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Our cover: Dylan Brockman and Jason Young played key roles in creating a new garden area at Norlane Community Centre. SEE Page 7.



Editor's letter

Welcome to Northerly Aspects for Term 2, 2016; it's edition number 48 of your community newsletter.

Northerly Aspects is a not-for-profit publication supported by local community centres, volunteers, businesses, services and agencies. It aims to promote the positive programs, opportunities and achievements of the Corio-Norlane area.

Each edition is delivered to 11,500 homes in the 3214 postcode four times a year, with a further 1000 copies distributed through several outlets in the area.

This edition marks a change in delivery time. Our editorial committee has brought forward delivery to the weekend before the end of school term. We believe this will give residents more time to catch up on what's happening in their local area, as well as research the programs and courses available at neighbourhood houses and community centres.

This edition features some of the people playing key roles in local groups and committees. It also provides information about opportunities for you to try something new this term.

Term 1 was short but no doubt a busy time for families settling children into school and kinder routines. I hope you enjoy the break and are refreshed and ready for Term 2 and all the opportunities it presents.

Jeanette Watt

Editor, on behalf of the Editorial Committee

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Dianne's advisory role

Norlane resident Dianne Pont has been re-appointed to the City of Greater Geelong Council's Women in Community Life Advisory Committee. Dianne is one of 12 members who will sit on the committee for the next two years.

The Women in Community Life Advisory Committee (WiCLAC) was established in 2013 to advise the council on matters relating to women's participation in civic and community life with a view to achieving equality, inclusion and respect for women in Geelong.

Dianne said she loves being involved with WiCLAC because she's passionate about including women's voice in decisions that affect themselves and their family.

"Being part of this inspiring group of women is also an opportunity to highlight some of the barriers for the women of 3214's access and participation in education, training and employment," she said.

WiCLAC members are appointed for a two-year term with the capacity to nominate for a further two-year term.

City of Greater Geelong Councillor Jan Farrell, who holds the Portfolio for Women in Community Life and is chairperson of WiCLAC, said the



members demonstrated a commitment to addressing issues affecting women in the Geelong region.

"It's exciting to have such a diverse range of members who complement one another and who are all committed to WiCLAC's objectives - to promote equality, inclusion and respect for women throughout our region."

The 12-member appointment includes seven existing committee members appointed for a second term, three new members and two members who have been filling casual vacancies.

Cr Farrell said the freshly-appointed committee will continue to make education, training and leadership opportunities for women in Geelong a priority.



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New centre in Hendy Street

The City of Greater Geelong will build a \$5.4 million integrated child and family centre in Hendy Street, Corio, with construction expected to commence in September this year.

The centre will be funded by the City of Greater Geelong and will include a kindergarten, maternal and child health consulting rooms, outdoor playgrounds, consulting spaces for visiting support services, a multi-purpose playgroup/occasional care room, parent lounge, off-street car parking and reception/office space.

The council has appointed Perkins Architects to design the integrated children's centre, the same firm that designed the Barwon Heads, Ocean

Grove and Windsor Park Early Learning Centres.

City of Greater Geelong Windemere ward councillor Tony Ansett said he couldn't wait for shovels to be in the ground.

"The Hendy Street Child and Family Centre is an exciting development that will be of much benefit to young families in the north," Cr Ansett said. "Corio is a location that has been strategically selected as an area in need of an early learning centre due to the growing number of families and young children."

Corio ward councillor Kylie Fisher said the need for an early learning

centre was identified in the council's Corio North Community Services Infrastructure Plan, which considered projected demographics, program and service requirements, opportunities to maximise integration and access to services.

The Hendy Street Child and Family Centre will replace the existing Corio Maternal and Health Centre, William Hovell Kindergarten, the former Rosewall and Corio South Kindergartens.

Plans of the Centre can be viewed at the Hendy St Community Hall, William Hovell Pre School Centre and the Northern Bay College Hendy St Campus.





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A busy first year



Wathaurong Child Services playgroup facilitator Kylie Edwards and Norlane Child and Family Centre manager Sue Down, at the centre.

Norlane Child and Family Centre recently celebrated its first year of operation.

Manager Sue Down said the first 12 months of the centre were "incredibly busy and exciting". She said centre staff are working hard to build capacity in the centre and engagement with the local community.

The centre, located alongside Northern Bay College Tallis Street campus, hosts a wide variety of child and family-related programs and services.

They include:

- Two four-year-old kindergarten programs.
- Occasional care five days a week.
- Wathaurong playgroup.
- Supported playgroups.
- Catholic Care counselling.
- Barwon Child Youth and Family support officer, based at the centre five days a week.
- Maternal and Child Health.
- School holiday programs.
- Barwon Community Legal Service.
- Bethany infant program.
- Parenting programs for the Afghan community, conducted by Diversitat.
- Dads' group.
- BUMP, a mentoring program matching new mothers with experienced volunteer mothers.

Sue said a lot of her time is spent talking to and supporting families to find the connections they need in their local community.

"At the integrated centre we do lots of things to support families in their own area, so that they don't have to travel into Geelong to access services," she said. "The new centre to be built in Hendy Street will be fantastic for that area."

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Michael's settling in

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre welcomed Michael Fedyk to its staff at the start of Term 1.

Michael is the centre's new Adult Education Co-Ordinator and says he is enjoying the challenge after working in TAFE and university settings. He is also enjoying a chance to "give back" to the neighbourhood house sector after getting his own start in lifelong learning through an adult education course.

"I had left school after Year 10 and worked in different jobs," he said. "In my mid to late 20s I got interested in computers and did an adult education course. After that I wanted to learn more, so went on to do certificate and diploma courses, then I became a trainer."

Michael's role at Rosewall is to co-ordinate pre-accredited and general interest courses. He's been busy getting an understanding of what the centre offers and looking at its potential to do even more for local residents.

"I'm loving the vibe of the different groups and people who come here," Michael said.

"I'm keen to hear from people about what they want (from us) and from job providers and organisations about the skills they want to see in people, so that we can look at developing programs to help," he said.

