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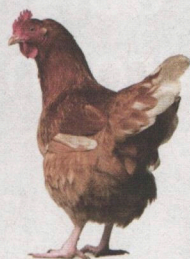


Enjoying our local environment

Some of the things most loved by residents about Nillumbik are the green open spaces, native flora and fauna, delicious fresh produce and strong sense of community. Make 2014 the year to immerse yourself in your local surroundings – join in special events, visit local reserves, parks and farms, enjoy the many recreational trails or take on your own outdoor project.

Edendale Community Farm

- Visit the farm animals, poultry, guinea pigs, frogs and spiny-leaf insects.
- Do a self-guided activity to explore the site. (These activities are suitable for pre-school and primary-aged children.)
- Have a picnic and enjoy the open spaces, gardens and peppercorn trees. A coffee and snack can be purchased from café eden, open 9am–2.30pm each day except Monday and Friday.
- See vegetable gardens, worm farms and composting in action.
- Workshops on growing vegetables, fruit, improving your soil, keeping chooks or looking after your local native plants.



- **Easter school holiday activities** for pre-school and primary-aged children, including:
 - a new Quest explore and discovery activity
 - farm tours and getting up close to a variety of animals
 - two special events – a session with native animals and a natural art workshop
 - plus the regular popular activities

You need to book for some of these events – don't miss out, subscribe to Edendale's enews by visiting www.edendale.vic.gov.au and clicking on 'Subscribe'.

Open 9.30am–4.30pm daily
30 Gastons Road, Eltham
www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Open Farm Day 2014 – discover the story behind your food

From alpacas and cows to wines to olive groves and apple orchards, there's a lot to see and experience at Nillumbik's first Open Farm Day. A selection of Nillumbik's farms will open their gates from 10am to 4pm on Sunday 27 April 2014.



Our Green Wedge is both a key food source and the lungs of Melbourne. Open Farm Day will:

- showcase farming in the Green Wedge
- allow people to encounter the farming experience
- highlight sustainable food production principles
- broaden the understanding of the wider Melbourne community of farming in the Green Wedge and the urban fringe

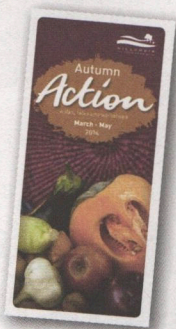
Open Farm Day is an initiative of Nillumbik farmers on Council's Agricultural Advisory Committee, supported by the Nillumbik Landcare Network and funded by the Department of Environment and Primary Industries Victorian Local Landcare Facilitator Initiative.

Like to know more?

Visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au or telephone 9433 3216.

Autumn Action

Autumn Action is the first of three activity programs featuring environmental walks, talks and workshops across autumn, winter and spring 2014.



Organised by Council, the seasonal environmental activities:

- encourage sustainable land management practices
- help you save energy and water at home and reduce waste going to landfill
- celebrate the diverse natural environment of the Shire
- help you with your sustainable lifestyle choices

Highlights of Autumn Action include 'Window Treatments and DIY Double Glazing', 'Backyard Chicken Keeping' and a celebration of the rich culture of Australia's Indigenous people.

Take a look at this newsletter's calendars and visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au for a full list of activities.



Edendale's Indigenous Plant Nursery

Across the Shire on private property, roadsides, Council reserves and along water ways there are 796 local native or indigenous plant species. About 200 of these species are propagated and available at Edendale's Indigenous Plant Nursery.

Nillumbik's local indigenous species make ideal garden plants as they thrive under local conditions, fit beautifully within the Nillumbik landscape, provide spectacular colour and texture and create natural habitat that provides food and shelter for native fauna.

The plants grown at the nursery have excellent success rates and, with an ever increasing species range, there are many beautiful local native plants to choose from all year around.

Visit the qualified nursery staff for expert advice about selecting the right plants for your location or specific project.

Like to know more?

Visit www.edendale.vic.gov.au, telephone 9433 3703 or pop in to Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham.



Harvest Month



Cultivate new skills this March, by joining in activities and events celebrating the summer harvest and local food. Organised by Local Food Connect, with the support of Council, Harvest Month is returning for its second year with a calendar full of local events.

Local Food Connect is partnering with local organisations to provide edible garden tours, food film nights, food growing and preservation workshops, displays, community food swaps and more.

Highlights include:

Food Swaps

Saturday 1 March –
Diamond Creek East Primary School
Sunday 2 March –
Allwood House, Hurstbridge
Saturday 8 March – Diamond Valley
Library, Greensborough
Saturday 22 March – Edendale

Diamond Valley Library Food Garden Club

Tuesday 18 March, 11am–12.30pm

Harvest Skill Share

An afternoon of preserving, seed saving and soil improvement with local gardening enthusiasts
Sunday 30 March, 1pm–4pm –
Edendale. Bookings: 9433 3711

Community groups, schools and businesses are encouraged to add a food or harvest-related activity to your events in March. You may like to:

- invite a guest speaker to talk about nutritional diets for sports persons
- have a local food tasting at your shop
- run a workshop on how to cook basic but healthy meals
- watch a film on the value of reducing food miles
- learn how to grow vegetables from seed
- learn how to make a tasty tomato sauce
- learn about Food Share and other similar organisations that rescue food and share with the community

- create and use a worm farm to enrich the soil
- have a healthy morning tea/lunch/supper
- plant or cook some bush foods
- make your own teas from home-grown herbs

If you are unable to attend or host a Harvest Month event there are plenty of other ways you can show your support for local food:

- Buy local and seasonal food. Try shopping at the Hurstbridge and St Andrews Farmers' Markets and local vegetable shops.
- Start planning and planting your autumn vegetable garden. Tips on what to plant can be found in the Home Harvest booklet available free-of-charge from Council brochure stands or call 9433 3316.
- Preserve your summer harvest to help it last longer. Preserving methods you can try at home include drying, pickling, freezing and bottling.

For a full list of Harvest Month activities, visit www.localfoodconnect.org.au.

Home Harvest Feast

The feature event of Harvest Month is the Home Harvest Feast in Eltham on Sunday 16 March. If you have a thriving vegetable garden and are willing to share some of the fruits of your labour with the local community, there's still time to register to supply produce for the Feast. Growers will then come together as guests at the feast, where professional chefs turn your produce into a delicious meal.

Find out more and register at www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/HomeHarvest

Smoking bans

From 1 April 2014, smoking will be banned in areas commonly used by children and young people for recreation and sport, including:

- at or within 10 metres of children's playground equipment that is an outdoor public place
- at or within 10 metres of a skate park that is an outdoor public place
- at or within 10 metres of a sporting venue that is an outdoor public place during an organised underage sporting event, including training or practice sessions and during breaks or intervals in play
- in an outdoor area of a swimming pool complex that is a public place

Council will install and provide no smoking signs at playgrounds and sporting reserves.

