

Connect

BE PREPARED

Are you ready for the fire danger period?

BUSINESS AWARDS

Casey Cardinia Business Award winners announced

ROADS UPDATE

How we're improving our roads



City of Casey Mayor (2019) Cr Amanda Stapledon and Cardinia Shire Mayor (2019) Cr Graeme Moore congratulate Gumbuya World CEO Ron Weinzierl.

Business award winners shine

Gumbuya World in Tynong took out the top honour at the 2019 Casey Cardinia Business Awards, winning both the Casey Cardinia Business of the Year 2019 and the Tourism and Travel award.

More than 350 people attended the awards, which are a partnership between Cardinia Shire Council and the City of Casey, to celebrate the outstanding achievements of local businesses in the Casey Cardinia region.

Winners were announced in 11 award categories, including these Cardinia Shire businesses.

- **Nobelius Land Surveyors**, Pakenham – Business and Professional Services award
- **Tour Local**, Pakenham – Home-Based Business award
- **Insight Construction Group**, Pakenham – Trades and Construction award.

This year's program attracted 91 applications from businesses across the region, with a high standard of finalists and winners.

www.caseycardinia.com.au

Supporting small business

Cardinia Shire Council has signed the charter to become a 'Small Business Friendly Council'. The

initiative, delivered by the Victorian Small Business Commission (VSBC), is about making it easier for people to start, run and grow their businesses in the shire.

Call for action on climate change

We've joined more than 800 other local governments to declare a climate change emergency, calling for action on global warming and climate change.

Some steps we've already taken include adopting a zero carbon operational target, taking part in South East Councils Climate Change Alliance, signing the TAKE2

pledge, and adopting a number of environmental strategies.

You can also play your part by improving your home's energy and water efficiency. Here's some tips:

- use a timer to keep showers to four minutes or less
- turn off appliances at the power point when not in use
- hang washing on the clothes line to dry
- switch off lights when you leave a room

Creating Cardinia

Our new online engagement platform 'Creating Cardinia' is now live and is a new way for community members to submit feedback and ideas to Council.

'Creating Cardinia' replaces our 'have your say' page on our website and features a range of online engagement tools, including surveys, polls and idea forums as well as interactive maps, forms, photo and video competition capability, stories, conversation threads and question and answer tools.

creating.cardinia.vic.gov.au



On the cover

Manal makes a splash at Cardinia Life. Read more about what's on offer on page 7.





Mayor's message

Cardinia Shire Councillors (from left) Cr Jeff Springfield, Cr Ray Brown, Cr Jodie Owen, Cr Brett Owen, Cr Leticia Wilmot, Cr Michael Schilling, Cr Carol Ryan, Cr Collin Ross and Cr Graeme Moore wish the community a safe and happy festive season.

Left: newly-elected Mayor Cr Jeff Springfield

Season's greetings from the Mayor and Cardinia Shire Councillors

I am honoured to have been appointed Mayor of Cardinia Shire Council for 2019–20.

I would like to thank Cr Graeme Moore for his leadership, dedication and commitment to the role and to the community during the past year.

This edition of *Connect* features important information on being prepared for the summer season, updates on a number of works and projects around the shire and *Your 2020 Waste and Recycling Guide*.

There's also a jam-packed calendar of events highlighting Christmas and Australia Day activities, and other community events, as well as a wrap-up of all the wonderful things to see and do in the shire during summer. Visit our website www.cardinia.vic.gov.au to keep up to date with all the latest news and events from Council.

Congratulations to the young people who took part in the 2019 Youth Council Learning and Leadership Program.

Eight young people aged 16 to 21 participated in the program, gaining

insight into how local government works and building on their leadership skills. Participants took part in a range of activities including visiting Parliament House, chairing monthly meetings and attending local events.



We look forward to welcoming our 2020 program participants soon.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youthcouncil

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

Mayor Cr Jeff Springfield

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

Civic Centre closure

Council offices will close for the Christmas and new year break at 4pm on Tuesday 24 December and will reopen Thursday 2 January at 8.30am. During this time calls to 1300 787 624 will be managed through Council's after-hours service.

