introduce residents and their carers to practical tools and resources available to help

plan for an emergency specific to their own unique circumstances.

Participants are asked to come to the session prepared to discuss their own situation in small groups.

The workshops are being held:

Tuesday 9 November
10am-12pm
Eltham Community and Reception Centre

Wednesday 10 November
10am-12pm
Hurstbridge Community Hub

** Subject to current COVID-19 restrictions.*



To find out more and register, go to the events calendar on our website, nillumbik.vic.gov.au/events or call our Positive Ageing Officer on 9433 3345 during business hours.



Students, with principal Jane Hayward, have learnt about the Fire Danger Rating and other safety lessons.

Strathewen students share safety messages

Primary school program leads the way in bushfire education.

Strathewen Primary School and the Arthurs Creek Strathewen CFA teamed up in 2016 to develop a unique bushfire education program that has gone on to win state and national awards.

A response to the Black Saturday fires, it has been such a success other local schools are introducing their own programs.

Lisal O'Brien, 3rd Lieutenant of Arthurs Creek Strathewen CFA, said the program took a scientific approach to bushfire risk and preparedness.

Grade 5 and 6 students are taught about the Fire Danger Rating (FDR) and how to use technical equipment to calculate the rating for their local environment. They have also created claymation movies to share important messages about bushfire preparedness.

The knowledge has assisted students in their understanding of bushfire risk, the triggers for action and what they can do.

"It's made a huge difference to the kids' lives and really helped with their understanding of fire," Lieutenant O'Brien said.

Principal Jane Hayward said students had learnt to love where they live again and feel safe. "It was about giving the kids the knowledge to understand the risk, manage that risk and live safely where we do," she said.

The program was one of this year's recipients of a Council Bushfire Preparedness and Community Resilience Grant.



Christian, 13

Have plenty of water tanks and hoses, and test them. Make sure to have a fire plan.

Harvey, 12

Check the fire danger rating to see if it is high or low. Set up your trigger point (to leave) and stay safe.

Eli, 10

Always have a fire plan. If you can take your pets without putting yourself in danger that's great, but if you can't, don't risk it.

Mary, 11

Leave early, when the Fire Danger Rating is very high. Also, when it's windy and hot, make sure you have a fire plan.

Giselle, 12

You should have the Vic Emergency app on your phone so you know when there is something bad in your area.

Emily, 10

Check the fire danger rating. Clean your property and get sticks, logs, branches if you have them.

Sarah, 10

Having a family fire plan is important. For people with pets, it can be hard to get everything ready, so it is important to prepare.

Molly, 12

Some things you can do when there is a chance of a fire is go to the beach, go to the city or even to a non-bushy area.

Yvie, 10

If the fire danger rating is high, or extreme, you should grab your things and leave. I would grab a special toy and family photos.

Mason, 10

We live in a high fire risk area and on high fire danger days, bushfires can travel fast. Plan for where you'll go if you have to leave the area.

oliver, 11

Don't leave it too late. Have a plan for your family and make sure everyone knows it. Leave early on high fire danger days.

Eden, 11

Make sure your property doesn't have lots of fuel near the house. Clear overhanging branches and rake up leaves and twigs.

Noah, 12

If a fire is in your area and you don't have time to get out, shut all the windows and doors in your house, put woollen blankets under the doors and windows, and turn sprinklers on.

Students share their key bushfire preparedness messages for the community.



Join the celebrations

The countdown to Christmas has begun!

Community groups and organisations are invited to apply for funding to deliver a project, program or activity that can be showcased in the Nillumbik Festive Calendar.

Projects must align with at least one of the following themes:

- Community goodwill
- Spirit of hope
- Supporting shop local
- Celebrating together

Applications open Friday 3 September and close Sunday 3 October.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/festive-grants

Young leaders recognised

We're proud to recognise and celebrate the contribution of young women to their communities with the Young Women Leaders of Nillumbik Awards.

Nominations for the 2022 awards will open on 2 October in six categories:

1. Nillumbik Young Woman of the Year
2. Young Creative Leader
3. Young Sports Leader
4. Young Gender Equity Leader
5. Young Environment leader
6. 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 nominate.