Michael's experience and interest in digital technology will see him teaching new courses, including a Google apps course in Term 2. He also wants to develop programs to help people get the most out of their digital devices, such as phones and tablets.

To contact Michael, email training@rosewallinc.org.au or phone the centre on 5275-7409.

An advertisement for Corio Shopping Centre. It features a large red heart with a white letter 'I' inside, set against a bright blue background. Below the heart, the text 'CORIO SHOPPING CENTRE' is written in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath this, in smaller white text, it says: 'With 2 supermarkets, over 90 specialty stores and easy access to FREE parking, Corio Shopping Centre has everything you need in the one place.' At the bottom left, there is a small white box containing the address 'Corio Shopping Centre, 1000 Corio Road, Corio', the phone number 'Ph: 03 5275 7409', and social media icons for Facebook and Twitter with the handle '@corioshopping'. At the bottom right, there is a circular logo for Corio Shopping Centre with the text 'CORIO SHOPPING CENTRE' inside.

New look for Norlane space



The outdoor space at the rear of the Norlane Community Centre has a new look following a six-month project by a group assigned to making over the area.

The group was part of a Work For The Dole scheme co-ordinated by Norlane Community Centre in conjunction with Northern Futures, which is based at the centre.

The group was responsible for removing the old playground, designing and creating the new garden and outdoor space.

A highlight of the area is a unique kidney-shaped table, complete with seating. The table is surrounded by garden boxes at varying levels, an edible garden and native gardens.

Team member Dylan Brockman was largely responsible for producing the final design for the garden. Dylan

brought together the ideas from all team members, researched materials and the technical aspects of the project. All agreed the kidney-shaped table was the most difficult, but most satisfying, part of the design

Jason Young took responsibility for plant selection in the garden. Jason, whose previous gardening experience was limited to his own backyard, selected low maintenance natives and trees to fit the design. His brief included three must-haves: a pear tree, a plum tree and passionfruit vine for centre manager Lou Brazier.

Northern Futures learning advisor Anna Dobrovoljni said co-operation and teamwork were important components in the project. "It was completely new to all the team members, who came into the project not knowing each other, but working well together," she said.

"We thought we were coming to do garden maintenance, then they threw us in the deep end with this," participant Lou Rezlj said.

Lou said the work had been labour intensive, especially when the original garden and playground needed to be removed. "But we loved it. We came together with lots of different personalities, but in the end we came together as a team and got the job done."

Another participant, Simon Rickinson, said "the end result is quite remarkable. We finished ahead of schedule and there's a lot of pride in what we achieved."

Most of the men are now looking for full-time work and opportunities.

Learning to sew

Corio-Norlane Uniting Church hosts a range of programs and groups each week at 8 Wendover Avenue, Norlane.

The Stitch in Time group meets on Wednesday morning from 10.30am until 11.30am. This group is for people who want to learn to sew and includes basic hand and machine sewing skills. For more information, contact Dorothy, 0412-360-760.

Open Doors is held on the second and fourth Monday of each month, from 10am until 11.30am, and is an opportunity to simply call in and share a free morning tea.

In addition, Easy Learning operates at the Listening Lounge at Corio Shopping



Centre. This group provides help with reading, writing, understanding bills, understanding legal letters every Friday from 10.30am until noon.

The Listening Lounge is on Level

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Reading Together



Corio's William Hovell kindergarten recently hosted the launch of a new program to encourage parents to help develop their child's literacy skills.

The Children's Book Council of Australia Victorian Branch developed the Reading Together resource pack, which includes a poster and sample box of books to share. The pack will be available for local services to provide as a resource to families.

City of Greater Geelong councillor for Community Development, Kylie Fisher, said the Reading Together postcards were designed to promote literacy and assist parents in enhancing reading with their child. The postcards will be distributed during National Playgroup Week, from March 23.

"CBCA Victoria has collaborated with the Victorian Government's Best Start

program to better promote literacy and encourage reading with your child," Cr Fisher said.

"The postcards will be unique and engaging and include reading tips for parents and kids. This is a wonderful resource that will be made available to early childhood centres in the Geelong area."

Cr Fisher said Reading Together materials were important in assisting parents with guiding their child's early literacy development.

"Early literacy development is a significant step to educational success and opportunity in the future," Cr Fisher said.

CBCA Victoria president Christine Oughtred said it is important to share the message that reading together is



fun, "and there are so many wonderful books to choose from to get started".

"You just need to find 10 minutes a day to share a book together," Ms Oughtred said.



Connections Park rezoned

The City of Greater Geelong Council has approved the rezoning of Connections Park East, Corio, from the Public Park and Recreation Zone to the General Residential Zone.

Cr Michelle Heagney, who holds the council's planning portfolio, said the rezoning of the former BMX and skate park site was part of a long-term strategy to redevelop Connections Park East for residential use.

Cr Heagney said more than 1.3 hectares

of the western part of the park will be retained, with established playground equipment, to serve open space needs.

The rezoning Amendment C330 was exhibited for public comment last year and received no submissions, she said.

"Late last year, Council removed the concrete skate facility and gravel BMX mounds," Cr Heagney said.

Windermere ward councillor Tony Ansett said rezoning of the site would

improve the council's ability to attract investment in the area.

"The long-term strategy to redevelop Connections Park East for residential use complements other Council renewal projects, including the \$5.4m Hendy Street Child and Family Centre, the planned redevelopment of the Rosewall Neighbourhood House and sporting improvements to Flinders Peak Reserve," Cr Ansett said.

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Saturday program at College

In a valuable addition to the local community, Northern Bay College's Goldsworthy Campus is being used on Saturday mornings to teach language, writing and culture to children in their pre-teens.

An agreement with the Payam Dari School, whose biggest school is in Narre Warren, sees more than 50 children attend Northern Bay to learn to read and write in Dari at the Saturday school.

As the children grow up Australian, the families also want to keep some of the old customs alive, like courtesy and modesty.

At home, mums and dads speak their home language and during the day the children are taught to speak, read and write in English as part of them being new Australians.

Many people from Greek, Italian, Macedonian backgrounds, to name a few, have English native tongue, but their parents and extended families still use the old language. In a lot of cases, members of the second generation really wish they had kept up the use of their parents' language.

