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A group of young children are sitting on the floor in a library, looking at books. In the foreground, a girl with long brown hair wearing a purple shirt and a boy with blonde hair wearing a blue shirt are smiling at the camera while holding a large red book titled 'PIG PUG'. Other children are visible in the background, some looking at books and others looking towards the camera.

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Community Compass

Have you tried Council's Community Compass tool yet? It's a quick and easy way to find out what you need to know for your property.

Simply go to www.cardinia.pozi.com and type in your street address. You can either use the interactive map or the menu on the right-hand side to access relevant information.

Check out your bin collection days, find family services, view planning zone information and much more!

Waste and recycling update

Council recently sent out information about ordering a green waste bin. We also included a revised calendar for waste and recycling services. If you missed it, you can find all the info you need on our website.

To order a green waste bin visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/greenwaste

To download the revised waste guide visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasteguide

Did you know? It's against local laws to put green waste in your garbage bin. Don't risk it!

Let's
**Minimise
our impact**

Cardinia Shire Council has released its Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy for 2017–26.

You can view our roadmap for the future at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wastestrategy

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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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Mayor's Message

Another year is well underway and I certainly hope it's shaping up to be a great one for you and your family. This year is another busy one for Cardinia Shire Council as we continue our work to provide services and infrastructure across our growing municipality.

In my 10 years as a councillor, I've always valued the lifelong connection that Council fosters with its residents. Whether it's building your local roads, supporting new parents, providing recreation facilities for sports, collecting your rubbish bins, processing your planning permits, or assisting the elderly stay connected in the community – Council works to benefit every person in our community at all stages of life.

An excellent example of a diverse and inclusive service for everyone in the community is the library service. And as you'll read in the following pages, Council recently secured funding to replace the Cardinia Mobile Library trailer, which is great news for the many residents who can't easily access the libraries in Emerald and Pakenham. Libraries truly are for everyone; whether you want to borrow a book or ebook, borrow a DVD, use a computer, access free wi-fi, or attend an event with an interest group. Libraries really do have something to offer everyone in our community.

Our community is a growing and diverse one, and we can all take inspiration from the community spirit of Cardinia Shire's 2018 citizens of the year. It is always heartening to see members of our community volunteering their time and energy to benefit others. All of this year's award nominees are outstanding community members and I thank them for their efforts as much as I do the award winners. You can read about the award recipients over the page.

Also in this edition, you'll find updates on the projects we are busy working to deliver for the community and opportunities to get involved in some upcoming initiatives.

Please let me take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful Easter break with family and friends.

Regards,

Mayor Cr Collin Ross

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

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/meetings

Cardinia Shire's citizens of the year



Mayor Cr Collin Ross acknowledges the efforts of Cardinia Shire's citizen of the year award nominees.

Cardinia Shire Council congratulates our citizens of the year and welcomes our shire's newest citizens!

Cardinia Shire announced its 2018 Australia Day Award winners during the Australia Day celebration at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

Mayor Cr Collin Ross said Australia Day was an opportunity to acknowledge and thank the many community members and volunteers who make a positive contribution to communities across Cardinia Shire.

"Australia Day is a time to recognise and celebrate the contribution every Australian makes to our community. In Cardinia Shire, we are blessed with a growing and diverse population, resulting in a wealth of cultures and people who have come together as Australians to create an outstanding place to live and work," Cr Ross said.

The shire also welcomed 55 new citizens on Australia Day, which means about 462 of our residents have become citizens in the previous year, representing 65 nations from around the world.



Citizen of the year **Mr Malcolm Graham**

Malcolm has been an active member of the Upper Beaconsfield community since the early 1980s, volunteering for a number of community-based organisations including the CFA, Scouts and Neighbourhood Watch. He has also worked tirelessly to support the annual Village Festival over the past seven years.

Malcolm received the 2016 Upper Beaconsfield Citizen of the Year award in recognition of his significant contributions to the local community over almost 40 years.



Senior citizen of the year

Mr Les Jacobs

Les has been a member of the Men's Shed in Pakenham for the past 12 years, including many years as president of the committee.

