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SUMMER 2016-17

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Maternal and Child Health Christmas opening hours

Cardinia Shire's Maternal and Child Health Service will offer a reduced service over the Christmas – New Year period.

Appointments will be available for clients across the Shire and home visits for new babies will continue as usual.

Lakeside Centre in Olympic Way, Pakenham will be open by appointment only on:

- Wednesday 28 December, 9am–2pm
- Thursday 29 December, 9am–2pm



Phone enquiries to discuss concerns can be directed to the nurse on duty or to the Maternal and Child Health 24-hour line 13 22 29. Your child's health record book will have Lakeside Centre contact details.

Maternal and Child Health will return to usual operating hours on Tuesday 3 January, 2017.

COUNCIL CONTACTS

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20 Siding Avenue, Officer
Open 8.30am–5pm, Monday to Friday

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Phone: 1300 787 624
Fax: 5941 3784
After hours emergencies: 1300 787 624
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Website: cardinia.vic.gov.au

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TTY users phone 133 677 then ask for 1300 787 624.

Speak and Listen (speech-to-speech relay) users phone 1300 555 727 then ask for 1300 787 624.

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Civic Centre closure

Council offices will close for the Christmas and new year break, at 5pm on Friday 23 December 2016. The offices will reopen on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

Council will resume usual business hours (8.30am–5pm) from Tuesday 3 January.

Calls to Council's after hours service on 1300 787 624 will be monitored and actioned as required during the closure.

COUNCIL MEETINGS to consider general matters take place on the third Monday of every month and Town Planning meetings are held on the first Monday of every month. Both meetings are held in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 20 Siding Ave, Officer at 7pm.

The next meeting will be a combined general Council meeting and Town Planning meeting on Monday 12 December.

These meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend. Agendas are available for viewing on our website prior to the meeting.

MORE INFO

 www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/meetings



COVER PHOTO:
Members of the Emerald Primary School choir get into the Christmas spirit for this year's Carols by Candlelight. See page 8 for details of events in the shire.



CARDINIA SHIRE WELCOMES NEWLY ELECTED COUNCIL

Cardinia Shire, say hello to our Council for 2016–20.

Cardinia Shire Council announced its sixth Council last month and elected Cr Brett Owen as Mayor for the first year of its four-year term. Cr Jodie Owen was appointed Deputy Mayor.

Cr Brett Owen said he was humbled by the faith his colleagues have shown in him. He is looking forward to working with his fellow councillors, the organisation and the community to support positive change and appropriate services and facilities across the shire.

"This is a great honour for me, to have another opportunity to be Mayor, having taken on this role for the first time in 2012. I will be diligent in ensuring all voices around the Council table are heard and acknowledged. We have an energetic group of councillors with a diverse range

of experience and we have already begun working together to discuss our goals and aspirations for this term of council.

"With new councillors on board and some familiar faces returning, we have an opportunity to bring a fresh approach, while still maintaining a sense of continuity.

"I will be looking to forge positive and effective relationships with all councillors, and respectful working relationships with Council staff as we work to manage the demands of a growing community with the need for careful budget management", Cr Owen said.

Following the 2016 Local Government elections in October, Cardinia Shire elected nine councillors for the second time to represent residents across three wards: Central, Port and Ranges.

The new Council spent its first weeks being sworn in, welcomed and inducted into councillor responsibilities and gathered

formally for the first time at a Statutory Council Meeting on Monday 14 November to elect Mayor and Deputy Mayor.

Of the nine councillors elected, four are new councillors taking office for the first time. The remaining five are returning from the previous four-year term.

As Deputy Mayor, Cr Jodie Owen said she was pleased to be able to offer support to Council's Mayor.

"I enjoyed my time as Mayor last year and I am looking forward to working with Cr Owen and supporting him in bringing this new Council together as we get to know each other."

- Turn to pages 4–5 to find out more about your new councillors and how to contact them.

MORE INFO

 www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/councillors



Mayor Cr Brett Owen – RANGES WARD

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Having spent my entire life living in Cardinia Shire, I am passionate about our community. As a serving police officer and a father of young children, I have an active interest in contributing to the community and ensuring that Ranges Ward is a great place to live and raise a family.

I am excited to be leading this new Council in its first year. In the coming months we'll be determining a clear direction and laying the groundwork for achieving our key objectives over the next four years.

My priorities include: community safety, youth services, access for all, support

for environmental programs, improved recreational facilities and funding for new footpaths.

I will continue to be an advocate for open and transparent local government and provide residents of Ranges Ward with a strong voice on Council.

MEET YOUR NEW

CENTRAL WARD

Cr Jodie Owen

Cardinia is a wonderful place to live, I intend to make it a better place to also work, be educated and participate in a variety of leisure activities.

Sport is strongly supported; I want to see that other passions are also catered for. With a diverse population, it is vital we support all members of our community.

In reviewing planning applications I will use my academic qualifications, giving consideration to access and inclusion issues, for the betterment of the community. I understand that I was elected by the community, and it is community I will be focused on.

Cr Collin Ross

I am a family man with four children and a mortgage and have lived and worked in Pakenham for over 20 years. My main aim is to make rate increases affordable and meet the needs of the community.

My priorities are: affordable rates, community safety, support the McGregor Rd crossing rebuild, reduce debt, improve bus services, increase employment, support services for youth and seniors, tough action on graffiti, maintain parks and gardens, improve internet/phone services.

I am an independent vote on issues before Council and will keep the promises I make.

Cr Carol Ryan

I've lived in Pakenham for 37 years and am the mother of three grown-up children.

I have worked for over 40 years as a registered nurse in mental health, disabilities, aged care, social work and case management. I'm also a registered marriage celebrant.

My policies are: to advocate for a safer community; to improve and maintain infrastructure by upgrading and improving roads, footpaths and public transport; more accessible services for mental health, disabilities and seniors; capping rates where possible; and encouraging new businesses which will lead to more employment.

I will advocate and be your voice for the future.

Cr Michael Schilling

I have lived in Pakenham all of my adult life. I have a background in healthcare, and believe passionately in looking after the welfare of all residents.

My areas of interest include: preventative health care, disability access, social inclusion and ensuring Cardinia Shire has the right social infrastructure to cater for a growing population.

I will be accessible to all residents, and will ensure I'm a strong representative for our local community. Please contact me if you have any issues you would like to discuss.