The College School Council has supported the idea of having classrooms used at the weekend for the program. Over the years, many migrant families have seen the need to have Saturday schools for their children.

In a touching moment, School Council President Shonah Friswell recently



Family members Arman on the right, Maysam and sister Roya get ready to go into classes after morning play.

visited the Saturday school and when she entered one of the classrooms, the children gave her a big round of

applause and thanked her for visiting. Shonah was delighted and shared her experience with School Council.

The importance of community



Social justice campaigner Rev Tim Costello recently visited Geelong as guest speaker at the Northern Futures Industry Partners Breakfast.

Well known for shining a spotlight on poverty and disadvantage, the chief executive officer of World Vision Australia spoke about the important role of strong community ties when people are enduring tough times.

He said his global travels to some of the world's poverty hotspots had convinced him that people are still able to feel hopeful and optimistic when the bonds within the community are strong and supportive.

also have strong leadership, not just at the political level and among businesses or community groups, but also from the people who lead by example and by inspiration.

"So celebrate your local successes and celebrate your local heroes, and best and most important of all, use every success to inspire and recreate another one," he told the audience.

"There's always a positive lift from a 'local makes good' story but, more than that, one of the keys to success is learning, and the ability to spot success factors, learn the lessons and replicate those factors to produce more success."

Live chief executive officer, Bill Mithen, who spoke about Give Where You Live's support for GROW (G21 Region Opportunities for Work).

In November 2015, 20 Geelong organisations signed up to the GROW Compact, a commitment to inclusive jobs growth and local investment so that economic and social outcomes are maximised in targeted areas across the G21 region.

Mr Mithen urged more Geelong businesses to sign up to the Compact because "addressing disadvantage is everybody's business".

Rev Costello said strong communities

Guests also heard from Give Where You



Northern Futures chairman Peter Dorling, Northern Futures executive officer Lou Brazier, World Vision Australia CEO Rev Tim Costello and Give Where You Live CEO Bill Mithen.



Balloon football is back

SCOPE'S Balloon football is back for 2016 and kicking off its autumn season with a free come and try day.

Balloon football is a version of AFL that has been modified to suit the needs of people with a disability. Anyone can play this fun and competitive sport. Register your interest to come and try the game and then join a team.

The Come and Try Day is on Tuesday, April 19, from 10am until noon at the Leisuretime Centre in Norlane. Participants can sign up for the season,

which will run from May 3 until June 14, with all sessions held on Tuesdays from 10am until noon.

The Come and Try Day is free, and the cost for the season, which includes an end-of-season barbecue, is \$70.

The Leisuretime Centre is at 262-282 Anakie Road in Norlane.

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Arts walk on its way

Geelong's biennial extreme arts walk, MountaintoMouth2016, will pass through sites in the 3214 area in May.

The walk will begin with a ceremony at Big Rock in the You Yangs on Friday, May 6 and over 24 hours will cover 84 kilometres. The event is for people of all ages and cultures who will experience artworks by regional artists at each of the walking circles as they travel across Geelong.

Esther Konings-Oakes (Big Rock and Moorpanyal Park) and Sue Hartigan (Lara RSL and Steampacket Gardens) are again District Co-ordinators.

At Big Rock in the You Yangs, join the

welcoming ceremony by indigenous elders and community leaders. Share in a moving dance performance and the unveiling of the iconic canoe that will carry water from the sacred waterhole at Big Rock to the mouth of the Barwon River.

Artists David Dellaflora and Teresa Lawrence are creating the artwork for Lara RSL. Called 'To the Four Winds', their kinetic installation will reference air and stone and the events of 1916. At the Limeburners Bay walking circle, Simon Macaulay will recreate his 'Grass Shrine' and a series of lanterns.

At Moorpanyal Park, artist and Deakin lecturer Merinda Kelly will create

'Blowout'. Her work will use discarded fragments of everyday life and people are invited to contribute their own stories and objects to create a totem of pop archeology to be mined by future generations. This is a chance to walk a circle that mimics the rebellious burnouts and uses the treads of cars once manufactured in the surrounding factories, and leave behind your own tracks.

For more information, go to <http://www.mountaintomouth.com.au> or contact Esther Oakes, esther.oakes@gmail.com, phone 0422-367-706 or Sue Hartigan, bluesheep@netspace.net.au, phone 0411-743-325.



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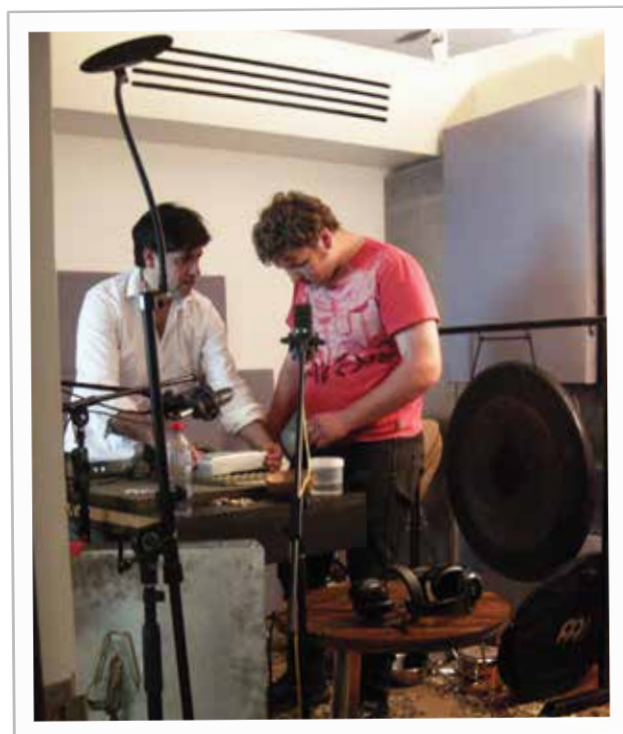
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Nathan and Cloverdale Community Centre tutor and exhibiting artist Meg at Art from the Neighbourhoods.