Working to promote men's health, he spends many hours at meetings, planning activities and overseeing countless projects to benefit the local community. In the past, Les and Men's Shed members have made ramps to assist older residents, wooden 'training' horses for Riding for the Disabled and much more.



Young citizen of the year

Sally Jensen

Sally is an inspiring young leader who has made significant contributions to her school as well as to the scout group, Men's Shed and hospital in Koo Wee Rup. She served on the Koo Wee Rup Secondary College School Student Representative Council for three years and volunteers at the hospital, conducting morning exercises, assisting with catering and organising sing-alongs with patients – all while maintaining a part-time job.

Community event of the year

Casey Cardinia Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch 2017

The Casey Cardinia Biggest Ever Blokes Lunch was first held in our region four years ago and has since raised in excess of \$330,000 for the Prostate Cancer Association of Australia (Victoria) and men's health initiatives through the Casey Cardinia Foundation.

The event brings approximately 500 local men together to learn about the importance of having regular prostate cancer check-ups.

Community grants

The following community grants are open for applications now. Move quick! Applications close 11 April.

Community Wellbeing and Support Grants

Community Wellbeing and Support Grants assist with establishing new organisations, projects and services, as well as enhancing existing projects and programs, for the benefit of our diverse community.

Festivals and Events Grants

Festivals and Events Grants are available to not-for-profit, community-run festival and event organisers and RSL clubs. They aim to support the hosting of local events that reflect local identity and interests.

For more information visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/grants

Cardinia Community Leadership Program

Council, in partnership with Leadership Victoria, delivers the Cardinia Community Leadership Program. The program furthers the leadership capacity and participation of some of our community's emerging leaders.

If you're interested in applying for the 2018 Cardinia Community Leadership Program, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/leadershipprogram for more information. Places are limited.



Children from Cockatoo Community Childcare Centre enjoy Storytime at the Cardinia Mobile Library

Cardinia Shire is getting a new mobile library

Council has secured \$327,000 in funding from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to replace the shire's existing mobile library. Added to this, Council is contributing \$218,000 and Casey Cardinia Libraries is contributing \$15,000.

The Cardinia Mobile Library works hard, operating six days per week across 11 towns with around 57,000 visits per year! Our mobile library is the busiest in Victoria and we can't wait for the new one to hit the road.

The new library trailer will be more accessible with a wider main door and hydraulic access. It will also provide wider walkways and a bit more open space to allow for small group gatherings. We've even got an external awning planned to provide an outdoor area with some protection from the weather.

Our new mobile library will have a self-checkout facility, freeing up staff so that more services can be offered, like the existing Storytime with Cockatoo Kindergarten. We'll also be adding wi-fi access to encourage young and old to visit the library, and even work from the site for a day.

The Cardinia Mobile Library is the main point of connection with the community for many isolated residents and plays an important role in addressing social isolation in our largely rural shire.

The new mobile library will continue the important work of providing a place for people to gather, communicate, learn, and interact with each other.

Did you know?

The vast majority of our shire, which is approximately 1280km², is serviced by the mobile library facility.

Together we are making a difference

Together We Can is a community approach to stopping, preventing and ending family violence.

The good news is we are starting to see some much-needed change in the local community. Cardinia Shire's rate of serious incidences of family violence reported to police has reduced by 14.5% in the past 12 months according to the Crimes Statistics Agency.

However, the work needs to continue to eliminate family violence because around 30 per cent of family violence incidents are not reported, according to Victoria Police.

Please join the conversation, participate in a community solution, attend bystander action training, learn how to identify family violence or how to refer someone to a local service.

Visit www.togetherwecan.org.au

TOGETHER we CAN
Act now to end Family Violence in Cardinia Shire

Help us create an age-friendly shire

The World Health Organisation has accepted Cardinia Shire into the Age Friendly Cities network and Council is looking for community members over the age of 50 to help us represent the needs of older residents in the shire.

We've set up the Cardinia Shire Age Friendly Alliance group to provide a platform for older residents to have a voice and to assist us in realising our vision for an age-friendly Cardinia Shire. Current projects focus on issues surrounding the importance of social connections, age-friendly shopping precincts, successful transition to retirement, plus safe and inclusive communities.