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COUNCILLORS

PORT WARD

Cr Ray Brown

I have lived in the region since 1970. I have served on many committees, usually in a lead role, and value volunteers and groups and committees that provide support and activities for others.

I am passionate that infrastructure, buildings, roads, footpaths and drains are properly maintained.

Social and work isolation is an issue in Port Ward and I will work hard to address this problem. I support improved sporting facilities and small business. I have a reputation for getting things done and will continue to do so across the community. Our towns are growing, so appropriate facilities must also grow.

Cr Graeme Moore

I have always been a driving force in the community. My role is to ensure Council provides infrastructure, responsible development, environmental stability and agricultural security, well-planned roads and a drainage maintenance program.

Proven skills in communicating, negotiating, networking and problem solving will help me to identify local concerns and bring them to the Council table to find positive solutions as well as negotiating with members on State and Federal levels for additional funding.

I am keen to continue the successful work achieved thus far and create future opportunities to ensure value for the community, securing job and business opportunities for the district.



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RANGES WARD

Cr Jeff Springfield

It is with great honour and sincere humility that I take on the responsibility of being your Council representative for the Ranges Ward.

Born and raised in Emerald, I will always consider these ranges my home. I work in the music industry as a production engineer, event management professional and recording artist.

I will work hard towards bringing our local communities together and be your collective voice on Council. I will strive to preserve and protect our unique local environment. I will push to have our Council services delivered to where they are needed most.

Cr Leticia Wilmot

As a resident of Cockatoo for over 25 years and having raised my family here, I care about our communities and understand the importance of retaining the unique character of our rural townships whilst managing the needs of our growth communities.

My priorities include: supporting business, particularly in the tourism sector; continually improving how communities are consulted and engaged; and, advocating for improved services and facilities in all townships.

We have strong volunteer numbers in our townships and I will continue to support and assist community groups and individuals to reach their goals.



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on recycling?**
Go to [cardinia.vic.gov.au/
recycling](http://cardinia.vic.gov.au/recycling)

NEW WEBSITE ONLINE SOON

Council will launch a new website in early 2017 which will provide a virtual customer service centre for the community. The website will illustrate Council's commitment to innovation and efficiency and use technology to deliver improved customer service.

As a resident, you will be able to access information, conduct business and log service requests on any device, from smartphones to smart TVs. You will be able to complete transactions online, including uploading supporting documents, sign a form via a touchscreen or with your computer mouse, and make payments.

Our website will:

- put our customers first
- be task focussed
- be easy to read and understand
- feature a series of online forms and payment opportunities
- be fully accessible for people with a disability
- be user-friendly
- be easy to discover through Google and other search engines
- be great to use on mobile devices.

The website will launch in early-2017 and will be at:
www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

DO SOMETHING FANTASTIC WITH YOUR PLASTIC

Plastic bags and soft, flexible plastic packaging can now be placed into your kerbside recycling bin – which is great for the planet and super convenient for you!

Cardinia Shire Council is proud to be part of this initiative, along with three other Victorian councils, which will give residents the opportunity to recycle plastic bags and soft, flexible plastic packaging.

All Cardinia Shire households have been provided with 10 promotional plastic bags so they can start bundling these items for collection along with their regular recycling.

Council's Waste Officer Melanie Kerr said: "By embracing this initiative, Cardinia Shire households will be able to help reduce the huge amount of plastic that ends up in landfill.

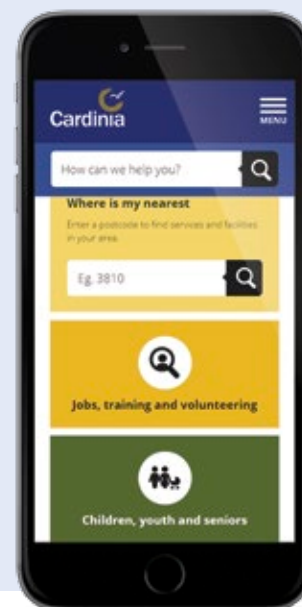
"It's also very convenient now, being able to recycle plastic bags easily at home as well as the supermarket," she said.


The Victorian Government's 'Metropolitan Local Government Waste and Resource Recovery Fund', the Australian Packaging Covenant, and SKM Recycling are jointly funding the initiative in partnership with Cardinia Shire Council, City of Boroondara, Hobsons Bay City Council and Nillumbik Shire Council.

Flexible plastics are recovered and recycled into a range of products including bags and packaging material, trays and general purpose containers, playground equipment, and textiles for clothing, toys and furniture.

MORE INFO

- 📄 www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/recycling
- ☎ 1300 787 624
- 📄 See the wrap for details about what you can and can't include.





ARENA CHILD AND FAMILY CENTRE

From maternal and child services through to kindergarten, the newly opened Arena Child and Family Centre in Officer has a range of services and facilities for young families all in the one purpose-built centre.

Managed by Council, the centre includes a consulting room, kindergarten, and a community room available for hire by the general public.

The 2017 kindergarten program, delivered by the independent not-for-profit organisation Bestchance, will include two four-year-old groups and one three-year-old group, with a wrap-around service available to provide longer hours of care for working parents.

Maternal and Child Health services are free for families living in Cardinia Shire

who have children up to school age and include support and advice for parents on child health and development, parenting, maternal health and wellbeing, as well as group programs.

Council's Children and Family Services Team Leader, Cheryl Casey, said over time the centre will become a great hub for families of young children to develop supportive social networks.

"The facility is a great addition to the children's services provided around the Shire and especially the fast-growing Officer community where many young families are choosing to live," she said.

The \$2.7 million project has been funded by Council with a contribution of \$650,000 from the Victorian Department of Education.

For more information about kindergarten enrolments, Maternal and Child Health services or hiring spaces at the centre, contact Council on 1300 787 624 or visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

LIVEABILITY AND HEALTH IN CARDINIA

As part of Council's review of its Health and Wellbeing Plan we would like to hear from local residents about what things you think are working well and what areas can be improved.

The aim of the plan is to identify strategies that support people in the community to lead healthy, productive and rewarding lives. The findings will help to determine Council's priorities over the next four years.

The plan will look at areas including employment, food, housing, open space,

active travel, health and social services and education.

You can get involved by:

- contacting the Healthy Communities Coordinator on 1300 787 624, writing to PO Box 7 Pakenham 3810, or emailing mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au
- joining the conversation on Facebook www.facebook.com/LivingHealthyCardinia
- having your say on the website: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Is your community 'age friendly'?

