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Your Council magazine

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and celebrations

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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 at Lakeside Maternal & Child Health Centre in Pakenham and home visits for new babies will continue as usual. Priority will be given to the youngest babies.

Monday 25 December service closed

Tuesday 26 December service closed

Wednesday 27 December

8.30am–4.30pm, Lakeside MCHC,
all other MCH rooms will be closed

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 2 January, 2018

Thursday 28 December

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all other MCH rooms will be closed

Friday 29 December service closed

COUNCIL CONTACTS

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WELCOME



Merry Christmas and happy new year from the Mayor, Cr Collin Ross and Cardinia Shire Councillors.

I am honoured to have been appointed Mayor of Cardinia Shire Council for 2017-18, and would like to thank Cr Brett Owen for his leadership and commitment to the role over the previous 12 months.

This summer edition of Connect includes lots of important information for residents – including some great activities at local libraries, details about our works and projects and our 2018 Waste and Recycling Guide.

There's also a jam-packed calendar of events highlighting all of the Christmas and Australia Day activities planned for townships across our Shire. Make sure you visit our website cardinia.vic.gov.au to keep up to date with all the latest news and events from Council.

From all of us at Cardinia Shire Council, we wish you a happy and safe festive season.

Regards

Mayor Cr Collin Ross

CIVIC CENTRE CLOSURE

Council offices will close for the Christmas and new year break at 5pm on Friday 22 December 2017.

Council will usual resume business hours (8.30am–5pm) from Tuesday, 2 January, 2018.

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

COUNCIL AND TOWN PLANNING MEETINGS

Community members are welcome to attend General Council and Town Planning Meetings held monthly in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 20 Siding Ave, Officer. See our website for 2018 meeting dates and times. Meeting agendas are also available on our website prior to the meeting.

MORE INFO

 cardinia.vic.gov.au/meetings



Outdoor pools summer events

Xmas Party

Saturday 23 December

11am–2pm

Inflatable, \$2 entry between
11am–2pm

Beach Party

Saturday 6 January

Beach theme with music, games,
and specials.

Inflatable Madness

Thursday 11 January

11am–7pm

Inflatable, games and specials

Superhero Party

Tuesday 16 January

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

Australia Day BBQ

Friday 26 January

Australia theme with a sausage
sizzle, games and prizes.

CALENDAR OF SUMMER FUN

Cardinia Shire's outdoor pools are once again open for the summer season providing a great place to have fun and cool off when the weather heats up.

Aligned Leisure Manager, Simon Bryson said playing in the pool in summer is a great Australian pastime and the outdoor pools at Garfield, Koo Wee Rup and Pakenham, and the wading pool at Emerald Lake Park, were important community facilities loved by locals.

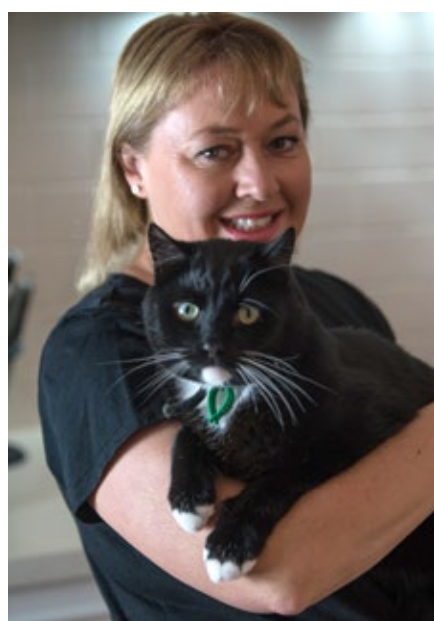
"As well as being able to cool off on hot days, families can join in the fun at one of five themed days with music, inflatables, games and prizes," he said.

This year, swimming lessons are also coming to Koo Wee Rup and Garfield Outdoor Pools with a Vic Swim Intensive Holiday Swim Program being held from 8–12 January.

Of course, the indoor pool and other facilities at Cardinia Life in Pakenham are open all year round, and every day in January teens can train for free at the Cardinia Life gym between 11am and 4pm. Every Sunday in January, kids can also play for free at the Cardinia Life stadium and at the Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre.

MORE INFO

 cardinia.vic.gov.au/pools



REMEMBER TO REGISTER YOUR PETS

If a new pet has joined the family for Christmas, be sure you do the right thing by your new addition to the family and remember to register them with Council.

Annual pet registrations are due to be renewed by 10 April each year and notices for current pet owners will start arriving in the mail from mid-February, outlining a number of payment options to help you pay on time.

Concessions are available to relevant pension/concession card holders.

Legally, every dog or cat over the age of three months must be registered with Council. Failure to register your pet could result in a fine.

Having pets registered also means it is easier to find them if they get lost and reunite them with their families.

REGISTER OR RENEW YOUR PET REGISTRATION

 cardinia.vic.gov.au/pets



CELEBRATE AUSTRALIA DAY

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

Council's traditional Australia Day ceremony will begin at 11am at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham and include a citizenship ceremony and the announcement of nominees and winners of this year's Australia Day Awards.

This year, Australia Day Awards will be presented for:

- Citizen of the year
- Senior citizen of the year
- Young citizen of the year
- Event of the year

Following the awards, Council will be hosting fun family events at the CCC from around 11.30am with the help of Pakenham Rotary and Lakeside Residents Group with inflatables, face painting and food.