We are seeking expressions of interest from active residents aged 50 years and over who are willing to volunteer in age-friendly initiatives for

the benefit of the local community. If you're interested in participating, please contact us by 15 April.

Contact Council's Ageing Well Facilitator by email at mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au or post your contact details to PO Box 7, Pakenham 3810.





2018 Community Emergency Resilience Forum

Cardinia Shire Council is holding its biannual Community Emergency Resilience Forum, bringing together people and groups to address how the community can collectively build resilience and prepare for emergencies. Identifying and training community leaders to support their communities to plan for and recover from emergencies can help achieve this.

Community emergency resilience benefits the whole community. It is the ability of our community to use available resources to respond to, withstand, and recover from emergencies.

Residents and community groups in the shire are invited to attend the forum, which will be held at Cardinia Cultural Centre.

What to expect:

- Hear about the safety and resilience issues facing our local communities
- Learn about local initiatives that improve safety and build resilience to emergencies
- Find out how you can play a part to promote and increase resilience to emergencies
- Share your ideas and plan new initiatives to improve community safety and resilience to emergencies

Available sessions:

Saturday 5 May, 1–4pm

Monday 7 May, 9.30am–12.30pm

For more info or to register, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/communityresilience or call **1300 787 624**.

Learn to live sustainably

Join a workshop to build your skills around living more sustainably.

Upcoming dates: 21 April, 19 May, 23 June, 21 July and 18 August.

Workshops are held at Hewitt Eco House in Koo Wee Rup.

For more information call Leanne Duff on 5997 9790

National Reconciliation Week

It's National Reconciliation Week from 27 May to 3 June.

This is a time for all Australians to learn about their shared histories, cultures and achievements, and explore how they can join the national reconciliation effort.

As part of Council's Reconciliation journey, we have established a Reconciliation Advisory Group that includes representatives from the shire's traditional owner groups and Aboriginal and Torres Island community. This group will help

to inform a range of projects and support the development of Council's new *Reconciliation Action Plan*.

For more information visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/reconciliation



Artwork by Leah Horvath

Focus on food for all

The Cardinia Food Movement is working with Cardinia Shire Council to develop a whole of community food plan. The aim is to establish, promote and expand a healthy, delicious, sustainable and fair food system for all shire residents. And we want to know what this means to you!

Get involved by attending one of the Kitchen Table Talks or have your say online. Visit www.cardiniafoodmovement.org for more information.



Cardinia Shire has a Youth Council



Nine young people from across the shire have been selected as members of our inaugural Cardinia Shire Youth Council for 2018. The Youth Council will meet on a monthly basis and

will have the opportunity to work collaboratively with Council on issues that impact young people across the shire.

The members of the Youth Council are Jennifer, Kiara, Kurt, Amy, Joe, Prachi, Emily, Mehdi (pictured above) and Hajar (not pictured).

Victorian Youth Week

It's Youth Week from 13 April to 22 April

Victorian Youth Week is a time to celebrate young people aged 12 to 25 years.

As a part of Youth Week, Council is hosting its annual Good Choices Awards on Friday 20 April in

recognition of young people who are making positive choices and changes in their lives. The Mayor will be at the event to present certificates to award recipients, who may be acknowledged for good choices such as returning to school, helping others, standing up for themselves, or trying new things.

If you're quick, there is still time to nominate a young person for an

award. Nominations can be made at the My Place youth facility, 5–7 Main Street, Pakenham. Nominations close 6 April.

To find out what else is happening during Youth Week, check the Cardinia Youth Services Facebook page. Also, see what's on in our Teenage School Holiday Program at

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/tshp

Looking after your pets

Remember to register your pets

Annual pet registrations are due by Monday 10 April.

Domestic cats and dogs over the age of three months must be registered. Remember that cats need to be desexed before being registered.

Registered pets are safer pets! It's easier to find them and get them home again if they get lost.

We offer a range of payment options to help you pay on time and avoid a fine. We also offer concessions to relevant pension and concession cardholders.