As part of its commitment to creating an age-friendly community, Council's Age Friendly Survey is seeking input from residents over 50 years, on how 'age friendly' their community is and what factors affect their quality of life.

Council's Ageing Well Facilitator Kelly Burdack said survey themes covers inclusion, access to services and community support, safety, opportunities for paid work and volunteering, transport, housing, health, and exercise.

"We recognise Cardinia Shire comprises many unique communities, each with their own challenges. The survey responses will be reviewed community-by-community, and will be used to develop an Age Friendly Strategy which will include age-friendly initiatives. We hope to cater to those individual communities and needs within our shire.

"We will also publish the results of the survey, to inform our broader community on the concept of age friendliness," Kelly said.

This year the World Health Organisation recognised Council's commitment to creating an Age Friendly City. The strategy will demonstrate Council's commitment to striving for a city that enables older people to live in security, maintain their health and participate fully in their community.

Survey closes: 30 April 2017

Surveys available:

- Council 1300 787 624 – print copy (and reply-paid envelope)
- Online at: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/seniors





CHANGES TO COUNCIL'S BURNING OFF RULES

Cardinia Shire Council has made changes to its Open Air Burning Policy.

The policy was revised after extensive consultation and aligns with state legislation to ensure Victoria is 'fire ready', by recognising that effective management of burning off on private land in Cardinia Shire is a shared responsibility between householders, communities, agencies and Council.

Anyone intending to burn off on their property should familiarise themselves with the revised policy before lighting fires in the open air. Burning off is not permitted under any circumstances during the fire danger period.

Key changes in the revised policy include:

- simpler language and structure
- Cardinia Shire being divided into 'burn off areas' and 'no burn off areas'
- amended burn off conditions (i.e. days of the week residents can burn off, distance that fires can be away from buildings)
- larger properties (over 20ha) now have specific conditions to better manage vegetation.

Residents can apply for a permit to burn if their property is in a 'no burn off area' or if they can't meet any of the relevant conditions in a 'burn off area'.

Please remember that burning off is strictly prohibited anywhere in the shire on CFA-declared days of total fire ban or during any CFA-declared fire danger period.

For the full policy and changes, visit the 'Open air burning' section of Council's website (www.cardinia.vic.gov.au), collect a brochure from the Civic Centre, or call Council on 1300 787 624.

See page 13 for more information on getting safely through the fire season

JOIN IN THE SPIRIT AT PAKENHAM COMMUNITY CAROLS

'Tis the season for a merry sing-along with community Christmas carols being held across the shire.

The annual Pakenham Carols by Candlelight at Toomuc Reserve will be held on Saturday 10 December. This free family event is presented by Cardinia Shire Council in partnership with local community organisations and businesses. Gates open at 6pm.

From 7pm pre-carols entertainment will be provided by local primary schools, before the carol singing officially begins at 8.30pm, backed by the Cardinia Civic Concert Band.

Keep an eye out for Santa, who is sure to make an appearance, and enjoy a fireworks spectacular around 10pm to finish a great night out.

MORE INFO

 www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/carols

 www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/calendar

Carols around the shire

Beaconsfield

Sunday 18 December

Bob Burgess Reserve, Princes Hwy

Bunyip

Friday 9 December

Bunyip Recreation Reserve,
Longwarry–Nar Nar Goon Rd

Cockatoo

Saturday 10 December

Alma Treloar Reserve, Pakenham Rd

Emerald

Friday 16 December

St Mark's Church, 1–3 Church St

Garfield

Saturday 10 December

Garfield Main Street, Nar Nar Goon–
Longwarry Road, and Garfield
Community Garden (part of Garfield
Recreation Reserve, Beswick St)

Gembrook

Sunday 11 December

Gembrook Community Hall,
Gembrook–Pakenham Rd

Koo Wee Rup

Friday 16 December

Koo Wee Rup Community Centre Hall,
Cochrane Park, Rossiter Rd

Lang Lang

Wednesday 14 December

Lang Lang Memorial Hall,
135 McDonalds Trk

Maryknoll

Friday 16 December

St Joseph's Square,
Maryknoll–Mirrabooka Rd

Pakenham Upper

Saturday 24 December

Pakenham Upper Community Church
Hall, cnr Bourke's Creek Road and Old
Gembrook Rd

Upper Beaconsfield

Saturday 24 December

12 Salisbury Rd

BOOK IT IN

What's on at your local library

Events are free unless advised. Book at tinyurl.com/cclcevents or phone 5990 0100 (bookings are not required unless stated).

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Summer Fun @ your Library

School Holiday program available at any library or online at www.cclc.vic.gov.au.

Activities for all ages: Storytimes, crafts and performers! All events FREE! Bookings essential.

Book online at www.tinyurl.com/cclchols or contact your CCLC library. Bookings will open Tuesday 3 January 2017 Program runs Monday 9 January to Friday 20 January at all Casey Cardinia Libraries (not mobile service).



That Sugar Film (PG) and nutritionist Shauna King

Wednesday 7 Dec,
6.15–8.15pm,
Emerald Library



One man's journey to document the effects of a high sugar diet on a healthy body. Join local nutritionist Shauna King for Q&A after the movie.

Family Christmas Movies (G)

Monday 5 December, 4–5.30pm:
MUPPETS CHRISTMAS CAROL

Monday 12 December 4–5.45pm:
THE POLAR EXPRESS

All ages welcome. BYO snacks.
Emerald Library

Christmas Storytime

Thursday 8 Dec, 11.15am–12noon,
Emerald and Pakenham libraries

Friday 9 December, 11.15am–12noon,
Pakenham Library

Stories, songs and Christmas craft.
Ages 3–5

Christmas Tinies' Time

Monday 5 Dec, 2.15–2.45pm and
Tuesday 6 Dec, 11.15–11.45am,
Pakenham Library

Friday 9 Dec, 11.15–11.45am,
Emerald Library

Wear tinsel and sparkle and join us for Christmas stories and songs. Ages 0–3

Gift making

Thursday 15 Dec, 4–5pm,
Emerald Library

Make a Christmas gift for someone special and take a peek at our Christmas books.
Ages 5+

Card making

5–16 Dec, during library open hours,
Pakenham Library

Create some Christmas joy for housebound library members – make a Christmas card for us to send. All materials supplied.

