

Connect



SPRING INTO SPRING

Roadshow coming to a reserve near you

NOMINATE NOW

Australia Day Award nominations now open

TIME TO CLEAN UP

Hard and green waste collection on again

Spring into action at our reserves

Cardinia Shire's reserves will come to life this spring with fun, free activities and events for the whole community as part of our Spring Reserve Roadshow. All activities are held from 11am–12pm unless otherwise stated.

Tuesday 3 September

Cuppa with a cop, PB Ronald Reserve, Pakenham

Monday 9 September

Construction worker activity, O'Neil Road Recreation Reserve, Beaconsfield

Wednesday 18 September

Aligned Leisure activity, Don Jackson Reserve, Pakenham

Wednesday 25 September

Football and cricket, Hicks Reserve, Officer

Tuesday 1 October

Gardening, geocaching and outdoor games, Garfield Recreation Reserve

Wednesday 9 October

Treasure hunt, Maryknoll Recreation Reserve

Tuesday 15 October

Construction worker activity, E Gunton Recreation Reserve, Cardinia

Wednesday 23 October

(10am–12pm) Rock painting, Puffing Billy Park, Emerald

Wednesday 30 October

(10–11.30am) Halloween theme story time, Potters Grove Estate, Officer

Wednesday 6 November

Emergency services visit, Jac Russell Reserve, Gembrook

Wednesday 13 November

Kite flying and outdoor games, Upper Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve

Tuesday 19 November

Cuppa with a cop, Koolangarra Reserve, Bunyip

Monday 25 November

Rock painting, Alma Treloar Reserve, Cockatoo.

Bookings not necessary, just come along!

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/springroadshow



Doljock enjoys the swings at PB Ronald Reserve.

Grant applications now open

Cardinia Shire Council's Beautification Grants program is now open. Community groups and individuals can apply for grants of up to \$2,000 for landscape enhancement projects to help improve the appearance of Council-managed public open spaces. Projects will be funded on a dollar-for-dollar matched funding basis. Grant applications close Monday 25 November.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/beautificationgrants



Help shape the future of our open spaces

What do you value about the shire's open spaces? How often do you get out to enjoy them and do you have any great ideas on how we could improve them?

Cardinia Shire Council is developing an Open Space Strategy and is seeking your input.

We want this strategy to reflect the needs and aspirations of the community so that more people can use and enjoy our open spaces.

To learn more and get involved, go to www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Did you know?

Council manages more than 1,000 parcels of open space. This is more than 1,400 hectares of land including sport and leisure reserves, pathways, streetscapes, natural resource areas, play spaces and equestrian reserves.

On the cover

Flynn, Ashby and Prabhnoor jump for joy at PB Ronald Reserve, Pakenham as they gear up for the Spring Reserve Roadshow (details above).





Mayor's message

Mayor Cr Graeme Moore checks out the all-abilities play space at Deep Creek Reserve, which is nearing completion.

Spring is here and this edition of *Connect* is jam-packed with so many great things happening across our shire.

We're proud to launch our Spring Reserve Roadshow across a number of our parks, reserves and open spaces during spring. And speaking of our open spaces, I recently inspected the progress of works at the new Deep Creek Reserve, which I'm excited to say is nearing completion.

Nominations are now invited for our 2020 Australia Day Awards, so if you know someone who makes an outstanding contribution to the community then consider nominating them for this honour.

We've also announced recipients for a number of our grants programs. Find out more about the Community Capital Works Grants and Festival and Events Grants programs on page 6, and discover some of the projects to receive funding under the Community Wellbeing and Support Grants program on the Ward feature pages.

Council adopted its 2019–20 budget and Council Plan following community consultation. Thank you to everyone who provided feedback.

Finally, I'd like to thank Cardinia Shire residents for their patience following the closure of our contracted recycling processor SKM. As *Connect* went to print, Council was working hard alongside Metropolitan Waste and Resource Recovery Group, the Municipal Association of Victoria and the other affected councils to find viable arrangements with other recycling processors. I encourage you to keep up your recycling efforts and continue to ensure careful separation of recyclable items, which can still be placed in your yellow-lid recycling bin for usual fortnightly collection.

Spring is always such a vibrant and eventful time of year in our shire, and this year is no exception. So, why not get out and about, attend some of the many events being held, enjoy the great outdoors and spend some quality time with those closest to you.