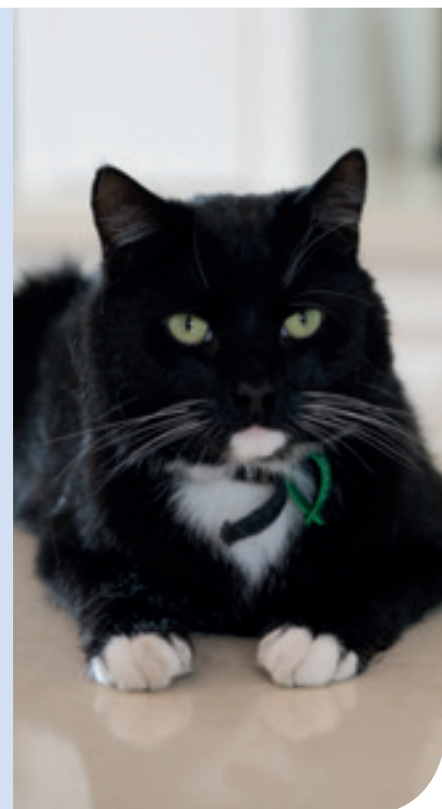
You can register or renew your pet registration online at **www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/pets**

Find your lost pet online

Our pound service provider, The Lost Dogs Home, lets you view photos of dogs and cats impounded in Cardinia Shire. You can check if your pet has been collected by Council with this online service and save a trip to the pound. Find links to the lost dogs search and the lost cats search at **www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/lostpets** to see who's waiting to be taken home.

24-hour cat curfew

Keep your cat safe and sound on your premises at all times. It's the law and if your kitty is found wandering, they may be impounded and fines do apply. Plus, keeping them at home helps to protect native flora and fauna.



What's on?

These are just some of the amazing events and activities happening in our shire.

Cardinia Cultural Centre

All performances are held at Cardinia Cultural Centre's Star Theatre. For bookings and event info, visit cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au or call **1300 887 624**

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

Night and Day – The Doris and Shirley Show

Wednesday 21 March, 10am

Take a trip down memory lane with stories and music of Doris Day and Shirley Bassey, performed by the amazing Gina Hogan.

Beauty and the Beast – Victorian State Ballet

Saturday 7 April, 2pm and 7pm

Immerse yourself in this fairy tale classic performed by the Victorian State Ballet. Exhilarating and visually inspiring!

School holiday movies

Wednesday 4 April, 10am

Captain Underpants

Wednesday 11 April, 10am

Ferdinand

The perfect way to spend a Wednesday morning in the school holidays!

Cheek to Cheek – Fred and Ginger

Wednesday 18 April

Float back through the golden age of timeless song and sweeping dance with this alluring story of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers.

Paris Underground – After Dark



Saturday 28 April, 7.30pm

Journey into the dark delights of the city of light. Featuring comedy, magic, illusion, burlesque, great feats, flesh and feathers!

Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow

Wednesday 2 May, 7.30pm

Don't miss the freshest and funniest from Australia's largest comedy festival!

Lux Radio – Agatha Christie Radio Mysteries

Wednesday 9 May, 10am

A dangerously entertaining journey with the 'Queen of Crime' in Lux Radio's *Agatha Christie Radio Mysteries*.

Dan Sultan – Killer Solo Tour



Friday 18 May, 7.30pm

This intimate show has ARIA winner Dan Sultan stripping things back to basics – just Dan, his piano and guitar.

Frankly Sinatra

Wednesday 6 June, 10am

The fascinating life story of 'ol' blue eyes,' Mr Frank Sinatra. Starring Philip Gould and Michelle Fitzmaurice.

Local markets

Pick up fresh produce or handicrafts from one of these great local markets.

Bunyip Community Market

Last Sunday of the month, 9am–2pm

Corner Bunyip–Longwarry Road and Arrigo Avenue, 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

The Gem Community Arts Centre, 19 Kilvington Drive, 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

Gembrook Community Centre, Pakenham–Gembrook Road, Gembrook

Koowee Community Market

Second Sunday of the month, 9am–2.30pm

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



Community events

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

Art in the Garden – Koo Wee Rup Sunday 15 April, 11am–3pm

215 Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup
Explore the Koo Wee Rup Community Garden and meet the artists showcasing artworks in a wide range of mediums.
Free entry.