Casey–Cardinia Library Corporation branches are located in Cranbourne, Doveton, Emerald, Endeavour Hills, Hampton Park, Narre Warren and Pakenham. The mobile library also visits these locations weekly: Beaconsfield, Bunyip, Cockatoo, Garfield, Gembrook, Koo Wee Rup, Lang Lang, Maryknoll, Tynong and Upper Beaconsfield.

For branch address details and the mobile library schedule visit www.cclc.vic.gov.au

Twilight Tales

Jan 9, 16 and 23, 6.30–7.30pm

Outdoor Storytimes and special My First Day at School session. Family friendly. NOTE: Book this event online at www.tinyurl.com/cclchols or phone your local CCLC Library.

Funfit Circus skills

Wednesday 18 Jan, 2.30–3.15pm or
3.30–4.15pm, Emerald Library

Juggling, hula hoops and clowning, have fun and keep fit. Ages 6–12

Sustainable Living Festival – Emerald Book Chat

Friday 3 Feb, 11am–6pm,
Emerald Library foyer

Grow it, share it! Bring a small donation of produce for others to take home and enjoy – only on the day please. Join the first BOOK CHAT of the Year! 2.30–3.30pm in the meeting room. Bookings essential

Special author talk with Merima Jackson

Friday 10 Feb 2.30–3.30pm,
Emerald Library

Hear first-hand incredible stories from author's new book *Schicksal*: Based on a True Story: Two Lives Torn Apart by War, Cradled in the Palm of Fate.

Public holiday library hours

Please see our website for holiday season closure dates.

Libraries will be closed on all public holidays throughout December and January, but will operate on usual hours Wednesday 28 to Saturday 31 December, then return to usual hours on Tuesday 3 January.

WHAT'S ON

at Cardinia Cultural Centre

For bookings and event info visit
cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au or call **1300 887 624**



Justice Crew – Good Time Tour

Sunday 22 January 7.30pm

Local Justice Crew fans can see them performing live in Pakenham when the guys bring their Good Time tour to the CCC in January.

With a string of hits, including *Everybody*, *I Love my Life*, *Que Sera*, *Boom Boom* and their latest release *Good Life*,

the guys will put on a choreographed concert spectacular not to be missed.

Tickets now available from the box office or the CCC website. Also check the CCC's Facebook page for details on how to win a backstage pass and meet the Justice Crew.

MORNING MATINEE

The Spirit of Christmas

Wednesday 7 December 11am

Featuring one of Australia's finest tenor voices, Roy Best, with compère Christopher McKenna. Plenty of laughs and your favourite Christmas tunes.

Tickets: \$18 includes morning tea

A tribute to Mario Lanza

Wednesday 7 February 11am

Tenor Roy Best pays tribute to Hollywood movie star and singer Mario Lanza. Featuring classic songs *Be My Love*, *The Loveliest Night of the Year*, *Because You're Mine* and many more.

Tickets: \$20 includes morning tea

Great Composers of London's West End

Wednesday 8 March 11am

Musical theatre star Philip Gould and award winning singer/actress Michelle Fitzmaurice, with compere Philip Wheeldon present a narrated concert tribute, performing songs from *Evita*, *Cats*, *My Fair Lady*, *Oliver*, *Phantom of the Opera* and *Les Misérables* – *Wikipedia*.

Tickets: \$20 includes morning tea

CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY

Join in the ceremony and celebration this Australia Day, January 26.

Council's traditional Australia Day ceremony will begin at 11am and include the announcement of the nominees and winners of the Australia Day awards, which this year will be Citizen of the year, Senior citizen of the year, Young person of the year and Community event of the year.

A citizenship ceremony will also be held, followed by fun activities all the family can enjoy at about midday.

Cardinia Cultural Centre

40 Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham.

Local Australia Day events

Koo Wee Rup

Koo Wee Rup Community Centre, Cochrane Park, 8–10am

Breakfast and awards ceremony – celebrate and reward local volunteers.

Cockatoo

Alma Treloar Reserve, corner Pakenham Rd and McBride St, 8.30–11.30am

Breakfast (egg and bacon rolls) and announcement of Cockatoo Citizen, Senior Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year, plus Community Event and Organisation of the Year, and the Community Service Award. Raise our Indigenous flag.



Bunyip

Bunyip Hall, Main Road 10–11.30am

Bunyip and District Citizen of the Year announcement followed by morning tea and sausage sizzle.

Lang Lang

Lang Lang Memorial Hall, 135 McDonalds Track 9am

Ceremony and citizenship presentations.

MORE INFO

cardinia.vic.gov.au/eventscalendar

PERFORMANCE



Russell Morris and Chris Wilson

Sunday 5 February 7.30pm

Australian music legend and ARIA Hall of Fame inductee Russell Morris has been taking the songs and stories of his Australiana trilogy, including his latest album Red Dirt – Red Heart, to music lovers across the country.

Morris' Australiana trilogy has seen a return to his early influences of American Blues and Roots and he will be joined on stage at the CCC by blues legend Chris Wilson.

Tickets: Full \$45, Concession and Groups of 6 or more \$40



Cowboys and Angels

Thursday 16 February 7.30pm

Direct from Las Vegas this trio is the epitome of the modern country sound. Features Dean Simmons as Garth Brooks, Kim Simmons as Shania Twain and Adam D Tucker as Tim McCraw.

Tickets: Concession \$50, Full \$60, groups of 6 or more \$50



The Wizard of Oz

25 February to 10 March

Follow the yellow brick road to meet the wonderful Wizard of Oz when the Cardinia Performing Arts Company brings this much-loved musical to the stage.

Info: Visit www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au for individual show times and ticket prices.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY MOVIES

Tickets: \$4 (popcorn extra)



The Jungle Book

Fri 20 January 10am

The 2016 Disney movie of this classic story featuring Scarlett Johansson, Idris Elba, and Bill Murray.



Ice Age – Collision Course

Wed 25 January 10am

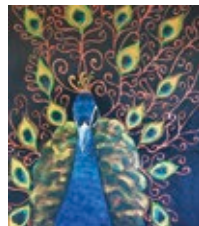
To save themselves from peril, Manny, Sid, Diego and the rest of the herd leave their home and embark on a quest-filled adventure.

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EXHIBITIONS

Visit www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au for gallery opening dates and times.

