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YOUR COUNCIL MAGAZINE

Autumn 2022

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Delivering for our community

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS

Meet our award recipients

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Know a local hero?

Nominations are now open for the 2022 Stan Henwood Award. The award is open to anyone who has made a significant contribution to the Cardinia Shire Community. It honours the late Stan Henwood OAM and his lifetime contribution to Tynong and the broader Cardinia Shire. Nominations close at 5pm **Monday 28 March**.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/stanhenwood

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To view a more detailed map, or to look up your ward or councillor online, visit: **www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/wards**

On the cover

Cardinia Shire Council's road works projects are well underway. As part of the **Sealing the hills program**, works began recently to prepare Crichton Road (Emerald) for sealing; from Beaconsfield-Emerald Road to the Nobelius Heritage Park gates. Princes Ave will also be sealed as part of this project.

Have your say

Check out our community platform **Creating Cardinia** to find out about current consultations and how you can get involved.

Council's draft **Asset Plan** is on exhibition now. Jump online to provide your feedback or visit the Council offices, libraries or one of our neighbourhood houses for a hard copy.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Mayor's Message

I'm pleased to recognise our 2022 Australia Day award winners and nominees. I'm so honoured to be part of our community – a diverse community with so many enthusiastic and dedicated people who give time so generously to better the lives of others. Like always, this year's nominees were all incredible and I thank them for their fantastic contributions. Read more on pages 8–9.

If you're looking to enjoy the crisp autumn mornings or the sunny afternoons outdoors, discover a 'hidden gem' in your own neighbourhood. Read more about the parks, reserves and facilities on your doorstep on pages 6–7.

Two years on, we're continuing to follow the state's COVID-19 guidelines, with the safety of our community first and foremost as we deliver essential services. Like many businesses, our local economy has done it tough, but you can support our business community by using the 'Buy local' map or our 'What's On Cardinia' events website.

Council's draft budget for 2022–23 will be on display from 13 April to 11 May for public feedback.

We've worked hard to come up with a plan that's responsible and sustainable, providing value for money while delivering the services detailed in our Council plan and based on community feedback. We'd love to hear your thoughts – go to www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/haveyoursay

Lastly, if you have 'fur-mily' members – pet registrations are due April 10. Registering your pet means they can be returned quickly to you if they get lost and helps provide services such as our fantastic off-leash parks.

Until next edition,

Cr Jeff Springfield
Cardinia Shire Mayor

Council meetings

Council and Town Planning meetings are held monthly. Public attendance at meetings will depend on the latest advice from the Victorian Government.

Check our website for the most up-to-date information:
www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

You can watch Council meetings live or catch up on previous meetings at:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/webcast

What's On

Here are some of the amazing events and activities happening in our shire

Casey Cardinia Libraries

Gardeners club and plant swap presented by HEAL Foods

Pakenham Library

Discovery garden and monthly gardener's club plant swap.

First Saturday of the month

10:30–11:30am

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Open mic night

Pakenham Library

Here's your chance for 5 minutes of fame! Budding poets, actors or musical artists, come show your stuff. 18 years and over.

Second Friday of the month

7–8:30pm

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Emerald Library book group

Emerald Library

Catch up and discuss a different title each month (provided by the library).

Mondays 21 March, 11 April, 9 May

2–3pm

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Girl's night in – sustainable crafting with glass painting

Pakenham Library

Inspirational ideas to create something special by upcycling your own glassware or a second-hand treasure from the op-shop. Glass painting equipment provided. Bring your own glass item.

Friday 18 March

6:30–8:30pm

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HEAL Foods presents Pete the Permie

Pakenham Library

Join Pete from Telopea Mountain Permaculture and Nursery to learn how to design and create a permaculture garden.

Saturday 19 March

1:30–2:30pm

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Tiny houses – Elle Paton and Ric Butler

Emerald Library

Elle is founder of Australian Tiny House Directory, co-founder of the board of Tiny Non-Profit, heads up Australian Tiny Houses Facebook Community and helped kick off and the Australian Tiny House Association. She's joined by director of Tinyhouse 2 Go Ric Butler to answer all your questions.

Saturday 26 March

11am–12pm

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HEAL Foods presents Growing Australian native foods

Pakenham Library

Australian Native Food Harvest author Julie Weatherhead (Peppermint Ridge Farm) presents a unique opportunity to learn about growing edible native foods.