Renew your pet registration

Pet registration renewals are due by 10 April. If your dog or cat is over the age of three months, it must be registered with Council. If your pet goes missing, registration gives you a better chance of your pet being found.

Registration renewal forms will be sent to pet owners in early March. If you do not receive one, please contact Regulatory Services on 9433 3111.

Do you own livestock?

It is essential your fences are maintained as the lives of motorists and passengers are endangered when livestock wanders onto the road.

You are responsible for the damage caused to life and property if your livestock is not properly confined.

It is an offence to keep livestock on any property that is not properly fenced – fines of up to \$1000 per animal apply for stock trespassing or wandering on public roads.



from the mayor

Welcome to the autumn edition of Nillumbik News. As we move into autumn we once again sincerely thank, and praise, the wonderful CFA volunteers who have helped us navigate through yet another very tough fire season.

The CFA, SES and Police are such an integral part of the Nillumbik community and Council supports and works collaboratively with them to improve emergency responses not just for fire, but also storms and floods.

In support of this Council has awarded a \$610,500 contract for the construction of a Nillumbik SES garage facility in Eltham. Council is providing \$250,000 toward the construction, in addition to the land for the garage to be built on, which will accommodate SES vehicles and equipment.

Congratulations and thank you to the winners of the 2014 Nillumbik Australia Day Awards.

The awards ceremony really brought home to me the incredible dedication and commitment shown by inspirational people in our community. As much as we rely on good infrastructure and access to a range of services and facilities, we also depend on the individuals and groups who go above and beyond to enhance the lives of people in our Shire. You can read all about this year's winners on page 5.

Our Australia Day celebrations also included the citizenship ceremony where 45 local residents became Australian citizens. It's wonderful to see so many people embrace our great nation and choose Nillumbik as home.

Friday 7 February saw us commemorate the 5th anniversary of Black Saturday. As a community we reflected not only on the destruction the fires caused, but also the inspiring stories of healing that have unfolded over the past five years. We acknowledge the hardships of our fire-affected communities and take inspiration from their resilience.

Private memorials were held throughout the Shire, and I attended a commemorative ceremony at the Civic Centre with Councillors and staff who wrote messages of inspiration and hope on small handmade blessing cards.

The cards will be planted in a sunflower garden at Butterfly Studios in Christmas Hills. This garden will be re-seeded every year in recognition of Black Saturday.

The Butterfly Studios were formed after Black Saturday by a group of talented artists who are showcasing their work titled the *Butterfly Effect* at the Eltham Library Community Gallery until 10 March. Please take the time to go along and see their wonderful work, it really is inspirational.

As always, there's certainly a lot happening around the Shire, with plenty of activities and events for residents and visitors throughout autumn. I encourage you to make the most of what's on offer – try something different, visit local places, attend a short course and, most of all, enjoy Nillumbik.

Mayor, Councillor Michael Young



Celebrating our citizens on Australia Day

Amanda Gibson, the driving force behind The Tree Project which stands as a moving and inspiring memorial to those who lost their lives in the Black Saturday bushfires, has been named Nillumbik Shire Council's Citizen of the Year for 2014.

Nillumbik Shire Mayor Councillor Michael Young announced the winners of the Australia Day Awards at Council's Australia Day celebration at the Eltham Community and Reception Centre.

Celebrations also included the citizenship ceremony in which 47 local residents became Australian citizens.

Congratulations and thank you to all our award winners who have made an outstanding contribution to the Nillumbik community.

CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2014



Amanda Gibson
Amanda Gibson, from Cottles Bridge, has made an outstanding contribution to community recovery since the Black Saturday bushfires of February 2009.

Amanda was the driving force behind The Tree Project – a community-based project supported by the Australian Blacksmith's Association, St Andrews Men's Shed, Strathewen Community Renewal Association, CFA and countless other groups and individuals to create a beautiful and inspiring memorial for Nillumbik's fire-affected communities.

The Tree Project began on 14 February 2009 when blacksmiths around the world began forging more than 3000 individually crafted leaves which, together with hundreds of steel twigs, heavy branches and a 6.5 metre trunk, have now been assembled.

The 'tree' was officially unveiled late last year and will be installed at a site in Strathewen this year.

SENIOR CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2014



Joy Ferguson
Joy Ferguson, 73, of Eltham North has worked tirelessly on many community projects and had an enormous impact on young people.

Joy is a volunteer mentor for Council's L2P learner driver program. She has assisted five young people with gaining 120 hours of driving practice.

Joy was the first woman to join the Rotary Club of Greensborough, and served as President in 1995–1996 and 2008–2009. She is the longest serving board member of the club and was named a Paul Harris Fellow in recognition of her service to Rotary and the community.

As a Rotarian, Joy built a relationship between the Rotary Club and the Diamond Valley Learning Centre so that young people would benefit from direct financial assistance through community fundraising projects and she also mentors young people from disadvantaged backgrounds.

VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR 2014



Jenny Kennedy
Jenny Kennedy, of Hurstbridge, has made a continuous contribution to her local community in Diamond Creek and Hurstbridge for more than 40 years.

Jenny has an unwavering commitment to the local community, with a sense of optimism and faith in the people she works with, particularly through her involvement with the Hurstbridge Traders' Association, Wattle Festival Committee and Sacred Heart Parish.

Jenny was a foundation member of the Hurstbridge Traders' Association and has held almost continuous roles on the committee.

For the past 10 years she has been active on the Wattle Festival Committee as a committee member, treasurer and, for the past few years, coordinator and treasurer. She dedicates an average 12 hours a week to this enormously popular community event attended by tens of thousands of visitors each year, showcasing a proud community. She stepped down from this role in 2013.

COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR 2014

Diamond Creek Men's Shed



The Diamond Creek Men's Shed provides a safe, positive and harmonious environment for men of all ages and has helped numerous community groups since its inception in November 2011.

Preschools, churches, aged care facilities, mental health organisations, disabled groups, environment groups and service clubs are among the many community groups across Nillumbik that have benefited from the work of the Diamond Creek Men's Shed.

Its members have contributed to 39 projects or events from November 2011 to November 2013.



Nikki with parkrun participants Ruby, Pacey, Michelle, Col and Ben with Amelie and Elliot in the pram. Picture: Steve Tanner. Source: Leader Newspapers

Diamond Creek parkrun

With the support of Council, local resident Nikki Waterfall has motivated hundreds of members of the Nillumbik community to get out of slumber and into sneakers each Saturday morning for Diamond Creek parkrun.

The free, timed, five-kilometre walk and run launched with 47 participants in November 2013 and has attracted more than 400 runners and walkers in just a few months.

Nikki said parkrun is showing many participants that they are capable of achieving much more than they expected.

"Many people have told me the organised event has motivated them to get active on a Saturday morning rather than sleeping in, as well as motivating them to be more active during the week," she said.