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

Mentor program empowers local women in business

Businesswomen have received a boost with a new Nillumbik mentoring program.

Council's inaugural Women in Business Mentoring program started earlier this year and provided support to Nillumbik women who run their own business.

The innovative program saw 14 women paired with a mentor from the Small Business Mentoring Service.

The Women also participated in marketing, finance and business resilience workshops, and shared their experiences. Though later mentoring sessions were virtual due to COVID restrictions, the mentors and mentees were able to forge on, talk business and form bonds and learn from each other.

The group plans to stay in touch as an informal networking group.

To participate in Council's business programs or attend our networking events visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/business for more details.

Feedback from some of the business mentees

"The ability to network with other women-run small business [was a highlight]. We all had something to bring to the table."

"One highlight was connecting with other local women in business who are doing amazing things. The other was having a mentor, which helped to take the learnings from the group mentoring sessions and personalise them for my business."

"The gold nugget of the program was networking with other strong, capable business women who become a force to be reckoned with when united and supporting one another."



Local creative Clare Dunston of 'Tog and Pini' at work in her Eltham-based studio.

Creating new opportunities

Do you run a local creative business, or maybe you're considering getting started?

Council is offering local creative businesses free access to the Creative Industries Business Education program. Developed specifically for the local industry, the

program offers a series of six webinars, with accompanying resources, designed to assist business owners to recognise and operate a best-practice business.

For details visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/creative-industries



Plans for the upgraded Hurstbridge (above) and Eltham (right) skate parks.



Park plans ramping up

We want to provide recreation and leisure opportunities for all ages and stages with upgrade plans for three Nillumbik parks.

Nillumbik skaters will be able to enjoy fantastic new facilities under plans to upgrade and extend the parks in Eltham and Hurstbridge.

The Eltham project will see the Susan Street park almost double in size, providing young people and skaters with the latest features to meet current skate trends, improve safety for users and encourage active recreation. Work is expected to start early next year.

Work on the Hurstbridge Skate Park is starting in September and will include transition and banks, fun boxes, blocks, ledges and manual pads.

Concept plans for both projects by leading skate park specialists were released for consultation earlier this year and feedback has informed refinements to the designs.

Andrew Park

Council received \$1.3 million from the Victorian Government to revitalise Andrew Park in Eltham through the Local Parks Program.

Initial concept plans were released for consultation in July and we're now reviewing the community's feedback. Work is expected to start early next year.

The proposal includes:

- Nillumbik's first outdoor exercise area for seniors
- Two basketball half courts
- Climbing equipment for all abilities
- Unisex toilets
- A sensory garden
- Bicycle repair station
- Seating, lighting and a shelter.

View the plans for these projects at participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au



'Vouching' for good health

We're proudly paving the way when it comes to rewarding kids, with health front of mind.

In a Victorian first, Nillumbik is among five councils to partner with VicHealth to deliver a new Healthy Sports Reward initiative.

We're supporting junior sporting clubs in the expansion of their reward voucher program to include healthy activities, such as free access to the Eltham Leisure Centre swimming pool and discounted entry to Yarrambat's Goanna Golf.

Taps help cut plastic

Choosing tap over bottled water is now even easier, with four new drinking fountains installed in Nillumbik, thanks to Yarra Valley Water and Council.

The fountains have been installed at Plenty War Memorial Park and along the extension of the Diamond Creek Trail at Luscombe Drive, Diamond Creek, Wilson Road, Wattle Glen and the Hurstbridge East Oval.

Fitted with antibacterial nozzles and a bottle refill station, the fountains make it easy to refill your bottle with fresh tap water when out for a walk or playing sport. The taps also feature a dog bowl for parched pooches.

The fountains have been installed as part of Yarra Valley Water's Choose Tap program, which aims to increase access to tap water in public spaces and reduce single-use plastic bottles.

For locations visit the Choose Tap website choosetap.com.au



We'd like to congratulate Panton Hill Junior Football, Eltham Junior Football, Northern Eagles Soccer, Diamond Creek Baseball, Diamond Creek Junior Football and Research Junior Football clubs, who all opted in to the pilot program for the 2021 winter season.

We would also like to thank Aligned Leisure and Belgravia Leisure for their support in providing health activity vouchers.

