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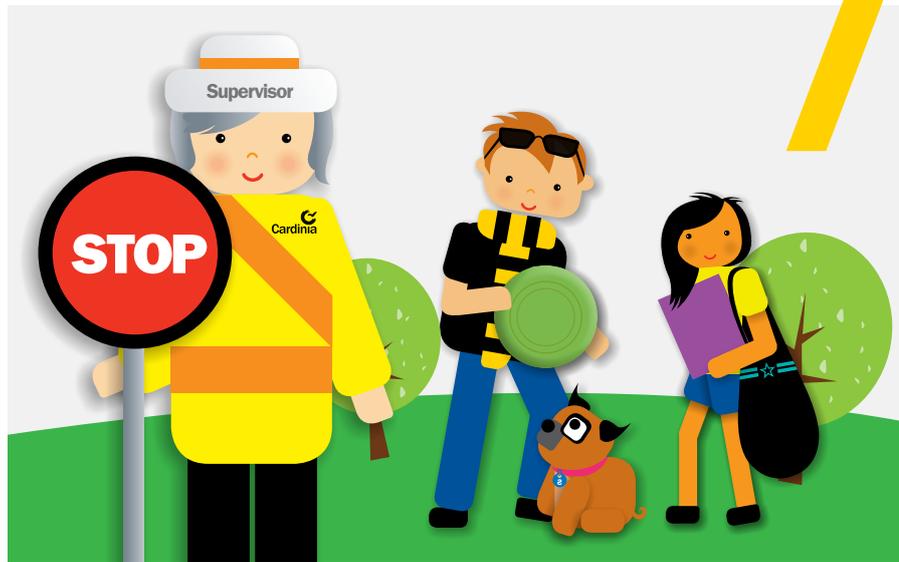
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WELCOME



Mayor Cr Jodie Owen launching the Together We Can initiative at a community convention in Pakenham in April.

As Mayor, the prevalence of family violence in Cardinia Shire frightens me.

In 2014–15, three to four incidents of family violence were reported each day in Cardinia Shire. This is just one reason why Council has partnered with Family Life on the Together We Can project. This project is not to raise awareness of family violence or reduce the instances of family violence – we want to STOP it in our community.

In April, we held the Together We Can Community Convention. The aim was to get everyone together to help promote respectful adult relationships and the wellbeing of children in homes and neighbourhoods free from violence. It was fantastic to see so many people with ideas for local solutions to keep children safe and to improve respectful relationships in the shire. Community action is vital to respond to family violence in Cardinia

Shire so I thank all those who attended and encourage everyone to get involved in the push to end family violence in our community. Read more about the Together We Can event and partnership on page 5.

As evidence of our commitment to an inclusive community, Cardinia Shire has recently been named a World Health Organisation Age Friendly City. A WHO Age Friendly City is committed to creating an environment that allows older persons to live safely, be healthy and connect with the community.

More than 15 per cent of the Cardinia Shire population are aged over 60 and by the year 2026 there will be over 34,000 residents in the shire over the age of 60. We want to ensure our residents, particularly as they age, have access to a wide range of local services, employment, spaces and activities. The Age Friendly City recognition endorses the work we have been doing on this area.

Our Indian Myna trapping program has been so popular since it launched last year, that we have many residents on the waiting list to hire a trap. To help our residents trap these invasive birds, we are offering the additional option to purchase a trap. Check our website for more information.

We have adopted the budget for 2016–17 and kept rates within the rate cap of 2.5 per cent. It was a difficult budget to prepare but we were pleased to be able to listen to feedback from residents through the Big Budget Brainstorm and draft budget consultation opportunities. It has been exciting to see so many people getting involved and sharing what they want to see happen in their shire. Read more about the budget on pages 8 and 9.

As you can see, it is a busy and exciting time for our shire!

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, representing Mayor Cr Jodie Owen.

Mayor Cr Jodie Owen

ALIGNED LEISURE to reinvigorate recreation



Mayor Cr Jodie Owen congratulates Cain Liddle, Aligned Leisure's Managing Director on the new contract.

Council has signed a contract with Aligned Leisure to manage its eight major recreation facilities.

Aligned Leisure, a subsidiary of the Richmond Football Club, will manage Cardinia Life, Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre and four seasonal outdoor pools. The contract also includes two soon-to-be-open facilities, Officer Community Hub and IYU Recreation Reserve – synthetic (soccer) pitch.

From 1 July, the new partnership will be a boost for the community with Aligned Leisure preparing to roll out a number of community programs and replace the existing gym equipment at Cardinia Life.

The new community initiatives will include two school programs covering health, wellbeing and anti-bullying, an indigenous program aimed at employment and young people, a youth leadership program and support for local charities.

Mayor Cr Jodie Owen said she was excited by the fresh energy Aligned Leisure would bring to these facilities and the Cardinia Shire community.

“Aligned Leisure has committed to delivering more than just management of these facilities with the introduction of programs that will make a real difference to our community,” she said.

“We are confident they will deliver a great service and reinvigorate these valuable community assets.”

Aligned Leisure's Managing Director Cain Liddle said the transition would

be as smooth as possible for users of the facilities.

“Aligned Leisure is excited to be taking this new step in Cardinia Shire and we look forward to providing residents with outstanding service and value, beyond the management of the physical facilities. We look forward to taking our programs out into the community to help people achieve their health, fitness and wellness objectives,” he said.

“There will be some unavoidable disruptions as we upgrade the health club at Cardinia Life, but these disruptions will be kept to an absolute minimum and community members will be kept well informed of any short periods of interruption. Aligned Leisure has also committed to re-employing the majority of staff in their existing or similar positions within the facilities.”

COME AND TRY

Come to Cardinia Life during July and try the new gym equipment for FREE.

This voucher must be completed and presented at the Cardinia Life reception to claim the free visit.

OR Register online for your free voucher at cardinialeisure.com.au

Name:

Address:

Email:

Offer valid from Friday 1 July to Sunday 31 July 2016.

One coupon per household (bring a partner or friend), per visit. Only valid for access to the Cardinia Life health club.

Thank you YMCA

Council would like to thank the YMCA for the management of Cardinia Life, Pakenham Regional Tennis Centre and four seasonal outdoor pools.

“I would like to thank Victorian YMCA Community Programming (YMCA) and acknowledge the significant contribution they have made to the community over the many years they have managed these facilities on Council's behalf,” Cr Owen said.