Local Australia Day events

Bunyip Australia Day Celebration

9.30am–11.30am

Bunyip Hall, 38 Main St

Cockatoo Australia Day Breakfast

8am–10.30am

Alma Treloar Reserve, Pakenham Rd

Koo Wee Rup Australia Day Celebration

8.15am–10.30am

Koo Wee Rup Community Centre, Cochrane Park



SUMMER ROADWORKS SMOOTH A BUMPY RIDE

With 865 kilometres of unsealed roads in Cardinia Shire, summer can be a bumpy and dusty ride for some local road users.

Just as the wet winter months inevitably lead to more potholes, the dry warmer months of the year leave unsealed roads susceptible to corrugations and dust. Increased vehicle speed and heavy braking exacerbates the problem, hence corrugations are often worse near intersections.

Council's Co-ordinator of Operations, Mark Howard said hot weather depletes the moisture content in unsealed roads, causing the road pavement surface to unravel and develop corrugations as well as an increase in dust.

"Council carries out proactive inspections of the road network to identify any defects and schedules them for rectification, usually grading the road. Members of

the public can also report defects to council, which will then be inspected and works scheduled," Mr Howard said.

Each year Council applies a product called Polycom, a polymer-based solution, to selected roads within the shire that experience particularly high levels of traffic or are located in high density areas. Adding Polycom strengthens the road pavement and reduces dust emissions, and helps to reduce the amount of maintenance needed.

Council also offers a resident-funded dust suppressant program twice a year. This program is for the application of a product called Magnesium Chloride, which is specifically designed to provide short-term relief from dust emissions on unsealed roads. More information about this program is available on Council's website.

To report road maintenance concerns, phone **1300 787 624** or go to **cardinia.vic.gov.au/report**.



VOLUNTEERS HELP LEARNERS GET ON THE ROAD

For some young people, clocking up the mandatory 120 hours of driving practice they need to get their probationary licence can be a challenge.

Cardinia L2P is a community-based volunteer program helping young people to get supervised driving experience, and we are currently looking for more mentors to join the program.

The free program matches learners aged between 16 and 21, who either don't have access to a car or a supervising driver on a regular basis, with a community volunteer who takes them out once a week for driving practice in an L2P loan car. Learners also get professional driving lessons with an accredited instructor before they start.

Mentors should be a positive role model and must hold a full current driver's licence, maintain a good driving history and will be required to undergo police and Working with Children checks. Free training is provided to all volunteers.

MORE INFO

Program coordinator Brian Harlow
☎ 5997 9687 or
✉ harlowb@krhs.net.au



COUNCIL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF:

865 km of unsealed roads
640 km of sealed roads
690 km of undergrounds
drainage pipes

3,000 km of surface drains
26,000 drainage pits
(approximately)

FOOTPATHS CONNECTING COMMUNITIES



Railway Ave, Bunyip



Multi-use trail, Gembrook

More than 2.5 kilometres of concrete and gravel footpaths are being rolled out across the Shire as part of the 2017–18 footpath program.

The program will complete many of the missing links in footpaths across local townships and add to the footpath network in Council-managed parks and reserves.

A number of footpaths have already been completed, including:

- Carnarvon Street in Lang Lang, providing an east-west link from McDonalds Track to the railway reserve, and connecting other existing sections of footpath;
- An 800 metre footpath on the north side of Railway Avenue, Bunyip, improving the connection between the Bunyip town centre, Bunyip Railway Station and local schools;
- Upgrading the existing gravel path in Macclesfield Road, Avonsleigh, between Belgrave-Gembrook and

Fairway roads to concrete, to improve access for all abilities in the township.

- A path along Beswick Street/Fourteen Mile Road in Garfield, which has delivered improved pedestrian access to local recreation reserves.

Other projects include:

- Extension of the Clematis to Emerald shared path along the Puffing Billy railway corridor (which has also received a \$100,000 TAC grant)
- A footpath along Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup to complete the missing link from the new estate to the town centre, Cochrane Park and rail trail
- A footpath from the service station in Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Gembrook to Station Street, to complete the pedestrian link from the town centre to Gembrook Recreation Reserve
- A joining section of footpath on Bald Hill Road, Pakenham to link the town centre with the expanding commercial precinct and residential areas along Webster Way

- A footpath along Pinnocks Road, Emerald, to link residential areas currently without a footpath. This path will also join the extended Clematis to Emerald path.

Council is also constructing a 6.5km multi-use trail between Cockatoo and Gembrook that will connect to the existing trail between Cockatoo and Emerald, forming the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail. This project is being funded by Council (\$900,000), the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure (\$1 million election commitment) and the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund (\$545,000).

Council has worked through a list of over 300 paths from across the municipality to select the projects that are delivered each financial year. Each path is assessed on its strategic value, safety, usage and community demand.



KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS

Kindergartens across Cardinia Shire offer pre-kindergarten programs as well as funded kindergarten sessions that children can attend the year before they start primary school.

Sessions vary between kindergartens and you will need to contact your preferred service directly to ask about their program, days, times, fees and subsidies available. Council manage the central enrolment for community kindergartens.