Yakkerboo Festival

Sunday 22 April

Bourke Park, Pakenham
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 is held the night before at Bourke Park with stalls, rides and food.
More information on the Yakkerboo Festival Facebook page.



Yakkerboo Art Show Opening Night Friday 25 May, 7–10pm

Pakenham Hall/U3A, corner John and Henry streets, Pakenham
Opening night features a wearable art parade and announcement of winners. Supper included.
Cost: \$15.

Art Show – Pakenham

Sunday 26 May and Saturday 27 May, 10am–4pm

Pakenham Hall/U3A, corner John and Henry streets, Pakenham
Annual exhibition and sale of traditional and contemporary fine art as part of the Yakkerboo Festival. Enjoy demonstrations, workshops and a guided tour Sunday 11am.
Cost: \$2

Local libraries – Book it in!

All events are free and bookings are essential unless otherwise stated. Visit www.cclc.vic.gov.au/events or phone the host library.



School holiday events

We have a packed program of events happening at the library over the April school holidays. Most events are free but bookings are essential. Check the website for details!

Family Scratch coding workshop

Emerald Library

Saturday 24 March, 11am–1pm

This cross-generational session will give you and your children the skills to continue your coding journey at home. This is a 'bring your own laptop' session, but a limited number of our laptops will be available. Please book a place for each adult and child attending.

Steamed and stuffed toy workshop

Emerald Library

Thursday 12 April, 1.30–3.30pm

Grab your compass and catch a blimp to our steampunk stuffed toy workshop. Clockwork robots and mechanical monsters from the deep are just the beginning. Ages 12+

Writing course

Pakenham Library

Starts Monday 23 April, 4–5pm

A five-week, hands-on writing course for children that covers all aspects of writing from character to plot, setting to pace. Ages 8+

It's all about the bees

Pakenham Library

Saturday 28 April, 1.30–3.30pm

Get up close to a working bee colony and learn what you need to know about bee keeping.

Cyber safety – hints and tips

Pakenham Library

Thursday 3 May, 2–3.30pm

Learn how to explore the internet safely, how to determine which emails are safe to open, and how to

keep your information safe online. Sessions will run over two weeks, suitable for beginners.

Tablet and mobile phone basics

Emerald Library

Tuesday 8 May, 2.15–3.45pm (Android)

Tuesday 15 May, 2.15–3.45pm (iPhone / iPad)

Explore the functions of your device and discover some of the leading lifestyle Apps in this interactive workshop. BYO device.

Marcus – short film with Q&A



Emerald Library

Tuesday 15 May, 6.30–7.30pm

Pakenham Library

Thursday 17 May, 6.30–7.30pm

Join us in supporting International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia. International award winning short film, Marcus, was written, directed, filmed and edited by young people from Cardinia Shire. The short film is a fun take on a serious topic, followed by a Q&A with the young people involved in creating the film. Ages 12+

Urban farming

Pakenham Library

Saturday 19 May, 1–3.30pm

Learn how to create fresh produce year round from your own backyard, courtyard or balcony. From growing food to composting and bokashi to vermiculture, this course will get you started as an urban farmer.

Cockatoo Community Storytime

Mobile Library

Thursdays during school term, 2.30–3pm

A classic storytime for the little ones. Ages 3–5. No bookings required.

Central Ward

Bridgewood completes the Officer Education Precinct



Bald Hill Road footpath complete

Bald Hill Road is a major road linking Pakenham town centre to the expanding commercial precinct, and the new footpath provides much-needed pedestrian access through the area. The footpath was designed as part of the Bald Hill Road reconstruction and completed in separate works earlier this year.

This footpath is an important extension to the footpath network in the Pakenham area, increasing safety for pedestrians in the commercial precinct.

Right: Deputy Premier and Minister for Education, James Merlino, officially opens Bridgewood with a ribbon cutting. Also pictured are Mayor Cr Collin Ross, Principal Kerry Coffey and Minister for Early Childhood Education, Jenny Mikakos, along with students Nash and Lola.

Bridgewood Primary School and integrated Child and Family Centre is part of a ground-breaking precinct development that embodies lifelong learning and community ownership.