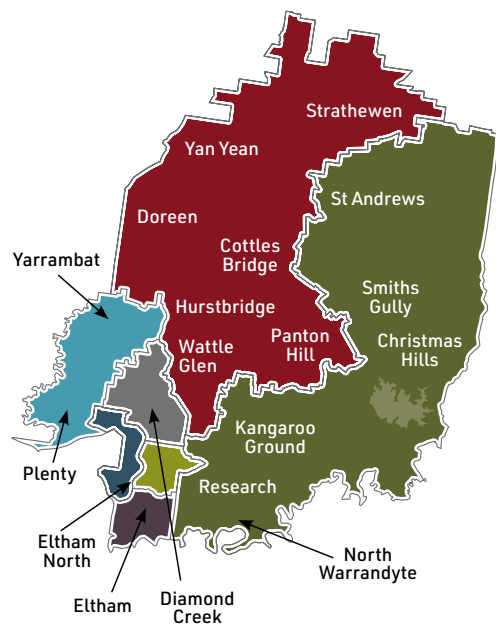
LEFT: Diamond Creek Junior Football Club U10 coach Rebecca Burton and player Miller.



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KEY

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

To find out which ward you live in, go to nillumbik.vic.gov.au/my-neighbourhood



**Mayor
Cr Peter Perkins**
Ellis Ward

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It's great to see the continuing upgrade works around town. The Diamond Creek netball courts are a huge construction zone at the moment as the resurfacing upgrade continues. Meanwhile, work on the lighting upgrade is imminent. Once completed, this will be a first-class netball facility for the region.

Across the creek, plans are being finalised for the Marngrook Oval road and carpark works. Following consultation with key stakeholders, work is expected to start in October so please be patient when visiting what can be a very busy area.

As part of Council's annual building maintenance program, change room renewal works are being undertaken at the Coventry Oval Pavilion and will involve the refurbishment of both the home and away change rooms. The carpet has recently been replaced at Diamond Creek Memorial Pre-school, all floor coverings replaced at Diamond Creek Occasional Care, and internal painting and replacement of the front entrance to Diamond Creek Community Centre undertaken.

Elizabeth Street is looking great now that the footpath and new car parks are complete as well as new bollards installed along Main Hurstbridge Road towards the creek. The mural on Reece's wall is amazing and a credit to our local artist Mark Taylor.



**Deputy Mayor
Cr Frances Eyre**
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It has been wonderful to see many acts of kindness during lockdown and beyond; we truly live in an amazing community. Let's keep up the support for local businesses and reach out to those who might need help or a friendly voice to chat to.

It was unfortunate to need to reschedule the Swipers Gully Ward Meeting for a second time – this is the world we live in – the new date is 14 October, see the calendar item on the next page. I also hope to have a pop-up park meeting soon.

Prior to lockdown I attended the graduation held at Montsalvat for the Place Shapers Program and the Women's Community Leadership and Connections Program. Congratulations to all the inspiring participants.

Local infrastructure works continue. Installation of footpaths and traffic calming measures on Ingrams Road have been completed, to be followed by footpath and drainage work along the Research Industrial Estate service road and the building of the new toilet block at Research Gully Reserve, all of which are on track to be completed by year's end.

A new Friends of the Aqueduct group is being established to focus on cleaning up and planting along the old aqueduct. Please contact me if you would like more information.



Cr Richard Stockman
Blue Lake Ward

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It's been said, "Covid restrictions have played a big part in us all exploring our local backyards." And what a backyard we have in Blue Lake Ward!

As Councillor, I have discovered Flintoff's Hill. At roughly 141m, it's one of the highest points in metropolitan Melbourne. Flintoff's Hill is behind Melbourne Polytechnic and where I am happy to report new lighting is being installed at Diamond Hills Reserve.

On the eastern bank of the Plenty River at Greensborough stands an apple tree, known as The Batman Apple Tree. Victoria's oldest apple tree, it is believed to have been planted by John Batman in 1841.

I am paying close attention to the refurbishment of the Maroondah Aqueduct Pipe Bridge, which is an ideal location for visitors west of the river to view the tree and historic Plenty Children's Cemetery.