MORE INFO

cardinia.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

IMMUNISATION

Immunisation is a safe and effective way of protecting children and adults against many diseases, and Cardinia Shire families can benefit from the free adult and infant immunisation service provided under the National Immunisation Program.

Day and evening immunisation sessions are held monthly at seven locations. No appointment is necessary for infant immunisation.

See our website for locations and session times. For enquiries, phone **1300 787 624** or email health@cardinia.vic.gov.au

MORE INFO

cardinia.vic.gov.au/immunisation

100 YEARS OF CARE FOR MUMS AND BUBS

Cardinia families welcomed 1640 new babies born during the 2016-17 year and almost all of them will come into contact with members of Council's Maternal and Child Health (MCH) team at some stage in their first four years.

2017 marks 100 years since the first Baby Health centre in Victoria was opened by Dr Younger Ross in Richmond, prompted by the high rate of infant deaths before children reached their first birthday.

The first baby health clinic in what is today Cardinia Shire, ran in the nurses sitting room of the Pakenham Bush Hospital around 1929.

By 1987, there were local MCH nurses working in eight locations, seeing up to 22 families per day with consults focussing on weighing and measuring babies.

Today, there are MCH nurses working in 15 locations around the Shire and

consultations focus on promoting the physical, emotional and social growth and development and overall wellbeing of babies and children. Currently Council's MCH service has almost 9,000 active infant record files for infants born 2012-2017, with up to 175 consultations per day.

The service provides home visits, centre-based appointments, first-time parent groups, breast feeding support service, sleep and settling support, and referrals to other services including family support services, medical professionals and allied health professionals.

The team of 34 staff includes registered maternal and child nurses and midwives, family support workers, early parenting workers, group facilitators, and many people working behind the scenes to co-ordinate appointments and the smooth operation of the service.

APPOINTMENTS AND ENQUIRIES

 5943 4250

MORE INFO

 cardinia.vic.gov.au/mch



BUSINESS AWARDS



2017 Business of the Year winners John Kelso and Greg Plant from Powerplant Project Services with Cardinia Cr Brett Own (far left) and Casey Cr Sam Aziz (far right).

Local business from across the region were recognised for their outstanding dedication and success at the 2017 Casey Cardinia Business Awards held at the Cranbourne Racing Centre on 27 October.

Hallam based business Powerplant Project Services took home the top honour, being named Casey Cardinia Business of the Year.

Powerplant Project Services is a design and project management consultancy operating in the power and telecommunications industries, which has been operating for more than 15 years to become a leading independent utility infrastructure specialist.

The list of nominees was diverse with businesses from industries including hospitality, construction, tourism, retail, manufacturing, education and business, as well as a number of home-based businesses.

MORE INFO

[caseycardinia.com.au/
businessawards](http://caseycardinia.com.au/businessawards)

Other category winners were:

Business and Professional Service
Ideas Ministry

Environmental Sustainability
Beaconsfield Dental

Health, Education and Wellbeing
YMCA Casey

Home-based Business
Tour Local

Hospitality
Cannibal Creek Vineyard

Manufacturing
Powerplants Australia

New Business
Davey Marine

Retail
Emerald Village Pharmacy

Social Enterprise
Waverley Industries

Tourism
Safir Tours

Trades and Constructions
Powerplant Project Services

People's Choice
Twisted Sista Upper Level Fountain Gate

Congratulations to all the winners, finalists and participants of the Casey Cardinia Business Awards 2017.

GRANTS GIVE BOOST TO LOCAL PROJECTS

Council has a number of grant programs that run throughout the year, helping local groups with a range of projects and events. Here are some of our upcoming grant programs.

Community Capital Works grants

Council provides up to \$35,000 for eligible community groups to undertake upgrades to community and recreation facilities within the Shire, from small changes like installing new air conditioning through to upgrades of club rooms.

Applications open January 30.

Major equipment grants

Grants of up to \$20,000 are available to help recreation reserve committees of management buy equipment to maintain playing surfaces, without the need to engage contractors.

Only Recreation Reserve Committees of Management are eligible to apply.

Applications open January 30.



Festivals and events grants

These grants are provided to not-for-profit, community-run festival and event organisers and RSL clubs to host events which reflect local identity and interests.

Applications open 1 February.

All applications are made via our website.

MORE INFO

cardinia.vic.gov.au/grants

WHAT'S ON

at Cardinia Cultural Centre



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

SIGN UP FOR BOX OFFICE NEWS

Sign up for our e-newsletter via our website or Facebook for all the latest news and coming events.

Note:

Performances are subject to change without notice. Check our website for up-to-date performance listings.

MORNING MELODIES

Devonshire tea 10am for 11am performance. Tickets \$20 per person.



Michael Cormick

28 February

A consummate singer and actor, Michael Cormick is a regular on the CCC stage and is returning again in February.

Night and Day – The Doris and Shirley Show

starring Gina Hogan

21 March

Take a trip down memory lane with stories and music of Doris Day and Shirley Bassey, performed by the amazing Gina Hogan. Featuring iconic hits including *Secret Love*, *Everybody Loves a Lover*, *On Moonlight Bay*, *Diamonds are Forever* and *Big Spender*.



Cheek to Cheek – Fred & Ginger

18 April

Float back through the golden age of song and sweeping dance and the alluring story of the 20th Century's greatest on-screen pairing, Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers. Ross Hannaford and Amy Berrisford will impress with their elegant dance sequences and stunning vocals.