Mayor Cr Graeme Moore



Council and Town Planning meetings

You are welcome to attend Council and Town Planning meetings held monthly in the Council Chambers, Civic Centre, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer.

See our website for meeting dates and times. Meeting agendas are also available on our website prior to the meeting.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/meetings

Watch it live

All of our Council Meetings are webcast live. Watch Council Meetings live, or catch up on previous meetings, at

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/webcast



Bushfire recovery continues

The recovery and regeneration continues following the Bunyip Complex Fires.

It's been about six months since the devastating Bunyip Complex Fires and our community is still recovering.

We continue to work with and support residents and business operators who have been affected by the fires. Four full-time recovery officers, funded by the Australian Government's Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, have been appointed for a year.

A number of community events and workshops to support the community have been held. Council continues to advocate strongly to the Victorian and Australian governments for funding and services, and is working hard to keep connecting community members with services and assistance.

Recovery centre

The Bushfire Recovery Centre at Tonimbuk Hall, 1900 Gembrook-Tonimbuk Road, provides a contact point for the community and information about recovery services. It is open Monday to Saturday. Check

opening hours at the centre or www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/recovery

Community recovery committee

A community recovery committee comprising 10 community members has been established and is playing an important role in identifying recovery priorities for the local community. It supports community wellbeing during recovery, as well as advocating to and advising Council and the Victorian Government on the needs and priorities of the community.

Thanking our volunteers

We acknowledge the tremendous support of the many volunteers and volunteer organisations who have assisted the community so far during the recovery. These dedicated volunteers have provided invaluable support, including helping to staff the recovery centre, providing lunches to the community, and giving hands-on assistance with cleaning-up properties, chopping wood and reinstating fences.

There is still more work to be done. If your community group would like to volunteer email recovery@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Planning and rebuilding

Council's Statutory Planning Team is available to provide information to people from the fire-affected area. Planning permit application and advertising fees will be waived for people looking to rebuild structures destroyed by the Bunyip Complex Fires. A planning application and the required documentation will still be required. More info: **1300 787 624**.

Bushfire newsletter

For the latest news and information on recovery efforts and activities, subscribe to the bushfire newsletter at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/recovery, email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au, call **1300 787 624** or tell a bushfire recovery centre staff member that you'd like to receive it. Printed copies are available at the recovery centre.

With summer just around the corner, now is the time to prepare your property for the fire danger period by:

- cutting grass and removing fallen branches within 30 metres of buildings
- removing leaves and twigs from gutters
- cutting back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings
- writing down and practising your fire plan
- ensuring your home and contents insurance is adequate.

If you plan on burning off as part of your clean up, you must do this before the fire danger period. A permit may be required.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/burningoff

The fire danger period is set by the CFA each year, so check the website for dates and more resources for preparing your property.

www.cfa.vic.gov.au



Mt Cannibal closed

Mt Cannibal Flora and Fauna Reserve in Garfield North remains closed to all vehicles and pedestrians while natural regeneration takes place. Please respect the park and the closure signs – the impact of people entering the park will prolong the recovery of the site and cause further damage to the newly generated flora. We've scheduled works over the coming months to rehabilitate the site and hope to reopen it towards the end of the year, weather conditions permitting.

Recognising a lifetime of service

Pakenham resident Wendy Andrews is the recipient of the 2019 Stan Henwood Award.



Pakenham resident Wendy Andrews has been named the 2019 Stan Henwood Award winner. Wendy has been recognised for generously giving her time to many community and fundraising events. She has been a member of the Lakeside Residents Group since 2010, tirelessly coordinating community events and fundraisers. In recent years, Wendy and the Lakeside Residents Group have also organised the Australia Day community event at Cardinia Cultural Centre. Wendy's contributions to the organising committee of the Art Show

Pakenham has seen the event go from success to success over the past six years. She also thoughtfully makes beautiful memory bears for people who have lost love ones. The Stan Henwood Award, now in its 15th year, recognises lifetime achievements in community service and volunteering. It commemorates the lifetime contribution that Stan Henwood made to his local community of Tynong, and the broader shire. This year's winner was announced at our annual volunteer reception, which was attended by four generations of the Henwood family, paying tribute to Stan's legacy.