The YMCA has successfully managed facilities in Cardinia Shire for more than 18 years.



UNITED TO CONFRONT FAMILY VIOLENCE IN CARDINIA SHIRE



Council is taking action to significantly reduce the high incidence of family violence in Cardinia Shire.

Council has joined forces with Family Life, the University of Melbourne and the Australian Government's Department of Social Services to launch the Together We Can initiative. Through the partnership, these organisations will work together, and with the community, address the growing family violence issue in Cardinia Shire.

Mayor Cr Jodie Owen said it was critical for the whole Cardinia Shire community to be united to tackle the problem of family violence.

"It's time to stop family violence in its tracks, and uniting together as a community is a vital part of how we'll make a difference," Cr Owen said.

"Cardinia Shire has the second highest number of recorded family violence incidents in Melbourne's southern

metropolitan region. Around three to four incidents were recorded per day in our municipality in 2014–15, with many more going unreported.

"Around 20 per cent of all family violence incidents in Cardinia Shire are by repeat offenders."

Cr Owen said family violence had a lasting negative impact on children who experienced or witnessed it.

"Research shows that family violence seriously impacts the psychological, social, emotional and developmental wellbeing of infants, children and adolescents.

"It is most disturbing that during a one-week period in 2015, Council's Maternal and Child Health nurses supported 24 clients where family violence was identified," Cr Owen said.

The Together We Can initiative was officially launched at a community convention in Pakenham in April. The event was well attended, with more than 400 people participating over the two days.

"Thank you to everyone who attended. It was an important step to hear your views on how we can help change attitudes and behaviours in the community, and your ideas on strategies to put in place at a local level," Cr Owen said.

The first day of the event kicked off with a business breakfast and walk around the lake at Lakeside in support of stopping family violence. This was followed by a session on hope and healing, education about family violence, a Q&A session, and a theatre performance. Community leaders from all sectors were invited to the second day to plan how to respond to family violence and the behaviours which lead to it.

If you are experiencing family violence or know of someone that is call the safe steps 24/7 Family Violence Response Centre on 1800 015 188 or Triple Zero in an emergency.

MORE INFO

 togetherwecan.org.au

 facebook.com/groups/TogetherWeCanAU

 twitter.com/TWC_AU

Save the date

FOR YOUR WASTE



E-waste collections



Bunyip

Saturday 16 July, 9am–12noon

Bunyip Primary School, Nar Nar Goon–Longwarry Road, Bunyip

Pakenham

Saturday 5 November, 9am–1pm

Cardinia Shire Council depot, Purton Road, Pakenham

Emerald

Saturday 3 December, 9am–12noon

Gemco Players Community Theatre, 19 Kilvington Drive, Emerald

NOTE: Whitegoods are not accepted. Whitegoods can be recycled in the hard waste collection.



For recycling of empty agriculture and VET chemical containers.

Pakenham

Saturday 5 November, 9am–1pm

Cardinia Shire Council depot, Purton Road, Pakenham



Monday 7 to Sunday 13 November

Visit recyclingweek.planetark.org for information on events.

Kerbside recycling tips and tricks

Keep your recyclables out of plastic bags!

Bagging recyclables stops the machines from sorting the materials into the different types of waste and so the whole bag gets sent to landfill.



Don't put wine glasses and pyrex in your bin

These products are heat treated and have a higher melting point than glass bottles suitable for recycling.

Test your families recycling knowledge:

- **Recycling quiz:** recyclingweek.planetark.org/quiz
- **Clean up the river game:** cleanup.org.au/au/FunStuff
- **Charlie and Lola:** charlieandlola.com/planet/planet-game

“RECYCLING ONE-O-ONE”

Easily recyclable items you may not know about:

- disposable coffee cups
- plastic meat and fish trays
- take away containers
- clean paper towel (that's only been wet)
- pizza boxes without too much oil and food residue.



To wash, or not to wash?

Recycling technology has come a long way in the last few years. Now, systems are in place to remove most food contaminants.

If a container is empty a little food residue is fine. Specially washing your containers means the environmental benefit is lost. Unless using leftover washing water or already putting on the dishwasher, don't worry.



NEW RATES NOTICE ON THE WAY

Your new-look rates notice will arrive from mid-July, giving you more time than ever to pay your bill.

The new rates notice clearly outlines when each quarterly instalment is due, and makes it easier to understand how your rates are calculated by providing a clear breakdown of Council, Victorian Government and waste charges.

Council has also introduced its new 'FlexiPay' payment tool, allowing you to pay your rates at certain times to best suit your budget.

Mayor Cr Jodie Owen said Council wanted to be as flexible as possible by offering a range of payment options to best suit the needs of ratepayers.

"We understand that people have different financial situations, and that times are tough for some individuals and families," Cr Owen said.

"FlexiPay will be a great budgeting and time-saving option for many people. It means you can arrange to make smaller and more frequent payments over the year, to reduce the impact of quarterly bills on your household budget."

"Paying by quarterly instalments reflects a growing preference in the community towards paying smaller amounts over the course of a year rather than via a single lump sum."

The user-friendly notice will also answer some commonly-asked-questions about rates.

The rating period is from 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2017. The first instalment is due on 30 September 2016.

FlexiPay

What's new

Pay your rates using FlexiPay, Council's new rates payment tool.

FlexiPay allows you to pay your rates in smaller amounts, giving you total control over your budget. Pay weekly, fortnightly, monthly or quarterly – the choice is yours!

MORE INFO

 cardinia.vic.gov.au/payments

YOUR RATES IN ACTION!

Jessica, Cooper, Manisha, Mark, Shirley and Reg are all Cardinia Shire residents and ratepayers and use a range of Council services in their local community. Check out the crew on the fresh-look notice and see how they regularly connect with us.





2016–17 BUDGET

INVESTING IN CARDINIA SHIRE

Council has adopted a budget with a commitment of more than \$36 million to be invested in new community and recreation facilities, road and footpath construction and maintenance and other significant capital works in 2016–17.

An additional \$9.16 million will be spent on new and existing assets in Cardinia Shire, compared to 2015–16. Key projects include sporting and recreation facilities in Pakenham, Officer, Lang Lang and Emerald, while road and footpath renewal and maintenance across the shire will continue to be a priority.

Meanwhile, Council did not apply for a variation to the rate cap and therefore rates will increase by 2.5 per cent.

Mayor Cr Jodie Owen said it was the first year of rate capping which had provided a unique challenge.