The Bridgewood facility allows students to transition from an integrated early learning and development environment to formal education in the primary school and, finally, to high school, all within an education precinct that includes the existing Officer Secondary College and Officer Specialist School. The education precinct will have a strong community focus and a close integration with the adjacent public recreational reserve.

At Bridgewood, we'll see professionals and services working together, using their combined expertise, knowledge and influence to benefit children and families. As an integrated facility, the

Child and Family Centre will provide a Maternal and Child Care Health service as well as parenting support programs, including community playgroups, new parents groups, kindergarten, after hours care, and consulting suites for allied health professionals.

This integrated philosophy aligns to Council's Child, Youth and Family Strategy, where it is acknowledged that improving outcomes for children requires a multi-service response.

Cardinia Shire Council contributed approximately \$3.5 million, including 0.4 hectare of land, towards the integrated Child and Family Centre to help deliver the fully integrated education precinct. The project also received \$1.2 million in funding from the Department of Education and Training under the Children's Facilities Capital Program.



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PB Ronald Reserve reopens

Cr Carol Ryan and Cr Collin Ross check out the repaired timber adventure playground at PB Ronald Reserve

Pakenham's much-loved PB Ronald Reserve has reopened after a recent upgrade. This park is the final of six parks that have been upgraded across the shire.

Council invited the community to share what it wanted to see in the park and you told us you want to scooter, jump, slide, swing and climb!

The main design feature of the upgraded park is 'The Great Keep', a skytower with two big, enclosed slides. Other features in the park

include 'The Frigate', which is play equipment made to resemble a boat, and a nifty scooter track around the perimeter of the play area.

We also heard loud and clear that the existing timber adventure playground is important to you. So, we made some repairs and gave it a minor makeover. The structure was originally built by the local community, so it was great to be able to renew this feature as a part of the park upgrade. Cardinia Men's Shed has also collected the existing pickets

from the old playground fence and is repurposing them so they will remain within the reserve.

Council was awarded \$700,000 through the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund for the upgrade of six playgrounds and Council contributed a further \$200,000 towards the projects. The other parks upgraded were Lakeside Park, Alma Treloar Reserve, Don Jackson Reserve, O'Neil Road Oval and Garfield Recreation Reserve.

James Bathe Recreation Reserve underway

James Bathe Recreation Reserve will provide residents with a brand new reserve that provides for football, cricket, netball and a variety of other recreation activities.

The facilities will initially be used as overflow venues for clubs located in and around the Pakenham area; however, we anticipate new clubs will be established as a result of the increasing population and the development of nearby schools.

The reserve will also provide the local community with an integrated play space for people of all ages and abilities. This play space will include a nature-based playground, skate areas, a multi-use ball court, plus a barbecue area with seating and shelter. A large shelter and open lawn area will also support small community events.

The new recreation reserve will provide increased opportunities for residents to participate in structured and unstructured activities, and create new social connections.



Cr Michael Schilling checks out the plans for James Bathe Recreation Reserve as works begin on site.



Road rehabilitation works

Road works on Seven Mile Road at Nar Nar Goon make for smoother driving and better drainage.

Council is committed to proactive maintenance and upgrade of our shire's road network, and has recently reconstructed several high priority roads.

Full road rehabilitation works have been completed for Manks Road, Dalmore; Seven Mile Road, Nar Nar Goon; and are underway for Hall Road, Pakenham South. The pavements

of these roads reached the end of their useful lives and required rehabilitation. The reconstructions and drainage improvements that have been completed aim to provide better longevity of the road pavements.

Works associated with the road renewal program are undertaken in the summer months when the weather is more favourable for this type of work.

The program will take approximately four weeks for the asphalt sealing works to be completed, while more than 75 different roads will be completed in the spray seal program.

The \$4.8 million road renewal and resurfacing program for 2017–18 is jointly funded by Council and the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery Program.

Lang Lang Community and Recreation Precinct update

The Lang Lang Community and Recreation Precinct will ultimately provide a new level of sporting facility for the region.

Multiple sporting and community groups will benefit from the upgraded and additional facilities, including cricket, AFL, netball, soccer, tennis and lawn bowls groups. The precinct will also feature a playground and walking paths around the perimeter of the reserve and through proposed wetlands, also providing recreation opportunities for residents.