Get into it! 2019 Seniors Festival

The Victorian Seniors Festival is on again and this year's theme is Get into it! The annual festival, held in October, is a time to celebrate ageing and recognise the enormous contribution that older people make to our community. In Cardinia Shire, residents will be able to participate in exciting events including guided bush walks, museum tours, 'healthy ageing' presentations, a show and Devonshire tea at the Cardinia Cultural Centre, and even the opportunity to dine with koalas at Gumbuya World. The Forget-Me-Not dementia-friendly cafe will be offering a fun event on 22 October. This group was established to provide people living with dementia and their carers the opportunity to get together in a supportive environment. Ph: Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service 5997 9792.

Free public transport is provided to Victorian Seniors Card holders during the festival from 6–13 October. Council's Ageing Well team have a day planned to travel into the city with seniors from Pakenham station. Details are on our website and in our Ageing Well newsletter out in September. www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/seniorsfestival



From back left Beryl, Joan, Norma and Brian get into the spirit of the Seniors Festival.



Protecting our environment

We have recently adopted two new strategies to guide the protection of our environment.

The *Biodiversity Conservation Strategy* guides long-term strategic direction and efforts to preserve the natural habitats and wide variety of plant and animal life in the shire. It also provides a framework for private and public land managers, and identifies opportunities for Council to work in partnership with the community to protect the natural environment.

The *Weed Management Strategy* aims to reduce weed infestations that threaten agriculture, human health and the environment in bushland areas, roadsides and waterways. It provides direction for delivering community education and engagement, planning controls and enforcement, and on-ground works and monitoring.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/SEP

After school programs

Did you know that there are a range of after school programs on offer in the shire during the school term?

The programs are facilitated by our Youth Services Team to engage young people aged 12 and over in activities that develop their life and ready-for-work skills. The programs also provide social engagement opportunities and strengthen young people's connection to their local community and trusted adults.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youthprograms

Nominate now for 2020 Australia Day awards



Australia Day 2019 award winners Citizen of the Year Dr Harpreet Kandra, Young Citizen of the Year Meaghan Venables and representing Yakkerboo Festival as Event of the Year, Michael Porter.

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Cardinia Shire Australia Day Awards.

Awards are presented in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Senior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year

The awards recognise community members and events that make an outstanding contribution to our local community.

Cardinia Shire Council's 2019 Citizen of the Year Dr Harpreet Kandra said he did not expect to receive the accolade.

"It was a great recognition not only for me but for the community work done by all volunteers of the Officer Sikh temple," Dr Kandra said.

"This is not an honour for me but an appreciation and victory of our multicultural values and all those who have supported me in this journey. It has paved the way for more opportunities to collaborate, exchange and discuss ideas and creating awareness of Sikh and Indian values."

Nominations close Friday 15 November.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiaday



2019 Senior Citizen of the Year June Wright OAM.

Get on your bike!

Put on your walking shoes, grab your bike or scooter and get active for Walk to School month during October.

We've joined VicHealth in our mission to get kids walking, riding or scooting to school as part of the annual Walk to School program to help build healthy habits for life.

All primary schools in the shire are invited to take part in Walk to School activities, with prizes up for grabs for those who get involved. There's a prize for the most active school and runner-up, and the opportunity for families to once again take part in a selfie competition. Well done to last

year's winner Izobel from Bridgewood Primary School, who is pictured below riding to school with her dad Paul.

Find out more and how to get involved at www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/walktoschool



Help for those in need

Do you need support for financial hardship, assistance to purchase necessary items or information on where you can access a free meal?

Cardinia Shire Council produces an annual directory that lists community organisations and agencies in the shire that offer a diverse range of services including financial support, food relief and furniture assistance for those experiencing hardship.

Sometimes putting a meal on the table can be a struggle. Help is available – a number of community groups and organisations in the shire provide free community meals each week.

www.cardinia.vic.au/communityorganisations

Funding for community groups

We're excited to announce that we are providing dollar-for-dollar grants to support community groups that manage community and recreation facilities to upgrade these facilities, including:

- 26 community capital works grants
- three major equipment grants
- 17 projects involving sporting clubs, recreation facilities or passive reserves
- four projects relating to community houses or halls
- eight projects at kindergartens, preschools or community child care facilities.

The grants are part of Council's 2019–20 community capital works and major equipment grants program, which will see community groups share in almost \$350,000 in matched funding.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ccwg

Festival and events grants

We are supporting 47 festivals and events in 2019–20 as part of Council's Festivals and Events Grants program.