“This has been a very important budget for Council to prepare, when considering both the rate cap and the Big Budget Brainstorm (BBB) ideas put forward by our community.

“We want to be able to continue to deliver the infrastructure and services that our communities need while also recognising that many people are doing it tough. Our staff have worked hard in recent years to get Council to a position where we could successfully balance rate capping with community needs to deliver a realistic budget for residents,” Cr Owen said.

“We listened to you and are happy to be working to delivering some of the projects and ideas identified in the BBB.”

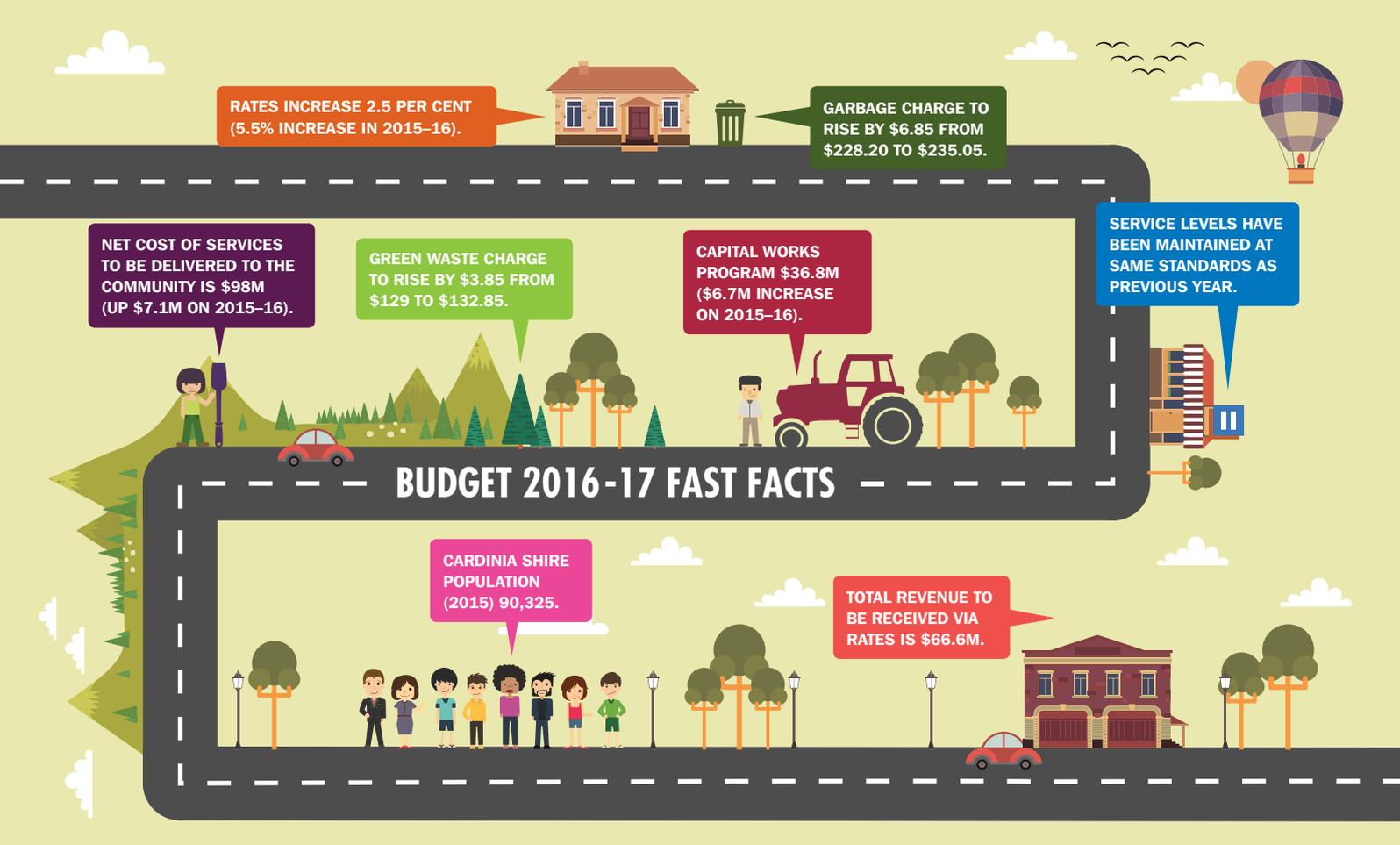
Council will also invest \$19.5 million into renewing and upgrading roads, bridges and footpaths, replacing drainage and improving recreation reserves and sporting facilities.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

Council introduced a new feedback option on the 2016–17 budget. The quick online survey was completed by over 1,380 residents, with almost half responding that they were generally happy with the services and facilities Council provides. Residents were particularly happy with libraries, garbage and waste, and community and family services.

Mayor Cr Jodie Owen said it was the most feedback Council had received on a draft budget.

“It was fantastic to see so many people willing to share their thoughts and ideas with Council on which services they value. Thank you to everyone who took a few minutes to complete the survey,” she said.



HIGHLIGHTS AT A GLANCE



Roads, bridges and drainage (\$9.19 million)

- Roads renewals **\$4.59m.**
- O'Sullivan's, Hill and Peet streets, Pakenham Special Charge Scheme **\$3m.**
- Bridge renewals **\$600,000.**
- Wheeler Road, Maryknoll Special Charge Scheme **\$250,000.**



Footpaths and bike trails (\$1.51 million)

- Footpaths (new and renewal) **\$1m.**
- Pedestrian and bicycle strategy **\$250,000.**
- Emerald-Gembrook trail **\$150,000.**
- Equestrian trails (new and renewal) **\$100,000.**



Recreation, leisure and community facilities (\$17.33 million)

- IYU Recreation Reserve **\$3.52m.**
- Hills Community Hub **\$3.5m.**
- Arena Child and Family Centre **\$2.1m.**
- Heatherbrae Recreation Reserve pavilion **\$2m.**
- Lang Lang sporting facilities **\$2m.**



Parks, open spaces and streetscapes (\$3.03 million)

- Deep Creek Reserve upgrade **\$2.5m.**
- Playground renewals **\$180,000.**
- Pepi's Land **\$100,000.**

RATES EXPLAINED

Revenue from rates is used to provide infrastructure and services to the community. Our rating strategy is designed to ensure a fair and equitable distribution of rates revenue across different property categories.