The Karndoor-kapa (Cycling/Walking) Track, which now encompasses all of 3214, was launched at Moorpanyal Park North Shore in December. Pictured are Wathaurong Aboriginal Cooperative CEO Rod Jackson, Member of Parliament Christine Couzens, artist Mark Tringham, Uncle Bryon Powell (Wadawurrung) and Cr Kylie Fisher at the launch.



Ben, from Cloverdale Community Centre's Noise Scavengers group, records with musician James at Run Stop Sound Studio.



English Language Playgroup runs at Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre every Wednesday during school term from 9.30am until 11am. The playgroup is for children up to five years old, where parents and carers can practice English speaking, reading and writing while the children have fun with singing, toys and activities. The playgroup is free; for more information, contact the centre on 5275-7409.



Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre recently hosted its annual Going Potty festival. The day included a wide range of activities and attracted visitors of all ages to the centre.



Parts of Cloverdale Community Centre recently received a makeover thanks to service organisation Apex. Members of Apex from throughout Australia took on a mini-makeover as part of their commitment to improving the community during their annual conference in Geelong. Painting and gardening projects at the centre earned the tick of approval from Corio ward councillor Kylie Fisher, who called in to thank the volunteers.

Cloverdale Community Centre and Diversitat combined to present the annual Women As One dinner in early March. The dinner, to celebrate International Women's Day, brought together local women to enjoy good food, entertainment and activities.

North Shore Neighbourhood Walk

In December 2015, the Karndoor-kapa (Cycling/Walking) Track, which now encompasses all of 3214 was launched at Moorpanyal Park North Shore with the fourth 'Knowing your Place 3214' Neighbourhood Walk - the North Shore Neighbourhood Walk.

The Karndoor-kapa Track was funded by Regional Development Victoria and the City of Greater Geelong. It was created

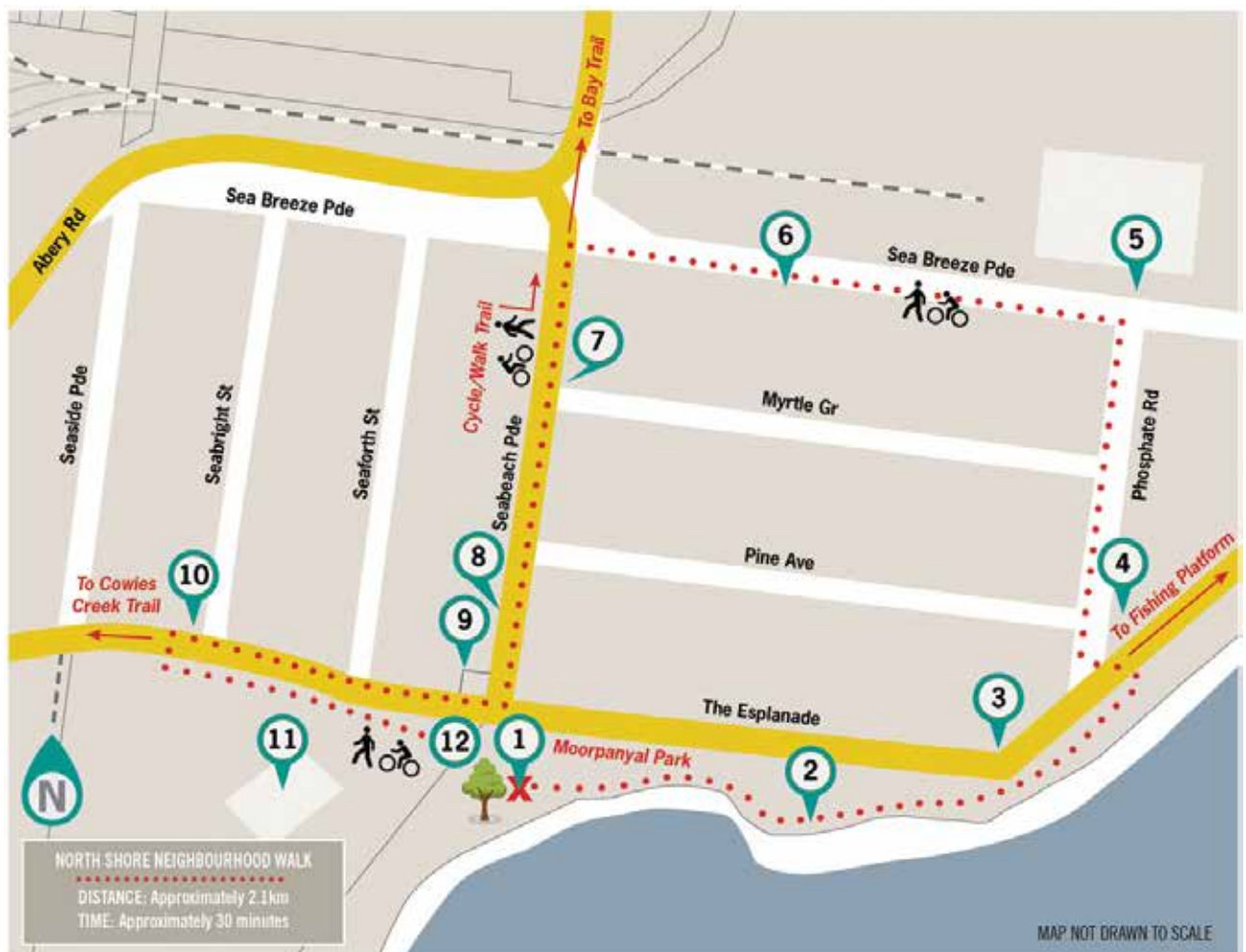
in response to the community's desire to be able to safely walk and ride to the beautiful places surrounding the community, such as Limeburners and North Shore Beach.

The launch was conducted by Member for Geelong Christine Couzens, on behalf of the State Government, Cr Kylie Fisher and a welcome to country and smoking ceremony by Uncle Bryon

Powell from the Wadawurrung.

All 3214 Maps are available at: <http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/parks/paths>

The Wadawurrung meaning for Karndoor-Kapa Track is 'follow the Norlane Corio track'.