Watch it live

All of our Council meetings are webcast live. Watch meetings live or catch up on previous meetings.
www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/webcast



John Henry Primary School student Jaimee was recently Cardinia Shire Council's CEO for the day. Jaimee impressed us with her articulate entry in our 'CEO for a day' competition and spent the day walking in the shoes of Cardinia Shire Council CEO Carol Jeffs.

Students lead the way

One hundred grade 6 students took part in Council's 2019 Student Leaders Conference. The conference, planned and run by students, gave participants the opportunity to have a voice in Council's work.

Cardinia Shire Council is proud to be a Child Friendly City and aims to give children opportunities to become involved in making decisions that affect them, their communities and their wellbeing.

Accessibility for all

Accessible and inclusive facilities benefit our whole community.

That's why we're committed to ensuring community members can use and access facilities safely and comfortably.

We're ensuring new developments incorporate universal access design standards, and our annual works program includes retrofitting a number of existing facilities.

Our Access Inclusion and Advisory Committee includes members from disability community groups, the disability sector, and councillors to provide feedback on access and inclusion and input into projects and planning.

Recent projects incorporating accessible features include the all-abilities playground and accessible

toilet with hoist and change table at the new Deep Creek Reserve as well as the new pavilion at James Bathe Recreation Reserve.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/accessibility



Grant applications open soon

Applications for our 2020–21 Community Capital Works Grants open in January.

The program provides up to \$35,000 in matched funding for building works and \$20,000 for major equipment purchases to assist community groups to improve community and recreational facilities in the shire.

Applications open 28 January and close 2 March 2020.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ccwg

Kindergarten registrations

Did you know that you can register your child for three- and four-year-old kindergarten on our website?

Our central registration portal is the easiest way to register for kindergarten, respond to kindergarten offers, view, access and update registration information, and change preferences.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

Local solutions to housing needs

Our shire is experiencing a shortfall in social and affordable housing for people on low incomes, single parent families, seniors or people with individual needs.

Our *Social and Affordable Housing Strategy 2018–25* identifies housing needs and provides a framework to increase affordable housing.

The Social and Affordable Housing Partnership Group includes members of the community, housing sector, and councillors to guide the implementation of the strategy and local actions.

A safe home for women and children seeking to rebuild their lives recently opened in Pakenham as a result of a five-way partnership between Council and key stakeholders.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/affordablehousing

Improving our roads

We're making important changes to the way we look after our roads so we can deliver some big improvements across the shire.

We're investing \$25 million into building more sealed roads, as well as directing more resources to maintenance and introducing new practices and systems to improve the way we do things.



Road sealing

As part of our Strategic Sealed Roads Project, about 40 kilometres of local unsealed roads in seven locations across the shire will be upgraded to sealed roads in the next three years, creating strategic links to existing sealed road sections.

Bunyip

- Evans Road (entire length)

Gembrook/Nar Nar Goon North

- Bessie Creek Road, between Gembrook and Nar Nar Goon North

Koo Wee Rup

- Boundary Drain Road (Station Street to Denhams Road)
- Denhams Road (Main Drain Road to start of seal, 14 kilometres north-west of number 20)
- Main Drain Road (Denhams Road to Ballarto Road)

Lang Lang East

- Mt Lyall Road (Westernport Road to municipal boundary)

Pakenham

- Armytage Road (Brown Road to LL Road)
- LL Road (entire length)
- Thewlis Road (Peck Road to Brown Road)
- Dore Road (entire length)

Pakenham Upper

- Huxtable Road (entire length)

Rythdale

- McGregor Road (entire length)
- Soldiers Road (from McGregor Road to Hobson Road)
- Hobson Road (Ballarto Road to Soldiers Road)



Hills' Road Sealing Project

We're supporting the Australian Government to deliver the Hills' Road Sealing Project, which will result in more than 150 kilometres of unsealed roads in the shire being sealed over the next 10 years.

Townships to be considered include:

- Avonsleigh
- Beaconsfield
- Clematis
- Cockatoo
- Dewhurst
- Emerald
- Gembrook
- Guys Hill
- Menzies Creek
- Mount Burnett
- Nar Nar Goon North
- Pakenham Upper
- Upper Beaconsfield

Maintenance

We're directing more resources to maintenance so we can respond to issues more quickly.

