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WELCOME



Officer residents Belle, 8 (left) and Emelda, 9, making the most of the new playground at Holm Park Recreation Reserve, Beaconsfield.

This is my first Connect 'welcome' message to you since being elected Mayor of Cardinia Shire on 9 November.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their confidence in me to do the job; it is a role I am extremely proud to be performing, and a responsibility I take very seriously. I commend the outgoing Mayor, Cr Leticia Wilmot, for the wonderful job she did during her time in office.

As residents of our shire, it is vital that your views and opinions are clearly heard, and that they shape every decision that Council makes. As your Mayor for the next 12 months, my main focus will be to ensure that you are represented in everything we do.

I will continue to advocate on the issues I have been most passionate about

in my time as a Councillor, including enhancing the health and wellbeing of young people, seniors, and those who are marginalised or have a disability. Giving these groups more opportunities to participate in our local community is so important, and Council plays a big role in providing or facilitating such opportunities. Continuing to tackle the issue of graffiti in our shire is also on my agenda.

You may have noticed that *Connect* has a fresh new look, to coincide with the magazine now being delivered four times a year at the start of each season. As community members, you have let us know what you wanted to see more of in *Connect*, and we've revamped the magazine in response to your feedback. For example, the ward news pages cover stories and issues relevant to each ward – this is a fantastic change, given how geographically and demographically diverse our shire is.

I'm also loving that each edition will feature a story on a local person and a community event. We have so many people doing great things and leading fascinating lives in our shire and I'm really looking forward to reading their stories in upcoming editions.

With summer here, it is really important that we are all prepared for the bushfire season – turn to page 7 for advice on what your fire plan should include. Even those in the growth corridor need to be careful – you may not think you live in a bushfire-prone area, but even grassfires can claim lives and properties. Be prepared and stay safe!

On behalf of everyone at Council, I wish you all a happy, fun and safe Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Mayor Cr Jodie Owen



Splash into summer

Council's seasonal outdoor pools are now open until March 2016.

Pakenham, Garfield and Emerald Lake Park pools are open when the weather is forecasted to be 26 degrees or higher and Koo Wee Rup pool when the forecast is 22 degrees or above.

Check facebook.com/cardiniaoutdoorpools or cardiniapools.ymca.org.au for opening times and events.

Brainstorm the budget

As part of the recent Big Budget Brainstorm community consultation, priorities were sent to Council about what should be considered in the 2016–17 budget. You are now invited to a response forum to hear feedback on the top 10 ideas. The forum is on Wednesday 9 December at Council's Civic Centre. Go to cardinia.vic.gov.au/budget or call 1300 787 624 for more info.

MCH Christmas hours

Council's Maternal and Child Health Service will continue providing home visits to new mothers and babies over Christmas and New Year, however only limited appointments are available (on Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 December at Lakeside Children's Centre, Pakenham. To book, call the centre's phone number listed in your child's health record).

Regular hours resume on Monday 4 January 2016.

Dirty deeds

Council has renewed four of Cardinia Shire's BMX tracks.

BMX tracks at Pakenham's Atkins Road, Homegarth and Gowler Street reserves, and Garfield's Greenland Court Reserve were recently restored.

In the past 18 months, all 10 of Cardinia Shire's BMX tracks have been renewed. Renewal works are funded under Council's Capital Works Program.

Christmas spirit ON SHOW

Pakenham's annual Carols by Candlelight will bring the community together for a night of true festive fun.

Council is presenting the event in partnership with local businesses and community groups. This year's 'carols' will include the Cardinia Civic Concert Band accompanied by a community choir, which will lead the crowd in the shire's biggest sing-a-long, as well as other local artists and a live nativity. The night will end with a fireworks display.

Mayor Cr Jodie Owen said the Pakenham event was just one of many Christmas events being held in Cardinia Shire.



'Santa' (Neighbourhood Watch Cardinia secretary David Farrelly) getting into the Christmas spirit with Pakenham residents Rory, 9, (left) and his brother Hamish, 10.

"There is no better way to celebrate Christmas than to join others in your local community at a 'Carols by Candlelight' event," Cr Owen said.

"So gather your friends, family and neighbours and come and join in the fun."

Council supports community Christmas events in Cardinia Shire; grants have been provided to 11 groups to hold carols or Christmas events in 2015.

EVENT INFO

Carols by Candlelight Pakenham

Saturday 12 December

Gates open 6:30pm, show starts 7pm

Toomuc Reserve, Princes Highway, Pakenham

For dates and times of other carols events being held in Cardinia Shire turn to page 22.

BE LOUD AND PROUD this Australia Day

Celebrate and enjoy free activities at an event near you on 26 January.

Mayor Cr Jodie Owen said it was a fantastic day for everyone to appreciate all the great things about Australia, and especially our shire.

“Celebrations are shire-wide so fly the flag and be part of it,” Cr Owen said.

Koo Wee Rup residents have organised breakfast, local entertainment and an awards ceremony. A sausage sizzle will



be on in Lang Lang with a flag raising ceremony, entertainment by local artists and children's activities. In Cockatoo, locals have organised a community breakfast and an awards ceremony, and Bunyip will host a morning tea. Pakenham celebrations include a bumper citizenship ceremony, sausage sizzle and the announcement of Council's Australia Day award winners.

Council proudly supports these celebrations through its Festival and Events Grants program.

MORE INFO

Koo Wee Rup – 8am

Koo Wee Rup Community Centre

Lang Lang – 8.15am

Lang Lang Memorial Hall

Cockatoo – 8.30am

Alma Treloar Reserve

Bunyip – 9am

Bunyip Hall

Pakenham – 11am

Cardinia Cultural Centre

 cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiaday



Look after yourself IN THE HEAT

Did you know that heat-related illness causes more people to die in Australia than all other natural hazards combined?

In response to this serious health risk, Council's Community, Risk and Emergency Management team has been working with a range of health and community agencies to develop Cardinia Shire's first Municipal Heat Health Plan.