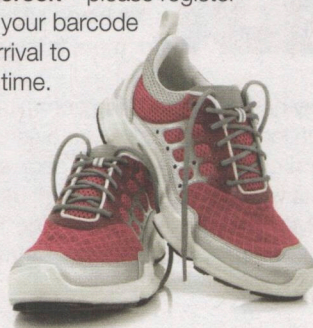
"Parkrun is also an opportunity for residents to give back as it's run totally by volunteers – without volunteers, the event would not be possible.

"We encourage all parkrunners to help out and volunteer – it's a lot of fun and a great way to get involved," Nikki said.

The Diamond Creek event is the 6th parkrun in Victoria and one of the 61 events held around Australia each week.

- When:** 8am Saturdays
- Where:** Marngrook Oval, Diamond Creek
- Who:** People of all abilities are welcome to participate – families, the young and older generations, new mums and dads, walkers, runners, elite athletes and those wishing to increase their fitness.

Register: Visit parkrun.com.au/diamondcreek – please register and print your barcode prior to arrival to receive a time.



LET'S MAKE YOUR IDEA HAPPEN

Nikki's parkrun project is just one of the many examples of a member of the community taking a great idea and making it happen to benefit the people of Nillumbik.

If you have a community project idea, no matter how big or small, Council can help you with advice and suggestions to make it happen. Bring your idea, energy and knowledge along to a free, fun, interactive and collaborative workshop.

- When:** 10am–12noon, Thursday 20 March 2014
- Where:** Temporary Community Centre, 36 Graysharps Road, Hurstbridge

Like to know more?

Visit www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au or telephone 9433 3766.



FUNDING YOUR PROJECT

Once you've developed a plan to progress your big idea, think about applying for a grant through Council's Nillumbik Community Fund.

The Fund provides community groups with funding, support and resources to enhance and strengthen their own neighbourhoods and townships. There are three categories:

- Arts and Culture
- Community Projects
- Youth Development

Important dates

- **Applications open:** Tuesday 1 April 2014
- **Applications close:** 5pm, Friday 23 May 2014
- **Free grant writing workshops and drop-in sessions:** April and May – visit the below website for dates and times
- **Announcements:** August 2014

The other Nillumbik Community Fund categories – Quick Response and Robert Bridgford Indigenous Trust grants – are open now until 31 May 2014 or until funds are expended.

Like to know more?

Visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/communitygrants for guidelines, application forms and key dates, or contact Council's Grants Officer Sarah Hammond on 0439 573 452 or email grants@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

March calendar



Celebrate the summer harvest, get active with Diamond Creek parkrun and Eltham Fun Run, be creative through the Ekphrasis and Alan Marshall Short Story Awards and enjoy local performances and exhibitions.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>31</p> <p>THE NILLUMBİK EKPHRASIS POETRY AWARD</p> <p>Monday 31 March Entries close. www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/arts</p>	<p>Exhibiting until 10 March</p> <p>The Butterfly Effect: Works and Words</p> <p>This exhibition from the teaching artists of Butterfly Studio reflects the journey of the Studio and how the artists' connection to the space and its surroundings has inspired them. Eltham Library Community Gallery, Panther Place, Eltham. www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/arts</p> <p>Ona HENDERSON, Wild at Heart 2013 pencil, watercolour, with silver leaf on paper 30cm x 20cm, © Ona Henderson</p>			<p>www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents</p> <p>2pm-4pm, Native Plant Workshop \$25 per person. Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham. Bookings: www.edendale.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Saturday 1 March 10am-2pm, Weed Control Workshop Free. Bookings: www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents</p> <p>2pm-4pm, Native Plant Workshop \$25 per person. Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham. Bookings: www.edendale.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>2</p> <p>8.30am-1pm Hurstbridge Farmers' Market www.hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au</p>
<p>Monday 3 May 3</p> <p>Alan Marshall Short Story Award 2014</p> <p>Entries open www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/arts</p> <p>Preschool applications open</p> <p>10am-3pm, Volunteering Expo Eltham Library, www.volunteersofbanyule.org.au</p>	<p>ALAN MARSHALL SHORT STORY AWARD 2014</p> <p>www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Nillumbik's International Women's Day event www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Saturday 8 March, 7pm Red Chair Artists discuss their inspiration and practice in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Montsalvat, 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham. Contact: artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Food Swap Allwood House, Hurstbridge www.localfoodconnect.org.au</p>	
<p>Public holiday 10</p> <p>Labour Day</p> <p>7.30pm Theatre 451: A play, a pie & a pot St Andrews Hotel, \$20 per person. Bookings: www.theatre451.com</p>	<p>11</p> <p>7.30pm Theatre 451: A play, a pie & a pot Eira Café Lounge, 1 Pryor Street, Eltham. \$20 per person. Bookings: www.theatre451.com</p>	<p>12</p> <p>10am-10.30am Toddler Time Songs, stories, rhymes and finger plays to encourage literacy. Eltham Library Panther Place, Eltham. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Thursday 13 March-Monday 14 April Creative Minds Nillumbik's VCE Art and Studio Art students of 2013. Eltham Library Community Gallery, Panther Place, Eltham. www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/arts</p> <p>Vanessa BOWIE, Diamond Valley College Wildfire #2 2013, (detail) Digital photograph 30.5cm x 45.7cm, © Vanessa Bowie</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>10am-1pm Rabbit and Fox Control Workshop North Warrandyte Family Centre, 184 Research-Warrandyte Road. Bookings: www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Home Harvest Feast</p>
	<p>18</p> <p>11am-12.30pm Food Garden Club Diamond Valley Library, Civic Drive, Greensborough.</p>	<p>19</p> <p>2pm-3pm Craft Club Diamond Valley Library, Civic Drive, Greensborough. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>20</p> <p>7.30pm Courthouse Readings Enjoy readings from poets and performers. Eltham Courthouse, 728 Main Road, Eltham. Contact Helen Lucas, 0438 339 732.</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Friday 21-Sunday 23 March Warrandyte Festival Enjoy live music and catch up with friends on the bank of the Yarra. www.warrandytefestival.org</p>	<p>Sunday 23 March Eltham Fun Run www.eltham.ymca.org.au</p>	<p>23</p> <p>10am-12noon Controlling indian mynas Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham. Free. Bookings: www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents</p>
<p>24</p> <p>11am-11.30am Baby Storytime Diamond Valley Library, Civic Drive, Greensborough. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>25</p> <p>7pm Ordinary Council Meeting Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough. www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>26</p> <p>German Storytime 10.45am-11.45am Eltham Library Panther Place, Eltham. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Thursday 27 March and Thursday 3 April 7pm-9.30pm Managing Small Properties for Horses Living & Learning Nillumbik, 18 Bishops Road, Panton Hill. Free. Bookings: www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents</p>		<p>29</p> <p>2pm-4pm Window Treatments and DIY Double Glazing Workshop Allwood House, 901 Heidelberg-Kinglake Road, Hurstbridge. Free. Bookings: www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents</p>	<p>30</p> <p>1pm-4pm Harvest Skill Share Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham. Bookings: www.edendale.vic.gov.au</p>

MAJOR PROJECTS



Improving services and facilities in Hurstbridge

Transformation of the former high school land in Hurstbridge is well underway. Featuring the soon-to-be completed Hurstbridge Community and Family Centre, a wetlands and stormwater harvesting system and early-stage plans for intergenerational housing, it's an important part of Council's commitment to diverse services and facilities for all members of our community.