We are providing more than \$170,000 in grants to not-for-profit, community-run festival and event organisers and RSL clubs towards the cost of running local events such as community, arts and cultural festivals and events, and agricultural shows.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/grants

Get in the driver's seat to mentor young people



Youth Support Worker and L2P Coordinator at Kooweerup Regional Health Service Samantha Stuckey with a learner driver involved in the L2P Program.

More volunteers are urgently needed to mentor young learner drivers as part of the Cardinia Shire L2P Program.

The program, which is jointly funded by VicRoads and Kooweerup Regional Health Service (KRHS) and proudly supported by Council, runs seven days a week and is delivered at no cost to learner drivers and volunteers.

Since it commenced in 2010, the program has assisted 175 young

people and has expanded its operations to include a second car. The program now operates from Koo Wee Rup and Pakenham; providing the service to young people across the shire.

Volunteer mentors receive training and are assisted to obtain all the relevant background checks. To learn more, phone KRHS Youth Support Worker Samantha Stuckey 5997 9687.

Budget delivers

Council has adopted its 2019–20 budget and Council Plan following community consultation.

Some of the major projects include:

\$5.57 million for James Bathe Recreation Reserve

\$2.7 million for Lang Lang recreation facility

\$2.5 million for Comely Banks Reserve pavilion

\$2.02 million for Koo Wee Rup High School sports facilities upgrade

\$1.08 million for Bunyip soccer facility

\$3 million for McGregor Road and Pakenham Bypass interchange upgrade.

We look forward to sharing more about these projects in future editions of *Connect*.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/budget

Hard and green waste collections on again

Hard and green waste collections will be held across the shire from Monday 28 October until Friday 29 November.

Scheduled collections are held twice a year and residents are notified of their collection week via letterbox drop and Council's website.

Place hard waste on your naturestrip before 6am on the Monday of your collection week and stack it in neat piles according to material type, such as general waste, e-waste, scrap metal and white goods, mattresses and couches, and bundled green waste. Some items are not accepted, including cement sheeting, tyres and batteries. A full list can be found on our website.

Different hard waste materials are collected by different trucks, so allow one week from your collection date for everything to be collected.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Reminder:

E-waste is any item that has a battery, cord or plug. E-waste can be recycled at drop-off locations across the shire, including Pakenham and Emerald libraries (small items only), or through hard and green waste collection. www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ewaste



Rates reminder

We offer a range of payment options for your annual rates, including FlexiPay (direct debit) which enables you to pay your rates weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly. Your first instalment is due on Monday 30 September 2019. For payment options or to register for FlexiPay, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/rates

Community Compost Hub for Pakenham

Cr Michael Schilling, Cr Collin Ross and Mayor Cr Graeme Moore with coordinator of the Community Compost Hub program Max Godber.

Living Learning Pakenham is helping to make composting easier for Pakenham residents thanks to its Community Compost Hub; the first of its kind in the shire.

Supported by a grant from Council, the Community Compost Hub will help Pakenham residents divert their food scraps from landfill.

Using a compost bin helps reduce the amount of waste going to landfill and creates nutrient-rich material for the garden.

Pakenham residents can sign up to this free service at www.livinglearning.org.au/ (community garden page)

Did you know?

Council provides rebates and incentives if you take steps to reduce your household waste. You can claim up to \$50 for new waste reduction systems such as compost bins, worm farms, bokashi bins, garden mulchers and more.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasterebates

We also offer free waste reduction workshops where you can learn how to reduce waste, save money and help the environment.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wasteworkshops

Cardinia Leisure street team gears up to hit the road

Cardinia Leisure is launching an exciting new initiative that will take Cardinia Life's programs and services out to the community.

The Cardinia Leisure 'street team' will be fully equipped with fitness equipment, healthy eating fact sheets and more.

The team will hit the road this spring and visit schools, local businesses, rural areas and community events to connect with the wider Cardinia Shire community by offering a range of free activities and services.

www.cardinialeisure.com.au

Outdoor pools open for the summer

Our outdoor pools will reopen soon for the summer season.

In Central Ward, Pakenham outdoor pool will reopen in November and will remain open until March.