Year of Digital Inclusion

The National Year of Digital Inclusion (NYDI) 2016 is one of the five key platforms of GoDigi, that aims to help all Australians realise their online potential, raise awareness of digital inclusion at all levels of society and celebrate the benefits of digital literacy and digital inclusion.

In many Australian neighbourhoods and communities, we acknowledge the growing divide for people unable to afford, use or access digital technology. For example, we know that:

- Most public housing tenants do not have the internet on at home.
- Many people with limited incomes do not have computer equipment

at home (particularly difficult for families with school age children).

- Most of this group of people use their phones as their only forms of digital communication.
- Many young people are incurring debts through phone contracts – some still at school.
- Many services, if not already online, will be soon.
- Many older people (and some young) are afraid about online safety.
- Many people believe technology is bad for social interaction.
- Those people already suffering the effects of disadvantage are likely to be further marginalised by not having access to digital technology.

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Residents and groups can get involved by hosting an event, starting a code club for kids, mentoring someone with a digital device, or visiting their library to learn more about their iPad or phone.

NYDI in Geelong

A NYDI Geelong 2016 events calendar has been created and can be found at: <https://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/events/register/form.aspx>
Choose Digital Inclusion as the category.

By raising awareness, working together and sharing resources across our city, we can ensure that all community services, businesses, industry and residents – regardless of location, cultural background or education, can benefit from a 'digitally advanced' place to live.

The City of Greater Geelong is excited to be part of this national program and is committed to a digital future for the

city. Through education, innovation and enterprise we can create jobs and secure our economic future, leaving no one behind.

The City's calendar of events planned for NYDI supports this approach by raising awareness of the issue of digital inclusion and connecting experts with people through forums, workshops and events to start bridging the digital divide. We invite YOU to #JoininGeelong.

For more information, go to:

Digital Geelong:

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Enjoy warm days in the garden

Autumn is the ideal time to get your garden shipshape before winter hits. Pruning hedges, trimming edges which have got a bit out of hand, cutting back perennials that are beyond their best and eliminating weeds are best done before the cold, wet weather and icy winds hit.

Cut back and shape flowering perennials such as lavender, buddleias and daylilies. Plant trees and shrubs so they have plenty of time to settle in before winter arrives, and order bare-root roses for planting mid-winter. A new category of rose came out last year called The Decorator Rose – dazzling colour and vivid, contrasting centres make these roses perfect for pots or beds and they come in several colours. They're from Anthony Tesselaar Plants under various labels, but you will have to hunt for them.

It's time, once again, to plant your spring flowering bulbs. If you do not already have them ready, there is still time to send for new ones. Bluebells, crocus, freesias, ranunculi, hyacinths,

ixias and babianas all look great in flower, as do tulips. Don't forget that the tulip bulbs need to be chilled for about six weeks before planting if this has not already been done by the supplier.

Late March and very early April are the time to plant sweet peas. These can range from small plants that can be grown as ground cover to more than two metre tall plants on trellis support. The small ones look great in pots on the patio growing over a cone-shaped support or just flopping over the sides. The tall ones are very good at hiding that ugly shed or fence. They grow better if they have a north-facing aspect.

Now is the perfect time to plant pansies to ensure a lovely display right through to December. With a regular dose of liquid fertilizer they will repay a little care with a beautiful show of colour. Poppies, primulas and polyanthus also flower during the dull months of winter; seedlings should be available from your local nursery.

Veggies to be planted before winter include beetroot, broad beans, carrots, celery, parsnips, radish, silverbeet and turnips. Garlic is another crop worth growing. Apart from the cooking aspect, this little beauty is great planted between roses as it prevents thrip from taking up residence in your beautiful flowers and saves time spent spraying.

If growing cabbages, cauliflowers and broccoli, protection is required against cabbage moths. Some people dust with insecticide powder or cover with netting.

The latest thing is to have some mock butterflies on wire between the plants. This can just be a knot of some white plastic fabric or something similar. The moths have very bad eyesight and if they see something white fluttering in the garden will assume that another moth has already taken up residence there and will not invade your garden.

Enjoy your garden and the autumn warmth.

Betty





Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre

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Afghan Migrant Support Program

Over the last three years, 1000 migrants from Afghanistan have moved to Geelong.

This community has shown it is keen to participate and contribute valuable skills to the community. However, gaining cultural knowledge and learning the English language makes this harder, particularly when they are still dealing with the trauma of leaving their war torn homelands.

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre, in partnership with CatholicCare, has

developed a program to support members of the Afghan communities to develop stronger links to local community life, further education and employment.

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre and CatholicCare have partnered to run a similar program for Karen migrants since 2014. Rosewall has offered the English Language training and community connections while CatholicCare offers family counselling and individual support.

By working together, Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre and CatholicCare can offer a holistic program that supports newly arrived migrants to participate in community life and develop pathways to employment.

If you want more information about the Afghan Migrant Support Program, or would like to join, call Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre on 5275-7409, or email admin@rosewallinc.com.au.

The value of volunteers

Gary moved to Corio a few months ago and brought a talent with him - sponge cake baking.

Gary is now volunteering in the Rosewall Café and has promised to bake us a sponge on demand. Of course the

staff want one every day, but our good food policy at the café means we can only have one a week.

Come in to Rosewall Café on Tuesdays and try Gary's fresh baked sponge with a cappuccino.



Neighbourhood House Week

Watch our Facebook page for a special event to celebrate Neighbourhood House Week and Volunteer Week from May 9 to 13.



Learning at Rosewall

At Rosewall, we structure our courses for small class sizes so that you can get the most out of your learning. Our supportive trainers will assist you and answer your questions in our comfortable training rooms. We put you, the learner, at the centre of what we do by building your skills and enhancing your confidence. Call us (5275-7409), or drop in to the centre to discuss the learning opportunities that are available to you.

Introduction to office work

Learn office procedures, operate office equipment and undertake customer service in a community centre office.

This course includes the eight-week Introduction to Computers course in the price!

Café Skills

Kick start your hospitality career. Learn new skills and gain hands-on work experience in our neighbourhood café.