The plan, released in time for summer, outlines a number of actions Council and other partners will take to help keep our community safe when the mercury rises, as well as tips and advice for other services and individuals.

Council's Resilience and Recovery Coordinator David Lane said that by planning ahead and taking some simple precautions, we can all help prevent heat exhaustion and illness.

“Look after yourself by drinking plenty of water, even if you don't feel thirsty, and try to stay in the shade as much as possible if you're outside.

“Keep cool by putting your feet in cold water, draping yourself in a wet towel or by taking cool showers. If the heat gets too much, head to an air-conditioned building such as a library, community centre, shopping centre or cinema.

“Another good tip is to eat smaller meals more often and to make them cold foods, such as salads,” David said.

“And if you have neighbours, friends or family who are sick, frail or elderly, stay in touch with them when the heat hits to make sure they are coping.”

MORE INFO

 cardinia.vic.gov.au/emergency

 health.vic.gov.au/environment/heatwaves

'LIFE' just got more ENERGY EFFICIENT!



(L to R): Council's Environment Officer Brett Munckton (left) and Cardinia Life's Operations Coordinator Andrew Roberts check the variable speed drives at the facility.

Cardinia Shire's premier recreation centre, Cardinia Life in Pakenham, is now even more efficient thanks to environmental upgrades to reduce energy consumption.

Council has implemented six energy-saving initiatives at the centre, jointly funded by the Australian Government. These initiatives will improve the centre's energy management systems and reduce energy use across hot water, lighting, fans and air conditioning systems.

A cogeneration unit has also been installed, enabling both heat and electricity to be generated from the same fuel source and a new 'power factor correction unit' will reduce power otherwise lost by machine inefficiencies.

Council's Environment Officer Brett Munckton said the upgrade would support Council's target to achieve zero net emissions by 2024, as part of its Aspirational Energy Transition Plan.

"The project has significantly reduced our emissions. Energy cost savings have been estimated at more than \$60,000 each year. Changing to LED lighting and installing a 'daylight harvesting system' has reduced lighting costs by more than 50 per cent, while the variable speed drives mean fans that previously ran at 100 per cent all the time now only operate as required," Brett said.

The centre's upgrade will also improve conditions for the almost 829,000 visitors to Cardinia Life each year as they participate in swimming, basketball, netball, gym and fitness classes.

MORE INFO

 cardinia.vic.gov.au/majorprojects



Best local businesses IN THE SPOTLIGHT

The annual Casey Cardinia Business Awards, presented by Cardinia Shire Council and the City of Casey, showcases outstanding local businesses from across both local government areas.

2015 award winners:

Casey Cardinia Business of the Year – **Wastech Engineering**

Agriculture and Food Award – **JD Propagation**

Business and Professional Services Award –
Successful Endeavours

Health, Education and Wellbeing Award –
Hero Head Quarters

Home-Based Business Award – **Kelly Sports Berwick**

Hospitality Award – **ambrosia café-bar-foodstore**

Manufacturing Award – **Wastech Engineering**

New Business Award – **Car Megamart**

Retail Business Award – **Pawz Inc**

Social Enterprise Award – **Waverley Industries**

Tourism Award – **Moonlit Sanctuary Wildlife
Conservation Park**

Trades and Construction Award – **Cranbourne Body Works**

Environmental Sustainability Award – **Beaconsfield Dental**

People's Choice Award – **Village Way Café**

MORE INFO

 caseycardinia.com.au



Planning is vital FOR STAYING SAFE

Large areas of Cardinia Shire are designated 'bushfire prone.' Don't get caught out; make sure you have a practiced emergency plan.

Council's Resilience and Recovery Coordinator David Lane said families and communities that make informed decisions and actively prepare are safer communities. Decisions made hastily during an emergency could end in tragedy.

"How you prepare yourself, your home, your family and communicate with your neighbours is crucial, so take the time before the fire season hits to plan ahead so you can have a safe summer.

"It could mean the difference between a happy and safe summer and one of tragedy," he said.

Your fire plan should consider:

- attending a local CFA community meeting and visiting the CFA website
- discussing your emergency plan with your family
- making copies of important documents and photos and storing them somewhere safe
- preparing your property before the fire season
- checking the code red plan at your childcare, kindergarten or school
- helping family, friends and neighbours who might need support to make a plan.

"It is also important to check your insurance to make sure you have the right level of cover for your home and contents – many people are under-insured," David said.

MORE INFO

 cardinia.vic.gov.au/emergency

Time for fire inspections




Council inspects almost 45,000 private properties in Cardinia Shire throughout the fire season to minimise the risk of fire.

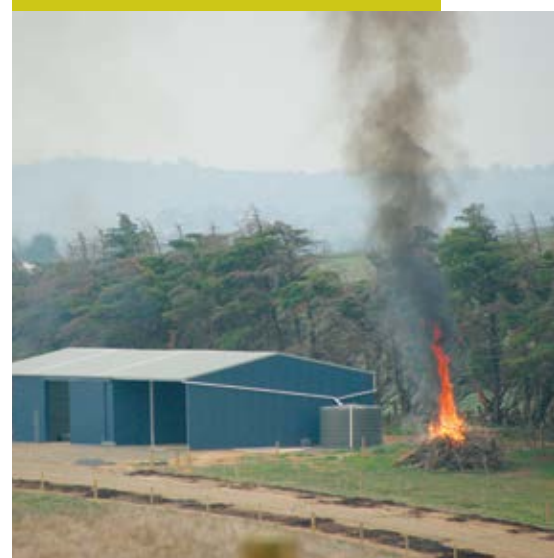
Council's Emergency Management Response Coordinator Tony Pinelli said Council's annual fire inspection program started in November and would continue until all properties have been checked.

"If Council believes your property poses a fire risk to yourself or your neighbours, we will request you do some maintenance to reduce the amount of ground fuel, within your planning scheme requirements.