FOYER



SECAN

December to January

The South Eastern Contemporary Art Network (SECAN), formed by contemporary artists from the City of Casey and Cardinia Shire, has about 40 members working

in a range of styles and mediums including painting, textiles, digital imagery, printmaking, scratch-board, jewellery, mosaics and sculpture. This exhibition is a small sample of the diverse work produced by our local artists.

Jenni Irvin's 'Mind Drawing'

January to February

A fascinating exhibition with lots to see and do. What do you see in the mind drawings? Can you find the hidden objects?



GALLERY ROOM

Pakenham Scope

December to January

Pakenham Scope clients display their artwork.

The images and life works of Ann Britton

February to May

Ann Britton has an outback photography gallery in Boulia, QLD. This exhibition features landscapes, wildlife, big skies, wide open spaces and life in outback Queensland.

FREE MOVIE TICKET OFFER

During the school holidays, readers who buy three tickets for a movie being screened at Cardinia Cultural Centre can receive a fourth ticket for free.

Readers will need to present this voucher when buying their tickets.

This offer is subject to availability and only applies when three tickets are purchased in one transaction.



The 'TO-DO' list

Emerald Garden Club

Thursday 8 Dec, 8pm

See what members have grown in their gardens, share tips and advice at the Emerald Arts Society Hall, corner Church and Anne streets, Emerald. Visitors welcome.
Contact: davidmccabe2@bigpond.com

Dig In Community Café

**Friday 23 Dec, 27 Jan
and 24 Feb, 6–8pm**

Dig-In Community Café provides a great community meal and is open to everyone. Come for the food or volunteer in the kitchen at Emerald Community House, 356–8 Belgrave–Gembrook Rd, Emerald. Donations gladly accepted. Contact: 5968 3881.

Play and Learn

Tuesday 13 Dec, 10am–12noon

Enjoy a morning of storytelling, singing, making healthy snacks and sharing morning tea at Pakenham Uniting Church, 47 James Street, Pakenham. Contact: Belinda Clear or Ann Simons on 5941 3495.

Nar Nar Goon Bingo

Thursdays 7–10.30pm

Play bingo for fun and fundraising at Spencer Street, Nar Nar Goon (opposite the primary school). All money to local clubs and organisations. Canteen available. Contact: contact@namargoonbingo.org.au

ACTIVITIES AT OUTLOOK COMMUNITY CENTRE

Outlook Community Centre,
24 Toomuc Valley Rd, Pakenham.
Phone: 5940 4728

Card Games Social Group

Tuesday 13 Dec, 1–4pm

Enjoy friendly and non-competitive card games including Bridge, 500, Canasta and more. Cost \$3 per session. Bookings essential.

Men's Discussion Group

Wednesday 14 Dec, 9.30am–12 noon

Join a group of blokes aged over 50 for a coffee and chat about issues of interest and concern with plenty of laughs. Cost: \$4 per session. Bookings essential.

All Together Choir

Thursday 15 Dec, 11am–12.30pm

Open to all ages and abilities, no previous singing experience needed. Variety of performance opportunities. Cost \$5 per session, includes light lunch.



Knit and Knatter

Saturday 17 Dec, 10am–2pm


Learn how to knit or crochet, learn new stitches or pass on your skills to others. Suitable for all ages and abilities. Cost: \$3 per session. Bookings essential.

Walking Groups

Toomuc Valley Walking Group meets every Tuesday (except public holidays) from 9.30–10.30am.

Marketplace Marchers meet Fridays from 8–9am to walk laps of the Pakenham Marketplace shopping centre.

MORE INFO:

 www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/eventscalendar

SUMMER MARKETS

Pick up fresh produce or handicrafts at your local market this summer.

Koowee Community Market

Sunday, 11 Dec, 8.30am–1.30pm

Cochranes Park, Rossiter Rd, Koo Wee Rup

Emerald Market

**Third Sunday of every month,
next market 18 Dec, 9am–3pm**

Emerald Community House,
356 Belgrave–Gembrook Rd, Emerald

Gembrook Market

**No market in Dec, fourth Sunday
of the month from Jan, 9am–3pm**

Gembrook Station, 60 Main Rd, Gembrook

Cockatoo Country Market

**First Saturday of the month,
8.30am–1.30pm**

Community Hall, 77 Pakenham Rd,
Cockatoo

Twilight markets in December and March, 3–8pm at Alma Treloar Reserve.
No market in January.

Pakenham Community Market

**Third Sunday of each month, next
market Sunday, 18 Dec, 8am–1pm**

Pakenham Football Club, Toomuc Reserve,
Princes Highway, Pakenham





Are you FIRE READY?

Large areas of Cardinia Shire are designated 'bushfire prone areas' and both Council and the CFA strongly recommend residents in these areas prepare themselves and their properties to be 'fire ready'.

Council's Team Leader Safe and Inclusive Communities David Lane said preparing a bushfire plan for family and property, well before summer arrives is an important part of being fire ready.

"Families and communities that make informed decisions and actively prepare for fire emergencies contribute to safer communities. Decisions made hastily during an emergency can end in tragedy.

"Creating a fire-ready plan, practising the plan with all members of the family, and discussing your plans with family and friends well before a situation arises can make the difference between life and death.

"It seems many people just don't get the message to prepare their properties and Council receives hundreds of complaints from residents about potential fire

hazards on neighbouring properties in the lead up to the fire season," David said.

Council responds to these complaints by inspecting the property and may ask the owner to undertake maintenance if it believes the property poses a risk to life or other properties.

For more information on Council's 'Fire Hazard Inspection Program' please call Council on 1300 787 624 or visit Council's website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

MORE INFO

Council has developed a series of videos providing information and guidance on preparing your property and developing a bushfire plan. View these videos on Council's YouTube channel at:

www.youtube.com/user/CardiniaTV

Keep cool when it's hot

Council encourages all residents to take care of themselves and their families and neighbours in the hot weather to reduce the risks associated with heat exhaustion.

Council's Team Leader Safe and Inclusive Communities David Lane said by planning ahead and taking some simple precautions, we can all help prevent heat exhaustion and illness.

"Obvious actions such as increasing the amount of water you drink, even if you don't feel thirsty, and staying out of the sun as much as possible if you're outside, can make a difference.

"On particularly hot days, you can keep cool by putting your feet in cold water, draping yourself in a wet towel or taking cool showers. If the heat gets too much, head to an air-conditioned building such as a library, community centre, shopping centre or cinema."