A CENTRE FOR ALL

The Hurstbridge Community and Family Centre is 70 per cent complete and will be finished by June this year.

The \$4.6 million centre offers a wide range of services for young families and the community, including:

- a 50-place long day care and occasional care centre
- maternal and child health services
- community space for all ages and stages of life for local activities such

as community meetings, parent support groups, disability support groups, University of the 3rd Age (U3A), youth groups, women's groups and a range of complementary services

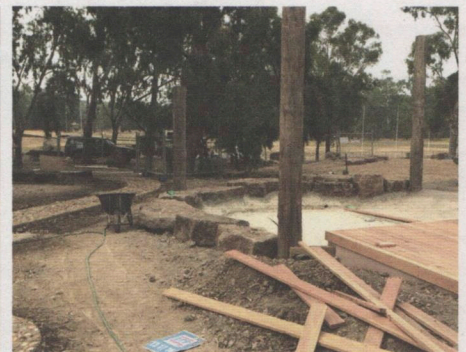
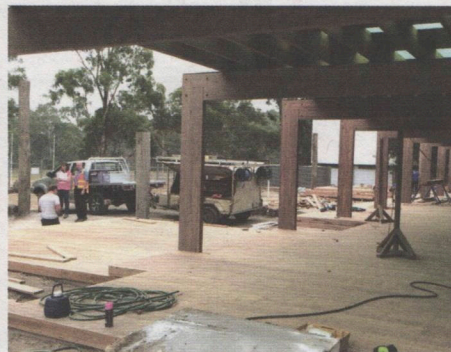
- shared consulting and meeting spaces for much-needed outreach services such as youth support services

The new centre will address an identified and pressing need for a full range of

flexible services for residents living in Hurstbridge and surrounding areas.

Community members interested in using the space are encouraged to contact Council's Community Strategic Project Coordinator Nichole Johnson on 9433 3134 or Nichole.Johnson@nillumbik.vic.gov.au to discuss options.

With the long day and occasional care centre opening in late 2014, stay tuned for information about enrolments.



The front, back decking and early childhood area of the Hurstbridge Community and Family Centre take shape

AGE-FRIENDLY AND ACCESSIBLE HOMES

Council is considering opportunities to develop age-friendly and accessible homes on the former high school land, which will be ideal for ageing local residents who would like to downsize, but stay local.

Many older residents live in big houses but want to move into smaller homes in the same area they've lived for many years to retain family, social and community networks.

With a growing number of older residents (aged 55 and over) in Nillumbik,

a development of this kind could create more housing diversity in Hurstbridge and some great options for residents looking for a smaller dwelling or one that is easier to look after than a big house on a big block.

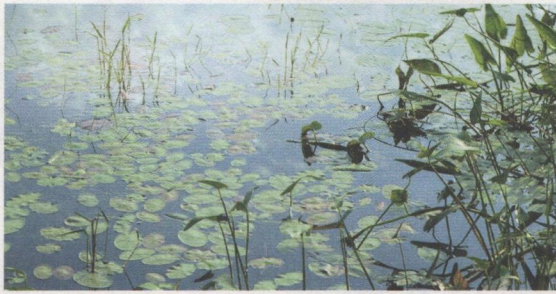
Ninety-seven per cent of housing in Hurstbridge is standalone with four-bedrooms or more, located on large, often steep, allotments, which can be difficult to maintain and unsuitable for ageing in place.

Council is exploring options that:

- meet the needs of older people who would like to move into a smaller home in their local area

- feature predominantly two-bedroom dwellings with landscaping that blends into the local environment
- incorporate universal design principles as outlined in the Liveable Housing Design Guidelines to ensure people of all abilities can be accommodated
- enhance and protect the character and natural environment of Hurstbridge township
- integrate housing, community services and social infrastructure
- include a 'village square' to allow interaction between older residents and the local community



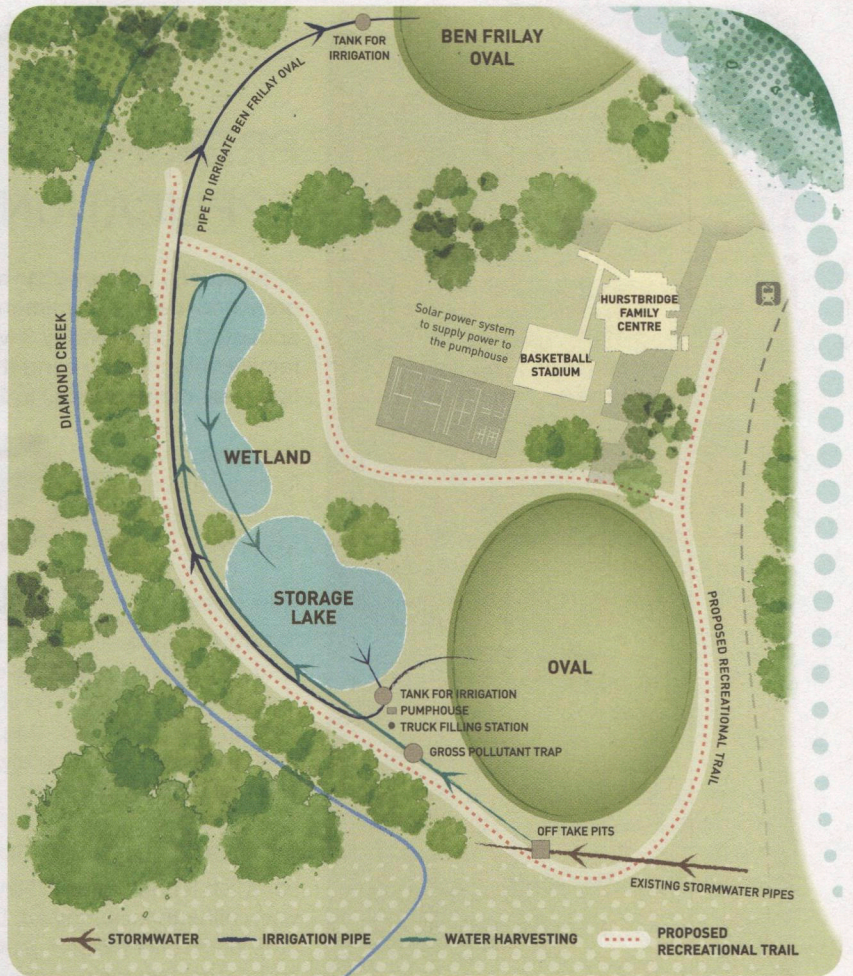


WETLANDS AND STORMWATER HARVESTING SYSTEM

A wetlands and stormwater harvesting system will capture and treat stormwater from residential streets to irrigate local sports grounds, use for road grading and improve the quality of water running into the Diamond Creek, as well as enhance the appearance and environmental characteristics of the area.