"Keep your property maintained during the summer months by cutting lawns regularly, harvesting paddocks, clearing piles of vegetation and removing dead trees," Tony said.

MORE INFO

-  cardinia.vic.gov.au/emergency
-  cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare
-  cardinia.vic.gov.au/fireinspection



Catching up with...

GUS MOORE

Whether sleeping in a tent in the middle of nowhere, laughing with fellow returned soldiers, supporting his township committee, or cleaning up a backyard for someone in need, Koo Wee Rup resident Gus Moore is busier than he's ever been.



Inspired by his own experience returning from active service, Gus, along with “two other old soldiers”, has been the driving force behind the Cardinia Ex-Service and Friends Social Group (CES&FSG). Now boasting 40 members, it supports ex-servicemen and women, their partners, war widows, and carers.

“We identified the need for a more interactive group, offering help and support without having to continue the war theme and drinking of years ago. CES&FSG gives returned servicemen, their wives, partners and friends, and war widows and widowers the opportunity to get together regularly and share each other's company,” Gus said.

Members have enjoyed many outings together including a visit to Ballarat Begonia Festival, a ferry trip to Williamstown, dinners and barbecues, a stage show and a visit to the Vietnam Veterans Commemorative Walk in Seymour.

The group also offers practical support and assistance; one recent endeavour was to clean up the garden of a member whose wife had medical issues.

“We turned up in force to mow, prune, weed, and clean-up then finished the day with a barbecue. This resulted in plenty of laughs and the ‘worst gardener of the day award!’”

Gus is president of Friends of Cochrane Park which works to improve the park. The group instigated an Avenue of Honour for the Centenary of ANZAC and restored a ‘dredge’, originally used to help dig the drain system across the mudflats. Gus said future plans for “our park” include a labyrinth (for relaxation) and proposed wetlands with boardwalks.

He is also a proud supporter of the Food Bank; now delivering meals across most of the Gippsland region and as far as Traralgon to “astounding appreciation from those in need.”

Gus moved to Koo Wee Rup seven years ago with his wife Norma and the youngest of his three sons. He served in Vietnam and settled back into civilian life running his own horticultural business for many years. On retirement, his passion for succulents and flowering plants flourished in his own garden. He still manages to find time to join the ranks of the ‘grey nomads’; travelling with his two Jack Russell terriers to all corners of Australia and not afraid to sleep out in his two-man tent when necessary.

“Although my dogs don’t seem to approve giving up the sleeping bag on colder winter nights, nipping at my toes as I’m getting in!” Gus said.

CES&FSG recently received a Council Community Wellbeing and Support Grant to help subsidise members on a planned trip to Warrnambool to visit Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum.

The group meets on the last Wednesday each month at Cranbourne RSL at 11am, to discuss club matters and enjoy lunch. Membership, Gus says, is “open to ex-servicemen who enjoy life and laughter.”



Stepping out to beat cancer

(L to R): Cardinia Relay for Life committee members Sue Blenkhorn, Cr Graeme Moore, Cr Leticia Wilmot, Bronwyn Mepstead, Mark Howard and Cr George Blenkhorn hope many generous residents join them for the 2016 event.

Cardinia Shire residents can join the fight against cancer at a local level by participating in Cancer Council Victoria's Relay for Life fundraiser at Pakenham's Toomuc Reserve on Friday 26 February.



The event involves teams of 10 or more keeping a baton moving in a relay-style overnight walk or run. Festivities start at 5.45pm on Friday night and run through to 12 noon on Saturday 27 February.

An opening ceremony will begin with a lap paying tribute to people affected by cancer. At 8.30pm a candlelight ceremony will take place with candles filled with sand lining the track as a sign of support to participants and loved ones.

Participants are invited to stay through the night in support of their team.

Cancer Council Victoria's Relay for Life chairperson John Henzen said funds raised

by the event would be used to support key focus areas such as cancer research.

“Money raised through Relay for Life helps Cancer Council Victoria to fund research, implement prevention programs and provide support services for those affected by cancer.”

“We’ve had great support from Cardinia Shire residents in the four years that Relay for Life has been held here. Last year’s event raised more than \$80,000. We’re challenging residents to beat that figure in 2016.

“Cancer Council Victoria is encouraging all who attended last year to bring a friend and make the event bigger and better than before,” John said.

“We will continue to unite in the fight against this deadly illness,” he said.

FOR MORE INFO OR TO REGISTER

relayforlife.org.au and enter ‘**Cardinia**’ in the search bar or call 1300 65 65 85.

WHAT'S ON

at Cardinia Culture Centre

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



Sun Records All Stars

**Thursday 4 Feb,
7.30pm**

This fabulous act from Las Vegas features high-quality impersonators with amazing renditions of Elvis Presley, Roy Orbison, Jerry Lee Lewis and Johnny Cash tunes.

Tickets: \$49



Morning Matinee: The Mikado

Wednesday 10 Feb, 10am

The abridged Gilbert & Sullivan classic light operetta performed by a cast of six people.

Tickets: \$18 (includes morning tea).



Australia Day celebration

Tuesday 26 Jan, 11am

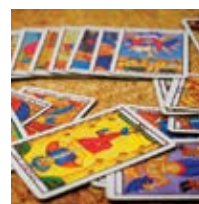
See cardinia.vic.gov.au/calendar for event details.

Melbourne's Psychic Expo

**Sunday 14 Feb,
10am**

Come for the day and enjoy clairvoyants, spirit artists, palm and tarot reading, healing, jewellery and more.

Contact the venue for ticket pricing and booking information.

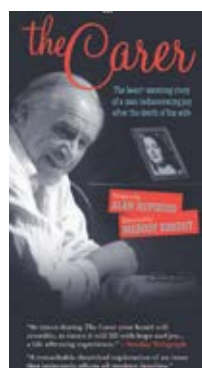


The Carer

Saturday 12 Mar, 7.30pm

Renowned Australian actor Alan Hopgood (*Bellbird*, *Neighbours*) stars in his popular one-man play, a poignant Australian tale of caring for a loved one.