Customer service, safe food handling, food preparation, coffee making and taking orders from customers are some of the skills you will learn in this course.

Google Apps

Immerse yourself in the world of Google Apps. Take your Gmail account to the next level as you explore the Google App suite. This course will take you through these Google Apps.

- Gmail
- Calendar
- Drive
- Photos
- YouTube.

Courses

Course	Start date	Day	Time	Concession	Full Fee
Introduction to computers	April 12	Tuesday	9.30am – Noon	\$95	\$125
Intermediate computers	April 12	Tuesday	12.30pm – 3pm	\$95	\$125
Google Apps (New!)	April 11	Monday	10am – 1pm	\$120	\$250
Introduction to Office Work	April 11	Monday	9.30am – 12.30pm	\$120	\$200
Café skills	April 13	Wednesday	9.30am – 3pm	\$120	\$200
Conversational English for Karen and Kareni	April 13	Wednesday	9.30am – Noon	Gold coin	
English Language Playgroup	April 13	Wednesday	9.30am – Noon	Free	
Coffee making	April 15	Friday	9.30am – 3pm	\$40	\$60

Potential Courses

Course	Start date	Day	Time	Concession	Full Fee
Computers for EAL learners	TBA	TBA	9.30am – Noon	\$95	\$125
Introduction to computers	April 14	Thursday	9.30am – Noon	\$95	\$125
Diploma of Early Childhood Education and Care (CHC50113)	TBA	Mondays and Thursdays	9.30am – 3.30pm	Funded. \$1050	\$5000
Apply first aid (HLTAID003)	May 6	Friday	9.30am – 3pm	\$130	\$200
Coffee making	June 17	Friday	9.30am – 3pm	\$40	\$60

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre also offers a range of courses in the arts such as drawing, painting and pottery.

Creative Arts

Course	Start date	Day	Time	Concession
Drawing and Painting	Do you want to draw or paint? Julian will work with each participant individually on what you want to learn.	Thursday April 14, during school terms	10am – Noon	\$5 per session
Geelong Potters. Pottery Open Studio	For those who have some pottery experience. Bring your own project and ideas!	Tuesday and Wednesday, during school terms	9am-3pm	\$5 per day
Mel's Daytime Pottery Class	Learn the basics of pottery to enable you to join open studio sessions.	Starts Thursday April 28 for 8 weeks	1pm – 3pm	\$120
Mel's Evening Pottery Class	Wheel throwing and hand building using different clays and a variety of surface design techniques.	Starts Thursday April 28 for 8 weeks	6pm – 9pm	\$255
Kids Pottery	Includes fruit and water on arrival, materials and firing.	Starts Wednesday April 27 for 5 weeks	4pm – 5.30pm	\$120

Looking at joining a group and engaging in activities? There are many groups using the centre; use the contact information to find out more about what's on offer in Term 2.

Activities and Groups

Course	Start date	Day	Time
Bethany Play Group	Facilitated playgroup for 0-5 years, 9.30 – 11am on Thursdays	Rosewall	5275-7409
Computer Help	Answers to your computer problems. Fridays 9.30am – Noon, Free!	Rosewall	5275-7409
Street Surfer Bus. Barwon Youth	Games and educational support for youth. 2pm – 5pm every second Tuesday	Rosewall	5275-7409
Over 50's	Get together with friends. Meet new friends! Activities and outings. New members welcome. Every Friday	Rosewall	Ronnie 0418-653-309
TOWN	Take Off Weight Naturally. Help each other to lose those extra kilos. 8.45am – 10.45am Mondays	Rosewall	Geraldine 5298-2275
TAEKWON-DO	Geelong Taekwon-do trains weekly 6.30 – 7.30 Wednesdays	Rosewall	Phil Zdybel 0418-513-981
Strength, fitness and balance	Open class, start the day strong! Qualified personal trainer. \$7 per week, Tuesdays, 9am – 10am	Rosewall	5275-7409
Bayside Active Adult	Exercises with a qualified personal trainer. 10.45am – 11.45am Mondays	Hendy St Hall	Lesia 5200-0146
Corio Kyokushin Karate Club	6.30pm Mondays and Wednesdays	Hendy St Hall	Scott 0418-335-355
Cloverdale Calisthenics College	4pm – 8pm Mondays and Tuesdays during school term	Hendy St Hall	Mandy 0418-559-241
GKR Karate	6.30pm – 7.30pm Fridays	Hendy St Hall	Luke 0450-011-654
Northside International Christian Church	Church Service – Sunday mornings Youth Group – 7pm Fridays	Hendy St Hall	Stephen 0405-104-610

Playgroup fun in 3214

Supported Playgroups will resume in Corio and Norlane in Term 2, with several options for families in the area.

The Sunbirds Supported Playgroup runs at Cloverdale Community Centre (167 Purnell Road, Corio), every Monday from 10am until noon. It is free for eligible families and aims to encourage positive family activities, help learning development for children and provide community connections and social support networks for parents.

For bookings and more information contact Louise Jarvis at lj Jarvis@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

geelongcity.vic.gov.au or phone 0427-693-361.

Playlinks is a program of learning together through music and art. It is for children aged up to five years old and runs at two venues: St Thomas Aquinas School Hall (Plume Street, Norlane) on Wednesday from 9.15am until 10.45am; and at St Francis Xavier School Hall (143 Bacchus March Road, Corio) on Friday from 9.15am until 10.45am.

Activities include singing, dancing, painting, instruments, puppets, drawing and stories. The program is free,

but bookings are essential. Contact tmarshall@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or phone 0427-670-905.

City of Greater Geelong councillor Kylie Fisher, who holds the council's Community Development portfolio, said Supported Playgroups provide opportunities for children aged zero to five years to engage in play activities with their parents/carers.





Norlane Community Centre

Rose Avenue, Norlane. Phone 5275-8124.

E-mail: admin@norlanecc.com.au

Office Hours: 9am-5pm Monday to Friday

Garden project impressive

The Norlane Community Centre garden project is now completed, thanks to Bill Polwarth and his band of enthusiastic workers.

Recent editions of Northerly Aspects have featured the progress of the team, from dismantling the old playground to designing and creating the new space.