The works include a storm water pollutant trap, wetlands, water storage basin and tanks and associated pumps and pipes. There will also be landscaping, seating and a walking trail around the wetland and oval.

Right: Map of the former high school land showing Hurstbridge Community and Family Centre, wetlands and stormwater harvesting system



THE ROAD TO IMPROVEMENT

Whether you're a driver, rider or pedestrian, you'll be pleased to know Council has recently completed or is underway on a number of projects to ensure residents can get around the Shire more easily, including:

- construction of a pedestrian bridge adjacent to the Main Road bridge near Eltham Lower Park
- a new footpath along Allendale Road in Eltham North, between Oransay Crescent east and the Diamond Creek
- a new footpath along Haleys Gully Road in Hurstbridge, between Meander Road and Hurst Road
- sealing of Buttermans Track in Christmas Hills, between Skyline Road and Wallace Road
- upgrades to Gastons Road in Eltham, between Wattleree Road and the entrance of Edendale Farm, including a new car park, shared path and raingardens
- sealing of Browns Lane in Plenty, between Yan Yean Road and Grange Avenue, including upgrade of the Yan Yean Road intersection and construction of shared trail
- resealing of Diamond Creek Netball Club car park

ST ANDREWS COMMUNITY CENTRE AND MEN'S SHED

Construction of the St Andrews Community Centre and Men's Shed is underway.

This community-led redevelopment is set to be a multipurpose and vibrant centre for local events and activities. Bringing together facilities and resources for a range of groups already in our Shire, it also has the flexibility to accommodate new groups and initiatives.

The new centre was identified as a key priority by the St Andrews Community Bushfire Recovery Association (SACBRA) following a range of community surveys and workshops.

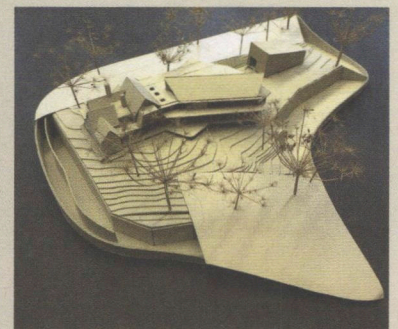
It has been designed by world-renowned Gregory Burgess Architects in close consultation with community and Council.

Other partners include centre managers St Andrews Community Centre Committee, builder JR & BL Kendall Pty Ltd and consultant

project manager Sweett Group Pty Ltd.

Please note, due to this construction, the mobile library stop has moved to the St Andrews Tennis Club, 15 Caledonia Street, St Andrews.

Look out for news of the opening in late 2014.



Model of the St Andrews Community Centre and Men's Shed

Nillumbik's family friendly places and spaces

Nillumbik aims to build family-friendly communities that support families to feel connected and enjoy family life.

Part of this is a commitment to working with local businesses to ensure families and friends can spend quality time together out and about in the community.

Have you visited a family-friendly venue lately? You may have noticed small groups of breastfeeding mothers, grandparents and their grandchildren enjoying a milkshake, children engaged in an activity provided by the venue while mum or dad enjoys a coffee and, importantly, a welcoming environment with friendly and tolerant staff.

Or, perhaps you're interested in becoming accredited as a family-friendly place or space? Your venue must be safe, accessible, breastfeeding-friendly and welcoming with tolerant staff and appropriate facilities.

Like to know more?

For a list of venues or information about accreditation, visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au.



FAMILIES & CHILDREN

PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Applications for four-year-old preschool central enrolments will be accepted from Monday 3 March for families planning to send their child to four-year old preschool in 2016.

Children who turn four by 30 April 2016 are eligible to apply.



How to apply

Submit the application form, supporting documentation and application fee to Council. For information about the application process, supporting documents and the application form, visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

Deciding which preschool to attend

For a list of preschools in Nillumbik, visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au. Different preschools offer different programs and hours – contact the preschools you are interested in and make a time to visit.

Like to know more?

Contact Family and Children's Services on 9433 3161 or preschool@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.



EXPECTING YOUR FIRST BABY?

Come along to this free session to:

- meet a Maternal and Child Health representative
- hear about the relationship changes you may encounter after child birth
- chat with breastfeeding, child speech and other early childhood specialists
- hear about the experiences of a local first time parents
- get information about local services, programs and support
- enjoy a light supper

Date: Monday 5 May

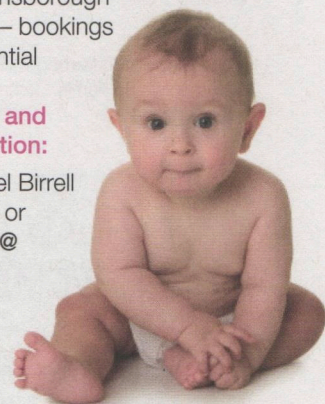
Time: 7pm–9pm

Venue: Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough

Cost: Free – bookings essential

For bookings and more information:

Contact Rachel Birrell on 9433 3190 or Rachel.Birrell@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.



Active Dads' Playgroup

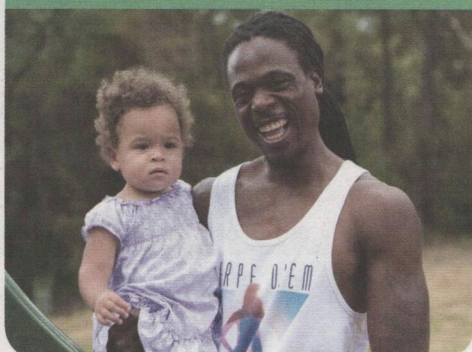
For active dads and their kids

This playgroup is for full time and part time 'stay-at-home' dads, granddads and primary male carers of young children. Give it a try – the first three sessions are free.

When: Thursdays 10am–12noon

Where: Coniston Street Family Centre, Diamond Creek

Cost: \$30 – annual membership



FAMILY DAY CARE – Educator positions available

Family Day Care is child care that early childhood educators provide in their own home.

Early childhood professionals interested in flexible working arrangements and providing home-based education and care are encouraged to register as a Family Day Care educator with Council's Family and Children's Services. You will:

- receive support, professional development and advice
- create a unique learning environment in your home and have the flexibility for outings and excursions
- continue to shape your career while working from home

Like to know more?

Visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au or telephone Family and Children's Services on 9433 3146.



april calendar

From babies to youth to older residents, there's something for everyone these school holidays and throughout the month – check out library activities, youth week events and Nillumbik's inaugural Open Farm Day.

community environment farm
edendale

School holidays at Edendale

Open 9.30am-4.30pm daily,
30 Gastons Road, Eitham
www.edendale.vic.gov.au

Great activities for pre-school and primary-aged children – get up close to a variety of animals on our farm tours, attend special workshops about natural art or native animals or come along to our regular popular activities.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>Tuesday 1 April Nillumbik Community Fund Annual Grants open</p>	<p>1.30pm-2pm ¹ Bookaroo Hop along to a 30-minute interactive session about reading, rhyming, singing and talking to your baby from birth. Eitham Library, Panther Place, Eitham. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>10.30am-12.30pm ² Backyard Chicken Keeping \$20 per person. Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eitham. Bookings: 9433 3711 or www.edendale.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>Friday 4 April Nillumbik Prize entries close www.montsalvat.com.au</p>	<p>Term 1 ends ⁴ NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK Friday 4-Sunday 13 April Get involved with 2014 NYW with the theme of <i>Our Voice. Our Impact</i> www.youthweek.com</p>	<p>7pm ⁵ Red Chair Artists discuss their inspiration and practice in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Montsalvat, 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eitham.</p>	<p>8.30am-1pm ⁶ HURSTBRIDGE FARMERS MARKET Hurstbridge Farmers' Market www.hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au</p>
<p>Programming ⁷ Lego Robots Monday 7-Wednesday 9 April Diamond Creek Senior Citizens Hall, Cnr Elizabeth and Gipson St www.nyp.com.au</p>	<p>11am-11.30am ⁸ Baby Storytime Diamond Valley Library, Civic Drive, Greensborough. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>Pet registrations due ¹⁰ www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>7.30pm ¹⁴ Theatre 451: A play, a pie & a pot St Andrews Hotel, cnr Kangaroo Ground Road and St Andrews Road. \$20 per person. Bookings: www.theatre451.com</p>	<p>7.30pm ¹⁵ Theatre 451: A play, a pie & a pot Eira Café Lounge, 1 Pryor Street, Eitham. \$20 per person. Bookings: www.theatre451.com</p>	<p>12 April ¹² Diamond Creek parkrun www.parkrun.com.au/diamondcreek</p>	<p>Weekend Storytime ^{11am-11.45am} Eitham Library Panther Place, Eitham www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>
<p>Public holiday ²¹ Easter Monday</p>	<p>10am-10.30am ²² Baby Storytime Eitham Library, Panther Place, Eitham. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>Thursday 17 April-Monday 12 May ¹⁶ Artist Open Studios exhibition Eitham Library, Panther Place, Eitham. Kate HUDSON, <i>Native Posey</i> 2012 reduction linocut, 46.5cm x 40cm, © Kate Hudson</p>	<p>7.30pm ¹⁷ Courthouse Readings Eitham Courthouse, 728 Main Road, Eitham. Contact Helen Lucas, 0438 339 732</p>	<p>Public holiday ¹⁸ Good Friday <i>Kerbside bin collections fall on Saturday 19 April due to public holiday</i></p>	<p>Public holiday ²⁰ Easter Sunday</p>	
<p>4pm-4.45pm ²⁸ Just4Kids Afterschool activities. Eitham Library, Panther Place, Eitham. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>7pm ²⁹ Ordinary Council Meeting Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough. www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>2014 Alan Marshall Short Story Award ³⁰ 2014 Alan Marshall Short Story Award entries close www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/arts</p>	<p>Public holiday ²⁵ Anzac Day</p>	<p>Public holiday ²⁶ Kerbside bin collections fall on Saturday 26 April due to public holiday</p>	<p>10am-4pm ²⁷ Open Farm Day Tour farms in Nillumbik. www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents</p>	
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THE BACK TO EARTH INITIATIVE

From your green bin to the composting facility – Back to Earth

Council will be sending your green bin materials to a new state-of-the-art compost facility.

The largest of its kind in Victoria, the facility will be able to process 85,000 tonnes of organic waste a year to use as a soil improvement additive by the Victorian agricultural industry.

So it's the perfect time to make sure you're using your green bin correctly.

WHAT CAN YOU PUT IN YOUR GREEN BIN?

- Garden clippings, prunings and branches
- Grass clippings
- Food waste – without packaging
- Food waste – wrapped in small amounts of newspaper or paper towel (no more than four sheets)

Everything else is considered contamination.

LIKE TO KNOW MORE?

Discover what can go in your green bin and why it's important to use your bin correctly at www.backtoearth.vic.gov.au or visit Council's website: www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/waste.

ENVIRONMENT



Good news about the *Eltham Copper Butterfly*

We're excited to report that in the past 12 months there's been a significant increase in the number of Eltham Copper Butterflies. Only a few were sighted in a count in summer 2012–2013. The latest counts in December 2013 and January 2014 have seen a much healthier population size of more than 100 of the butterflies.

The Friends of the Eltham Copper Butterfly group, Council, Eltham East Primary School and Parks Victoria have been implementing a recovery program, improving habitat conditions and increasing community support for the butterfly.

The Eltham Copper Butterfly still only inhabits small sections of the designated reserves, but in the next few years we expect it will continue to increase in numbers, spread to a greater area and create a more resilient population.

Get involved

- Help with conservation by joining the Friends of the Eltham Copper Butterfly group and assist with monitoring and on-ground work.

- Receive regular updates by subscribing to the newsletter.
- Celebrate the Eltham Copper Butterflies' survival by coming to the Eltham Copper Butterfly Festival on 7 September at Eltham Lower Park. Let us know if you're interested in volunteering or having a stall at the festival.
- For those who live in Eltham, create Eltham Copper Butterfly habitat on your property – even on small suburban blocks.

Like to know more?

Visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au or contact Council's Eltham Copper Butterfly Project Officer Karen Borton on Karen.Borton@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or 9433 3219.

YIRRIP RESERVE CLOSED TO PUBLIC

Due to the impact of the Kangaroo Ground fires in January, Yirrip Reserve is currently closed to the public.

Yirrip Reserve is the most southerly of the Pantom Hill Bushland Reserves. The fires have impacted one quarter (approximately four hectares) of the reserve, including the north-south shared trail and Felix's Wildflower Walk.

Rehabilitation works including erosion control, weed control and rebuilding of fences and trails are underway.

Please check Council's website for updates about when the reserve will re-open.



ARTS & CULTURE

WORD THE STREET EAR THE GROUND

We want to ensure the arts and cultural events on offer in Nillumbik remain popular, so please tell us what you want to see, do, hear, watch and experience in the coming years. Have your say at www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Nillumbik is abuzz with arts and cultural activity this autumn. From poetry and short story writing to festivals, open studios, artist talks, exhibitions and performances, there's plenty for residents to enjoy – check the calendars, this article and back cover for details.