MORE INFO

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/emergency
www.health.vic.gov.au/environment/heatwaves

- Create a personal fire safety plan: www.cfa.vic.gov.au/facebookmyplan

- Be fire ready while travelling: CFA's Facebook page and Twitter updates

- Download CFA's FireReady App 2.0 www.cfa.vic.gov.au/mobile and tune to emergency broadcaster 774AM

Building for THE FUTURE

Council has many major capital works projects in progress at any one time. To view an interactive map featuring project locations and information, visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/majorprojects

Just some of the current projects you'll find on the map include:



Heatherbrae Recreation Reserve

Construction of the new Heatherbrae Pavilion in Officer was completed in November, providing local sporting clubs with community meeting spaces, offices, change rooms, umpires rooms and amenities.

The reserve has two football and cricket ovals with flood lights, two netball courts, two cricket nets, a half-court basketball court, tennis hit-up wall and a sensory playground.

The netball courts are now home to the Arena Jets Junior Netball Club, while the reserve is used as an overflow venue for surrounding football and cricket clubs. Residents also make great use of the reserve's facilities when they are not being used for competition.

The \$2.767 million project was jointly funded by Council, the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning and Sport and Recreation Victoria.



IYU Regional Soccer Facility

Work on the IYU Regional Soccer facility in Henry Road, Pakenham is well underway with a significant part of the \$7.7 million project completed and soccer competitions already being played at the reserve.

Council has already constructed the three soccer fields, including an all-weather synthetic pitch and two turf pitches with lighting, a half-court basketball court and children's playground.

The pavilion is currently under construction, due to be completed in May 2017, and there are plans for an athletics facility in the longer term. The entire project is scheduled for completion in June 2018.



Chandler Reserve

The upgrade of the Chandler Reserve pavilion in Emerald, including a second storey extension, is close to completion.

The ground floor has refurbished umpires and training rooms, home and visitor team rooms, office, kitchen, storerooms and accessible toilets. The new second storey features a full wall of windows overlooking the ground, plus social/dining rooms, a bar, kitchen and amenities and a lift is scheduled to be installed in February 2017.



Bunyip Netball and Tennis Pavilion

A new pavilion with undercover and indoor viewing areas is being constructed at the Bunyip Netball and Tennis clubs, with work scheduled to be completed around March 2017. The new building includes home and away change rooms, umpires facilities, accessible change rooms, an office, kitchen, storage room and a social space with an operable wall, giving the option to use it as two separate function rooms.



Cardinia Recreation Reserve – pavilion upgrade

Refurbishment work and an extension to the change rooms at the Cardinia Recreation Reserve pavilion are now completed.

The extension includes new change rooms and toilets, an accessible change space, new kitchen/canteen, referees rooms and additional storage. The upgrade to the existing pavilion ensures that it now meets accessibility requirements and has adequate toilet facilities.

ENERGY UPGRADES

deliver big savings



Energy saving initiatives at a number of Council's facilities are helping to deliver significant energy and cost savings that will continue into the future.

Having completed an environmental upgrade of Cardinia Cultural Centre in 2015, Council now has 12 months' worth of data that shows a 33 per cent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions and the site's energy costs are down \$41,000 per annum. With these savings, Council's investment in the upgrade will be recovered in three and a half years.

The program included installing a solar electricity system (75kW), a commercial solar hot water system and upgrading the lighting and building management system.

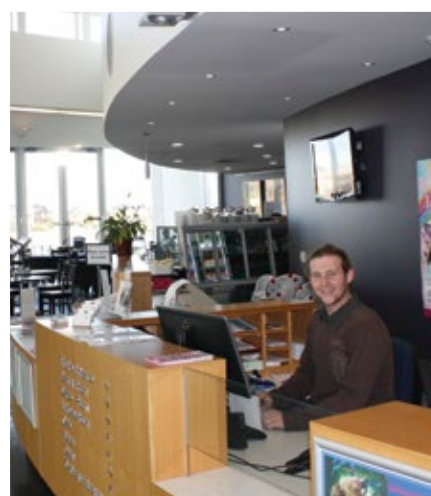
Further energy savings will be achieved at Toomah Community Centre and Arena Children and Family Centre which have

each recently received a 30kW solar PV system, and through replacing 315 decorative street lights with energy saving globes. Together, these three projects will deliver financial savings of about \$30,000 and emission reductions of 180 tonnes of CO₂e per annum.

Through its Community Capital Works Grants program, Council has partnered with the Pakenham Bowls Club to install a battery storage system, which captures excess energy generated by the club's solar panels during the day, and stores it so that it is available in the evening.

Council's Environment Officer Brett Munckton said battery storage technology was rapidly developing and this was the first battery storage system installed on a Council building in Cardinia Shire. The system will be closely monitored to determine how this technology can be best used at other sites.

All of these initiatives are part of Council's Aspirational Energy Transition Plan, which has a target of zero net emissions for Council's operations by 2024.



FREE UPGRADES FOR ENERGY SAVING

For those wanting to save energy in existing homes and businesses, Cardinia Shire Council has partnered with Energy Makeovers to promote free energy saving upgrades.

The upgrades can include draught sealing, lighting upgrades and water saving showerhead installation. Funding for the

upgrades is provided through the Victorian Energy Efficiency Target (VEET) Scheme.

For terms and conditions, including eligibility criteria and details on how to participate, see the Energy Makeovers website at www.energymakeovers.com.au/cardinia-shire-council.



COUNCIL BUILDING BECOMES NEW HEALTH HUB

Council's former civic centre in Pakenham will re-open early next year as a community health hub delivering a suite of medical and allied health services from the one location.

The project will deliver community-based health services for people of all ages and will be operated by Monash Health.

Services will include:

- child, family and maternity services
- counselling
- community health services
- selected mental health services
- outpatient specialist clinics
- pharmacy
- pathology
- maternal and child health services
- two rehabilitation gyms (one for adults and one for children).

Team Leader Social and Community Planning Petrina Dodds Buckley said that over time, Monash Health and Council would explore opportunities for other providers to deliver services that complement those already operating at the centre.

“This Hub will enable the consolidation of multiple services in one central, accessible location providing care for a range of health needs,” she said.

Construction is expected to be complete by February 2017 and the facility aims to be operational by April.