- We have additional graders and other plant to help improve the performance of our unsealed roads as well as reducing the time between maintenance activities.
- We have six graders operating across the shire at all times, but an extra grader will be used this summer as part of our Summer Preparation and Maintenance Program 2019–20.
- We've started trialling a range of new practices to maintain our unsealed road network, to improve performance of the roads between maintenance activities.
- We're doing a full review of our unsealed road maintenance program, as part of the Unsealed Roads Transformation Project.
- We've introduced a new data-driven system which uses existing data to better predict how often each road should need works done.
- We've built the unsealed roadworks checker tool on our website so you can check online if an unsealed road is scheduled for grading.
- We've created a better form for reporting road issues on our website.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/roads



Be prepared this summer

Summer is here and that means the bushfire season is upon us, so it's more important than ever to make sure you're prepared.

Prepare your property

- Cut grass and remove fallen branches within 30 metres of buildings.
- Remove leaves and twigs from gutters.
- Cut back trees and shrubs overhanging buildings.
- Ensure your home and contents insurance is adequate.

Have a bushfire plan

Having a written bushfire plan will help you know how to respond when threatened by a fire. Your plan should include things like which fire danger rating is your trigger to leave, where you will go, what route you will take,

what you need to organise for your pets or livestock, how you will stay informed about warnings and updates, and what you will do if there's a fire in the area and you can't leave?

Stay informed

Leaving early, well before the fire gets close, is the safest option.

- Free call the VicEmergency hotline 1800 226 226.
- Check the VicEmergency app, Facebook or Twitter.
- Tune in to ABC local radio, commercial and designated community radio stations, or Sky News TV.
- Visit www.emergency.vic.gov.au

Fire hazard inspection

Council's Fire Prevention Officers inspect properties during the fire danger period to check if there are fire

hazards that need to be addressed on private land.

If we inspect a property and find fire hazards, a fire prevention notice is issued to the property owner outlining works that must be done to fix the issue and a completion date.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/FHIP

Summer heat health

During extreme heat, it's easy to become dehydrated or for your body to overheat. Stay safe by:

- drinking water
- never leaving children, adults or pets in hot cars
- keeping cool with fans, cold showers and loose clothing
- scheduling activities for the coolest part of the day
- checking on others.

Bushfire recovery update

Our fire-affected community has come a long way in the nine months since the Bunyip Complex bushfire, but the recovery process continues.

Although the festive season is often a time for celebration, it can be a lonely and difficult time for many people and this can be made even worse following a disaster event.

It's important to remember that it's normal to experience stress, tiredness and fatigue months after a traumatic experience. So keep checking in with friends and neighbours to see if they are okay, and reach out for support when you need it.

A number of organisations offer free counselling and personal support.

- **Windermere:** 1800 560 760 or bushfirerecovery@windermere.org.au
- **Monash Health urgent crisis line:** 1300 369 012
- **Lifeline:** 13 11 14
- **BeyondBlue:** 1300 224 636
- **Kids Help Line:** 1800 55 1800 (for young people aged 5–25 years)
- **ParentLine Victoria:** 13 22 89
- **Men's Line Australia:** 1300 789 978
- **Safe Steps Family Violence Support:** 1800 015 188
- **Family violence support:** 1800 737 732 or www.1800respect.org.au

Open air burning review

Thank you to the community members who provided feedback on our open air burning regulations as part of our review of current local regulations.

Any change to the local law or policy will seek to balance the need for fuel reduction and fire prevention with community amenity, environmental benefits and broader public health interests.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/burningoff



Rory, Kodi and Rassam having fun in the pool at Cardinia Life.

What's on at Cardinia Life

Cardinia Life has a range of fun activities planned for summer.

- **2–23 January** – pool inflatable obstacle course for children aged 5–15 every Tuesday and Thursday
- **11 January** – beach party at all Cardinia Leisure facilities
- **18 January** – superhero party at all facilities
- **25 January** – Australia Day party at all facilities
- **19–26 January** – free stadium access for children.