Tickets: \$32; concession \$29,
\$25 for under 18s.



Morning Matinee: A Tribute to the Legends

Wednesday 2 Mar, 10am

Issi Dye and special guests pay tribute to favourite rock'n'rollers including The Everly Brothers and Johnny O'Keefe.

Tickets: \$18 (includes morning tea).



Theatre performance classes for kids

Former Young Talent Time star Philip Gould and his wife Kate Lawson Gould are hosting two courses in singing, acting and dancing for kids during the school holidays.

Suitable for ages six to thirteen. Each course runs for five days, with a performance for family and friends in the Star Theatre on the final evening. Places are limited; get in quickly!

Course dates and pricing:

Monday 11 to Friday 15 January; Monday 18 to Friday 22 January; 10am–4pm (plus Friday night performance).

Cost: \$295 plus \$5 booking fee.

Cardinia Grand Art Exhibition

Friday 18 to Sunday 20 Mar, 10am–5pm

Cardinia Shire's premium art exhibition features works in a variety of mediums from local artists and those further afield. Categories include phantasmagoria, avant garde, contemporary and traditional art, multicultural art, scratchboard, street art, creative wood art and sculptures. Over \$20,000 prize money on offer. Contact the venue for ticket pricing.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY MOVIES

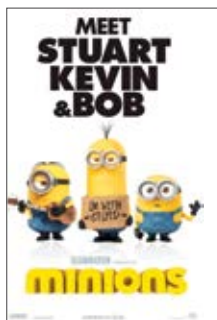
Tickets: \$4 (movie only) or \$9 for value combo (includes movie and popcorn).

Minions

**Friday 8 Jan,
10am**

Inside Out

**Wednesday
20 Jan, 1pm**



Sankofa

Tuesday 15 Mar, 7.30pm

Afro contemporary dance at its best! Asanti Dance Theatre presents a visceral and uplifting new work by Australia's leading African dancer/choreographer, set to live music. *Sankofa* unites West African performance traditions and contemporary Australian dance practice in a fusion of modern discipline and raw rhythmic energy.

Tickets: \$30; concession \$26; \$15 for under 18s.



The Boy from Oz

Season opening 27 Feb, 8pm

From the company who brought you *Legally Blonde* and *The Addams Family*, Cardinia Performing Arts Company (CPAC) presents the iconic Australian musical *The Boy from Oz*. This story of Peter Allen includes the hits 'Tenterfield Saddler', 'I am Not the Boy Next Door', 'I Still Call Australia Home', and 'I Go to Rio' plus many more.

Contact the venue for ticket pricing and booking information.



Cinema Fiasco: Can't Stop the Music

Saturday 13 Feb, 8pm

See this film on the big screen with hilarious live voiceover commentary. Stars The Village People, Steve Guttenberg, Bruce Jenner and Valerie Perrine.

Audience participation encouraged!

Tickets: \$18; concession \$15; group of four \$55.



No need to travel to the city to experience the fun and mayhem of Cinema Fiasco – the event is now coming to Cardinia Cultural Centre four times a year!

Cinema Fiasco features 'bad' and classic cult movies on the big screen with hilarious live voiceover commentary from actors Geoff Wallis and Janet A. McLeod. Audience participation and sing-a-longs are encouraged!

Present this voucher in person at the box office to get four tickets to *Can't Stop The Music* (Saturday 13 February) for only \$50.

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

Remember to register your pets

Annual pet registrations are not far away so make sure you do your furry friends a favour and register them by Sunday 10 April.

Notices will start arriving in the mail from early March, outlining a number of payment options to help you pay on time. Concessions are available to relevant pension/concession card holders.

Legally, every dog or cat over the age of three months must be registered with Council. Not registering does carry a penalty for the owners and Council can issue a fine of \$303.


Council's Compliance Services Coordinator Shannon Maynard said all owners had a responsibility to register and microchip their pet.

"Having a registered dog or cat means it is easier to find them if they ever get lost. The money also goes towards a variety of Council's animal services as well as Victorian Government animal welfare programs.

"We also ask you to let us know if your contact details have changed or if your pet has sadly passed away, so we can update our records straight away," Shannon said.

MORE INFO

 cardinia.vic.gov.au/pets

 1300 787 624



(L to R): Crs George Blenkhorn, Leticia Wilmot and Collin Ross next to one of the newly minted township signs.

SIGNING UP for a new look

New-look township signs are springing up across Cardinia Shire.

As part of our sign replacement program, Council is currently replacing all township entrance signs so they feature a more modern design and a bright welcome.

Council is coordinating the installation across the municipality in a staged approach, ward by ward.

Residents have already welcomed the change which Mayor Cr Jodie Owen hopes will help strengthen a sense of place and foster greater pride in Cardinia Shire.

"We are lucky to live in such a beautiful and diverse municipality and we want to

give people reason to feel proud to call Cardinia Shire home."

"The new township signs are part of Council efforts to generate a stronger identity and feeling of purpose and vitality in our community. The signs are definitely easier to read and make our township entrances more appealing."

"We are also working hard to improve other signs across the shire at our facilities, construction sites and parks," Cr Owen said.

MORE INFO

If you see a damaged or vandalised township sign, please contact Council.