THE NILLUMBİK EKPHRASIS POETRY AWARD



Adriane STRAMPP, *Into the Night* 1989
oil on linen, 198cm x 152cm (x 2) unframed
© Adriane Strampp

Entries for the 2014 Nillumbik Ekphrasis Poetry Award are now open.

Ekphrasis, meaning 'art that responds to art', is the title of Council's annual poetry award celebrating the Nillumbik art collection and the literary arts. Poets across Australia are invited to write about one or more of 12 artworks selected from Nillumbik's collection. Council encourages aspiring and experienced writers to get involved, including young people aged 12 to 18 years who are invited to enter the Youth Category.

The artworks are on display at the Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough and can be viewed online. Entries close Monday 31 March 2014.



ALAN MARSHALL SHORT STORY AWARD 2014

Entries for the 2014 Alan Marshall Short Story Award are now open, with new prizes and professional development opportunities on offer.

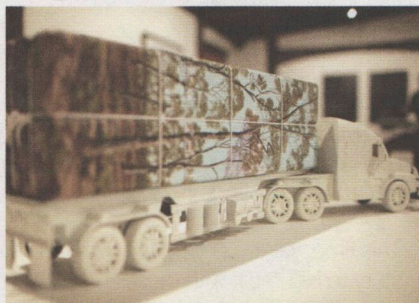
Writers across Australia are invited to enter the Award, which celebrates the art of writing and honours the life and work of Australian literary icon, Alan Marshall.

Entries close Wednesday 30 April 2014.

Like to know more?

Visit www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/arts or contact Council's Arts & Culture team on 9433 3359 or artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

THE NILLUMBİK PRIZE



Dale COX, *ghost 2012* (Highly Commended)
plastic toy truck, acrylic on wood, cord
27cm x 17cm x 92cm, © Dale Cox

Entries for the 2014 Nillumbik Prize are now open. The Nillumbik Prize celebrates contemporary artists and works of excellence from the Nillumbik region. Sponsored by Council in association with Montsalvat, it is one of the oldest community art shows in Victoria.

Entries close Friday 4 April 2014.

Shortlisted works will be exhibited at Barn Gallery, Montsalvat from Thursday 5 June to Monday 11 August 2014.

Like to know more?

Visit www.montsalvat.com.au or telephone Montsalvat on 9439 7712

ELTHAM LIBRARY COMMUNITY GALLERY EXHIBITIONS



The Butterfly Effect – Works and Words:
Butterfly Studio artists
Thursday 6 February–
Monday 10 March

Ona HENDERSON
Wild at Heart 2013
pencil, watercolour, with silver
leaf on paper, 30cm x 20cm
© Ona Henderson

Works by the teaching artists of Butterfly Studio in Christmas Hills. To mark the 5th anniversary of Black Saturday, visitors can write words of inspiration and hope on cards to be planted in a sunflower garden at the studio.

Creative Minds: Nillumbik's VCE Art and Studio Art Students of 2013
Thursday 13 March–Monday 14 April



Vanessa BOWIE,
Diamond Valley College
Wildfire #2 2013,
Digital photograph
30.5cm x 45.7cm,
© Vanessa Bowie

Selected works by VCE Art and Studio Art students attending schools in Nillumbik in 2013, will inspire younger students and provide an insight into the creative minds of our young adults.



Artists Open Studios: Nillumbik Artists
Thursday 17 April–
Monday 12 May

Kate HUDSON
Native Posey 2012
reduction linocut
46.5cm x 40cm
© Kate Hudson

Experience the diverse work of the Nillumbik Artists Open Studios artists before visiting their studios on 3–4 and 10–11 May.

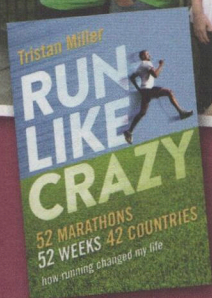


Faded into Light: Melanie Scaife
Thursday 15 May–
Monday 16 June

Melanie SCAIFE
Landscape Study 2013
oil on board, 20cm x 15cm
© Melanie Scaife

A poetic vision of our local landscape by 2013 Laughing Waters Artist in Residence Melanie Scaife, whose paintings are less an empirical observation than a quiet mediation on the fleeting and the transitory.

LEISURE



**eltham
funrunwalk
2014**
Run 10km or 5km
Walk 5km

Join in Eltham Leisure Centre's Fun Run at 9am, Sunday 23 March 2014.

Starting and finishing at Eltham Leisure Centre, the five and 10 kilometre courses run along Nillumbik's picturesque bike paths.

Run like crazy or enjoy the walk with this year's race ambassador Tristan Miller – the guy who ran 52 marathons in 52 weeks in 42 countries – and the pink and green teams from last year's Biggest Loser.

The fun run supports YMCA's Open Doors Program which assists people who, due to personal circumstances, would not otherwise be able to access YMCA programs and services.

Like to know more?

For registrations and more information visit www.eltham.ymca.org.au.

To make a donation or volunteer on race day contact Amanda Uniacke on 9439 2266.

VOLUNTEERING

Volunteer drivers wanted!

Mentor a learner driver for a minimum of one hour a week to help them clock up the 120 hours of driving experience they need to get their licence.

You get a car to use for the sessions, training and support, while the learner drivers you mentor are provided with free professional driving lessons in preparation for being paired with you.

The innovative learner driver mentor program, L2P, is supported by Council, VicRoads and TAC and assists learner drivers, aged 16–20, who are unable to access driving practice usually because of economic, social or geographic reasons.

In December 2013, L2P was recognised for its contribution to the health and wellbeing of Victorians at the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation Awards.



Like to know more?

Contact Council's L2P project officer Suzzan Edgeworth on 9433 3329, 0408 979 377 or Suzzaneral.Edgeworth@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

YOUTH: THE MAGICAL LAND OF OZ

Nillumbik Youth Services has a plan – to put on a musical every year. Why? Because we had such a good time last year, we're making it a regular on our calendar of events.

In 2013 we staged *The Lost Boys* musical at Eltham Performing Arts Centre (EPAC). Young people were involved in every aspect from performing, backstage and set building to direction, sound and lighting.

This time, we're bringing the Wizard of Oz story to Nillumbik with musical *The Magical Land of Oz*. Dorothy and her friends will hit the EPAC stage on 1 and 2 August 2014.

Get involved

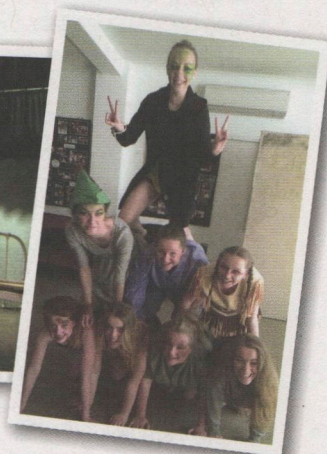
We are looking for young people, aged 10 to 25 years, to join us as a member of the production team, in the following roles:

- Backstage crew
- Set design and build
- Costumes
- Hair and Makeup
- Sound and lighting

Like to know more?