In line with the Fair Go Rates System implemented by the Victorian Government, general rates are to increase by 2.5 per cent for 2016-17. However, it is also a year that rates will be revalued so ratepayers will see a change in their rates based on how property values change, and the total overall rate revenue collected by Council will increase by 2.5 per cent.

The rates are levied by applying a rate in the dollar against the capital improved value of the property.

MORE INFO

 cardinia.vic.gov.au/rates

WHAT'S ON

at Cardinia Cultural Centre

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



La Prima Opera

Thursday 30 Jun, 7.30pm

Popular concert opera company La Prima Opera will take you on a journey through some of the most beautiful music ever written. Perfect for opera newbies and aficionados alike; be entertained with an array of opera's most famous hits that everyone knows through movies, TV ads and sporting events.

Tickets: \$24, concession \$22



A Taste of Tamworth

Sunday 24 Jul, 4pm

Get a taste of Tamworth in your own backyard! This concert features acoustic sets from four of this year's Tamworth winners, including Carter and Carter.

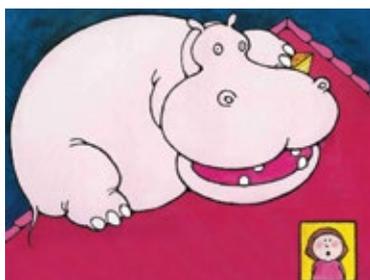
Tickets: \$32, concession \$28, group of six or more \$26

Hippo! Hippo!

Saturday 25 Jun,
10am, 12pm, 2pm

This BIG, new musical adventure is based on the successful children's classic, 'There's a Hippopotam us on Our Roof Eating Cake', written by Australian children's author Hazel Edwards, and comes from the team who brought you Possum Magic and The Tales of Peter Rabbit.

Tickets: \$18, family pass (two adults, two kids) \$65

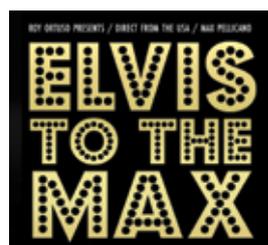


Circus Trick Tease: Aussie, Aussie, Aussie

Wednesday 6 Jul, 7.30pm

Family fun for audiences of all ages featuring incredible acrobatics, comedy, iconic Australian songs and astounding circus tricks!

Tickets: \$18, family pass (two adults, two kids) \$65



Thursday 25 Aug, 7.30pm

Max Pellicano, one of the world's leading Elvis impersonators, is 'Elvis to the Max'. Max goes beyond mere impersonation... his re-creation of the King's looks, moves, vocal style, impressions and humour is so accurate it's awe-inspiring.

Tickets: \$65

The Fairies

Monday 27 Jun,
11am

The Fairies 'Let's Party' Tour is an hour of high energy dancing and brilliant fairy songs. Magical fairies Harmony and Rhapsody lead the way in 'Let's Party' with fairy spells galore, showing how the Five Fairy Friendship Rules are the key to having a fan-fairy-tastic party!

Tickets: \$27.50, premium \$50 (meet and greet The Fairies)



Morning Matinee: Big, Blonde and Beautiful

Wednesday 8 Jun, 10am

A tribute to the blondes of Broadway and popular music including Mae West, Agnetha from ABBA, Dolly Parton, Olivia Newton John, Marilyn Monroe and more!

Tickets: \$18 (includes morning tea)

LOVE

Romeo & Juliet
THE ETERNAL LOVE STORY



Melbourne City Ballet presents Romeo and Juliet

Thursday 7 Jul, 7pm

The romance of the classical Shakespearean tale 'Romeo and Juliet' comes to life on stage. Shakespeare's most well-known tragedy tours the country with a full cast to tell the story of two lovers who must endure the strongest hate just to stay together. Featuring the Melbourne City Ballet's finest artists.

Tickets: \$30, concession \$27.50, children \$26, family pass (two adults, two kids) \$100

Psychic Expo

Sunday 7 Aug, 10am

Come for the day and enjoy mediums, clairvoyants, spirit artists, tarot and palm readers, massage, Reiki, tarot cards, crystal and jewellery stalls.

Tickets: Contact the box office



SCHOOL HOLIDAY MOVIES

Tickets: \$4 (movie only) or \$9 for value combo (includes movie and popcorn)

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Road Chip

Wednesday 29 Jun, 10am

Goosebumps

Friday 1 Jul, 10am

Daddy's Home

Friday 8 Jul, 10am



Morning Matinee: Gina Hogan's Women of the '60s in cabaret

Wednesday 13 Jul, 10am

Step back in time to the fabulous music of the '60s, featuring songs by Dusty Springfield, Dionne Warwick, Shirley Bassey, The Supremes, Petula Clarke, Lulu and more. Gina Hogan has a string of music theatre credits to her name including Cats, Mamma Mia and Beauty and the Beast.

Tickets: \$18 (includes morning tea)

Antiques and Collectibles Fair

Saturday 23 Jul, 9am

All profits raised at the fair will be donated to the 4Cs Crisis Relief Centre. Valuations from 1pm.

Tickets: \$5, children free

Morning Matinee: Country Gold

Wednesday 10 Aug, 10am

John Bowles makes his first trip to Cardinia Shire to star in 'Country Gold' a brand new morning concert. Featuring Michelle Fitzmaurice, you will be delighted to hear songs from Alison Durban, Glenn Campbell, Anne Murray, Kris Kristofferson, John Denver, Tammy Wynette and more.

Tickets: \$18 (includes morning tea)



Ladies Night

Saturday 16 Jul, 7.30pm

Four unemployed men are motivated by 'The Chippendales' to form a male stripping act in order to make some fast cash. The Full Monty movie is based on the original stage play, 'Ladies Night'. See Stephen Tandy (The Sullivans) and Dale Pengelly (Hot Shoe Shuffle), as you've never seen them before!

Tickets: \$32, concession \$28



Take the family to:

WIPPO! WIPPO!

Purchase a family ticket to Hippo! Hippo! for only \$60 and save up to \$3 per ticket.

- Family pass admits four (two adults, two children).
- This voucher must be presented at the Cardinia Cultural Centre's box office to claim the discount ticket.
- Head to the back page of *Connect* for the colouring page for a chance to win free tickets!

Offer valid until Saturday 25 June, 2016.

One coupon per person. Not valid for phone or website sales.

“There are so many worthy people out there that do great things. We’re just involved in the Catani Football Club, but it’s our football club.”

Catching up with ... **Ron and Beryl BANBURY**



Ron and Beryl Banbury have won the 2016 Stan Henwood Award.