 1300 787 624

 mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au

YOUR WARD

For updated information on major projects across Cardinia Shire click on the 'Major projects map' button on the home page of Council's website at cardinia.vic.gov.au

Central Ward

– Pakenham

Ranges Ward

– Avonsleigh
– Beaconsfield
– Beaconsfield Upper
– Clematis
– Cockatoo
– Dewhurst
– Emerald
– Gembrook
– Guys Hill
– Menzies Creek
– Mount Burnett
– Nangana
– Officer
– Pakenham Upper
– Toomuc Valley

Port Ward

– Bayles
– Bunyip
– Bunyip North
– Caldermeade
– Cardinia
– Catani
– Cora Lynn
– Dalmore
– Garfield
– Garfield North
– Heath Hill
– Iona
– Koo Wee Rup
– Koo Wee Rup North
– Lang Lang
– Lang Lang East
– Longwarry
– Maryknoll
– Modella
– Monomeith
– Nar Nar Goon
– Nar Nar Goon North
– Nyora
– Officer South
– Pakenham South
– Rythdale
– Tonimbuk
– Tooradin
– Tynong
– Tynong North
– Vervale
– Yannathan



Keep track of works in your area by checking the weekly works update at cardinia.vic.gov.au/roads

Central Ward:

- (1) Cardinia Life environmental upgrade, Pakenham
- (2) IYU Recreation Reserve, Pakenham

Port Ward:

- (3) Eleven Mile Bridge, Cora Lynn
- (4) Lang Lang Community and Recreation precinct

Ranges Ward:

- (5) Arena Children's Services Centre, Officer
- (6) Ash Wednesday Memorial Centre, Cockatoo
- (7) Gembrook Recreation Reserve
- (8) Heatherbrae Recreation Reserve, Officer
- (9) Hills Hub, Emerald
- (10) McBride Road, Upper Beaconsfield
- (11) Officer Community Hub
- (12) Officer Recreation Reserve netball pavilion and amenities
- (13) Pepi's Land, Emerald



- Dates for all upcoming waste collections including rubbish, recycling, hard waste, e-waste, Detox Your Home and green waste (as applicable).
- Details about your property including land size, planning zone and overlays.
- Your burning off zone and restrictions
- Nearby schools and child care facilities.
- Contact information for your Ward Councillors.

How to use:

- Go to cardinia.vic.gov.au/communitycompass, then click on the link to the tool.
- Make sure there is a map displayed then start typing your address and select it when it appears in the drop-down menu.
- Click on the relevant tab on the right-hand side of the page to find the info you are looking for.



CENTRAL WARD

Amazing sporting facility ON THE WAY

Excitement is building among soccer enthusiasts as IYU Recreation Reserve continues to take shape.

The new reserve in Henry Road, Pakenham will be Cardinia Shire's premier soccer facility and the best of its kind in south-east Melbourne.

With soccer one of the shire's fastest growing sports, a legion of players of all ages are looking forward to completion of this state-of-the-art facility. It is hoped to be ready for play by the winter 2016 season.

Stage 1: Now complete. This 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. Grass was planted in spring 2015.

Stage 2: A pavilion, an all-weather synthetic soccer pitch, sports lighting, a playground and half-court basketball court will be constructed at the reserve in 2016. Stage 2 will take approximately two years to complete.

Future stages: In accordance with the IYU Reserve Master Plan, the reserve will also ultimately include an athletics facility featuring a synthetic track and a dedicated pavilion. Timing of this component will be subject to available funds.

What's in a name?

The name 'IYU' pays homage to the former 5,200 hectare IYU run in Pakenham, established in the 1800s and thought to be Australia's largest dairy farm.



Above: Players from Pakenham United Football Club are looking forward to IYU being ready for play.

Left: Council's Project Engineer Stewart Pike is part of the team working on the construction of the reserve.



Page 15 (top): Crs George Blenkhorn and Kate Lempriere at the congested intersection of Bald Hill and Racecourse roads in Pakenham.

Page 15 (bottom): Cardinia Community Christmas lunch organiser Sue Johns (left) with Cr Kate Lempriere.

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Wait for toilets will soon be over

People enjoying the lake at Lakeside Pakenham will no longer have to wait to go, with toilets on their way.

Toilets with all-ability access will be constructed at the western end of the lake once the master plan for this area has been finalised and community consultation is completed. They are expected to be ready to use in the middle of 2016.

Mayor Cr Jodie Owen thanked the residents who advocated for the amenities.

“The sheltered barbecue and playground make it a popular place; the new toilets will further improve the area and make life easier for families.”

Advocacy on gateway

Efforts to improve a key entry point into Pakenham are a continuing priority.

The Bald Hill Road roundabout is where two of the main roads into Pakenham meet.

Central Ward Councillors are stepping up calls for the Victorian Government to undertake works to beautify the area and improve traffic flows.

“Long traffic queues occur at this roundabout especially in the morning rush hour and this is compounded when

the railway crossing is closed for a train to pass,” Cr George Blenkhorn said.

“Businesses on Bald Hill Road are being affected as their customers avoid the area at busy times. As an important entry point into town, it leaves a lot to be desired.”

Cr Kate Lempriere said Council would continue to advocate to VicRoads for improvements to remedy these problems.

Shop local, reap benefit

Supporting the economy by shopping locally this Christmas is a great way to invest in the community.

Cr Kate Lempriere encouraged residents to purchase gifts and other festive shopping from local businesses.

“Shopping locally protects jobs and helps build a strong economic foundation for the area,” Cr Lempriere said.

Lunch a special Christmas gift

Christmas lunch will again be served to people in our shire who would otherwise spend the day alone, thanks to the efforts of Pakenham resident Sue Johns and her band of helpers.

Sue and her team have been hosting a free lunch on Christmas Day since 1987.

Council is proud to support the community lunch which is also supported by several local businesses.

You can register to attend the lunch at one of the Pakenham locations listed below (by Wednesday 16 December):

Living & Learning, 6B Henry Street
Terry's Pakenham Discounts, 134 Main Street
Pakenham Opportunity Shop, 6 Station Street



PORT WARD

Moody future LOOKING BRIGHT

Council and residents are combining to give Moody Street in Koo Wee Rup a new lease on life.

A 122-metre section of the street, in one of the town's key residential areas, is being upgraded under a special charge scheme that will deliver an asphalt seal, pavement, kerb and channel, and underground drainage among other improvements.