The Stage 1 works include construction of two AFL/Cricket ovals, netball courts, wetlands and open spaces for recreation activities, providing quality facilities for the growing community. Stage 1 of the project is due to be completed in April, which should see the ovals available for use in the 2018–19 cricket season (weather dependent) while work on future stages continues.



Wetlands planting in progress, which has already attracted frogs to the site.



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The all-abilities play space will be an important facility for the region.

Progress continues at Deep Creek Reserve

The huge 48-hectare development site at Deep Creek continues to progress, with further components of the project underway.

Council has completed the earthworks for the Cardinia Community and Education Centre and the building and services contractor has commenced site establishment. This fantastic facility will provide a home for the Cardinia Environment Coalition and service the Pakenham and District Golf Club with a brand new clubhouse. There will be educational training areas, large multipurpose function spaces, a lounge area and cafe, dining and bar areas, as well as a golf pro shop. The building will also support a Changing Places accessible public toilet to cater for all visitors to the site.

Services and shaping works for the shire's first all-abilities play space have also taken place. There is a strong focus on accessible play to enable visitors of all abilities to play together. The play space will include sand and water play areas, sensory gardens, an outdoor classroom, shelters and barbecues. The

landscaping will be constructed before the installation of play structures and equipment complete the works in early 2019.

To enhance the sustainability theme for the reserve, a demonstration wetland is being constructed as part of the precinct. The wetland will collect all the runoff water from the area as well as enabling visitors to get up and close to learn about water in built up environments.

In other areas of the development, works are underway on the civil works package, which includes car parking, drainage and paths. Once the civil works are completed, landscape works will follow to finish the site. New holes at Pakenham Golf Course are also being constructed to reorient the course. Works are expected to be completed mid-year to time in with completion of the new clubhouse.

The \$10.3 million development of Deep Creek Reserve will be a significant benefit to the community. The project is funded by Council's capital works program and a Victorian Government grant of \$2.825 million through the Growing Suburbs Fund.

How do footpaths get prioritised?

Council selects footpaths to be constructed each year based on four main criteria:

- how the footpath will connect to the existing footpath network, connecting pedestrian movements and providing missing links
- the safety benefit the footpath will provide compared to existing alternatives
- how much use the new footpath is likely to experience
- community support or requests from residents, businesses, township committees and community groups.

Nine footpaths will be delivered under the 2017–18 footpath program across the municipality and two paths will be delivered under the 2017–18 pedestrian and cyclist strategy program.

New footpath for Rossiter Road

Council's footpath program looks to extend the footpath network in and around townships.

The recently completed new footpath in Rossiter Road, Koo Wee Rup provides the missing link from the new estate to the town centre, Cochrane Park and the rail trail.



Cockatoo to Gembrook multi-use trail complete

A scenic stretch of the Cockatoo to Gembrook trail, alongside Station Road in Gembrook.

The Cockatoo to Gembrook section of the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail is now substantially complete, adding to the Emerald to Cockatoo section that goes through Emerald Lake Park and Wrights State Forest.

The multi-use trail provides excellent facilities in the hills townships for walkers, runners and cyclists.

Many residents have already been out enjoying the open sections. When completed, the full trail will link the towns of Emerald, Cockatoo and Gembrook, and ultimately to Belgrave via other path networks.

The trails offer significant tourist value and attract a high number of users to the region, benefiting our small

communities in the hills as well as attractions in the area such as Puffing Billy.

Multi-use trails help to better connect local destinations and provide great opportunities for residents to enjoy recreational activities in the outdoors.

Things get moving at Hills Hub

After many years of planning and working with the community, a building contractor has been appointed and site establishment works have begun at Hills Hub.

The Emerald Community Hub will integrate a range of community groups and programs including a multi-purpose community space, Emerald U3A, Emerald Men's Shed 3MDR community radio station, Emerald Toy Library, and the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Project group, enabling and supporting various volunteer and community initiatives.

Consolidating these community groups under one roof will better connect people in the community, providing greater access to community activities, including skills-based learning. This project responds to emerging needs of local residents in Cockatoo, Emerald, Gembrook and surrounding townships.