Lux Radio – Agatha Christie Radio Mysteries

9 May

Recently rediscovered Agatha Christie radio scripts are brought to life on stage by a talented cast of Melbourne Theatre Company performers and Australian screen actors, recreating a live audience broadcast of yesteryear.



LIFT OUT

YOUR 2018 WASTE & RECYCLING GUIDE



Cardinia

YOUR GUIDE TO...

Hard waste
Green waste
What goes in each bin
Finding out your bin day

WHAT CAN GO IN EACH BIN?

Did you know:

You can order additional recycling and green waste bins for a minimal annual charge. Contact customer service to find out more.



MINIMISE WASTE THROUGH COMPOSTING

Buy a compost bin or worm farm for your home and keep the receipt to claim a \$30 rebate.

Visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/saveonwaste for details.



MAXIMISING SPACE IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN

- ✓ Remove lids and flatten plastic bottles
- ✓ Flatten or tear up cardboard boxes
- ✓ Squash cans and foil products
- ✓ Bag your soft plastics

REMEMBER!

You can recycle flexible plastics in your yellow bin.

Flexible plastics must be bagged and all other recyclables loose.



CHECK YOUR WASTE COLLECTION DAYS ONLINE

It's simple!

1. Go to **cardinia.vic.gov.au/bindays**
2. Enter your street address
3. Note your upcoming waste collection dates

No internet? No worries!

Call our Customer Service Centre on 1300 787 624.



Prefer a printed version?

Fill in your recycling week and keep this calendar handy.

1. Refer to the calendar to find out whether your street falls in a blue or orange week for recycling
2. Write 'recycling' next to appropriate colour at the top
3. If you have a green waste bin, this falls on the opposite week to your recycling bin



HOW TO PUT YOUR BIN OUT

- Put bins out the night before collection
- Bins should be returned to your property within 24 hours of collection
- Leave 50cms between bins and other obstacles
- Don't overfill your bin. Additional bins can be ordered through our Customer Service Centre



WASTE AND RECYCLING

2018 services guide



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Kerbside Green Waste service

Available shire wide

Collected fortnightly on the same day as your garbage, on the alternate week to your recycling.

- Branches up to 75mm in diameter are OK
- Bin cannot be over 80kg
- No soil

Order a bin and arrange payment by contacting our Customer Service Centre.



Grass clippings



Leaves



Small branches



Noxious weeds



Garden prunings



Flowers



Potting mix, soil, stones, dirt



Green waste in plastic bags



Food waste

Want info on recycling?

Go to cardinia.vic.gov.au/recycling

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To find out where to recycle even more products visit Planet Ark's Recycling Near You website.

recyclingnearyou.com.au

Residential Green and Hard Waste collection

Two hard and green waste kerbside collections (max. 2 cubic metres per household per collection) are provided each year at scheduled times.

Disposed materials are collected by different vehicles; these should be stacked in five piles so we can recycle more.



General waste



Scrap metal and white goods



Mattresses and couches



Bundled green waste



E-waste



Find out more including the collection week for your street at cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Movies

Tickets: \$4 per person, \$9 snack and ticket deal. Children under 2 free.

Movies will be screened on 24 January, 4 April and 11 April. Check our website or visit our Box Office for movie titles.

Beauty and the Beast – Victorian State Ballet

Saturday 7 April, 2pm and 7pm

The Victorian State Ballet bring this classic story to life with rich choreography, vibrant colour and exhilarating dance.

George's Marvellous Medicine

Saturday 16 June, 11am and 2pm

What starts as just another boring day for George quickly turns into a marvellous experiment of epic proportions. Adapted from the much-loved book by Roald Dahl, this is a show for the whole family packed with mischief, music, magic and laughs.



EVENING PERFORMANCES

Pirates of Penzance

Friday 16 March, 7.30pm

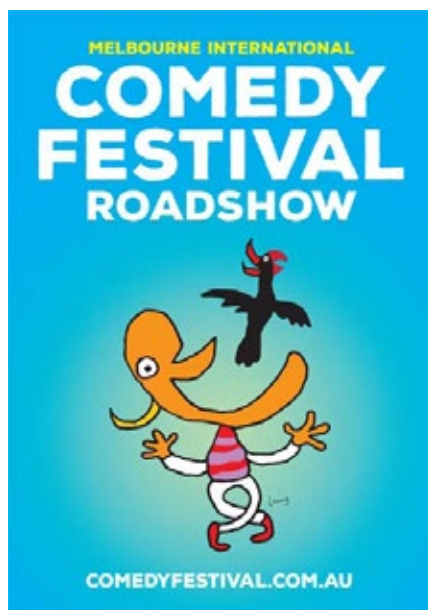
Enjoy this rollicking and delightfully funny musical about a band of gentle pirates.

Paris Underground – After Dark

Saturday 28 April, 7.30pm

Journey into the dark delights of the city of light with comedy, magic, illusion and burlesque. There are surprises and seduction, songs and spectacular dance, plus beautifully strange circus and cabaret.

Join us after dark in our pop-up Underground Lounge for a champagne, exclusive to ticket holders.



Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

Wednesday 2 May, 7.30pm

The Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow is bringing some of the freshest and funniest acts from Australia's largest comedy festival to the local stage in one hilarious show. See our website for performance details.

Spooky Men's Chorale

Saturday 19 May, 7.30pm

The Spooky Men's Chorale is a vast, rumbling, vocal behemoth. Based on the twin pillars of grand foolishness and the quest for the perfect subwoofer-rattling boofchord, the Spooky Men reflect on the absurdity and grandeur of the modern male armed only with their voices, a sly collection of hats and facial hair, and a twinkle in the eye.



The 'TO-DO' list

For more events or to add a listing to the community calendar go to: cardinia.vic.gov.au/eventscalendar

Community Christmas lunch

Monday, December 25, 11.30am–3pm
Pakenham Hall, Cnr John & Henry streets

The annual Cardinia Community Christmas lunch, now in its 10th year, welcomes any members of the community who may be facing the day without family or friends and would like join other locals for lunch.

Cardinia Shire Kids Night Out

Thursday 18 January, gates open 4pm
Pakenham Racecourse, 420 Nar Nar Goon–Longwarry Rd, Tynong.

Kids entertainment and activities, "Win a Bike" competition, summer racing action, dining packages available.

Entry: Adults \$15, children free.

Email: info@pakenhamracing.com.au or call 5940 6600

U3A Craft Fair

Wednesday 13 December, 1–3pm
U3A art room, Pakenham Library Complex, Henry St, Pakenham.

Arts and crafts made by Cardinia U3A members including knitting, crochet, homemade cards, Christmas decorations, bookmarks, dolls clothes, cushion covers and more.

More info: u3acardinia.org.au.

Summer Music Series



Sunday 4, 11, 18, 25 February, 12.30–3pm

Hosted by Cardinia Shire Council, enjoy music on the bandstand at Emerald Lake Park at this family-friendly event. Make your own music with drumming

circles running every week. Bonus show at the Cardinia Cultural Centre on Monday 12 February, starting at 2.30pm.

More info: cardinia.vic.gov.au/summermusic.

Parklea Pakenham Show

Saturday, 17 March
PB Ronald Reserve, John St, Pakenham

Green is the theme at the 2018 Show. This is a free agricultural, horticultural and multicultural event with activities for all ages.

More info: pakenhamshow.org.au

Pakenham Blue Light Disco

Friday, 15 December, 6.30–9pm
Pakenham Hall, Cnr John & Henry streets

An initiative of Victoria Police, the Pakenham Blue Light Disco is held bi-monthly for youth aged between 8–14 years. Fully supervised. Cost \$5.

Yakkerboo Festival

Sunday 22 April

The annual parade with floats and Mr Yakkerboo will start at 10.30am at John St, Pakenham and travel to Bourke Park where there will be market stalls, food, rides and the Unique Cavalcade of Cars.

The Yakkerboo carnival will also be held the night before at Bourke Park with stalls, rides and food.

More info: Yakkerboo Festival Facebook page.

Dig In Community Café

Last Friday of every month, 6–8pm

Open to everyone. Come for the meal or volunteer in the kitchen at Emerald Community House, 356–8 Belgrave–Gembrook Rd, Emerald. Donations gladly accepted.

Contact: 5968 3881.

LOCAL MARKETS



Bunyip Community Market

Last Sunday of the month, 9am–2pm

Twilight market 15 December, 4–7pm

Corner Bunyip–Langwarry Rd and Arrigo Ave, Bunyip

Cockatoo Country Market

First Saturday of the month, 8.30am–1.30pm

Community Complex Hall, 77 Pakenham Road, Cockatoo
Alma Treloar Reserve

Emerald Grow It, Bake It, Make It Market

First Sunday of the month, 10am–3pm

Emerald Hall, Main St, Emerald

Emerald Market

Third Sunday of the month, 9am–3pm

Emerald Community House, 356 Belgrave–Gembrook Road, Emerald

Gembrook Market

Fourth Sunday of the month, 9am–2pm

There is no market in December. Gembrook Community Centre, Pakenham–Gembrook Road, Gembrook

Koowee Community Market

Second Sunday of the month, 9am–2.30pm

Twilight market 10 December
Cochrane Park, Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup

Pakenham Community Market

Third Sunday of the month, 8am–1pm

Pakenham Football Club, Toomuc Reserve, Princes Highway, Pakenham

BOOK IT IN

What's on at your local library

All events are free and bookings are essential unless otherwise advised, visit tinyurl.com/cclcevents or call the host library.

Crafternoon

Pakenham Library
Thursdays until 14 December 2017,
then Tuesdays from 2 January 2018,
1–3pm

Informal gatherings for skill-swapping and working on your creative projects while enjoying a cuppa and a chat. BYO materials and ideas for your craft project. Drop in, no need to book.



Cheese making

Pakenham Library
Saturday 24 February, 1–3pm

Explore the world of cheese making with Janet from Cheeselinks. Discover how you can make delicious blue cheese, sour cream and yoghurt at home. Bookings essential.



Happy handcrafting

Emerald Library
Saturdays from 10 February,
11am–12.30pm

Share traditional handcrafting skills and friendship in a quiet, creative space. Bring the family or friends (age 9+) to work on your project. This will be a regular monthly event in 2018. Bookings essential.