Wednesday 30 April

1:30–3:30pm

School holiday fun – Pete the Plumber

Emerald Library

Pete and his pet water drop, Droppo, introduce fascinating instruments made from all types of pipes, hoses and gloves to explore the water cycle.

All ages

Monday 11 April

2:15–3pm

School holiday fun – The Book of Sillypants

Pakenham Library

Charlie Sillypants has done it again with a fantastic new show – guaranteed silly fun for everyone! 8 years and under.

Thursday 21 April

2–3pm

All events are free and bookings essential unless otherwise stated. All people aged 16 years and over must be fully vaccinated to enter.

www.cclc.vic.gov.au

Support our local businesses!

Find the ABC of everything local. Whether you are looking for an amusement park, a caterer or a builder – our Buy Local business directory map provides direct access to your local businesses. Use the Cardinia Business interactive online portal to give a shout out to your favourites by posting a recommendation or photo.

And local businesses – don't forget to add your products or services to the directory! Support local business at:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/buylocal

Alive with creativity – What's on at Cardinia Cultural Centre

Cardinia Cultural Centre is alive with creativity! The gallery and cafe are open and function spaces are ready for hire! Highlights of upcoming events include the hilarious send-up of classical music **Don't shoot me, I'm only the piano player** featuring David Scheel (23 March); the Victorian State Ballet's production of much-loved children's ballet **The magic toyshop** (9 April), and **Paris Nocturne**, an enchanting musical biography of Paris presented by Nikki Nouveau and her band (20 April).

For full details of all events, pricing and tickets visit us at the box office, phone 1800 887 624 or log on to our website. Please note, all performances are subject to change without notice. Check our website for up-to-date performance listings.

www.cardiniaculturalcentre.com.au

Other events

Free business workshop

COVID-19, storms and bushfires have impacted many businesses. Our free recovery workshops provide businesses with tools to plan for the future and reset for new opportunities, as well as tips for making business improvements.

Hills Hub

402 Belgrave-Gembrook Rd, Emerald

Wednesday 16 March

10am–2pm (lunch provided)

RSVP essential:

recovery@cardinia.vic.gov.au

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/economicrecovery

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Youth Services programs

Teenage school holiday program

Council's School Holiday program (12–17 year olds) offers low cost or free activities and excursions. Limited places – book early! My Place Youth Centre is open during school holidays 1–5pm.

Term 2 programs

Safe and supportive programs for young people (12–24 years) to connect with like-minded peers. For programs during Term 2, like us on Facebook 'CardiniaYouthServices', or visit:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youthprograms

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Workshops for community groups

Council is offering free workshops on marketing, governance, finance and funding. For details and to register visit our website.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/skilldevelopmentworkshops

Council events: **www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/events**

Community and business events:
www.whatsoncardinia.com.au

Events featured are subject to change depending on COVID-19 restrictions. Council events are run in line with our COVIDSafe Plan. Photos in this edition of Connect were taken in line with COVID-19 restrictions at the time. The information in this edition of Connect was correct at the time of print. For the most up-to-date information about Council services, events and programs, **visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au**

Portal to hidden gems and secret gardens

Whether you're looking for the nearest playground, skate park, BMX track or a park with a barbecue, our **Cardinia Outdoors** website will help you find fun and adventure in the shire's parks and reserves!

You can use the site's user-friendly filters and maps to search for an outdoor space with a particular feature or activity or to view a snapshot of all features at a specific park.

You can also check out photos of the outdoor spaces and use the icons to view recommended parks via a range of categories, including playgrounds, sporting grounds, walking and cycling trails and dog off-leash areas.

Cardinia Outdoors is easy to navigate on your phone or desktop.

www.cardinia.vic.gov/parks

Here's some to get you started...

Lang Lang Beach

A small little section of Western Port Bay in Cardinia Shire provides access to Lang Lang beach and foreshore. The whole of Western Port is protected under the Ramsar convention, due to the international significance of the flora and diverse fauna that make the intertidal mudflats their home. A great place for a beach stroll or a spot of fishing.

Sutherland Park Recreation Reserve

A natural bushland area, nestled between Sutherland Rd, Stoney Creek Rd and Rosebank Lane in Upper Beaconsfield. The reserve includes a playground, picnic areas and walking trails and is also home to Upper Beaconsfield Tennis Club.