A dynamic duo from Catani, Ron and Beryl Banbury have committed more than 100 years between them to the Catani Football Club. Their dedication has earned them the 2016 Stan Henwood Award.

Beryl was potentially one of the youngest committee members when her father signed her up at 10 years old, having just moved to the area the year before the Catani Football Club’s first game in 1948.

“Dad always said to join the local sports club as a committee member to meet people so he made me a member when I was about 10!” she said.

Therefore it was natural for Ron to join his wife at the club when they married in 1962, and they haven’t looked back – even now, they still spend up to four nights a week at the club taking on any manner of tasks.

“When you get involved in sport, it makes it a lot easier to be connected with Catani. You just continue on and you love it,” Beryl said.

The couple have been involved in nearly all aspects of club life over the years as members of the committee as well as stretches as league delegate, canteen manager, uniform washer, recruiter, match day coordinator, coach, player and more. Together they have raised thousands of dollars for the club and were heavily involved in the redevelopment of the facilities over the years. Both are life members, with Ron receiving the honour in 1984 and Beryl in 1993.

The couple have always done things together, having taken over the family farm from Beryl’s parents, which they maintained alongside their commitment to the football club.

“This is our hobby – we don’t play golf, we don’t fish. And we are lucky we both enjoy doing it. We milked cows together for 40 years, so we got used to just being together,” she said.

As much as they love spending time together, for Beryl, the best part is

the many friends she has made – young and old!

“It’s really about the companionships, the friends you meet through it, it’s lovely.”

“The little kids talk to me and call me Bezza. I used to think they should call me Mrs Banbury but they’re talking to you and when you’ve got kids talking to you, you’re very lucky.”

The commitment has been passed down with all three of their children, and even a grandson, also involved in either the football or netball club.

Congratulations Ron and Beryl!

STAN HENWOOD AWARD

Now in its 12th year, the award recognises residents who make a valuable contribution to the community. It commemorates the lifetime contribution of the late Stan Henwood to Cardinia Shire through his charity work, sporting and volunteer roles.

Looking to the SUN



Main: Martha Walgers, Maria Broekspra, Ann-Marie Sykes and Rosemary Hanley from Pakenham Senior Citizens Club.

Insert: Martha Walgers inspects the solar system installed at Pakenham Senior Citizens Club.



Cardinia Shire community buildings are soaking up the sun after installing solar power systems thanks to Council's community capital works grants program. The 2016–17 grant recipients will be announced in June.

In the 2015–16 grants round, the Pakenham Senior Citizens Club received a \$9,400 grant to install a 10kWp system and 33 solar panels; the overall project cost was \$18,800. The project is expected to generate around 13,000kw of electricity and reduce emissions by 16 tonnes of greenhouse gas each year – the same as four average-sized cars.

Bunyip Football Club, Pakenham Bowling Club and Pakenham Football Club were also successful in receiving funding for solar electricity projects in the 2015–16 grants round, together collecting more than \$20,000.

Martha Walgers from Pakenham Senior Citizens Club said they had already noticed a reduction in their bills – by nearly 50 per cent.

“With a bit of luck, we might get them down a little bit more and financially

I think we'll get our money back within the next few years or so,” she said.

“On all accounts, I think it has been a good project but the next bill will tell how we go with it.”

Martha said that as treasurer, she had seen the bills go ‘up and up’ and spoke to the committee about installing solar to help reduce costs.

“The power bill was going up and up and in the end, I said ‘we have some money there, how about we apply for the grant, get solar on and see if it will make a difference’.”

“And I think it will make a difference. It cost us in the short-term, but in this economic situation, we have to be more responsible because we can't count on others to provide for us.”

GRANTS BOOST FOR COMMUNITY GROUPS

Community capital works grants of up to \$35,000 are available to assist community groups managing community and recreational facilities to upgrade these facilities.

Major equipment grants up to \$20,000 are available and aim to support recreation reserve committees of management to purchase major equipment items to maintain playing surfaces.

Grant applications for the program open annually in January and are announced in June.

MORE INFO

cardinia.vic.gov.au/grants

CENTRAL WARD



Ready, set, GOAL!

Pakenham's IYU Recreation Reserve welcomed Member for Eastern Victoria, Daniel Mulino MLC, representing Minister for Local Government Natalie Hutchins, in April. He visited the reserve to inspect progress on the soccer facility.

Stage 1 of the project is now complete with a full-sized senior soccer field and a multi-use pitch that can be used as two junior fields or a single senior field. Stage 2 of the development will be completed in early 2017 and includes a synthetic soccer field, pavilion, playground and flood lighting of the playing fields.

For more information about the development of IYU Recreation Reserve, turn to page 21.



Jobs on the agenda

Cardinia Shire is a great place to live, but close to 70 per cent of residents have to leave the shire to go to work each day. That means we need more local jobs to cut commuting times, and Central Ward councillors Mayor Jodie Owen, Collin Ross, George Blenkhorn and Kate Lempriere, have been advocating at every opportunity to encourage more employment and business development.

Headway has been made in this area, with a 5.3 per cent increase in local jobs created in recent years.

Some updates on Council's progress include:

- the Car Mega Mart complex and South East Business Park has welcomed Dahlsens, Izusu Ute, SafeRoads, ARB, Victorian Camper Trailers and Ironman into the development.

- Council has received a subdivision application for 38 acres of commercial land within the South East Business Park and a further 35 hectares in Greenhills Industrial Estate is nearing development.
- Council has been working with a number of businesses to get the relevant permits to move into the South East Business Park and Greenhills Industrial Estate.
- over 40 new factories have been constructed in the Bald Hill Road precinct in the last 18 months.

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Bowling for wellbeing

Thanks to a Council community wellbeing support grant, the bows are rolling at

St Patricks Seniors Social Group with the introduction of an indoor carpet bowls club.

Mayor Cr Jodie Owen visited the club to roll the first bowl on the indoor green to celebrate the new social activity.

The group hoped the new activity would bring people together to socialise and improve their health. It has resulted in a boost of people attending the fortnightly bowls gathering as well as other group meetings.



Walk safer in Lakeside

Pedestrians and road users can enjoy a safer pedestrian crossing on Lakeside Boulevard after a recent upgrade project.

Visibility for drivers and pedestrians was poor at the crossing so Council sought funding to move the crossing and lights a few metres to make it safer for all involved.