The cost of the \$201,266 project is being shared between Council, which will pay half, and residents whose properties abut the section of street that will be sealed.

Council has been in discussion with residents about the upgrade for several months and met in November to let the tender for the works.

Port Ward Councillors David Young and Graeme Moore both welcomed the project which will help to improve safety for motorists and pedestrians, as well as the street's appearance.

"Residents along this part of Moody Street can look forward to reduced noise and dust, protection from drainage runoff, better access to their properties and a nicer streetscape as a result of these works," Cr Moore said.

Cr Young said special charge schemes were an important way to deliver projects in situations where Council was not in a position to fund the full cost.

"Council does not have the financial resources or receive enough external grants to meet all of the infrastructure demands of the municipality," Cr Young said.

"Special charge schemes help to fund projects that deliver a benefit to particular properties and we thank the owners of the properties in Moody Street for their support for this upgrade."

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Above: Cr Graeme Moore (left) and Cr David Young at the section of Moody Street, Koo Wee Rup that will soon be sealed.



New path a step forward

Walking to school just got a whole lot easier with a new footpath at Bayles.

A 275-metre shared path on Ballarto Road, between Woodman Avenue and Bayles Primary School, has given children and parents a new reason to walk, ride, skate or scoot to school.

The new path will provide improved connections in the town and make it easier for residents to get active. Council received a \$50,000 Park and Walk grant from Victoria Walks, with the support of VicHealth, to help fund the works.

Cr Graeme Moore joined families as they put the new path to the test during the Walk to School initiative in October.

The program promoted active travel and all primary schools in the shire were encouraged to take part in activities.

Season reminds of dire summer

A dry spring has prompted Cr David Young's concerns that this summer could be a bad one.

"We didn't get a lot of rain at the beginning of winter but it turned out quite well with a lot of silage made in the early spring," Cr Young said.

"But since early September there has been little, if any, rain throughout the shire. This is very reminiscent of 1982 which led into the devastating year of 1983."

Cr Young said the fires at Maryknoll, Tynong North and Nar Nar Goon in early October were an early warning of the dangers faced this summer.

Turn to page 7 for more information on preparing for the fire season.

Bridge upgrade at Cora Lynn

Work to replace Cora Lynn's Eleven Mile Road Bridge is continuing with residents thanked for their patience as construction continues.

The bridge upgrade began in late October and is expected to take three months.

The new reinforced concrete structure will increase load-carrying capacity and connectivity across Bunyip River. New bridge barriers, guard rails, signs and line-marking will complete the works.

The \$700,000 project is being funded by Council (\$350,000) and the Australian Government's Department of Infrastructure and Development (\$350,000).

Seniors celebrate

Crs Graeme Moore and David Young recently joined Cr Moore's mother Pat, 89, at the launch of Council's Age Friendly Strategy 2015–19 at Cardinia Cultural Centre. Over 350 people attended the launch, which included a 'Best of British Pop' stage show.

To view the strategy visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/seniors



RANGES WARD

Better surface is a GEM FOR PLAYERS

Weather will no longer be a major player at Gembrook Recreation Reserve with a drainage and irrigation upgrade set to reduce the impact of dry summers and wet winters.

The \$295,000 project forms part of Council's Capital Works Program for 2015–16 and will result in a much-improved playing surface.

Cr Brett Owen paid tribute to the efforts of Gembrook's football and cricket clubs who work tirelessly to maintain the reserve.

"In recent seasons, due to the surface of the oval, Gembrook Football Club had to train elsewhere to keep the ground ready for match days, while Gembrook Cricket Club have used a portable irrigator to maintain it during the summer months.

"Volunteers have done a fabulous job and we are happy the new drainage and irrigations works will ease the burden on them significantly," Cr Owen said.



Paths a step in right direction

Improved connections between townships are a priority for residents and the sooner they happen the better, according to Cr Tania Baxter.

As development continues in the growth area, a shared path connection between

Pakenham, Officer and Beaconsfield is gradually taking shape.

The section of path in Officer will be delivered as development progresses along the Princes Highway. It will be a staged delivery over a number of years.

Cr Baxter said many residents want to see these improvements happen.

"Many community members have told me that they feel we have ample ball sports reserves in the area, but need more footpaths."

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Taking it to another level

An extension to the pavilion at Chandler Recreation Reserve in Avonsleigh will provide a perfect place to watch the play, as well as better facilities.

The pavilion extension is funded by the Australian Government (\$500,000), Council (\$157,000) and Emerald sporting clubs (\$150,000). More than 25 sporting clubs and community groups use Chandler Reserve.

The extension will add another level to

the current pavilion and include a social space, kitchen, office, storage rooms and toilets.

The works follows previous upgrades to the playing surface as well as new cricket nets, fencing and goal posts.

"Council has invested over \$500,000 in recent years at the reserve and a further \$850,000 is committed to upgrade the pavilion in 2016–17," Cr Brett Owen said.



Hills organisations under one roof

Planning and consultation is continuing for the new Hills Hub at Emerald with a hoped-for construction start date of 2016.

The hub will house the Emerald Mechanics Hall and provide a space for current community groups and organisations including Radio 3MDR, Emerald U3A and Emerald Men's Shed.

Cr Leticia Wilmot said Council was working with these groups "to ensure the hub facility caters for their needs, as well as those of other community groups and residents.

"Bringing these organisations under one roof will improve access to educational and skills-based learning, which will be great for residents in Emerald, Cockatoo, Gembrook and surrounding areas."

The \$5.7 million project is being funded by Council (\$3.95m), the Australian Government's National Stronger Regions Fund (\$1.5m) and the Eastern Dandenong Ranges Community Bank Group (\$250,000).

For progress updates on the Hills Hub visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/majorprojects



Top right: Cr Tania Baxter (second from left) and Cr Leticia Wilmot (front) with Hills Hub Advisory Committee members (from left to right) Mal Bowmaker (Emerald U3A), Mike Allery (Emerald Men's Shed), Ray Spencer (Emerald Mechanic's Hall) and Russell Soderland (Eastern Dandenong Ranges Community Bank Group).