Garfield Recreation Reserve

If you love a nostalgically old-school outdoor pool in garden surrounds, Garfield Recreation Reserve (2 Beswick St, Garfield) might be just the ticket. The 33-metre main pool, smaller 10-metre pool and wading pool close for the season on 20 March. The reserve is also home to cricket nets, a skate park, football oval, tennis courts, netball courts and a playground.

Eastone Reserve

Well-loved by local residents, this wetland reserve off Windermere Blvd in Pakenham, is home to plenty of wildlife and is a popular spot for on-leash dog walking. Take a picnic to relax by the water or work up a sweat running the stairs and using the outdoor exercise stations located around the perimeter of the lake. View the whole wetland system from the scenic lookout.

So many options in Gembrook

Gembrook is a great destination offering many recreational options all within cooe of each other. Take a quiet bush walk along the narrow, natural trails in Gembrook Park to enjoy the stillness of a dense tree fern gully, or take the children to nearby Redwood Road Reserve, a natural playground set back from the road providing a safe and creative area for children to play.

Just up the road is Gembrook Leisure Park which was recently upgraded and includes a flying fox, giant climbing pyramid, trampoline and wheelchair friendly merry-go-round. Plus, of course, the active zone and skate park make a great stop off for older kids and teens.

Harrison Way Reserve

This reserve on Harrison Way Pakenham is a great little park located in the Grandvue Estate offering barbecues, shelter and playspace with a large slide. The reserve also has lovely open space for games or picnicking.

Officer Community Hub

With 3 courts available for hire, this facility offers opportunities for games of basketball, volleyball and even futsal. You can also hire a fully equipped multipurpose room for your next meeting or conference. The community hub's cafe is a great place to meet for a coffee or relax after the big game. Contact Cardinia Leisure to book any part of this facility.

Don Jackson Reserve

A place to take the dogs to enjoy some off-leash exercise in a fully fenced area. This reserve (entry off Ahern Road, Pakenham) is a gem – offering something for everyone; drinking fountains, agility equipment, a football oval, and a playground with shade sails for visiting any time of year.

Edenbrook Wetlands and Playground

Edenbrook Reserve in Pakenham is nestled at the southern end of Toomuc Creek. This reserve offers visitors a view over wetlands, and opportunity to enjoy the bird life, including resident ducks and swans. A small playground is located in a natural setting with connecting paths to different play elements.

Australia Day

Award winners recognised

Congratulations to our Australia Day 2022 award winners and nominees. This year it was impossible to separate 2 outstanding nominees for Citizen of the Year so we have 2 recipients.

Citizen of the Year – Philip Anning

Philip is a strong advocate for the advancement of community sport and junior sport development. As president of the Pakenham Cricket Club, he ensures the club fosters an inclusive competition to enable families to participate and to create a positive environment. He has tirelessly fundraised for the McGrath Foundation; the club's annual Pink Ladies Day luncheon raised more than \$30,000. Philip is a strong supporter of local businesses and encourages others to do the same. Philip is described as an 'icon' in Pakenham with friends far and wide who deserves to be recognised for the inspiring man he is.

Citizen of the Year – Carol Thompson

Carol has a long history of volunteering and has dedicated many hours to the Cockatoo RSL. She joined the committee as secretary and treasurer in 2015 and has also been bar and events manager. Carol has

worked tirelessly with committee members to increase patronage and turnover. In addition to running the traditional Anzac Day and Remembrance Day events, Carol has been instrumental in establishing regular social events at the RSL, including the annual free Christmas day lunch, pool and Uno competitions, trivia nights, karaoke and live music. Due to her ongoing dedication and contributions, Carol was nominated RSL President of the Year. Since she and her family moved to Cockatoo in 1998, Carol has also been involved in Cockatoo Community Creche and Cockatoo Country Market and has supported young people in need.

Senior Citizen of the Year

– Ian Wake

An active Rotarian for 50 years, Ian has held a range of club leadership positions and is the first to lend a helping hand for community projects, barbecues and working bees. Ian has been involved in the development of Rotary Park, where he has initiated planting native trees and shrubs and been involved in projects such as the construction of shelters, seating, the toilet block and other amenities. He has run 'old time' community dances since 2007, raising more than \$150,000 for Rotary Club of Pakenham projects. Ian chartered 2 Interact and 2 Rotaract clubs and has also been involved in the Beaconsfield Scout Group and Church of Christ Berwick.