The works included two new lane traffic islands, relocated signage and flashing lights, new line marking of the crossing and improved drainage. Overhanging branches were also removed to ensure the crossing was safe, visible and met VicRoads standards.

The project was funded by VicRoads (\$70,000).

Page 14 top: Central Ward Crs George Blenkhorn, Mayor Jodie Owen, Kate Lempriere and Collin Ross have been advocating at every opportunity to encourage more employment and business development.

Page 14 bottom: Member for Eastern Victoria Daniel Mulino with Mayor Cr Jodie Owen and players from Pakenham United Soccer Club Leo and Owen.

Page 15 top: Mayor Cr Jodie Owen with members of St Patricks Seniors Social Group.

Page 15 bottom: Central Ward Crs Mayor Jodie Owen, Kate Lempriere, Collin Ross and George Blenkhorn cross Lakeside Boulevard safely after the upgrades.

PORT WARD



On track to a better road

McDonalds Track in Lang Lang has been reconstructed to improve conditions for thousands of drivers.

The road, between Westernport Road and the former railway line, has been fully reconstructed to repair large pot holes and unstable road surface due to high use by heavy vehicles.

Port Ward Councillors David Young and Graeme Moore supported the works,

which will help improve conditions for the 2,500 cars and trucks which drive on the road each day.

The road provides access to at least three major sand quarries, with the loaded trucks using McDonalds Track to get to the South Gippsland Highway.

Construction took place in two stages with work first on the road between Gainsborough Avenue and the former railway line and then between Gainsborough Avenue and Westernport Road. Work on the road started in April and was completed in June 2016.

Council successfully secured funding from the Australian Government Roads to Recovery Programme for the \$520,000 project.

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Garfield gets fit outdoors

Getting outdoors and active just got a whole lot easier in Garfield with new outdoor exercise equipment at Garfield Recreation Reserve.

Garfield Community Shop successfully received a 2015–16 capital works grant for the equipment installation to encourage people of any fitness level and financial status to improve their activity, health and mobility levels.

The new equipment has been in place near the current walking track since November 2015 and has already been well-used by local residents and visitors to the reserve.



Happy end for Moody Street

Moody Street in Koo Wee Rup has been given a boost, after being sealed under a special charge scheme.

Council and residents combined have given the 150-metre section of the street a new lease on life with an asphalt seal, pavement, kerb and channel, underground drainage among other improvements.

Construction on the road started in January after in depth discussion with residents about the upgrade.

Residents along Moody Street will now experience less noise and dust, protection from drainage runoff, better access to their properties and a nicer streetscape.

The cost of the \$201,266 project was shared between Council and residents whose properties abut the section of street that was sealed.

Plant a tree for National Tree Day

Get behind Planet Ark's National Tree Day with a tree planting taking place at Bunyip Sanctuary on Sunday 7 August.

The planting will happen within the centre of the reserve after participants meet at the Wattle Tree Road entrance at 10am.

Sturdy footwear or gumboots and appropriate clothing is a must.

National Tree Day is Australia's largest community tree-planting event, giving people the opportunity to do something positive for their local environmental and to reconnect with nature.

Page 16: Residents are pleased with the improved driving conditions on McDonalds Track, Lang Lang.

Page 17 top: Cr David Young, Bunyip and District Community Bank Branch Manager Susan Dubbeld, Helen Davey from the Garfield Community Shop and Cr Graeme Moore try out the new outdoor exercise equipment at Garfield Recreation Reserve.

Page 17 middle: The sealing of Moody Street was cause for celebration for Crs David Young and Graeme Moore.

RANGES WARD



Extension in sight at Chandler

Council will complete pavilion extension works at Chandler Recreation Reserve in Avonsleigh this winter.

Construction started in December 2015 and includes an improved social space as well as a new kitchen, office, storage areas and toilet facilities. The addition of a second storey to the pavilion will provide a perfect vantage point for spectators to watch the action on the oval which caters to a range of user and community groups from Avonsleigh and Emerald.

The pavilion extension is funded by the Australian Government (\$500,000), Council (\$157,000) and the Emerald Sporting Club (\$150,000).

The works follow upgrades at the reserve, including a complete overhaul of the playing surface, new cricket nets, fencing, scoreboard, flood lighting and goal posts. Council has also committed a further \$850,000 to upgrade the existing pavilion's change rooms in 2016-17.



New hub offers up multi-use

Officer's newest community facility will open for business in July 2016.

The Officer Community Hub, located on Parker Street next to Officer Secondary College, will be a joint-use facility shared between the school and local sporting clubs and organisations. The three indoor multi-use courts will be line marked for a variety of sports, and complement the eight indoor courts at Cardinia Life. The courts can be used by school students during school hours and by local sporting clubs and organisations outside of school hours.

Community groups and organisations can also make use of the multi-purpose community/arts space to conduct their activities and host community meetings.

Council is contributing approximately \$2.44 million to the project and the Victorian Government has contributed \$650,000 to the indoor stadium and \$812,000 to the multi-purpose community hub.

The Officer Community Hub will be managed under Council's new contract with Aligned Leisure.

Read more about Aligned Leisure on page 4.

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Mountain Road Recreation Reserve upgrades

Visitors to Mountain Road Recreation Reserve in Cockatoo will see an upgrade to the playing surface of the oval and athletics track with works due to start later this year. The works will include the installation of much-needed drainage, irrigation and minor re-shaping of the athletics track as well as an upgrade to the drainage and irrigation on the oval. The upgrades will allow user groups to use the facilities all year round and significantly improve the playing surfaces.

The project is funded through Sport and Recreation Victoria's Community Sport Infrastructure Fund (\$100,000) and Council's 2016–17 capital works program (\$350,000).



Changes in play

Play is booming as kindergartens and pre-schools across Ranges Ward have been upgrading their facilities.

Five local pre-schools and kindergartens have installed, upgraded or replaced equipment, using Council's 2015–16 capital works grants. The grants also recognise the commitment and hard work for those who worked to raise half of the total project cost.

- Avonsleigh Pre School installed sliding stacker doors at the entrance to their outdoor play area and modified the playground.
- Beaconsfield Kindergarten extended their existing verandah.
- Emerald Pre School upgraded their storage shed.
- Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten replaced cafe blinds and a boat play structure and upgraded accessibility.



Page 18 top: Crs Tania Baxter, Leticia Wilmot and Brett Owen inspect the progress at the Officer Community Hub.

Page 18 bottom: The extended pavilion at Chandler Recreation Reserve will be completed this winter.