Pakenham outdoor pool is located at PB Ronald Reserve, Henry Street.

www.cardinialeisure.com.au

New footpaths in Central Ward

A number of new footpath projects are planned for Central Ward as part of Council's annual footpath program. Some of the projects include:

- Leigh Drive, Pakenham – construct missing section
- Ahern Road, Pakenham – two sections of path
- Princes Highway, Pakenham – connect the bus stop between James and Henry streets to the footpath network.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/footpaths



From back left Casey Cardinia Libraries' General Manager Customer Experience Beth Luppino, Pakenham Library Branch Manager Rebecca Mitchem, Cr Collin Ross and Cr Michael Schilling look on while Casey Cardinia Libraries' CEO Chris Buckingham and Cr Carol Ryan get into a game.

If you haven't visited Pakenham Library lately, head down there to check out the recent improvements.

The \$130,000 upgrades have included:

- replacing carpet in the library areas, supper room and foyer

- installing new water fountain in the foyer
- electrical repairs
- drainage improvements
- installing study benches.

Pakenham Library is located on the corner of John and Henry streets.

Cardinia Cultural Centre set to take centre stage



The curtain is set to rise on Cardinia Cultural Centre's brand new extension. The redevelopment has included the addition of a new contemporary art

gallery, artists' studios, workshop, new entrance and foyer space, plus more than 70 new car parking spaces and brand new amenities.

From early November, patrons will enjoy live bands, DJs, ballet, morning entertainment, films, internationally-acclaimed comedians, workshops, and free entry to the art gallery's first exhibition, running from November to February.

www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au

For more information on arts and culture opportunities in the shire, visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/arts

Community Wellbeing and Support grants

Congratulations to the successful applicants in Central Ward who will receive a Community Wellbeing and Support Grant in 2019–20. Some of the projects include:

- Lakeside Residents Group – Lakeside Square Christmas light-up
- Outlook Community Centre – Lifestyle Modification for Health: a diabetes cooking education program
- Living Learning Pakenham – Sudanese family connect and homework support program
- Cardinia Men's Shed – big top shade project
- Millhaven Lodge – establishing a sensory room for people with dementia.

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Mayor Cr Graeme Moore is pleased with the progress of works at Lang Lang pavilion.

Construction update: Lang Lang Recreation Reserve

All three wings, the roofing and balconies of the new pavilion at Lang Lang Recreation Reserve are under construction and nearing completion.

The pavilion will feature accessible change rooms and amenities for

netball, cricket, football and tennis, a gym, community space, kitchen, umpires' facilities and storage space.

Construction and establishment of the reserve's two ovals is also nearing completion.

Community Wellbeing and Support grants

Congratulations to the successful applicants in Port Ward who will receive a Community Wellbeing and Support Grant in 2019-20. Some of the projects include:

- Rotary Club of Bunyip Garfield – Say NO to BULLYING Day
- Cannibal Creek Catchment Landcare Group – Cannibal Creek Catchment Landcare Group equipment trailer update
- Nar Nar Goon Football Club – equipment to help volunteers

- Cora Lynn Football and Netball Club – volunteer education to train and retain volunteers
- Koo Wee Rup Regional Health Service – 'Get active Koowee' publication.

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Outdoor pools open for summer

Our outdoor pools will reopen soon for the summer season.

In Port Ward, Koo Wee Rup and Garfield outdoor pools will be open from early November until March.

Throughout the summer season, our outdoor pools will feature a range of events including themed parties, sports days, group fitness classes and more.

Koo Wee Rup swimming pool is located at Cochrane Park in Rossiter Road and Garfield swimming pool is located at Garfield Recreation Reserve in Beswick Street.

www.cardinialeisure.com.au



Mayor Cr Graeme Moore and Cr Ray Brown are excited that Deep Creek Reserve is nearing completion.



Deep Creek Reserve coming to life

The transformation of the 48-hectare Deep Creek Reserve site into a premier native reserve, education and recreation centre and state-of-the-art play space is almost complete.

The development has included construction of an all-abilities play space with a range of exciting structures and equipment. It will also feature shelters, barbecues, landscaping and a sand and water play area.

The new holes at the golf course are complete and the turf is now being established.

Work on the community and education centre building, which will also house the golf club and Cardinia Environment Coalition, is nearing completion. The multi-user shared facility will promote environmental

sustainability education and sport and will feature a cafe.