See website for opening hours and more information.

www.cardinialeisure.com.au

Outdoor pools open for summer

Cardinia Shire's four outdoor pools are now open for summer.

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

Our outdoor pools are located at Pakenham, Koo Wee Rup, Garfield and Emerald Lake Park (wading pool). See the website for opening hours and locations.

www.cardinialeisure.com.au



Changes to pool legislation

If you own a pool or spa, new changes to Victorian Government legislation mean that you now have to register your pool or outdoor spa with Council.

The legislation came into effect on 1 December and requires owners of pools or spas that can hold a depth of more than 300 millimetres to register it with Council and have its safety barrier inspected by a building/pool inspector every three years.

What do I have to do?

- Register your pool or outdoor spa using the online form on our website.
- Work out when the certificate of compliance needs to be submitted to Council. This depends on when your pool/spa was built (see website for dates).
- Hire a building inspector/pool inspector to carry out an inspection of your pool/spa.
- Following the inspection, the inspector will submit a certificate of compliance for your pool/spa to Council. If the pool or spa's safety barrier does not meet legal safety requirements, the inspector will let you know what changes are needed to meet the requirements.

All pools and spas in the shire need to be registered with Council by 14 April 2020.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/poolsparegistration

Celebrate Australia Day

Australia Day Awards ceremony and celebration

Cardinia Cultural Centre
Sunday 26 January
From 11am

Awards will be presented for Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, and Community Event of the Year.

We will also welcome Cardinia Shire's newest citizens. A free family fun day will follow.

Australia Day events around the shire

- Koo Wee Rup Australia Day ceremony
8.15am–10.30am
Koo Wee Rup Community Centre, Cochrane Park

- Cockatoo Australia Day community breakfast and awards
7.30–10.30am
Alma Treloar Reserve amphitheatre, Pakenham Road
- Beaconsfield Australia Day family picnic and movie night
6–10.30pm
Holm Park Recreation Reserve (oval one), Beaconsfield-Emerald Road

Local libraries – book it in!

All events are free and bookings are essential unless otherwise stated.

www.cclc.vic.gov.au/events

Cardinia Mobile Library

10–12 December – Christmas stories, songs and craft.

14–16 January – mask decorating and stories.

Sparkly Christmas crafting

Emerald Library
Thursday 12 December 4–5pm

Felting workshop

Emerald Library
Friday 10 January 1–2pm

NGV kids on tour: animal shapes

Pakenham Library
Monday 13 January 2–4pm

Dream puppets

Pakenham Library
Wednesday 15 January 11am–12pm

FREEDOM to Feel GOOD

Emerald Library
Tuesday 21 January 6.45–7.45pm

Introduction to silicone moulding

Emerald Library
Saturday 1 February 12.30–2pm

Pete the Permie

Emerald Library
Tuesday 4 February 6.30–7.30pm

Harry Potter book night

Emerald Library
Thursday 6 February 6–7.30pm

Social seniors

Pakenham Library
Tuesdays, 4–25 February
10am–12.30pm

Social cafe and summer sounds

Pakenham Library
Thursday 6 February 6.30–7.30pm

Penny Woodward, writer and horticultural editor

Emerald Library
Saturday 22 February
10.30am–12pm

Coming soon

New Cardinia Mobile Library!

For details
www.cclc.vic.gov.au

YOUR TICKET TO
**ENDLESS
POSSIBILITIES**

Community events

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

Pakenham Welcomes 2020

Tuesday 31 December 6–9.30pm
Toomuc Recreation Reserve,
Princes Highway, Pakenham

Upper Beaconsfield Village festival, art show and fun run

Sunday 16 February 8am–3pm
10–12 Salisbury Road,
Upper Beaconsfield
www.ubvillagefest.org.au

Bunyip Rodeo 2020

Saturday 22 February
12–6pm
Bunyip Recreation Reserve,
80 Nar Nar Goon–Longwarry Road

Out and about in the shire

The warmer months are upon us so that means it's time to get out and about and explore all that our great shire has to offer!