The forgiving tree

Donate food items or gifts for people in need at any Casey Cardinia Library until December 24 and in return any outstanding library fines will be waived.

All donated goods will be distributed to local charities. Non-perishable food needs to have packaging intact with “best before” dates in 2018. Christmas gifts must be new and unwrapped.

Tablets for beginners

Pakenham Library
Thursday 1 February, 2.30–4pm

A hands-on session that starts at the very beginning – how to turn on your tablet – and goes from there. BYO tablet. Suitable for Android and iPad users. Bookings essential.

Spiders in space

Emerald Library
Wednesday 21 February, 6.15–7.45pm

Assoc. Prof Lachlan Thompson was the lead researcher on the Spiders in Space experiment on board Space Shuttle Columbia in 2003.

Bring the family for a hands-on, spider-free space adventure with actual NASA space hardware. Design your own space experiment and learn why spiders, and insects are essential to an astronaut's life on Mars. Bookings essential.

School holiday fun

The school holiday program is available at any library or online at ccl.vic.gov.au. Unless otherwise stated, holiday events require bookings at tinyurl.com/cclchols. Bookings open from 18 December.

I am starting school

Pakenham Library
Monday 8, 15 and 22 January,
6.30–7.30pm

Through storytelling, we will explore some of the concerns and expectations around starting school, plus share our literacy tips and library resources with you. Each week children make something to take home, including the popular sleepover stuffed toy. Family friendly event, most appropriate for children starting primary school. Bookings essential.

Make your own herbal gifts

Pakenham Library
Saturday 9 December, 1.30–3pm

Learn how to make a natural chocolate and honey body scrub with herbalist Sarah Cowell, plus the chance to make your own tea blend. Bookings essential.

CENTRAL WARD



New teams find home at James Bathe Reserve

Grass roots footy will get a great boost in the years to come with work starting on the new James Bathe Recreation Reserve in Pakenham.

The 10-hectare reserve, adjacent to two government schools and Council's Child and Family Centre will be a hub for community sport and recreation.

When completed, it will boast two netball courts, two cricket/football ovals, and a multi-purpose community building.

The plans also include integrated play spaces such as a multi-use ball court, skate board and scooter areas, nature based playground, cricket practice nets, barbecue facilities and an amphitheatre for youth activities.

Wetlands, open space areas and walking paths will provide passive recreation opportunities for the wider community.

Council will start works in early 2018 and it is planned that the first cricket games will be played at the reserve in the summer of 2019-20 and the first football games in the winter of 2020.

Council has already been working with the South East Football commission, who have announced that a new football club, the Cardinia Tigers, are going to be based at the reserve with both junior and senior teams.

The total cost of the project will be \$12,100,000 and council is pursuing a number of funding grants to help fund the work.

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Upgrade for Pakenham Kindergarten

With the start of each school year, a new chapter begins for the families attending Pakenham Kindergarten and in 2018, the building will be joining in the fun.

From January, work will start on the kindergarten's redevelopment adding more program space, upgrading the storage room, meeting room and teachers' office as well as modernising the bathroom facilities and verandah area. Work is expected to be completed around September 2018.

The kindergarten will be temporarily based at the Hollins Children's Centre while work is taking place.

The current kindergarten community has been working together with Cardinia Shire to finalise the planning and design of the redevelopment, maintaining the beautiful heritage look of the facility while ensuring that it provides access for all abilities.

The total cost of the project is \$615,000 with \$350,000 provided by the Victorian Government under the Children's Capital Program.

Increasing the program space at the facility will ensure the Pakenham Kinder can continue to deliver 15 hours of kindergarten for local children in the year before school.



Local CWA celebrates new garden

As the Victorian Country Women's Association (CWA) prepares to celebrate its 90th birthday in 2018, members of the Pakenham branch were celebrating their enduring connection to the community in their newly planted garden at PB Ronald Reserve.

Council has funded the project, providing seats, gravel and plants, all in shades of green and gold to reflect the colours of the CWA logo. The garden has a circular seating area with the garden beds radiating from this central point, symbolising the friendship and strong community connections that are fostered by the CWA.

The garden also includes a River Red Gum that was presented to the CWA by the Victoria Day Council. The sapling was grown from the Separation Tree in the Royal Botanical Gardens where the Proclamation of Separation of Victoria from New South Wales was read by Governor LaTrobe in November 1850.

Pakenham CWA President, Carol Clay, said it was appropriate that it be planted in this garden to recognize the service the Association has given to the community over many years.



Cameras aid Bourke Park security

A system of CCTV surveillance cameras is up and running at Pakenham's Bourke Park, completing a comprehensive program of work aimed at improving public safety and addressing anti-social and criminal behaviour within the park.

The CCTV system will provide blanket coverage for the park and its immediate surrounds and footage is fed directly to the Pakenham Police Station.

Other works already completed at the park include landscaping, additional lighting, new play equipment including a basketball ring, sitting areas and shelters, additional footpaths and a public toilet.

Funding for the cameras was provided through the Victorian Government's Community Crime Prevention Program.

PORT WARD

Deep Creek community space a step closer

Council has awarded contracts for the construction of the Deep Creek shared-use complex and the all-abilities play space, taking the next step towards realisation of this major community development.