Contact Council's Youth Services Project Officer, Holly Teagle on 9433 3168 or Holly.Teagle@nillumbik.vic.gov.au.

To keep up to date with other activities and events, check out 'NYPyouth' on Facebook or visit www.nyp.com.au.



We rehearsed... We built sets... We performed... And we bonded...

may calendar

Visit artists in their studios, learn about local volunteering opportunities during National Volunteer Week or sign up for a Living & Learning Nillumbik, Edendale or Autumn Action event.



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
 <p>Responsible Dog Ownership</p> <p>Saturday 3 May Free obedience training (German Shepherds). Contact: Mark Stedwell 0488 480 480</p> <p>Sunday 4 May Free obedience training (all breeds except German Shepherd). Contact: Stan Buck 9308 2466</p>	 <p>Saturday 3 May, 7pm Red Chair Artists discuss their inspiration and practice in a relaxed and informal atmosphere. Montsalvat, 7 Hillcrest Avenue, Eltham. artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au</p>	 <p>Artists Open Studios Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 May Saturday 10 and Sunday 11 May Come and be inspired as 37 artists open 26 studios across Nillumbik. Details: artistsopenstudios.com.au</p>	 <p>Saturday 3 May, 1pm-9pm Welcome Platypus Festival Allwood Neighbourhood House, 901 Main Road, Hurstbridge. Contact: 9718 2717 or allwood@hurstbridge.org.au</p> <p>10am-12noon, Forest Fungi Foray Smiths Gully Park, 60 Brens Rd, Smiths Gully. Bookings: www.edendale.vic.gov.au</p>	 <p>2pm-4pm Vegetable seed saving Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham. \$25 per person Bookings: www.edendale.vic.gov.au</p>	 <p>8.30am-1pm HURSTBRIDGE FARMERS' MARKET Hurstbridge Farmers' Market www.hurstbridgefarmersmarket.com.au</p>	 <p>Assist young people with gaining 120 hrs of driving practice. www.nyp.com.au</p> <p>L2P LEARNER DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAM</p>
 <p>13 volunteer in Nillumbik</p> <p>National Volunteer Week Monday 12- Sunday 18 May www.volunteeringaustralia.org</p>	 <p>7.30pm Courthouse Readings Enjoy readings from poets and performers. Eltham Courthouse, 728 Main Road, Eltham. Contact: Helen Lucas, 0438 399 732</p>	 <p>7 Italian Discussion Group Diamond Valley Library, Civic Drive, Greensborough. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	 <p>6.30pm-9.30pm (seven sessions) MYOB module 1 Learn how to use this popular bookkeeping software program to account for your business finances. www.livinglearningnillumbik.vic.gov.au</p>	 <p>10 Flexible electricity pricing, smart metres and solar Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham. Bookings: www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents</p>	<p>11 Mother's Day</p>	 <p>15 7.30pm Courthouse Readings Enjoy readings from poets and performers. Eltham Courthouse, 728 Main Road, Eltham. Contact: Helen Lucas, 0438 399 732</p>
<p>19 1.30pm-3pm Creative Writing Group Diamond Valley Library, Civic Drive, Greensborough. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	 <p>20 10am-10.30am Baby Storytime Eltham Library Panther Place, Eltham. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	 <p>21 2pm-3pm Craft Club Diamond Valley Library, Civic Drive Greensborough. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	 <p>23 Nillumbik Community Fund Annual Grants close</p>	 <p>24 Saturday 3 and 24 May, 2pm-4pm Backyards for Butterflies (2 sessions) Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham. \$10 per person per session. Bookings: www.edendale.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>25 10am-1pm Reconciliation Indigenous Cultural Celebration Yanggai Reserve, Panton Hill. Bookings: www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/EnviroEvents</p>	 <p>28 10.45am-11.45am German Storytime Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>
 <p>26 4pm-4.45pm Just4Kids Afterschool activities. Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	 <p>27 7pm Ordinary Council Meeting Civic Centre, Civic Drive, Greensborough. www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>28 10.45am-11.45am German Storytime Eltham Library, Panther Place, Eltham. www.yprl.vic.gov.au</p>	<p>30 Thursday 15 May-Monday 16 June Faded into Light: Melanie Scaife A poetic vision of our local landscape by 2013 Laughing Waters Artist in Residence Melanie Scaife. Eltham Library Community Gallery, Panther Place, Eltham. www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au/arts</p> <p><small>Above: Melanie SCAIFE, Landscape Study 2013 oil on board, 20cm x 15cm, © Melanie Scaife</small></p>	<p>31 Rates instalment due www.nillumbik.vic.gov.au</p> <p>2pm-4pm Natural soil improvement workshop Edendale, 30 Gastons Road, Eltham. Free. Bookings: www.edendale.vic.gov.au</p>		

Just some of the many arts and cultural events and activities to be enjoyed this autumn – more on page 13 and in the calendars.

COURTHOUSE READINGS

Now in its 10th year, Courthouse Readings is among just a few other poetry readings that have existed this long.

When: Third Thursday of every month

Where: Eltham Courthouse,
728 Main Road, Eltham

Contact: Helen Lucas, 0438 339 732

ARTISTS OPEN STUDIOS

Discover artists at work in their studios nestled within picturesque Nillumbik – featuring 37 artists, 26 studios and disciplines including painting, drawing, sculpture, printmaking, ceramics, jewelry, textiles and photography.

When: Saturday 3–Sunday 4 May,
Saturday 10–Sunday 11 May 2014

Information: Visit www.artistsopenstudios.com.au or telephone 1300 660 072 for a free tour booklet

THEATRE 451: A PLAY, A PIE AND A POT

Theatre 451 presents a series of new, unpublished works designed to be performed in non-traditional spaces to promote and encourage local live theatre. On the second Monday and Tuesday of each month between February and September 2014, local actors and directors will perform one-act scripts from emerging Australian authors.

Monday 10 March and Tuesday 11 March, 8pm

Strategy written by Judy Doubas and directed by Jean Russell – What constitutes provocation and is it ever a defence to murder? Find out at this controversial verbatim production.

Monday 14 April and Tuesday 15 April, 8pm

Double Bill: *Plastic & Virtual Frememies* written by Allee Richards and Revelly Robinson; directed by Lisa Inman – Who's looking out for who and how do you know the truth about the person next to you?

Monday 12 May and Tuesday 13 May, 8pm

Lifting Lucy written by Eris Jane and directed by Neil Cooke – Invading an empty office was supposed to be therapy for Lucy. But some unexpected guests have different ideas.

Where: Mondays: St Andrews Hotel, corner Kangaroo Ground Road and St Andrews Road, St Andrews. Tuesdays: Eira Café Lounge, 1 Pryor Street, Eltham

Bookings: www.theatre451.com

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Front cover: Eleven-year-old Heidi and her nanny Glenys feed the chooks at Edendale Community Farm.

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