On the Yan Yean Road upgrade Stage 2: I campaigned along the road in Yarrambat about the need for a footpath. It's the hardest and most dangerous area in Blue Lake to walk or ride a bike.

My conversations with Major Road Projects Victoria will ensure there will be a shared trail on the west side of the road, and much-needed footpath on the east.



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The long-anticipated completion of the Diamond Creek Trail is expected early next year, with public access set to follow shortly after.

This final stage – extending the trail from Wattle Glen to Hurstbridge – is a significant achievement that will benefit residents, visiting walkers, horse riders and cyclists.

Great timing as the tender for consultancy services for the Graysharps Road Open Space Plan Implementation closed in August, with evaluation of submissions to begin shortly.

A consultant is expected to be appointed in September with design works commencing soon after, to complement the Diamond Creek Trail completion.

Progress is being made on the \$1.7 million upgrade of the Hurstbridge community multi-use facility despite the challenges presented by COVID-19 and the winter weather. The internal walls of the facility are now visible and this project is on track for completion in early 2022. A big win for the Hurstbridge community.

The winter Nillumbik Open Cellars event in June was a huge success. Fortunately held before the recent COVID lockdown, it was an opportunity for our wineries and vineyards to welcome guests and showcase their fabulous food and wine. Put the date in your calendar so you don't miss the spring event scheduled for 16-17 October.



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Who would have thought 2021 would be as it has been? Living through this time of pandemic can be exhausting while we juggle the regular joys and stresses of life with the unexpected. Add to that the increasing and alarming climate events across the planet and it's justifiably cause for concern.

At Council, we are working to put in place strategies and plans to improve life in Nillumbik. Thank you to all who had their say on our draft Council Plan, Health and Wellbeing Plan, and Community Vision. Soon you'll be able to share your thoughts on our Climate Action Plan. Take a look on Council's website [participate.nillumbik.vic.gov.au](http://nillumbik.vic.gov.au/participate) to make a submission regarding projects open for community engagement. Your involvement is critical.

In Edendale, Andrew Pocket Park has had additional plantings and will gain Nillumbik's first outdoor exercise area for seniors and half basketball courts.

What other local areas would you like to see improved and how? Where would you like to see murals and tree planting?

Next time you're using the Diamond Creek Trail please consider others. Walkers please keep to the left. Cyclists please ride at a safe speed and ring your bell to signal your approach.

Lastly, thank you for the community kindness and support as I go through my chemotherapy treatment.



Cr Ben Ramcharan
Sugarloaf Ward

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Running community meetings across Sugarloaf Ward's major townships has proven challenging thanks to COVID but I'm determined to make it happen.

I'm planning to attend a Warrandyte Market to meet North Warrandyte residents and will move across the rest of Sugarloaf Ward after that.

Council has met with key stakeholders to inform the development of the Kangaroo Ground War Memorial Park Management Plan, which will help take care of this incredible community asset long into the future. Public consultation on this will take place shortly.

It's been exciting to see designs come out for the new toilet block at Research Shops, which will be a huge improvement.

We've heard from the community that parking at the shopping strip is a huge issue and we're working with officers to find a way forward on this.

The St Andrews Wayfinding project is coming along well and as part of the process, we've improved landscaping around the St Andrews Church, enhancing this local heritage building.

I'm continuing to liaise with officers and the Department of Transport to put road safety on the agenda for Sugarloaf Ward and to do what needs to be done to keep locals and other road users safe.



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Wingrove Ward

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As we head into spring, and hopefully lockdowns become the exception, we also emerge from winter looking forward to better weather and longer days.

For those facing the detours and muddy works around Fitzsimons Lane and Eltham South, please be patient. I'm told Nillumbik's tough soils are proving to be quite a challenge.

A huge thank you to all who contributed to the public consultation in regard to Council's four big community plans on the Participate Nillumbik website: Community Vision, Council Plan, Financial Plan, and Health and Wellbeing. Thanks also to everyone who gave feedback about the proposed upgrade to the Eltham Skate Park – I now totally get why it's an Olympic sport.

The pop-up COVID-19 testing site between Eltham Library and the Senior Citizens Hall turned out to be the most visited site in Victoria during that time, so thank you to all who walked in and waited. The community appreciates your efforts.