Page 19 top: Crs Brett Owen, Tania Baxter, Leticia Wilmot and Brett Owen have fun on the boat play equipment with Stella Martin and Bethany Vanderham at Upper Beaconsfield Kindergarten. (2): Stella Martin and Bethany Vanderham check out the new equipment.

Page 19 bottom: Cockatoo Bowling Club committee members Trish O'Connor (holding bowling ball) and Dan O'Connor (far right) with (from left to right) Cr Brett Owen, Cr Leticia Wilmot and Mayor Cr Jodie Owen at the official opening of the new bowling green in January.

Bowled over

Cockatoo Bowling Club celebrated its new synthetic bowling green at a launch event earlier in the year.

The new green and surrounding footpaths were funded through Council's 2015–16 Capital Works Program.

Maintaining a synthetic green instead of the previous grass green will be less work for the club's members and volunteers and will reduce the club's expenses significantly.



BOOK IT IN

What's on at your local library

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



Financial fitness boot camp

Saturday 18 Jun, 10.30am–12pm
at Emerald Library

Andrea Jenkins from Jenbury Financial will help you with managing personal debt, cash flow budgets and investing for your future including superannuation, wills and estate planning.



Think outside the square with David Astle

Wednesday 27 Jul, 6–7pm
at Emerald Library

Inside the black-and-white box of a cryptic crossword are puns and double meanings, reversals and codes and charades and homophones. This session will unlock the secrets of each clue recipe, as well as pass on the pleasures of solving and making your own clues.

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

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

Centrelink seminars with Regan Welburn

These seminars will give people an understanding of each topic with ample time for questions. They are suitable for anyone aged 50 and over but younger people are welcome to attend. There is no cost but bookings are essential.

Understanding your pension

Wednesday 22 Jun, 6–7.30pm, Sunday 26 Jun, 2.30–4pm at Pakenham Library

Retirement income streams

Thursday 30 Jun, 6–7.30pm, Sunday 3 Jul, 2.30–4pm at Pakenham Library



Bargain booksale

Saturday 30–Sunday 31 Jul, 9am–3pm at Mechanics Institute Hall, Main St, Emerald

Come and stock up with some great reads! Hundreds of books in all genres for kids and adults from 50¢ to \$5 (cash sales only).

Cost: Gold coin entry



Library school holiday program

Monday 27 Jun to Friday 8 Jul

Free fun for kids. For more information pick up a brochure from your local branch or visit cclc.vic.gov.au



Saturday sounds: Jazz with Emilia

Saturday 6 Aug, 2–3pm
at Hampton Park Library

Featuring tunes from your favourite artists of old, Ella Fitzgerald, Billie Holiday, Etta James and more, Emilia and her talented guitarist will play the favourites exactly as you hoped to hear them.

Pop in during the month of July to wish Emerald Library a very happy 10th birthday!

Visit cclc.vic.gov.au for information on celebrations.

Building for THE FUTURE

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

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



Pakenham Health Hub, Pakenham

Council expects construction on the Pakenham Health Hub project to start in June. Completion of the hub is anticipated by the end of 2016 with the facility being fully operational by early 2017.

The facility will deliver a new integrated community-based health hub within the former Council offices at Henty Way, Pakenham. Council is partnering with Monash Health to construct a flexible multi-purpose facility which will deliver a range of child and family, maternity and community health services.

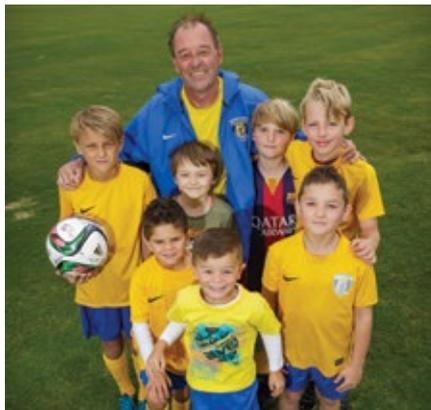
The \$6.2 million project is being funded by the Victorian Government; \$5.2 million of this funding was provided to Monash Health by the Department of Health, and \$1 million was provided to Council by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning. Council is providing use of the land and existing building.

Pepi's Land, Emerald

Council is developing Pepi's Land into an open space with recreational and environmental features, including walking and cycling tracks, four netball courts, a netball pavilion, a children's playground and natural habitats for native fauna.

Work will start shortly to install an outdoor exercise station and a four-year program to plant around 300 trees and native vegetation within the reserve.

Council is funding the \$2.6 million project as part of its 2015–16 and 2016–17 capital works programs.



IYU Recreation Reserve, Pakenham

IYU Recreation Reserve is kicking along, with Stage 1 of the soccer facility complete.

This stage includes a full-sized senior soccer field and a multi-use pitch that can be used as two junior fields or a single senior field. Each of the fields has a sand base, drainage, irrigation, drought tolerant turf and access to a sustainable water source. Stage 2 will include a pavilion and an all-weather synthetic soccer pitch and Council expects it to be complete by February 2017.

The Victorian Government will provide \$3.5 million and Council has contributed \$2.35 million to Stage 2.

Manks Road and Dalmore Road, Dalmore

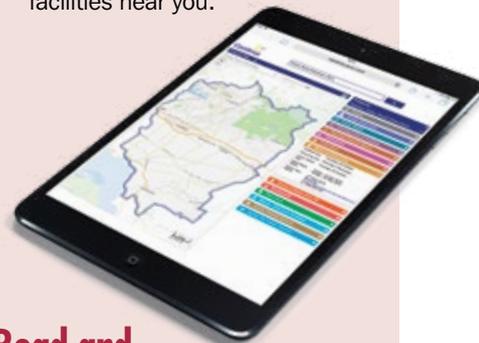
The intersection of Manks and Dalmore roads, Dalmore has been realigned to reduce the risk of accidents. Street lighting and rumble bars have also been installed.

The Australian Government's National Black Spot Program 2015–16 funded the \$361,000 project.

COUNCIL'S
**'COMMUNITY
COMPASS'**
ONLINE TOOL GIVES YOU
24-HOUR ACCESS
TO INFORMATION ON YOUR
PROPERTY AND NEARBY
FACILITIES AND SERVICES.

Visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/communitycompass for info on your property and nearby facilities and services including:

- which ward you are located in and contact details for your ward councillors
- waste and recycling collection days
- property details including land size, planning zone and overlays
- your burning-off zone and restrictions
- schools and childcare facilities near you.