Cardinia Shire Council manages more than 1,400 hectares of land including sport and leisure reserves, pathways, streetscapes, natural resource areas, play spaces and equestrian reserves. Explore them now!



Emerald Lake Park

The park offers a range of activities including picnics, walking trails, paddleboats and fishing – something for everyone!

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/emeraldlakepark



Nobelius Heritage Park

Set in the historic Nobelius Heritage Park, the Emerald Museum features a collection of memorabilia, photographs and documents.

www.emeraldmuseum.org.au



Eastern Dandenong Ranges Trail

Whether you're walking, jogging or cycling, there is plenty to take in along this 13-kilometre trail that links Emerald, Cockatoo and Gembrook.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/emeraldcockatootail



Walking and cycling trails

Cardinia Shire has a broad network of walking and cycling trails that provide the perfect opportunity to explore the shire and take in the scenery. For an A-Z guide of all our trails go to www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/walkingcyclingtrails



Parks, playgrounds and recreation reserves

Council manages more than 1,000 areas of open space. This includes parks, playgrounds and recreation reserves.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/parksandplaygrounds



Skate parks and BMX tracks

A range of skate parks and BMX tracks across the shire vary in size and level of difficulty.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/skatebmx



Equestrian

We have a number of horse riding facilities and equestrian trails across the shire.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/horseriding



Outdoor fitness equipment

Outdoor exercise stations are located at several parks and reserves across the shire, offering free, fun and accessible way to be active.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/outdoorfitness



Tennis

Many sporting grounds provide tennis facilities, as well as the Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/tennis

Summer music Series

Our Summer Music Series concerts at Emerald Lake Park are back for 2020. These free family-friendly events are held on weekends during February

and will feature local and visiting musicians.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/summermusic

James Bathe Recreation Reserve on track

Cr Carol Ryan, Cr Collin Ross and Cr Michael Schilling check out the new playground, pavilion and sporting facilities at James Bathe Recreation Reserve.

The new pavilion at James Bathe Recreation Reserve is almost complete.

The pavilion is the second stage in the development of this district-level sport and recreation reserve in Pakenham. It features community spaces, a social space, meeting rooms, community kitchen and canteen. It will also have female-friendly sports change rooms,

female-friendly design and universally accessible amenities, umpires' room, gym and first aid room.

Construction of the two sports ovals is complete, with grass still being established on the grounds. Also nearing completion are the two netball courts, playground, multi-purpose cricket practice and futsal nets and a multi-use ball court. The

reserve will also feature walking paths, open space areas, wetlands, a large shelter and car parking.

The project has been funded by Council (\$10.3 million) with support from the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Fund (\$513,442) and Growing Suburbs Fund (\$500,000).

Women in harmony

A group of women from diverse backgrounds have learnt new skills and forged valuable connections as part of an innovative pilot project in Pakenham.

The Women in Harmony project, delivered by Living and Learning Pakenham and supported by Cardinia Shire Council, the Victorian Government and Learn Local, has

involved 15 women from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds.

As part of the project, participants have undertaken two courses – a women's leadership course and an introduction to social media. The social media project they have developed will be shared online as part of Harmony Week 2020. The pilot project has been highly successful and planning for another

Women in Harmony project is underway.

To learn more, contact Living and Learning Pakenham 5941 2389 or visit www.livinglearning.org.au



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Cardinia Cultural Centre's stunning debut



Cr Collin Ross, Cr Michael Schilling and Cr Carol Ryan check out the redeveloped Cardinia Cultural Centre.

New creative opportunities and the very best in arts, culture and technology await you at the redeveloped Cardinia Cultural Centre in Pakenham.

The centre has been transformed into a hub for digital artists, musicians, dancers and the arts of the new millennium.

The redevelopment has included the addition of a new contemporary gallery, artists' studios, meeting rooms, a new entrance and foyer area, as well as additional car parking and new amenities.

The impressive new spaces offer endless possibilities and allow artists to experiment, explore and develop their art forms with access to digital technology, sprung floors and versatile and inviting exhibition spaces.

Cardinia Cultural Centre is also home to a world of performances and exhibitions, including live bands, DJs, ballet, morning entertainment, films, internationally-acclaimed comedians and workshops.