The building boasts a number of environmental features including a 40kW solar electricity system, recycled bricks, sustainably sourced timber, energy-efficient appliances and lighting, rainwater harvesting for toilet flushing and independent solar-powered car park lighting.

Cardinia Environment Coalition (CEC) has partnered with the Victorian Government to incorporate the science excellence centre, Ecolinc, at the site which will enable schools to visit and learn about the natural environment. A new indigenous plant nursery run by the CEC will also open soon where residents can purchase local indigenous plants for their gardens.

Landscaping in the reserve is now coming to life. There will be a display garden showcasing our indigenous plants with themed gardens beds such as butterfly and bird attracting plants, wildflowers, rain garden plants, endangered plants, edible indigenous plants, a wattle walk and an arboretum of all our indigenous trees. A number of composting systems and worm farms will also be on display.

Cardinia Shire Council has contributed \$9.2 million to the project, with the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund contributing an additional \$2.825 million.



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Works update

A number of projects are planned for Port Ward, including the following new footpaths:

- High Street, Bunyip – construction of footpath south of the roundabout at A'Beckett Road
- Rosebury Street, Lang Lang – Westernport Road to Carnarvon Street.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/footpaths

Hills Hub takes shape

From left Cr Brett Owen, Peter Maloney (Emerald Village Association and Emerald RSL), Tim Cooper (Cardinia Shire's Team Leader Community Development), Chris Buckingham (Casey Cardinia Libraries' CEO), Brenda Saunders (formerly Committee of Management Emerald Mechanic's Institute), Cr Leticia Wilmot, Cr Jeff Springfield, Dale Allen (Emerald U3A) and Shane Miller (Ranges Bendigo Bank) inspect the progress of works at Hills Hub.

Construction of the Hills Hub community centre in Emerald is on track and works are expected to be completed by the end of the year.

The external cladding is well underway, providing a unique exterior to the new building. The new facility will provide diverse meeting and activity spaces for the community and will bring together a range of existing community groups, programs and services under one roof.

This new multi-purpose facility will enhance existing community activities delivered by the Emerald Mechanics Institute, establishing a long-term base for Emerald U3A, Emerald Men's Shed, Eastern Dandenong Ranges Group, Puffing Billy Toy Library and the wider community.

Pavilion works begin at Worrell Reserve

The \$2.63 million pavilion redevelopment at Worrell Reserve will deliver modern unisex change room facilities, universally accessible amenities, storage areas, community gym upgrade, a multi-purpose community room with kitchen, canteen

An advisory group of community stakeholders across a wide range of community organisations was established to help drive the project. Council thanks the group, as well as the Emerald Mechanics Institute, for the instrumental role they have played in this project.

This \$8.2 million project is being funded by Council (\$4.98 million), Australian Government's National Stronger Regions Fund (\$1.5 million), Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund (\$1.5 million) and the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Community Bank Group (\$250,000).

and servery, as well as covered spectator area.

The pavilion upgrade will complement the recent redevelopment of the oval which included resurfacing, drainage and irrigation.



Outdoor pools open for summer

Our outdoor pools will reopen soon for the summer season.

In Ranges Ward, the Emerald Lake Park wading pool will reopen in late November and will remain open until March.

Emerald Lake Park wading pool is located at Emerald Lake Park in Emerald Lake Road.

www.cardinaleisure.com.au



Officer Recreation Reserve nearing completion

From left Cr Leticia Wilmot, Cr Jeff Springfield and Cr Brett Owen joined representatives from Officer Recreation Reserve and local sporting clubs Tim Smith, Gareth Sheehan, Carol and Robert Porter, and Steven Hobson at the new oval at Officer Recreation Reserve.

The reorientation and reshaping of the oval at Officer Recreation Reserve is now complete and grass will be established over the 2019–20 summer and 2020 winter seasons.

The project has included installing subsurface drainage and irrigation.

The new environmentally-sustainable irrigation system takes water from the drainage system at the oval and directs it into a nearby dam to be recycled for irrigation.

Two new coaches' boxes and scoreboard will also be installed.

Once complete the upgrades will enable more football to be played throughout winter and provide a great surface for cricket during summer.

This \$1.02 million project has been jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Program.