Road and drainage works update

Visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/roads to find out where works are happening across the shire during the next two weeks.



The 'TO-DO' list

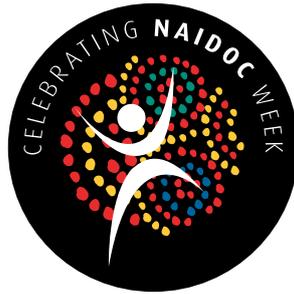


Australia Day accolades

Nominations are now open for the 2017 Australia Day awards.

- **Citizen of the Year** (must be aged 25–70 on 26 January, 2017).
- **Senior Citizen of the Year** (must be aged 70 or over on 26 January 2017).
- **Young Citizen of the Year** (must be aged under 25 on 26 January 2017).
- **Community Event of the Year** (for an event held in 2016).

Visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiaday



Songlines:

The living narrative of our nation

Koolin-ik ba kirrip-buluk

Celebrate NAIDOC Week with a family day in the garden with family and friends. The day includes welcome to country, indigenous hip hop projects, traditional crafts and activities.

Wednesday 6 Jul, 10am–2pm;
Cranbourne Botanic Gardens,
corner Ballarto Road and
Botanic Drive, Cranbourne



Plant a native tree

Get your green thumbs ready this National Tree Day! Make sure you bring sturdy footwear, gloves and appropriate planting clothing.

Sunday 7 Aug, 10am–12pm; Bunyip Nature Sanctuary, Wattle Tree Road, Bunyip

Kindergarten readiness

Get your family ready for kindergarten. An information session for any parent with children approaching kindergarten. Particularly valuable for those with children born between December and April to better assess which year your child starts kinder.

Thursday 16 Jun, 2–3pm,
Wednesday 13 Jul, 7–8pm,
Cardinia Shire Council Civic Centre, Siding Avenue, Officer



Offload your e-waste

Recycle unwanted battery-operated or plug-in electronic items at Council's free drop-off event. Whitegoods not accepted – these should be left out at your next hard waste collection.

Saturday 16 Jul, 9am–12pm;
Bunyip Primary School, Nar Nar
Goon–Longwarry Road, Bunyip



Play and learn

Enjoy the morning learning and playing together. Activities include storytelling, singing, making healthy snacks and sharing morning tea.

Every Tuesday morning, 10am–12pm;
Pakenham Uniting Church,
47 James Street, Pakenham

Join us at breakfast, lunch or dinner to connect, grow and build relationships at our business events.

Business mentoring sessions

Council in conjunction with Small Business Mentoring Service (SBMS) provide general business advice and assist you in the steps to take to overcome an issue or information gap.

**Tuesday 26 Jul, 10am–3pm; Toomah Community Centre,
15 Golden Green Street, Pakenham.**

Email ecodev@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Women's business lunch

Enjoy a two-course meal while networking with other local business women, and a glass of bubbly on arrival. Hear from guest speaker Naomi Simson, founder of RedBalloon.

**Friday 26 Aug, 11.30am–2pm; Cardinia Cultural Centre,
Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham**

September business breakfast

The business breakfast series is a great opportunity to network and be inspired. Keep an eye out for details of the September business breakfast guest speaker.

**Wednesday 7 Sep, 7–9am; Cranbourne Racing Club,
Grant Street, Cranbourne**

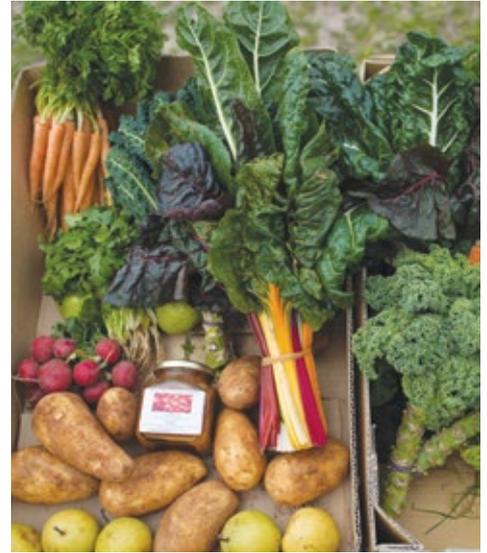
Cost: \$60; table sponsorship \$700

Gala awards night

And the winner is... enjoy a night of awards and celebrations for the 2016 Casey Cardinia Business Awards.

**Friday 16 Sep, Cardinia Cultural Centre,
Lakeside Boulevard, Pakenham**

Visit caseycardinia.com.au



Market magic

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

Koowee Community Market

**Sunday 12 Jun, 10 Jul, 14 Aug,
11 Sep, 8.30am–1.30pm**

Cochranes Park, Rossiter Road,
Koo Wee Rup

Emerald Market

**Sunday 19 Jun, 17 Jul,
21 Aug, 9am–3pm**

Emerald Community House,
356 Belgrave–Gembrook Road, Emerald

Gembrook Market

**Sunday 26 Jun, 24 Jul,
28 Aug, 9am–3pm**

Gembrook Station, 60 Main Road,
Gembrook

Cockatoo Country Market

**Saturday 2 Jul, 6 Aug, 3 Sep,
8.30am–1pm**

Community Hall,
77 Pakenham Road, Cockatoo

Pakenham Community Market

**Sunday 3 and 17 Jul, 7
and 21 Aug, 4 Sep, 8am–1pm**

Pakenham Football Club, Toomuc Reserve,
Princes Highway, Pakenham

COUNCIL MEETINGS (to consider general matters)

Monday 20 Jun, Monday 18 Jul, Monday 15 Aug and Monday 19 Sep, 7pm; Council chambers, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer. Council elections held Saturday 22 Oct.

TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS (to consider town planning matters)

Monday 4 Jul, Monday 1 Aug and Monday 5 Sep, 7pm; Council chambers, 20 Siding Avenue, Officer.

These meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to attend.

For more events visit

**cardinia.
vic.gov.au/
calendar**

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A BIG NEW Musical Adventure!

Based on the best-selling book series
"There's a Hippopotamus on Our Roof Eating Cake"



Colour in to win tickets to Hippo! Hippo! on Saturday 25 June.

All entries will be displayed at the Cardinia Cultural Centre.

Return your entry to the Cardinia Cultural Centre by Thursday 23 June,
winner notified on Friday 24 June.

Name:

Age:

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