Council is pleased to see works underway and acknowledges the community, stakeholders and contributors for their ongoing collaboration and perseverance. In particular, we thank the Advisory

Group, who worked diligently to ensure the project moved forward, and the Emerald Mechanics Institute, who have managed programs at the existing hall for the community over the past 25 years.



Cr Leticia Wilmot and Cr Brett Owen visit the site as works begin.



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VFL kicks off at Holm Park

Earlier this year, the Richmond Tigers were in town for an open training session at Holm Park, where fans and local kids were able to meet the players and see them put through their paces. The team hosted a junior football clinic for the kids as part of the training visit.

Locals will also be able to enjoy two upcoming VFL games at Holm Park, which is a great opportunity to watch AFL played at a high level without having to travel towards the city. Two VFL matches played at the ground last year attracted great crowd numbers and even more spectators are expected this year.

Recent upgrades to Holm Park Recreation Reserve have increased facilities to the area. Spectators that attend upcoming VFL matches will benefit from the newly sealed car park and access roads, which allow for designated parking spaces and an increase in the site's parking capacity.

Construction of a concrete skate park is also underway, opening up even more recreational activities for the community at the reserve.

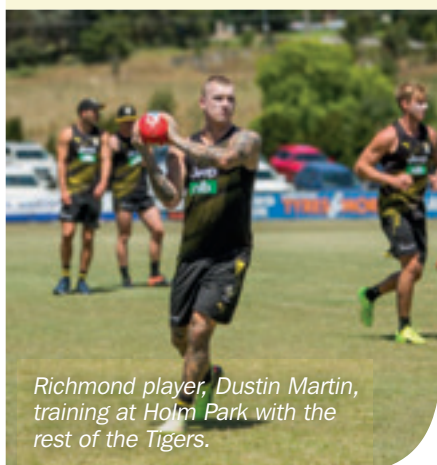
2018 VFL matches at Holm Park

Saturday 19 May

Richmond vs Sandringham

Saturday 14 July

Richmond vs North Melbourne



Richmond player, Dustin Martin, training at Holm Park with the rest of the Tigers.



Works are underway on Pepi's Land for the new facility.

New netball facility for Emerald

Emerald is set to get an improved netball facility at a new location that will provide better access for the community. Emerald Netball Club is currently based at Worrell Reserve in Emerald and the move to new facilities on Pepi's Land has received strong community support.

The new Emerald Netball Facility and the associated infrastructure will be constructed on Pepi's Land in the north-east corner of the site abutting Beaconsfield–Emerald Road. Works on the site are well underway and will include a pavilion, four netball courts with lighting, car parking and stormwater provisions. In addition, Beaconsfield–Emerald Road will be widened next to the site in a later stage of the project to enable ease of access to the new facility.

Emerald Netball Club will use the new netball facilities for training sessions, while Emerald Primary School and the wider community will be able to access the netball courts when they are not being used for competition. The community will benefit from the walking and cycling tracks on the site as well as fitness equipment and off-lead dog areas.

Council worked closely with Emerald Netball Club and Emerald Township Committee in the master planning stage of the project and will continue to work with key stakeholders as the project takes shape during the construction stage.

Civil works are currently underway and are scheduled to be completed mid-year. Building works for the pavilion will commence shortly thereafter.



Liveability in Cardinia

Cardinia Shire has a whole-of-community plan that reflects the work Council, our partners and community groups undertake to strengthen community wellbeing.

Health and wellbeing is not only influenced by individual behaviours, but by the conditions in which we are born, grow, live, learn, work and age. This is a measure for how liveable our community is.

If we can improve liveability factors, we can ultimately improve health and social outcomes.

LIVEABILITY PLAN OUTCOMES

						
Improve mental health and wellbeing	Improve social cohesion	Improve safety	Reduce obesity	Reduce family violence	Reduce financial vulnerability	Reduce harm from alcohol, tobacco, drugs and gambling

Together we will create a liveable, resilient community where the environment flourishes and residents are healthy, included and connected.



Cardinia Shire's Liveability Plan 2017-29 has been developed to provide a clear framework for public health planning in the shire. To view the full plan visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/healthandwellbeing