My first Ward meeting attracted locals keen to know more about the Eltham Urban Congestion Fund Project. It's generated a huge amount of interest and will be a much-discussed topic at upcoming Council meetings. Finally, I'll leave you with the most popular responses to come out of a word cloud recently created, when we asked Eltham residents what they wanted to keep about this place: Trees. Community. Space.

What's on this spring



Enjoy a ride of the Diamond Valley Miniature Railway, Lower Park, Eltham.

Children's Week

23-31 October **FREE**

To celebrate Children's Week, Council is supporting a range of events and activities across the Shire for children and families. Enjoy a ride of the Diamond Valley Miniature Railway, Lower Park, Eltham on Wednesday 27 October, 11am-3pm. Free, but bookings essential.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/events

**All events are subject to the current Victorian Government COVID restrictions and guidelines*

YOUTH EVENTS

Shredability Learn to Skate Workshops

Wednesdays 13-27 October
Diamond Creek Skate Park

Always wanted to learn how to skate, or want to up your skills? Join Shredability for this three-week skating workshop. Workshops for absolute beginners, intermediate and advanced. Ages 12-18.

Details and bookings at nillumbikyouth.vic.gov.au

Barista basics

Living & Learning Nillumbik
Saturday 9 October, Eltham
Saturday 20 November,
Diamond Creek

Are you looking for employment in the hospitality sector? This one-day course will focus on barista training, customer service and team work. Age 15+ Fees apply

livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au/barista



Kids express their creativity at Living & Learning Nillumbik's Art for Kids workshop.

Drama, art and pottery for kids

School holidays, 20 September – 1 October

Living & Learning Nillumbik

Living & Learning Nillumbik offers a range of fun, creative and interactive school holiday workshops for kids aged 5-12 at our centres in Eltham, Diamond Creek and Panton Hill. Activities include drama, art and pottery.

livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Edendale Community Environment Farm

Wildlife Xposure, "Native Wildlife"
Wednesday 22 September
11am-12pm; \$15 per head

Chooks for Kids and Families workshop
Saturday 25 September
10am-11.30am; \$10 per head

Wildlife Xposure, "Lifecycles"
Wednesday 29 September
11am-12pm; \$15 per head



Backyard Guinea Pigs workshop
Saturday 2 October
10am-11.30am; \$10 per head

Art activities

Edendale will also host free arts activities with Diamond Valley Arts Society on Monday and Tuesday afternoons both weeks of the school holidays.

Bookings: edendale.vic.gov.au/school-holidays

Yarra Plenty Regional Library

School holidays are always fun at YPR! You'll find a variety of activities to suit all ages and tastes, including a great program just for teens, and STEAMDANCE workshops hosted by the Australian Ballet.

Details and registrations: yprl.vic.gov.au

Eltham Playhouse

Eltham Playhouse will remain open during the spring school holidays subject to COVID guidelines.

To enquire for vacancies at playhouse@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

OUTDOORS

Queensland Fruit Fly webinar

Tuesday 7 September (online)

As part of Council's Spring Outdoors program, this webinar for the home gardener will introduce the Queensland Fruit Fly and how to prevent it damaging your garden.

Register: nillumbik.vic.gov.au/spring-outdoors



COMMUNITY

Bushfire Resilience Inc: Your Sheltering Options

Wednesday 15 September
7.30pm (online)

Dr Raphaela Bianchi from CSIRO and an expert panel will explain why the best-laid plans sometimes do not work out. What are your survival options if this happens to you?

Bookings: bushfireresilience.org.au

Home Support Services

Thursday 16 September, 2pm-3pm
Eltham Community and Reception Centre

Find out about My Aged Care, the entry-level support services that are available and how to access them.

Bookings: home-support-services.eventbrite.com.au

Home Care Packages

Tuesday 19 October, 10.30am-11.30am
Diamond Valley Library
34 Civic Drive, Greensborough

Learn what services are available if you need more complex support to help you live independently in your own home.