Young Citizen of the Year – Arshu Maskey

Arshu is committed to making a difference in people's lives. During secondary school she was elected Community Service Representative leader for 2 consecutive years, organising blood donation drives, raising funds and facilitating a coin race to bring the community together. Arshu hosted a Multicultural International Mother's Language Day event and, as a member of the Casey Cardinia Rotaract Club, she raised funds for bushfire relief efforts and supported a fundraising barbecue to raise money for the club. At university Arshu is mentoring students as part of a Woman in Technology program. Arshu continues to make a difference by helping, inspiring and empowering others.

Community Event of the Year – Cockatoo Country Market

The Cockatoo Country Market adapted to virtual markets during COVID-19 lockdowns but organisers were excited to host the March 2021 Twilight Market in person. It was the most successful yet, with more than 2,500 people attending the event. The market provides a low-cost and low-risk platform for micro, home-based and artisan traders, with free advertising and profile building for stallholders. The market also provides opportunities for local community groups to fundraise and attract new volunteers and participants for their programs. A community barbecue is provided for community groups each month, adding to the

fundraising and networking opportunities. Now in its 7th year, the market contributes to the ongoing support and development of community organisations via its community grants program, which has awarded more than \$22,000 to local groups for a variety of projects.

For more information on our Australia Day awards and recipients, go to:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay

Council continues to deliver major projects

Developing our sporting facilities

Upper Beaconsfield BMX

Upgrades to Upper Beaconsfield BMX track are rolling ahead. The new park will feature:

- two key starting platforms accessed from the car park
- an asphalt pump track designed to connect with the existing dirt track
- resting and viewing platforms
- berms, roller, step down/up double roller, and rollable hipped tabletop.

Koo Wee Rup skate park upgrade

After an extensive consultation with our community, Cochrane Park skate park in Koo Wee Rup will be upgraded to provide skaters, scooters and BMX riders with a uniquely designed and family friendly skate park. Surrounding facilities include picnic areas, barbecues, playground, toilets and tennis courts.

Toomuc Recreation Reserve

The sporting precinct at Toomuc Recreation Reserve is being improved. The netball courts are being resurfaced and the northern pavilion's ground floor and balcony is being extended. The existing southern pavilion is being

renovated, including extending the change rooms and amenities.

The kitchen in the little athletics building is also being renovated and portable facilities for baseball will be installed.

This project is jointly funded by the Australian Government,

Bunyip soccer and cricket field

Two new soccer pitches with a cricket wicket will be built at Bunyip Reserve, complementing the recently finished pavilion. The grounds are used by the Bunyip Strikers Soccer Club and other local clubs including Bunyip Cricket Club. **Funded by Council and the Victorian Government.**

Athletics at IYU Reserve, Pakenham

A new regional athletics facility at IYU Recreation Reserve will feature a 400-metre athletics track with a 10-lane straight, long/triple jump facilities as well as pole vault, high jump, javelin, shot put, hammer/discus and steeplechase. Construction of the new track and outdoor infrastructure has begun and planning for a future pavilion is underway. **Funded by Council.**

Catani cricket nets

Catani's new cricket nets at the Catani Recreation Reserve are ready to 'bat and bowl' for the community. The facility features 4 cricket practice bays, new fencing

and synthetic carpet. **Funded by Council and the Victorian Government.**

And for our Community....

Wetland Wonders, Deep Creek, Pakenham

As part of Deep Creek Reserve's focus on environmental sustainability, we've established a demonstration wetland that collects runoff from the car park and gives visitors the opportunity to learn how a wetland functions and how it benefits the health of our waterways and Westernport Bay.

Our new Wetland Wonders project leads you to a central platform, even closer to the wetlands, via 3 new trails that represent the 3 creeks merging at the site.

The meandering trails feature educational interpretive signage and interactive 3D models focusing on water bugs and insects, frogs, water birds and the water catchment, and providing information on its importance to the Bunurong people.

The boardwalk is funded by Council and the Victorian Government (DELWP).