Cardinia Cultural Centre, 40 Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham

Phone: 1300 887 624

www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au



Santa Claus is Coming to Town Wednesday 4 December 11am



Starring Melissa Langton, Mark Jones and David Rogers-Smith.

Fabulous vocal arrangements and a good old fashioned sing-a-long around the piano are sure to keep you entertained.

Presented by Winding Roads Productions.

Tickets: \$22 per person (companion card holders free).

Join us from 10am for morning tea prior to the performance at 11am.

Exhibition: Unknown Journeys Until February 2020



Lead artist Tim Stone has been out and about in the shire capturing the stories and images of its landscapes, buildings and people in new ways, using digital arts technologies to present these diversities.

This brand new exhibition explores the journeys of our newest residents and some of our long-term residents.



The new entrance to the Cardinia Cultural Centre and architectural features of the gallery ceiling.



Cr Ray Brown and Cr Graeme Moore check on the progress of the new pavilion at Bunyip Recreation Reserve.

Bunyip soccer pavilion takes shape

Construction of the new pavilion at Bunyip Recreation Reserve is progressing and the project is expected to be completed in early 2020.

The state-of-the-art facility will include universal change rooms, a gym, first

aid room, community and social space and associated kitchen.

The pavilion will be home to the Bunyip Soccer Club, which is one of only four soccer clubs in the shire. The new facility will ensure the club can accommodate the growing

participation in the sport, including junior and female players.

The \$2.76 million project is jointly funded by Council and the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund.



Serving up new tennis facilities

The new tennis courts at Cochrane Park at Koo Wee Rup are now open.

The redevelopment included constructing two new courts and refurbishing the existing two courts.

Works included acrylic surfacing, improved lighting and new shelters.

Work has also started to convert the existing clubrooms at the adjacent Koo Wee Rup outdoor swimming

pool into new tennis clubrooms featuring change areas, accessible toilets, lounge area, kitchen and an accessible path. The project, which has been jointly funded by Council (\$327,000) and the Victorian Government (\$250,000), is expected to be complete in early 2020.



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Deep Creek Reserve now open



Cr Ray Brown and Cr Graeme Moore check out the community and education centre.

Cardinia Shire's premier environment education and recreation destination is now open to the community.

The 48-hectare Deep Creek Reserve in Pakenham features:

- an all-abilities play space with a dragonfly sculpture as the centrepiece, equipment that provides a range of activities, shelters, barbecues, landscaping and a sand and water play area
- new holes and driving range at the golf course
- a community and education centre, which also houses the Cardinia Environment Coalition and golf club
- public lounge and cafe
- function room

- accessible toilets and amenities
- wetlands area
- kick-about area
- sensory gardens
- indigenous plant nursery (opening soon)
- *Tadpoles* public art created by artist Dean Colls.

The development demonstrates best practice in environmentally sustainable design.

The building's environmental features include:

- a 40kW solar electricity system
- recycled bricks

- sustainably sourced timber
- energy-efficient appliances and lighting
- rainwater harvesting for toilet flushing
- independent solar-powered car park lighting.

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

Deep Creek Reserve, end of Cameron Way, Pakenham.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/deepcreek



Ranges Ward



Cr Jeff Springfield and Cr Leticia Wilmot check out the progress of Gembrook Leisure Park.



Full steam ahead for Gembrook Leisure Park

The \$1.5 million transformation of Gembrook Leisure Park is nearing completion. The project will include:

- a new adventure playground with a flying fox
- skate park upgrade with space for skating, scooting and bike riding
- a new multi-use (basketball, netball and soccer) sports court
- lawn area with shelter and barbecues
- accessible play opportunities
- nature play
- pathway connections to the park
- additional sealed accessible car parking
- refurbished public amenities

The community provided input into the final design of the park as part of the Gembrook Leisure Park Master Plan consultation process. The project is expected to be completed in December 2019 and has been jointly funded by Council and the Australian and Victorian governments, with each contributing \$500,000.