Kirchner Constructions was awarded the contract to build the Deep Creek shared-

use complex, while Red Centre Nominees was awarded the contract for the playground.

Tenders for the golf course redevelopment, civil and landscaping components have also been received and are expected to be awarded soon.

The new building will be used by the Pakenham and District Golf Club, the Cardinia Environment Coalition and the broader community, and will incorporate separate and shared spaces for each group including a multi-function room, lounge/dining/bar area, cafe, pro shop, environmental training areas, administration areas, and a commercial kitchen.

Significant work has already been done at the site including weed removal, drainage work, protection of native vegetation and earthworks, and awarding the tender for the building is another important milestone.

Once completed the Deep Creek development will include wetlands, indigenous plant nursery, community spaces, a kick-a-round area and landscaping, and will be fully accessible for people of all abilities.

This \$10.3m project is being funded through Council's Capital Works program and a State Government grant of \$2.825m through the Growing Suburbs Fund.

New bridge will carry the load

The old timber Jolley Road Bridge in Tonimbuk will be replaced in coming months with a new concrete bridge capable of carrying heavier vehicles, including local CFA trucks.

The current one-lane bridge was constructed in the 1930s, however its 10 tonne load limit severely restricts which vehicles can use the bridge, excluding large agricultural machinery and CFA fire fighting vehicles.

It will be replaced with a two-lane reinforced concrete bridge which will not only handle heavier loads, but will also increase safety for local traffic as sight distances at each end of the bridge are improved.

The work is scheduled to go out to tender in February 2018 with a planned completion date around June. The \$695,500 project is being funded by Council and the Australian Government's Bridges Renewal Programme.



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Manks Rd, Dalmore



New pipes clear old drainage issues

The 2017-18 drainage program is well underway with work completed on a drainage replacement in Nash Rd, Bunyip, and work preparing to start soon on a drainage installation in A'Beckett Rd, Bunyip and a major culvert replacement on Ingram Road, Nar Nar Goon North.

In Nash Rd, the existing pipe was old, displaced, and blocked with tree roots, however the damage meant that a root cutter could not be used to unblock it. The new pipe has been offset under the road pavement to avoid interfering with other services and a number of high value trees.

In A'Beckett Rd in Bunyip, there are currently large open drains that connect to the existing stormwater network, creating an eyesore, a maintenance issue for residents, and in some places pools of stagnant water.

Council is currently working with local power companies to determine the best way to work around existing power poles so that new drainage pipes can be installed at this location.

\$3 million to improve local roads

Cardinia Shire Council has awarded contracts for approximately \$3 million to improve existing sealed roads in the Shire as part of the 2017-18 pavement renewal and road sealing program.

The successful tenderer is QR Constructions (Gippsland) Pty Ltd, which will reconstruct 6.1kms of pavement on three roads at a cost of \$2.11 million and carry out resealing work on approximately 70 other rural and urban road segments throughout the Shire, a total of 27kms, at a cost of \$971,779.

The three roads to be reconstructed are:

- Manks Road, Dalmore (1.6km between Adams Rd and Tooradin Station Rd);
- Hall Road, Pakenham South (1.6km between McDonalds Drain bridge and Koo Wee Rup Road); and
- Seven Mile Road, Nar Nar Goon (2.9km between the bridge near Bourke Rd and Whitta Lane).

These three roads have been identified as a high priority as they carry a lot of traffic and are amongst the highest for maintenance costs for the Shire.

Sections of these three roads have deteriorated over time, requiring ongoing maintenance, and a decision has been taken to reconstruct those sections and at the same time carry out drainage improvements to ensure better longevity of the new road pavement.

Existing sealed roads that require resurfacing have also been identified and will be funded under the 2017/18 Capital Works Road Resealing Program. Funding is also provided for asphalt patching and replacement of line marking to improve the safety and standard of road surface.

RANGES WARD

Ready for school at Gum Scrub Creek

The Gum Scrub Creek Primary School and Integrated Child and Family Centre, located on the corner of Bridge Road and Sandy Road in Officer, is getting ready for its first intake when the doors open for the new 2018 school year.

Within the precinct, Cardinia's newest child and family centre will have a kindergarten and pre-kindergarten with wrap around care delivered by ECMS Early Years Manager, as well as Maternal and Child Health services, specialist consulting rooms, and spaces for community activities and early childhood intervention programs.

The Victorian Government's Building School Fund has provided \$13 million for the project while Council has contributed \$3.2 million and transferred 0.4 hectares of land for the child and family centre.

This fantastic community precinct will also eventually include a recreation reserve.



Have your say on Alma Treloar masterplan

With a new playground already installed at Alma Treloar Reserve in Cockatoo, Council is now looking towards a broader plan for this important community hub.

The plan is currently at the draft stage and will eventually go out on public display to seek community feedback.

The plan considers the many groups and activities that currently use the reserve as well as possible future uses. This includes bowls, tennis, men's shed, child care, Ash

Wednesday Bushfire Education Centre, scouts and senior citizens.

It also identifies areas for specific open space uses such as dog off-lead areas, play space, skate and BMX, exercise equipment, community gardens and passive recreation including walking trails, as well as infrastructure such as barbecues, picnic facilities, shelters, toilets, and shade structures.

Once feedback on the plan has been received, Council will also apply for funding to assist with the project and schedule works as funds become available.