New footpaths in Ranges Ward

A number of new footpath projects are planned for Ranges Ward as part of Council's annual footpath program. Some of the projects include:

- Kenilworth Avenue, Beaconsfield – construction of footpath approximately 120 metres north of Soldiers Road to Beaconsfield train station, and from Station Street west to the bus stop

- Emerald Beaconsfield Road, Emerald – opposite Kings Road to Crighton Road (east side)
- Neville Street, Cockatoo – creation of a link from Alma Treloar Reserve to Steane Street and Midnight Avenue.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/footpaths

Community Wellbeing and Support grants

Congratulations to the successful applicants in Ranges Ward who will receive a Community Wellbeing and Support Grant in 2019–20. Some of the projects include:

- Emerald Tennis Club – purchase of equipment
- Gembrook Singers – training and development of the Gembrook Singers community choir
- Johns Hill Landcare Group – transport costs for elderly volunteers
- Emerald Village Association – Emerald Village newsletter and media program
- Cockatoo Emergency Support Team – purchase of Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) vests.

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What's on?

Here are just some of the great events and activities happening in our shire.

Cardinia Cultural Centre

39 Forever

**Saturday
7 September, 8pm**

This hilarious cabaret from The Block star Amity Dry looks at ageing in an image-obsessed world.



We Need to Talk

**Saturday 19
October, 8pm**

Australia's adopted son of comedy Arj Barker returns with his brand new show We Need To Talk.



Walt-Sing Australia

Wednesday 18 September, 10am

Embark on a musical journey with Philip Gould and Michelle Fitzmaurice through the decades with tributes to Peter Allen, Olivia Newton-John, The Seekers, Johnny O'Keefe and more.



No Regrets: The Edith Piaf Story

Wednesday 16 October, 10am

Nikki Nouveau presents the intriguing life and times of legendary Parisian artist Edith Piaf through song and story. Proudly presented by Cardinia Shire Council as part of the 2019 Seniors Festival.

All performances are held at Cardinia Cultural Centre's Star Theatre. For bookings and event info, visit www.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.

Cardinia Brix: A Lego Fan Event

**Saturday 2 and
Sunday 3 November**

Back by popular demand, Southern Cross Brix Inc is proud to present Cardinia Brix, a Lego fan event.

Strassman: The Chocolate Diet

Tuesday 19 November (two performances)

Strassman's comedy featuring infamous favourites – the loveable Ted E. Bare and the evil Chuck Wood.

Oh Carole! The Songs of Carole King and Neil Sedaka

Wednesday 20 November, 10am

Oh Carole! celebrates young love, a lifelong friendship and songs that go 'doo, dooby doo, wah wah'. Starring Gina Hogan and Mark Jones.

Calling all teens

Our Teenage School Holiday Program for young people aged 12 to 17 years kicks off on Monday 23 September, and offers a range of free or low-cost activities, such as the Phillip Island Nature Park excursion held during the July

school holidays (pictured). Bookings essential. www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/tshp



Local markets

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



The Community Grocer

Every Saturday, 9am–1pm

6B Henry Street, Pakenham

Cockatoo Country Market

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

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

Emerald Grow It, Bake It, Make It

**First Sunday of the month
9am–2pm**

The Gem Community Arts Centre, 19 Kilvington Drive, Emerald

Emerald Market

**Third Sunday of the month
9am–3pm**

1 Kilvington Drive, Emerald

Pakenham Community Market

**Third Sunday of the month
8am–1pm**

Pakenham Football Club, Toomuc Reserve, Princes Highway

Gembrook Market

**Fourth Sunday of the month
9am–2pm**

Gembrook Community Centre, Pakenham-Gembrook Road

Bunyip Community Market

**Last Sunday of the month
8am–1pm**

Bunyip Recreation Reserve, Longwarry-Nar Nar Goon Road

Community events

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

Pakenham National Photographic Exhibition

7–8 September, 10am

Cardinia Cultural Centre, Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham

Cost: gold coin donation

Resin and Flow Art Show and Expo

27–29 September

Officer Community Hub, Parker Street, Officer

Opening night Friday 27 September at 7pm, entry \$10
General viewing 10am–4pm
Cost \$2