The \$6.2 million project has been funded by the Victorian Government with \$5.2 million provided to Monash Health by the Department of Health, and \$1 million provided to Council by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. Council is providing use of the land and existing building on a lease arrangement.

CARING FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

To ensure Council is providing the best services and facilities for families, we are seeking community input to develop a four-year Child, Youth and Family strategy.

About four new families move into the shire every day, and every week about 28 babies are born, making planning for families and children a key priority for Council.

Child and Family Community Coordinator Terry Larkman said about 37 per cent of the shire's population is aged between newborn and 24 years old; children aged from newborn to four years account for 8.2 per cent of the total population.

“We are keen to get input from the community, including children, and will

hold consultation workshops from January to March for input into the strategy. Details will be on Council's website soon,” Terry said.

Services to families and young children include a centrally-managed enrolment scheme for community-based kindergartens and a Preschool Field Officer (PSFO) program that helps early childhood educators create programs for children with additional needs.

Council also supports playgroups for disadvantaged or vulnerable families with children aged newborn to four years, and works with schools and early learning centres through the Linking Learning project to assist with a smooth transition to school.

By implementing the Victorian Government's Best Start program, Council is helping to improve the learning, health and development outcomes of young children and their families, particularly those in greatest need.

Council will also run monthly information sessions from February to explain the importance of kindergarten and maternal and child health services, including making appointments for key age and stage visits and how to enrol for preschool.

MORE INFO

 www.cardinia.vic.gov.au





'KINDER' returns to the community

The Ash Wednesday Bushfire Education Centre has officially opened at the site of the former McBride Street kindergarten in Cockatoo, transforming it into a focal point for the local community and visitors.

The centre has retained the kindergarten's original concrete slab and distinctive 12-sided steel framework; serving as a tribute to those who battled the 1983 fires and as a source of information for visitors on how to keep safe in bushfire-prone areas.

Stage 1 of the project, which included the fit-out of the building and some of the landscaping, was completed prior to the official opening on July 30. Stages 2 and 3 will happen progressively, and will include an upgrade to the barbecue area, the redevelopment of the old playground area and a reflection garden, or similar feature, to complement the landscaping.

Additional landscaping at the rear of the facility and around the playground is due to be completed by June 2017.

The Cockatoo kindergarten was a community hub from the time it opened in 1977, and when bushfires swept through the area on 16 February 1983, it became a refuge for locals taking shelter from the firestorm. A small group of residents helped to direct

people out of town and ushered many who remained into the kindergarten.

More than 300 people took shelter in the kindergarten that night while three local men, Tom Calvert, Wayne Boyd and Simon Ferguson, sat on the roof with hoses and water keeping the flames at bay. The fires that swept through Cockatoo claimed six lives, destroyed more than 307 buildings and homes and burned 1,800 hectares of land.

So great was the tragedy, that in March 1983, Prince Charles and the late Princess Diana visited Cockatoo to show their respects and plant a flowering gum at the entrance to the kindergarten, which still stands today.

While the building survived the fires, the roof was irreparably damaged. The kindergarten was eventually relocated to a new site and the vacant McBride Street building, which had suffered from vandalism, was deemed unsafe and considered for demolition in 2011. This prompted dedicated community members and the Cockatoo Township Committee to band together to preserve the site, achieving inclusion on the Victorian Heritage register in 2012.

Through the efforts of the Ash Wednesday Bushfire Education Centre committee and the Cockatoo community, along with funding from the Federal Government (\$500,000), Council (\$350,000) and the Victorian Heritage Restoration Fund (\$100,000), the site is once again a hub of activity in the local community.

New pets for Christmas? Don't forget to register...

Christmas is a time when many families make the commitment to becoming pet owners. Make sure you do the right thing by your new family member and register them with Council.



Council's Compliance Services Coordinator Shannon Maynard said it was every pet owner's responsibility to register and microchip their pet.

"Having your dog or cat registered means it is easier to find them if they get lost and re-unite them with their family. The registration fee also goes towards Council's animal services as well as Victorian Government animal welfare programs," he said.

By law, every cat or dog over the age of three months must be registered and failing to register or re-register your pet can result in a \$311 fine.

Pet owners are reminded to contact Council if their details change so that pet records can be updated immediately.

Pet registration notices will start arriving in letterboxes from early March. A number of payment options are available and registrations are due by April 10. Concessions are available.



LOCAL BUSINESS — LOCAL JOBS

Top:
2016 Business Award
winners and finalists.

Bottom:
Business Breakfast guest
speakers, Todd Sampson
and Stephanie Alexander.

Council had a busy year partnering with the City of Casey supporting our local business community through training, advocacy and networking opportunities.

The partnership has hosted a number of events, including the 2016 Casey Cardinia Business Awards, which attracted 107 entrants, and the Casey Cardinia Business Breakfasts, which saw a record number of attendees network with one another and hear from guest speakers, television personality Todd Sampson and restaurateur and author Stephanie Alexander.

The Casey Cardinia Business Women's lunch held in August was another well attended event, with Naomi Simson as the key speaker. Ms Simson is the founding director of online company Red Balloon and a 'resident shark' on TV's *Shark Tank* as well as a past winner of Telstra Business Woman of the year.

Council's Coordinator Strategic and Economic Development Andrew Pomeroy said increasing opportunities for local employment will continue to be a critical issue over the next 20 years and Council is working to increase the number of new local jobs.

"Many residents travel outside the shire for work and we expect those numbers to continue to increase as our population grows," he said.

"Through the Casey Cardinia Investment Attraction Framework, we are pursuing a number of locally based initiatives to increase the number of jobs in the region, as well as advocating to the Victorian and Australian governments to fund projects that promote the region as a great place to invest."

He said Council was among the exhibitors promoting the region to potential investors at the Smart Manufacturing Expo (May) and at the Manufacturing and Future Industries Forum (June).

Through its partnership with the City of Casey, Council is also working to build the tourism sector and promote the Casey Cardinia region as a visitor destination, with events such as the Casey Cardinia Tourism Conference held in August this year. This event, which followed on from the success of the inaugural Casey Cardinia Tourism Forum held in August last year, was sponsored by Council and run by the tourism industry itself, led by Casey Cardinia Tourism and the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Tourism and Business Group.

Mr Pomeroy said supporting the shire's agribusiness sector was another key focus for Council, as is striking a balance between Melbourne's residential land needs and securing the land needed for farming.