Staff and volunteers of the centre have received many favourable comments from NCC users and members of the public. The impressive outdoor table is well used by the centre for lunches, client interviews or those who just wish to sit and enjoy the garden.

In the garden beds, all the plants have taken. Many are in flower and the pear tree is in fruit. The vegetables have done well, with many tomatoes picked and the corn is almost ready to be harvested.

Different organisations and residents, who have heard about the garden, have come to see what everyone is talking about and have been impressed by what they see.



www.norlanecommunitycenter.com.au

PROGRAMS AND GROUPS AT NORLANE

Tai Chi for all abilities

Classes are held every Tuesday from 10am-11.30am for beginners and those who have had previous experience of Tai Chi. Wear comfortable clothing and flat shoes. The group also maintains garden beds to grow its own vegetables, which are shared amongst the group. Contact Monika on 5281-7175 or Maureen 5275-3939.

Tuesday art group

Would you like to paint in a friendly, comfortable self-help group? Come and join the group every Tuesday from 9am until 1pm and have a cuppa. All art mediums are invited and the cost is \$4. The art group members also have a garden plot for growing their own vegetables.

Craft and friendship

Come and enjoy afternoon tea and a laugh with a group of talented people of all ages, every Friday from 1pm-3pm. This is an opportunity to share your craft ideas or learn something new. Bring your own materials. Cost \$1.

Norlane Community Fruit, Herb & Vegetable Garden

Norlane Community Fruit, Herb and Vegetable Garden is self-managed by residents of all ages, cultures and abilities, to grow fresh healthy fruit and vegetables for their own use. If you are interested in your own veggie patch, contact Liz on 5275-8124

Tool Pool

Need to mow the lawn but can't afford the cost of a mower or hiring someone? Become a member of NCC Tool Pool and hire a lawnmower for a \$5 yearly Tool Pool membership and \$5 mower hire fee. No whipper snippers or brush cutters available for hire, but there are some hand tools and wheelbarrows that are free to borrow. The Tool Pool operates on Tuesday and Friday from 9am to noon. Inquiries 5275-8124.

Computers

Computers are available for community use at Norlane Community Centre. Community use is free for one hour on Friday and \$2 per hour at other times, unless computer classes are being held. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Photocopying, laminating and faxes

Norlane Community Centre can photocopy, laminate or send faxes for a minimum cost.



Bowling club celebrating

Norlane Bowling Club is celebrating 50 years of bowling in 2016, and will host a special celebration in conjunction with its presentation day on Sunday, April 3.

The function will welcome past players, sponsors, bowling and government

officials. As well as the presentations for the 2016 season, it will include an outline of the club history, a two-course lunch and cutting of a 50th birthday cake.

For more information about the celebration day, contact Norlane

Bowling Club, phone 5275-2309. The club is in St Georges Road, Norlane.

Northern Futures Work and Learning Centre

Northern Futures, based at Norlane Community Centre, is running the following courses:

1. Certificate II Warehousing (Logistical Supply Chain).
2. Getting Ahead Program.
3. Certificate III in Aged Care, Home and Community Services.
4. Certificate II Skills for Work and

Vocational Pathways Business Administration Course.

5. Certificate III Health Support Services (HSS) House Keeping.
6. Certificate III Health Services Assistant (HAS) PSA.

For further details, phone 0437-655-360 or email: helen.northernfutures@gmail.com.



Munch 'n' Crunch

Munch 'n' Crunch Catering (MnC) provides healthy, gourmet food to customers, while being a hospitality training venue for Encompass Community Services participants.

Munch 'n' Crunch is committed to tailoring its products and services to the needs of its customers. They understand that every function is different and that people may have special dietary needs.

Visit their website to find out more on www.encompass-cs.org.au/mnc.

To place an order or to discuss your specific requirements, please call one of their friendly staff members on 5274-2242, or email them on mnc@encompass-cs.org.au.

Munch 'n' Crunch is open Monday to Friday from 8am until 2pm.



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Western Victoria Primary Health Network

The Western Victoria Primary Health program provides free, short-term mental health counselling to people who have been referred by their GP.

Priority is given to people who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander,

refugee, children under 12, or people on a low income.

For more information phone Western Victoria Primary Health on 5229-1922. www.barwonml.com.au

New apprentices at refinery

The Geelong Refinery has welcomed two new apprentices to the team.

Brett Mathews will be training as a dual trade apprentice (electrical/instrument) and Harley Smith as a mechanical

apprentice.

In 2016, the Geelong Refinery has 13 apprentices. This consists of eight dual trade apprentices and five mechanical fitting.

A total of five apprentices are from Northern Futures, one of Viva Energy's community partners that aims to create employment opportunities for local Corio and Norlane residents.

Viva Energy shares the Christmas spirit

The Geelong Refinery spread the Christmas cheer in Geelong last year.

Viva Energy donated more than \$14,500 worth of gift vouchers. These gifts went to more than 400 local Geelong young people who are having a tough time, and otherwise may have missed out on a gift.

This was part of the 12th annual Bethany Annual Giving Tree Appeal. More than 70 Giving Trees were located in businesses, schools and organisations around the region and gathered thousands of unwrapped gifts under

the trees, ensuring children of all years received treats.

Viva Energy staff also got involved in Christmas. For the second year, Geelong Refinery staff supported Adopt A Family, raising more than \$3500 for the three adopted families.

The team had an enjoyable time buying presents for the three families - including movie tickets, toys, art supplies, CDs and garden supplies. Money was raised through collections and the sale of their chocolates and drinks.



Not only did the team fill the hampers for three "adopted" families, but were also able to buy boxes of food for other family hampers.

Further Information



Website: www.vivaenergy.com.au/operations/geelong



Email: geelongrefinery-au@vivaenergy.com.au



Postal: External Communications
Geelong Refinery
90 Refinery Road
Corio Vic 3214



Operational issues (24-hour line):
1800 651 818



Emergencies: 000



WHAT'S THAT SOUND?



The Geelong Refinery alarm is tested every Tuesday at 9.00am.