Make and Mingle Craft Fair

**Saturday 9 November
9am–1pm**

Beaconsfield Baptist Church
7 Desmond Court, Beaconsfield
Free entry

Music on the Grass

**Sunday 17 November
11am–3pm**

Koo Wee Rup Community Garden
235 Rossiter Road

Free event with live music, markets stalls, children's activities and barbecue

Emerald Arts Society annual art exhibition

2–4 November

Opening Saturday 12–4pm

Sunday and Monday 10am–4pm

Corner Church and Anne streets, Emerald

Pakenham Arthritis Self Help Group

Warm water classes, Cardinia Life, Olympic Way, Pakenham

**Tuesday 8.15–9.15am and
2.30–3.30pm, Thursday 8.15–
9.15am, Friday 2.30–3.30pm**

Chair-based exercises, Pakenham Senior Citizens, 38 James Street, Pakenham

Thursdays 10.30–11.30am

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 spring school holidays. Most events are free, but bookings are essential.

www.cclc.vic.gov.au/events

Emerald writers and critique group

Emerald Library

**Every second Wednesday,
6–7.30pm**

Come along to the new community group for writers in Emerald and surrounding areas. All genres welcome.

Digital drop-in

Emerald Library

Every Tuesday, 2.30–3.30pm

Drop in to get IT help from staff at Emerald Library.



Introduction to Auslan

Pakenham Library

**Saturday 7 September,
10.30am–12pm**

Free Introduction to Auslan session will include how to greet people, the Auslan alphabet, numbers, colours, animals and iconic signs, and activities.



DIY Beeswax wrap making

Pakenham Library

**Saturday 14 September,
10.30–11.30pm**

Emerald Library

**Saturday 26 October,
10.30–12.30pm**

Beeswax wraps are a natural, low impact and reusable alternative to using plastic cling wrap. In this workshop, learn how to make beeswax wrap which is yours to keep.

Martin and Patricia Buoncristiani – thinking in a digital world

Emerald Library

Saturday 12 October, 1–2pm

Join Martin and Patricia for this authors' talk where they will discuss practical strategies for working with young people, helping educators and parents understand and react to the changing information age.

Healthy relationships

Pakenham Library

Saturday 12 October, 2–3pm

Learn the big four skills to help you get along with others and deal with conflict and disputes at home and at work. Learn strategies to manage conflict and prevent things from escalating.

Celebrate the Diwali festival

Pakenham Library

Saturday 19 October, 3–4pm

Enjoy an hour of music, dance and creativity with a Bollywood dance workshop and henna hand painting.



Memoir writing workshop

Pakenham Library

Monday 28 October, 2–3.30pm

Join local author Vicki Thornton who will share her insight and knowledge into writing and self-expression in this hands-on workshop. Bring a pen and writing book.



How to make a Christmas cake

Emerald Library

**Saturday 16 November,
10.30am–12pm**

Carol from the Country Women's Association will show you how to make a Christmas cake in time for the festive season.

Together We Can

Together We Can is a community-led initiative to stop, prevent and end family violence in Cardinia Shire.

Join us at the following community events as we work together to reduce family violence in Cardinia Shire.

Together We Can Community Leadership Summit 2019

Thursday 10 October, 9.30am–2.30pm
Cardinia Cultural Centre, 40 Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham

Free event. Bookings essential www.eventbrite.com

Join Cardinia Shire Mayor Cr Graeme Moore, CEO Carol Jeffs and community leaders to continue our work to stop, prevent and end family violence in the shire.

March Against Violence

Friday 22 November, 12–2pm

PB Ronald Reserve and Pakenham Hall, corner John and Henry streets, Pakenham

Join the Cardinia Casey Family Violence Network for the 2019 March Against Violence. The march will start at the Pakenham Library and will return to PB Ronald Reserve, where a free barbecue and a range of activities will be held. There will be some disruptions to traffic.

If you or someone you know are in immediate danger,
call the police on 000.

If you have used violence against family members and want help
to stop call **Relationships Australia Victoria on 1300 364 277.**

If you or someone you know needs free advice or support about experiencing
sexual assault or family violence **call 1800 RESPECT on 1800 737 732.**

TOGETHER *we* CAN

Act now to end Family Violence in Cardinia Shire

www.togetherwecan.org.au

Cardinia Shire Council

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

Postal address:

PO Box 7, Pakenham 3810

Phone: 1300 787 624

Email: mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Web: www.cardinia.vic.gov.au

TTY users: 1300 677 then ask
for 1300 787 624

Speak and Listen users: 1300 555 727
then ask for 1300 787 624

After-hours emergencies: 1300 787 624



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