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New officer for Emerald Museum

Cardinia Shire Council is set to employ a permanent part-time museum officer at the Emerald Museum to assist with the running of the facility and ensure its long-term sustainability.

Since opening in 1981 the museum, initially located at the Emerald Community Hall and relocated to its current building at Nobelius Heritage Park in 1993, has been run by a volunteer committee of management and staffed by a dedicated team of volunteers.

While the contribution of volunteers is invaluable to the Museum's operations, Council recognises the need for additional resources to support its day-to-day running.

The committee of management and team of volunteers have done a fantastic job over the years collecting and cataloguing the many artefacts that make up its valuable collection of local history and the new part-time museum officer will be a great addition to this team, helping to spread the workload.

The Emerald Museum houses more than 3,000 artefacts including household items, photographs, agricultural machinery and documents relating to the early history of the area. Selected items from the Museum's Nobelius-related display have also been declared of 'national significance' by the National Library of Australia.

Emerald Museum Committee of Management President, Pauline Murphy said they were thrilled to be receiving the support of a museum officer to help direct the museum's activities into the future and ensure the sustainability of the collection.

"It will be wonderful to have a professional person to guide us and work in conjunction with our volunteers as we strive to make the museum the best it can be and attract more volunteers and more visitors," she said.

Work to start on Hills Hub

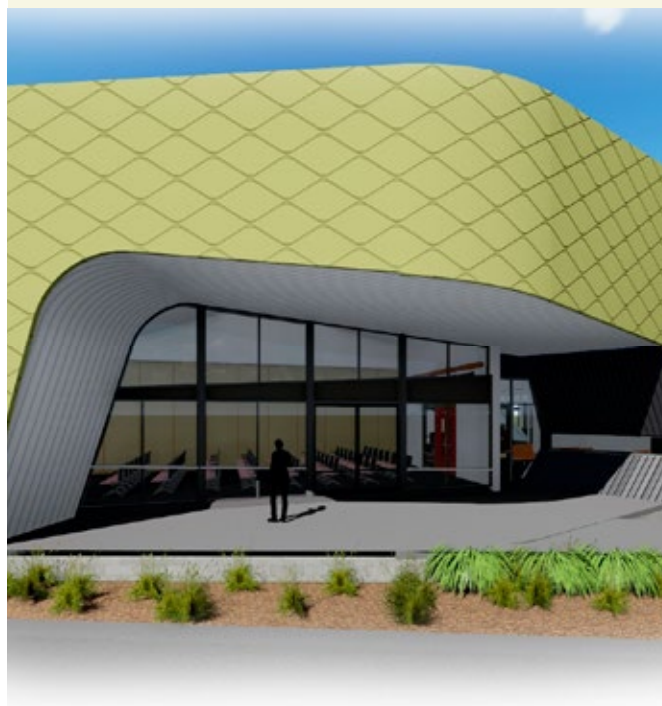
The ranges community is set to get a new multi-purpose facility with construction of the Hills Hub in Emerald scheduled to start in February 2018.

Located adjacent to the Emerald Library, the facility will provide a long term base for Emerald U3A, Emerald Men's Shed, 3MDR Community Radio station and other existing stakeholders. It will also provide space to cater for emerging local needs, including skill development, training, and employment creation.

The project has been in development since late 2014 and Council has worked with an advisory group made up of stakeholders from a range of community organisations, with extensive consultation and negotiations to design a multi-purpose facility.

Council would like to acknowledge the Emerald Mechanic's Institute Committee of Management who have coordinated access and programs in the hall for the past 25 years, as well as those community groups and members, particularly the Hills Hub Advisory Group for their commitment and work in delivering this new hub.

The project is jointly funded by Council, the Australian Government's National Stronger Regions Fund and the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Group/Dandenong Ranges Community Bank Group, and is due to be completed mid-2019.





Council, with the support of local
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CARDINIA CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday 9 December

Toomuc Reserve, Princes Hwy, Pakenham

6pm:

Gates open for
community
picnic

7pm:

Entertainment by
local primary
schools

8.30pm:

Carols starts
with the Cardinia
Civic Concert
Band

10pm:

Fireworks



Free community event
Visit from Santa
Auslan interpreters in attendance
Alcohol and smoke free event

Carols around the Shire

Beaconsfield

17 December 6–9pm
Bob Burgess Reserve, Old Princes Hwy

Bunyip

8 December 7.45–9.15pm
Bunyip Recreation Reserve,
Longwarry-Nar Nar Goon Rd

Cockatoo

9 December 5–8pm
Alma Treloar Reserve,
Pakenham Rd

Emerald

15 December, 5.30–9pm
St Mark's Church, 1–3 Church St

Gembrook

10 December, 5–8pm
Gembrook Community Hall,
Gembrook-Pakenham Rd

Lang Lang

13 December, 7–8.30pm
Lang Lang Memorial Hall
135 McDonalds Track

Maryknoll

15 December, 6–9.30pm
St Joseph's Square, Mirrabooka Rd

Pakenham Upper

24 December, 7.30–8.45pm
Pakenham Upper Community Church Hall,
cnr Bourke's Creek Rd and
Old Gembrook Rd

Upper Beaconsfield

24 December, 6–9pm
Keith Ewenson Park, 10–12 Salisbury Rd