Pavilion upgrades for Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve

The Perc Allison Pavilion at Beaconsfield Recreation Reserve is set to undergo a major upgrade.

Concept planning for the project has begun, and will involve extensive upgrades to the existing pavilion to

incorporate universal access upgrades and improved facilities.

Works will include redeveloped change rooms, umpire change rooms, first aid room, injury prevention/strapping room, gym area, covered

spectator area and upgrades to the time keepers' room.

The project is valued at more than \$630,000, with a \$500,000 grant from the Australian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure fund.



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Works get moving at Comely Banks

Cr Brett Owen, Cr Jeff Springfield and Cr Leticia Wilmot are pleased to see works have started at Comely Banks Recreation Reserve in Officer.

Construction has started on a regional sporting hub in Bridge Road, Officer.

Stage one of the Comely Banks Recreation Reserve project will include constructing a shared-use pavilion for the community, as well as future sports including rugby league, cricket and lawn bowls.

The pavilion will feature unisex change room facilities, unisex umpires change facilities, fully accessible exterior/interior amenities, kiosk/canteen

facilities, integrated social space and external covered spectator areas.

The pavilion is the first stage of the planned development of the overall reserve. The reserve and sporting grounds will be established in line with a joint master plan developed by the Department of Education and Cardinia Shire Council.

Comely Banks Recreation Reserve is next to Bridgewood Primary School, which was built in 2018. Car parking and access roads within the reserve

have been designed to support school drop-off and pick-up traffic and bus transport.

The reserve is planned with the area's future growth in mind, and will feature four rectangular pitches (incorporating two sports ovals), cricket practice nets, two bowling greens, playground area and car parking facilities.

The \$7.588 million project is jointly funded by Council (\$4.088 million) and the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund (\$3.5 million).



Hills hub nearing completion

Finishing touches are being applied to the \$8.2 million Hills Hub development at Emerald.

The new multi-purpose facility will provide diverse meeting and activity spaces for the community and bring together a range of new and existing community groups, programs and services under one roof.

It 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.

The project has been funded by Council (\$4.98 million), the Australian Government's National Stronger Regions Fund (\$1.5 million), Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund (\$1.5 million) and the Dandenong Ranges Community Bank Group (\$250,000) (not Eastern Ranges Community Bank Group as stated in the spring edition of *Connect*).

Hills Hub is expected to be completed by February 2020.

Council, with the support of local community groups and businesses, is proud to present

Cardinia Shire's *Carols by Candlelight*

Saturday 14 December

Toomuc Reserve, Princes Highway, Pakenham

6pm: gates open

6–8pm: pre-entertainment including local artists and primary schools

8.30pm: carols start with the Cardinia Civic Concert Band

10.15pm: fireworks

Plus a visit from Santa!

Free community event

Alcohol, smoke and pet free event
(assistance dogs allowed)

Auslan interpreters in attendance



Festive events around the shire

Cockatoo community carols

Saturday 7 December 5–8pm
Alma Treloar Reserve,
Pakenham Road, Cockatoo

Gembrook community carols

Sunday 8 December 5–8pm
Gembrook Primary School,
48-50 Main Street, Gembrook

Garfield Christmas festival

Friday 13 December 5.30pm–9pm
Main Street, Garfield (Nar Nar Goon
Longwarry Road)

Emerald carols by the lake

Friday 13 December 6–9.30pm
Emerald Lake Park, Emerald Lake Road

Carols by candlelight Koo Wee Rup

Saturday 14 December 7–10pm
Cochrane Park, 243 Rossiter Road,
Koo Wee Rup

Carols by candlelight Maryknoll

Friday 20 December 6–9pm
St Joseph's Square, Maryknoll

Carols by the creek

Sunday 22 December 7–9.30pm
Holm Park Recreation Reserve,
Beaconsfield Emerald Road, Beaconsfield

Upper Beaconsfield carols in the park

Tuesday 24 December 6–9pm
Keith Ewenson Park, 12 Salisbury Road,
Upper Beaconsfield

Cockatoo RSL Christmas community lunch

Wednesday 25 December from 12pm
Cockatoo RSL, 20 Belgrave-Gembrook
Road, Cockatoo

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