"Cardinia Shire is recognised as one of Australia's most fertile and valuable agricultural areas and plays an increasingly vital role in providing food for Victoria's population, but there will also be ongoing challenges given its location on the urban fringe," Mr Pomeroy said.



PUBLIC PING PONG POPPING UP IN CARDINIA

A new style of ping pong is taking off around the world and two 'artified' outdoor tables have landed in Cardinia Shire.

Council's Cultural Development Officer Jadah Pleiter said public outdoor ping pong (POPP) is one of the world's fastest-growing recreational pursuits, with free-to-use tables enlivening public spaces and drawing people from all walks of life to come and share a game.

Council will have two outdoor tables, one at Heatherbrae and one at IYU recreation reserves, where they will not only be useful piece of recreation equipment, but spectacular pieces of public art.

Local artist Mark Bernard (pictured), accomplished street artist and avid ping



pong fan, has painted a 'Cow Over the Moon' design on the POPP table at the Arena Play Space (next to the Heatherbrae Recreation Reserve). His concept references the renowned dairy farm known as the 'Heatherbrae herd' that once occupied the reserve site, as well as sporting themes associated with its current use.

"I have used a concept that both adults and children can relate to and wanted to create an original piece that I will be proud of. I am a table tennis fanatic and will definitely visit the venue in the future," said Mark.

The second POPP table will be installed early 2017 in the new play space at the IYU Recreation Reserve with a design by Frankston artist Thea Clarke depicting a range of sports and fused together with blue to represent the natural watercourse that once ran through the estate.

Council encourages residents to make use of the tables. A limited number of bat and ball packs are available for the first 50 residents who express interest at arts@cardinia.vic.gov.au

SUMMER FUN AT THE POOL

As the weather heats up, cool off at one of Cardinia Shire's great outdoor pools which are now open on warmer days.



Aligned Leisure Manager Shane Dunne said the outdoor pools at Garfield, Koo Wee Rup and Pakenham, and the wading pool at Emerald Lake Park, were important community assets and great meeting places in summer.

"Playing in the pool in summer is a great Australian pastime we all remember as kids. As well as being able to cool off on hot days, families can join in the fun at one of five themed days with music, inflatables, games and prizes.

"Local schools also benefit from the pools; many hold their annual swimming carnivals to encourage the next generation of swimming champions," Shane said.

Visit www.cardinialeisure.com.au for pool opening days and hours and www.facebook.com/cardiniaoutdoorpools for daily updates on weather forecasts, opening hours and events.

Outdoor pools summer events:

Summer launch beach party

Saturday 10 December

Free entry day for patrons from 12–1pm. Beach theme with music, games, and specials.

Superhero Day

Tuesday 10 January

Superhero appearances with a best dressed competition, prizes and giveaways.

Pirates inflatable madness day

Friday 13 January

Pirate theme with a pool inflatable at Cardinia Life and Pakenham Outdoor Pool, games and prizes.

Hawaiian day

Tuesday 17 January

Luau party theme with music, games, prizes and café specials.

Australia Day party

Thursday 26 January

Australia theme with a sausage sizzle, games and prizes.



Flying the flag for FedUni: A new generation is coming to the region. Photo courtesy Federation University.

TERTIARY CAMPUS TO CONTINUE FOR OUR SHIRE

Cardinia Shire Council has welcomed the news that Federation University Australia will take responsibility for Monash University's Berwick Campus. The university will offer courses at the campus in 2017 and take full operation from Monash University in 2018.

Council's CEO Garry McQuillan said the campus continuing to offer education opportunities to prospective students was great news for Cardinia Shire.

"We were concerned the possible closure would have a direct impact on students, forcing more of our young people to travel great distances to study. Having this campus continue, not only means local education opportunities, but also ensures employment opportunities for teachers and administration staff are kept closer to the shire," he said.

Council has continued to advocate to both federal and state governments to increase education provision in the shire. With just over 30 schools, 12 of them secondary, and with young people aged 20 to 24 estimated to increase by more than 6,500 by 2036, the shire has a large student population looking for tertiary opportunities.

"We are hoping to work closely with Federation University Australia over the coming year to ensure course options and degree subjects support our local students' aspirations," Mr McQuillan said.

Federation University Australia will offer up to 15 degree programs at the Berwick Campus in 2017 in business, education, nursing, IT and science, and will be the sole university at the campus in 2018.

Courses being offered include bachelor degrees in Veterinary and Wildlife Science, Environmental and Conservation Science, and a range of Education Studies (including early childhood and primary teaching).

Federation University Australia Vice-Chancellor Professor David Battersby said the university had a proud 146-year history providing tertiary education in western Victoria and more recently in Gippsland, and was delighted the Berwick Campus will become part of the university.

"The university has seen a significant increase in higher education student numbers since 2014 and is ranked number one in Australia for the overall quality of its Information Technology programs," Professor Battersby said.

"We stand proud of the excellent employment prospects and careers of our graduates and look forward to welcoming the next generation of Federation University students to the Berwick Campus.

"The university will build on the great work at our Ballarat, Wimmera and Gippsland campuses as we create a strong and vibrant campus at Berwick. We are looking forward to working with the local councils and communities to ensure our programs meet the region's needs," he said.

January school holiday activities

Have fun in the sun or stay cool indoors with a stack of activities on offer these school holidays for 12–17 year-olds.

Council's teenage school holiday program runs throughout January including a day out at the beach and water activities in and around Cardinia Shire.

My Place programs include Henna and Mandala Art and 'Make your own cold rock' and the Youth Service's van will visit towns across the shire, offering cooking, sports and games, and a hike and barbecue at Mount Cannibal.

Don't miss out! Booking forms essential for all activities. Download from www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth

MORE INFO

☎ 5940 3100

THE TIGERS are in town

Young footy fans can hone their skills with some of the AFL's top players at Richmond Football Club's annual open training session in Cardinia Shire in December. This is the fifth training session organised in partnership with Council and the club, presented by Parklea Developments.

The event, entitled 'Christmas in Cardinia', starts at 5pm – players begin training at 5.30pm. The kids' clinic (children five years and up) will be held with the players after training.

- Free event – registrations required for the clinic, visit www.richmondafc.com.au/clinic
- Food, drinks, RFC merchandise and memberships available for purchase.

Tuesday 20 December

Holm Park Recreation Reserve
Beaconsfield–Emerald Road,
Beaconsfield