Bookings: home-care-packages.eventbrite.com.au

Prioritising Wellbeing for Yourself and Your Children

Tuesday 12 October
7pm-8.30pm (online)

Join The Big Sister Experience to learn tips on self-care and wellbeing for both you and your child in today's climate of uncertainty and change.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/parenting-series

Swipers Gully Ward meeting

Thursday 14 October, 7pm-8.30pm
Eltham Community and Reception Centre

Meet Deputy Mayor and Swipers Ward Councillor Frances Eyre and discuss the local issues that matter to you. This event has been rescheduled from 24 June and 5 August due to COVID-19 restrictions. Registrations essential by Friday 8 October at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/ward-meetings

Navigating Young People Using Alcohol and Other Drugs

Monday 8 November
7pm-8.30pm (online)

Join healthAbility to find out how to help young people navigate their relationship with alcohol and other drugs.

nillumbik.vic.gov.au/parenting-series

Residential Aged Care

Wednesday 17 November
11am-12pm
Hurstbridge Community Hub

All you need to know when considering a move into an aged care home. Or maybe you need some respite care while your family or carer is away?

Bookings: residential-aged-care.eventbrite.com.au

Light refreshments provided.

Details: Aged Care Navigation and Advocacy Officer on 9433 3138 or email agedcare@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Business in Nillumbik End of Year Networking Event

Thursday 25 November, 6pm-9pm
Diamond Creek Hotel –
Upstairs Function Room, \$25

A great opportunity for locally-based businesses to meet and network. Keynote speaker, John Gawne from 'Resilient Services' will speak about business resilience. Welcome drink and canapés included.

Bookings: nillumbik.vic.gov.au/business



All in-person events are subject to current COVID-19 restrictions. Stay up to date at nillumbik.vic.gov.au/events

Community Training Calendar

FREE

Council's Community Training Calendar is a one-stop-shop for community groups, clubs and volunteers to access free training.

Upcoming Sessions:

Governing a Community Organisation
Wednesday 8 September
9.30am-12.30pm (online)

Financial Planning & Management 101
Tuesday 12 October
6.30pm-8pm (online)

Volunteer Recruitment, Retention and Recognition
Thursday 14 October,
10am-12pm
Hurstbridge Community Hub

Strategic Planning – Planning for the 'New Normal'
Wednesday 10 November
6.30pm-8pm
Hurstbridge Community Hub

For information and to register, visit nillumbik.vic.gov.au/community-training-calendar



SPRING MARKETS

Eltham Farmers' Market
Every Sunday, 8.30am-12.30pm
Eltham Town Mall, 10-18 Arthur St

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

Hurstbridge Market
First Sunday of the month
8.30am-1pm
Hurstbridge Primary School,
961-989 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road

Library Place Market
Craft & Produce in Eltham
Third Sunday of the month
8.30am-1pm; Alongside
Eltham Library, Panther Place



Where people share, learn and connect

Living & Learning Nillumbik



Scan the QR code or visit the website for a full list of courses, activities and qualifications, as well as information on fees and enrolment dates.

Courses and activities

Did you know Living & Learning Nillumbik runs a range of courses and activities at its three centres in Eltham, Diamond Creek and Pantan Hill?

Available short courses include art and clay, dance and music, photography, books and writing, and much more!

Meet new people, learn something new and upgrade your skills in a fun and friendly environment with Living & Learning Nillumbik.

Training and qualifications

Living & Learning Nillumbik is also a Registered Training Organisation (RTO).

Enrolments are now open for CHC30113 Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care, CHC33015 Cert III in Individual Support (Ageing, Home and Community) and CHC50113 Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care.

These courses are currently being delivered using a blended approach of face-to-face, eLearning and virtual classes.



Opening hours

Customer Service

Civic Drive, Greensborough

9am-5pm

Monday to Friday* except:

- AFL Grand Final holiday **Friday 24 September**
- Melbourne Cup **Tuesday 2 November**

* subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

Call centre

9433 3111

8.30am-5pm

Monday to Friday except:

- AFL Grand Final holiday **Friday 24 September**
- Melbourne Cup **Tuesday 2 November**

* subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

Recycling Centre

290 Yan Yean Road, Plenty

Open 8am-4pm

Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday*

Closed Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and public holidays

* subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

COVER

Lucy enjoys Nillumbik's off-road trails on her horse, Toby, in the lead-up to spring.

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