Right: Cr Tania Baxter (left), Cr Brett Owen and Cr Leticia Wilmot want parking in Beaconsfield to be easier for residents.

Page 18 (bottom pic): Gembrook Recreation Reserve Committee of Management president Neil Busacca (left) and Cr Brett Owen look over the ground's new drainage and irrigation system.

Public input on parking plan

Beaconsfield residents and business operators are helping Council develop a car parking blueprint for the town.

Recognising that parking is a key issue in Beaconsfield's town centre, a reference group has been formed to assist Council as it works on a precinct plan to guide delivery and management of car parking in the Wood Street commercial area.

"It is important to Council that this precinct plan responds to public feeling on the issue," Cr Leticia Wilmot said.

The parking precinct plan is a key initiative of the Beaconsfield Structure Plan, adopted in December 2013.

Council will continue to engage with the Beaconsfield community as development of the precinct plan progresses.

BOOK IT IN

What's on at your local library

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

Summer Reading Club for kids



On now

Calling kids aged five to sixteen to join the Summer Reading Club online (myreadinglist.com.au) or at your local library. Borrow books and read, read, read! Fill out your reading list and collect rewards as you reach your reading goals. Participants can go into the draw to win great prizes.

Summer Read program for adults

On now until mid-Feb 2016

Choose a book from 10 great titles written by Victorian authors or telling Victorian stories, recommend your own great read and enter this year's competition to win fabulous prizes. Pick up an entry form from your local library or visit cclc.vic.gov.au or slv.vic.gov.au. Presented by the State Library of Victoria and Victorian public libraries.

EMERALD LIBRARY

400B Belgrave–Gembrook Road, Emerald

Phone: 5949 4600

Hour of Code

Friday 11 Dec,
4–5pm



Be part of this worldwide event that introduces millions of new learners to computer science! The Hour of Code is designed to demystify code writing and show that anyone can learn the basics. For ages eight and over, no experience needed. Permission required for those under 18. BYO device (or we can provide one for you).

Gift making for kids

Thursday 17 Dec, 4–5pm

Make a Christmas gift to give to someone special and pore over our Christmas books. For ages five and over.

Family movie: Rise of the Guardians (PG)

Monday 14 Dec,
4–5.45pm



When the evil spirit Pitch launches an assault on Earth, the Immortal Guardians (Santa Claus, the Easter Bunny, the Sandman and the Tooth Fairy) team up to protect the innocence of children around the world. BYO snacks. Book at www.tinyurl.com/cclcevents (booking required).

Storytime

Thursday 10 Dec,
11.15am–12 noon

Enjoy Christmas stories, songs and craft at the final Storytime for 2015. The program will return in the week starting 8 February.

PAKENHAM LIBRARY

Corner John and Henry streets,
Pakenham

Phone: 5940 6200

Storytime

Thursday 10 Dec, 2–2.45pm
and Friday 11 Dec,
11.15am–12 noon

Enjoy Christmas stories, songs and craft at the final Storytime for 2015. The program will return in the week starting 8 February.

Christmas card making

Monday 7 to Tuesday 15 Dec
during opening hours

Spread some festive joy by creating Christmas cards for the library to send to housebound library borrowers. All materials supplied.

School holiday program

Bookings open
Monday 4 Jan

Lots of activities, creative crafts, professional entertainers and much more. Pick up a brochure from the library or register for holiday program email alerts. Visit cclc.vic.gov.au for more information or to subscribe to emails.



Casey–Cardinia Library Corporation branches are located at Cranbourne, Doveton, Emerald, Endeavour Hills, Hampton Park, Narre Warren and Pakenham, and Cardinia Shire has a mobile library. Visit cclc.vic.gov.au or call 5990 0100 for more information.



TIGERS have us in a footy frenzy!

John, 5, from Tynong was excited to meet his footy team's mascot Tiger Stripes at Holm Park Recreation Reserve in Beaconsfield.

Cardinia Shire's partnership with Richmond Football Club is scoring points for residents when it comes to free or low-cost family entertainment, the chance to see some great footy played right on our doorstep, and school programs to improve children's health and wellbeing.

2016 will kick off with two great family events; Richmond is hosting its fourth annual training session in Cardinia Shire in January, giving families the chance to see the club's full squad put through its paces while the kids enjoy games and physical challenges.

And for the first time ever, the Tigers will play a match in the shire, hosting reigning premiers Hawthorn at Beaconsfield's Holm Park Recreation Reserve on Saturday 27 February as part of the AFL NAB Challenge.

Richmond Football Club (RFC) is working with Council and local schools to deliver a range of programs, events and initiatives to connect people, improve health and wellbeing, and provide families with affordable entertainment. The club is also supporting local not-for-profit organisation Windermere Child and Family Services.

In 2015, Richmond delivered its Tiger PAW (Physical Activity and Wellbeing) Program into selected schools in south-east Melbourne, including Nar Nar Goon Primary School and St Patrick's Primary

School in Pakenham. Fully funded by RFC and its partners South East Melbourne Medicare Local and Parklea, the program consisted of four sessions: healthy eating; respecting cultural diversity and difference; resilience; and physical activity. In the sessions, Richmond players shared their life experiences and students took part in educational activities.

Council supported Tiger PAW's delivery in Cardinia Shire. It is hoped that a program evaluation conducted through Healthy Together Cardinia Shire will help secure more funding so the program can be rolled out in more schools.

RFC's Better Buddies Program has been delivered in nine Cardinia Shire schools since 2012. Drawing on the club's partnership with the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, the program helps to reduce bullying and build caring school communities.

Richmond has also hosted development sessions for local sporting clubs. Delivered by senior club executives, the sessions




give coaches, volunteers and committee members valuable tips and ideas to help boost their performance and reach in the community.