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/deepcreek

Changing Places, Cardinia Life

A new 'Changing Places' fully accessible public toilet has been located in Cardinia Life. The facility features a full-sized change table, ceiling hoist, peninsula-style

toilet and shower. Supported by Council's Access and Inclusion Advisory Committee, the new facility helps create a more accessible and inclusive community for all.

Toomuc Valley Road footpath

Works are set to commence on one kilometre of crushed rock path with fencing and drainage on the west side of Toomuc Valley Road. The path begins opposite Pomegranate Way and extends to Brown Road. **This project is funded by the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.**

Worrell Reserve car park

Works are underway to seal the car park and internal road at Worrell Reserve. The works will provide a safer link between the reserve, the Hills Hub, tennis facilities and the Emerald library and formalise more areas for car parking.

Heatherbrae Recreation Reserve bridge

A new 20-metre pedestrian bridge will be constructed over Gum Scrub Creek and form part of the footpath link from Beaconsfield to Pakenham. **This project is jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government's Growing Suburbs Fund.**

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/majorprojects

**the site of Toomuc Valley Road footpath.
Heatherbrae Recreation**

New Youth Hub breaks ground

The first sod has been turned in the construction of a brand-new youth centre at James Street Pakenham.

Named 'Cardinia Youth Hub', the centre will boast a roof-top recreation space, a recording booth, dedicated training rooms, counselling rooms, a program or group room, computers, and a shower and laundry facility.

Young people will be supported to build resilience, re-engage in education, build relationships with peers and trusted adults and access a range of specialist youth services.

Cardinia Youth Hub is a project between Council, the Victorian Government and the Australian Government.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youth

Names for new centres

To acknowledge the rich cultural heritage of our shire, 3 local child and family centres have been named following consultation with the local community, historical groups and the Bunurong Land Council Aboriginal Corporation.

Konewark meaning 'open'

7 Campenalla Ave, Officer

Expected to open in 2022

Kurmboon meaning ‘tree blossom’

297 Pink Hill Blvd, Officer

Expected to open in 2022

Toun-nun meaning ‘warm’

46 Fairweather Pde, Officer

Expected to open in 2024

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/majorprojects

Supporting young parents

Young parents are building strong relationships together and strengthening the connection with their children at a Young Parents’ Group in Pakenham.

The group, for parents aged 12–24, provides a safe place to support one another through the highs and lows of parenting as well as participate in some fun activities with their children.

Council’s dedicated youth workers offer group and individual support, encouraging personal growth and the development of positive and lasting friendships.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/youthprograms

Linking with locals

Ageing Well Community Connectors provide support to older residents experiencing loneliness or social isolation. Volunteers are ready, willing and able to link older people with local activities. Beaconsfield, Officer and Pakenham residents can participate in this pilot program.

For more information call Council's Ageing Well team on **1300 787 624** or email mail@cardinia.vic.gov.au

Connecting our community during COVID

Twelve community champions are providing translated written and verbal COVID-19 information to community members from culturally diverse (CALD) backgrounds.

Culturally appropriate food relief and community connection projects are also being organised through the Local Partnerships Program.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/our-multicultural-community

Caring for our carers

Carers aged 55 years and over are invited to come together, share a cuppa and stories, and learn about resources available to help build resilience and enhance wellbeing.

The group meets at Outlook Community Centre, 24 Toomuc Valley Road, Pakenham, Tuesdays 15, 22, 29 March and 5 April 10.30am–12pm.

The carers group is an initiative of Cardinia Shire Council in partnership with Alfred Carers.

Enquiries/bookings: 5940 4728

Ageing well in retirement

Learn how to get the most from your retirement at these free, fun and friendly workshops at Outlook Community Centre 24 Toomuc Valley Rd, Pakenham.

The retirement ‘tune-up’

Tuesday 8 March 10am–12pm

Get ‘retirement ready’

Tuesday 22 March 6–8pm

Enquiries/bookings: 5941 1535

Kinder kids?

Time to register

Council manages registrations for community kindergartens in Cardinia Shire. Registrations must be submitted by **Wednesday 30 June** for your child to be included in the 1st round of offers for 2023.

Register your child for 3-year-old and 4-year-old kindergarten using our online kindergarten portal.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/kindergarten

Better Local Roads

Strategic sealed roads

The \$25 million Strategic sealed roads project is underway, with latest works to start on McGregor-Soldiers-Hobsons Roads, Pakenham/Rythdale. These works include pavement, kerb and channel and underground drainage works.