Finally, in a first for AFL football, Richmond offered all Cardinia Shire residents free general admission tickets for last season's Round 20 game against the Gold Coast Suns at the MCG.

Mayor Cr Jodie Owen said Richmond Football Club has "a great sense of community spirit and is truly committed to improving people's health and happiness.

"I am confident that our partnership will keep going from strength to strength in 2016 and beyond," Cr Owen said.

FOR MORE RFC ACTIVITIES IN CARDINIA SHIRE

 cardinia.vic.gov.au/RFC
 cardinia.vic.gov.au/calendar
 [facebook.com/
CardiniaShireCouncil](https://facebook.com/CardiniaShireCouncil)

The 'TO-DO' list

Celebrate the season

Feel the spirit of Christmas at Carols by Candlelight events.

Lang Lang

Community Carols

Wed 9 Dec, 7pm;
Lang Lang Community Hall

Bunyip and District Carols by Candlelight

Fri 11 Dec, 7.45pm;
Bunyip Recreation Reserve

Pakenham Carols

Sat 12 December, gates open
6.30pm; Toomuc Reserve,
Princes Highway

Cockatoo

Community Carols

Sat 12 Dec, family time
from 5pm, 6.30pm show;
Alma Treloar Reserve

Gembrook Community Carols

Sun 13 Dec, family time
from 5pm, 6.30pm show;
Gembrook Community Centre

Maryknoll Carols by Candlelight

Fri 18 Dec, 6pm;
St Joseph's Square

Emerald Community Carols

Fri 18 Dec,
5.30pm picnic, 7pm show;
St Mark's Church

Beaconsfield Carols by The Creek

Sat 20 Dec, 7.30pm;
Bob Burgess Reserve

Upper Beaconsfield Carols by Candlelight

Thu 24 Dec, 6.30pm;
Keith Ewenson Park

Soak up the festival vibe

Enjoy art, music, food and family entertainment at the Upper Beaconsfield Village Festival – a \$10 wristband will give the kids all-day, unlimited access to rides and activities.

Sunday 21 February, 9am–3pm;

**Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre,
10–12 Salisbury Road
ubvillagefest.org.au**



Watch some 'wheelie' good moves

The 'Best Tricks' skate, scooter and BMX comp is proudly presented by Council's Youth Services team.

Friday 22 January, 12–4pm;

**PB Ronald Reserve, Henry Street,
Pakenham. For info visit
cardinia.vic.gov.au/calendar**



Savour sweet sounds in the sunshine

Listen to a variety of live musical acts in the great outdoors during Council's free Summer Music Series. Every Sunday afternoon in February, 12.30pm to 3pm at Emerald Lake Park (at the bandstand, located between the café and the pool).

Visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/summermusic for a full list of performers.



KEEP THE TEENS HAPPY

Council's Teenage School Holiday Program in January will include a day at the beach, a trip to Funfields water park and free activities at My Place youth facility.

Visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth or call 5940 3100 to book or for more info.



Visit
each market's
website for
details

EXPERIENCE MARKET MAGIC

**Pick up fresh produce
or handicrafts at a
local market.**

Cockatoo Country Market

– 6 February and 5 March
(first Saturday of the month)

Emerald Market

– 20 December, 17 January and
21 February (third Sunday of the month)

Emerald Twilight Christmas Market

– Friday 11 December

Gembrook Market

– 24 January and 28 February
(fourth Sunday of the month)

Koo Wee Rup Market

– 3 January and 7 February
(first Sunday of the month)

Pakenham Community Market

– 20 December; 3 and 17 January;
7 and 21 February (first and third
Sunday of the month).

Come to an important feedback forum

You are invited to a response forum
on Wednesday 9 December on Council's
recent Big Budget Brainstorm –
the biggest budget consultation to
ever take place in Cardinia Shire!
See page 4 for details.



Catch a show by Gemco

Enjoy productions performed by Gemco
Players Community Theatre including
Canterbury Tales: The Musical (12 to
27 February) and *Murder on the Puffing
Billy Express* (23 January, 26 February,
aboard Puffing Billy).

**The Gem Community Arts Centre,
19 Kilvington Drive, Emerald**

**Visit gemcoplayers.org,
puffingbilly.com.au or call 5968 2844.**

Help fight cancer

Create or join a Relay for Life team
to raise funds for the Cancer Council.

Visit relayforlife.org.au and enter
'Cardinia' in the search bar
(see page 9 for more info).

**Friday 26 February, 6pm to
Saturday 27 February, 12 noon**



Watch the Tigers take on the Hawks

Head to Holm Park Recreation
Reserve, Beaconsfield to see
Richmond play Hawthorn as part
of the AFL NAB Challenge.

Saturday 27 February, 4.40pm

Visit afl.com.au/nabchallenge



Have fun on Australia Day

How lucky are we all to live in Australia!
Celebrate on Tuesday 26 January at a
local event in Bunyip, Cockatoo, Koo Wee
Rup, Lang Lang or Pakenham.

Visit cardinia.vic.gov.au/australiaday

COUNCIL AND TOWN PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Council meetings to consider general matters take place on the third Monday of every month, commencing at 7pm in the Council chambers. Town planning matters are considered at the town planning committee meeting, which takes place on the first Monday of every month, commencing at 7pm in the Council chambers.

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

For more events visit

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



CARDINIA SHIRE **KIDS** NIGHT OUT

THURS **DAY 21** JAN
2016

FROM **3 PM**

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PAKENHAM RACING CLUB
420 NAR NAR GOON-LONGWARRY RD, TYNONG

PARENTS CAN RELAX AND ENJOY A GREAT EVENING WITH FRIENDS
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'WIN-A-BIKE' COMPETITION

JUMPING CASTLE

FACE PAINTING

FOR MORE INFORMATION VISIT PAKENHAMRACING.COM.AU OR CALL 5940 6600.