LL Road and Armytage Road (from LL Road to Brown Road), Officer, are scheduled for sealing and will include pavement, kerb and channel and underground drainage works. Works are funded by Council.

Sealing the hills

The Sealing the hills project will deliver more than 100 kilometres of sealed roads across the Dandenong Ranges and is being delivered as a series of individual projects on 164 prioritised roads.

Work has started at Princess Avenue and Crichton Avenue, Emerald, and a number of roads through Cockatoo, Gembrook, and Upper Beaconsfield are expected to begin soon.

Works are funded by the Australian Government, and through special charge schemes.

Rubber for roads

More than 56 million tyres reach their end-of-life in Australia each year. With a grant from the Tyre Stewardship Australia, Council is using a crumb rubber modified asphalt mix in the road sealing project at Princes Avenue and Crichton Road, Emerald.

The crumb rubber asphalt used on this project will cover 1,820m² over the 345 metre length. This is around 6 kilograms of rubber per tonne of asphalt or 90 truck tyres saved from landfill!

Progress at Pepi's

Road works at the entrance to the Emerald Netball Club, Pepi's Land, Emerald, will improve access, widen Beaconsfield Emerald Road and include a right-turn lane and left-turn slip lane into the entrance of the new pavilion. Funded by Council and the Australian Government.

Blackspot project: Avon Road, Avonsleigh

Blackspot works have been completed in Avon Road, Avonsleigh, between Kennedy Road and Woori Yallock Road. Works included shoulder sealing, guard rail installation, and line marking. Funded by the national Blackspot Program.

Surface works for sealed sections

Upcoming surface works on sealed roads include:

- Hein Road (Pakenham Upper)
- Pitt Road (Iona)
- McDonalds Track (Lang Lang)
- Railway Avenue (Tynong)

More than 100 road segments will be resealed or be overlaid with asphalt. Works on Lakeside Drive (Emerald) and Soldiers Road (Caldermeade and Lang Lange) have started. Works are funded by Council and the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery Program.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/betterlocalroads

Going Green – free trees!

Council is giving away two indigenous plants to the first 1,000 Cardinia Shire residents to take up this offer. Choose from small to large woody stem trees as tube stock.

Plants will be available from Cardinia Environment Coalition Nursery from Friday 4 March until Friday 17 June, or while stocks last. The nursery is open on Fridays 9am–12pm. Proof of residence in Cardinia Shire is required.

Deep Creek Reserve 62 Cameron Way, Pakenham

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/freeplants

Hot load havoc – don't bin e-waste

E-waste can't be placed in any of your household bins as it can pose a risk to workers and the environment – even causing fires in waste trucks. Get rid of e-waste (anything with a plug, cord, or battery) for free at a nearby e-waste drop-off location. Find your closest facility at:

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/ewaste

Book your hard waste collection

If you can't sell or donate your unwanted items, you can book a free Council hard waste collection. Every household in Cardinia Shire that gets its bins collected

by Council can book up to 2 free hard waste collections each year.

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/hardwaste

Green bins – now more than grass clippings

Green bins aren't just for garden clippings. You can also put leftovers (including meat), oily pizza box bases, human and animal hair, napkins and tissues, fish and chip paper, avocado and mango pips, lollies, popsicle sticks and bird feathers in your green bin. Don't have a green bin?

Order one today!

www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/orderbins

Bin Calendar 2022

Don't forget bin night!

Visit www.cardinia.vic.gov.au/bindays to find out your bin days, then mark them up on this handy calendar (transcribers note: calendar reproduced as an image below).

If you need help, call our friendly Customer Service team on **1300 787 624**.

Recycling and rubbish bin day

Green waste and rubbish bin day

Your rubbish bin may have a red or dark green lid.

March

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

April

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

June

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	

July

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Reminder!

Pet Rego 10 April

All domestic dogs and cats over the age of 3 months must be registered with Council. If you register your pet before they're more than 3 months of age, and provide written proof of birth date, registration is free for the first year! If you've registered your pet with us before, you'll get a renewal notice in the mail before your registration is due. Your pet needs to be microchipped before it is registered. Cats also need to be desexed and if your dog is desexed you'll pay a reduced fee.

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