This alarm is a part of the Refinery's safety system and it is intended for on-site personnel only.

There is no need to take action if the alarm is sounded. In the unlikely event that an incident occurs and action needs to be taken, the CFA will direct the community.

If you have a concern regarding our day to day operations, please call **1800 651 818** immediately so that concerns can be investigated and appropriate action taken (if required).

2013 LEARN LOCAL LEGEND



Artist Emma Hollard and Neighbourhood Houses Victoria Chairperson Beth Davidson with Cloverdale Manager Sue Hartigan at the Art from the Neighbourhoods exhibition.

Coming up at Cloverdale

Bunyip Making Workshops

March 31 and April 7, from 10am-3pm.

Join artist Esther Konings-Oakes to make artefacts and effigies for Night of the Bunyip. All materials supplied. Free. This is for people of all ages, but children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Cloverdale Pop Up Photo Studio

May 18 from 10.30am to 3pm.

Use a digital camera to take a portrait, enhance it with photo software, print it and email it a friend. Join

photographers Matt 'n' Meike and learn some new tricks. All equipment provided. Free

Ukulele Muster

Sunday, May 22 from 11am to 3pm.

Join uke players from Trentham and Cloverdale for a day of intense and magnificent ukulele playing. Uke players of all abilities welcome. Bring your uke and a plate of food to share.

Cloverdale Autumn Festival

May 28 from 4pm to 7pm.

An evening festival featuring a great

line-up of music and activities plus the Night of the Bunyip arts spectacular. A family-friendly event for people of all ages.

Open MIC Nite

June 24 from 7.30pm to 10pm.

An outrageous night of fun, music, performance and spoken word. If you would like to be on the bill, give us a call on 5275-4415.

Refreshments provided. All welcome. Gold coin entry.

GENERAL INTEREST

Cloverdale Singers

A dynamic community singing group meeting weekly, with a repertoire including folk, gospel, rounds, ballads and part songs. For people who enjoy singing and are up for a challenge. Term 2 dates to be confirmed. Please call 5275-4415.
\$3 per session.

Community Kitchen

Cook, share, socialise.
Learn and share your knowledge of cooking, meet new people in a relaxed and friendly environment.
From 11.30am.
Wednesdays from April 13.
\$5-\$7 (price may vary).

Afternoon Painters

Draw and paint in a friendly group. Exchange ideas, develop your techniques and use a range of materials.
1-3pm.
Wednesdays from April 13.
\$3 per session.

iPad for beginners

Learn iPad basics including finding and organising apps and games, navigation and other fun stuff.
From 1-3pm
Thursdays from April 14.
\$10 per session.

Ukulele Players

Learn to play the cutest instrument on the planet. Strumming techniques, chords and new songs regularly added to the repertoire. Players of all abilities welcome.
10am-noon.
Thursdays from April 14.
\$5 per session.

Cloverdale Knitting Group

Join Marguerite for a relaxed knitting session. Knit a range of items for charity or follow your own project.
From noon.
Fridays from April 15.
Gold coin.

Cloverdale Food Swap

Swap vegies, fruits and plants, preserves, cakes and other produce. Reduce your food miles and join us for coffee and cake. All welcome.
Third Saturday of every month
9.30-11am.
Free.

Cloverdale Garden Group

Come along for some gardening fun. Help grow our community garden, share tips, learn new skills and meet new friends.
Call 5275-4415 to find out more.

CREATIVE TUESDAYS

Guitar for Beginners

Learn guitar with qualified instructor. Includes basic theory and practice of chord changes, scales, strumming and picking.
3-5.30pm by appointment.
Tuesdays from April 12.
\$15 per session.

Drums for Beginners

Ever wanted to be a drummer? Explore rhythm, rudiments and basic theory with Erin.
3pm-5.30pm by appointment.
Tuesdays from April 12.
\$15 per session.
Plus

- Introduction to Songwriting
- Preparing to Perform

(See Learn Local section for course details and prices)

Arts Music Drop In
From 5pm.
\$5 for healthy meal.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Tai Chi

Learn Tai Chi to reduce stress and improve your balance, strength, flexibility and confidence.
9.30-10.30am.
Mondays from April 11.
\$5 per session.

Walking with Andy

Join our friendly walking group for a weekly walk around the local area.
From 11am.
Tuesdays from April 12.
Free.

Yoga

Invigorate your body and soul in our multi-level class and discover the benefits of yoga. Improve your strength, flexibility and health. Mats provided.
7-8pm.
Thursdays from April 14.
\$50 for 5 weeks or \$12 per session.

Chair Yoga

Are you injured or have limited mobility and want to enjoy safe exercise in a supported environment? Our experienced instructor from Inner Cor will help you exercise safely from the comfort and support of a chair. Medical clearance required prior to start. Taking expressions of interest.
\$50 for 5 weeks or \$12 per session.

2016, the Year of Digital Inclusion

This important year aims to help Australians to realise their online potential, raise awareness of digital inclusion at all levels of society and celebrate the benefits of digital literacy and digital inclusion.

Cloverdale Community Centre has a number of options available to help you Go Digi! Learn Local courses that will help you use any digital device or computer, public internet access including WiFi and an exciting pop-up event featured in the Go Digi program of events.

Join us on Wednesday, May 18 from 11am to 3pm for Cloverdale's Pop-up Photo Studio. Work with photographers Matt 'n' Meike to learn the basics of digital photography in our cute photo studio. Participants will take a portrait (yours or someone else's) using a digital



The Year of Digital Inclusion is being celebrated with a range of activities at Cloverdale Community Centre.

camera, download it to a laptop, email and print your image.

Visit the Go Digi website for more ways you can get involved <https://www.godigi.org.au>

PROGRAM	Starting	Day	Time	Full Fee	Concession
Computers					
Getting Started with Computers (8 weeks)	April 18	Monday	9.30am-Noon	\$180	\$90
Intel Learn Easy Steps - Computers (10 weeks)	April 19	Tuesday	9.30am-Noon	\$220	\$115
Intel Learn Easy Steps for New Arrivals (10 weeks)	April 21	Thursday	9.30am-Noon	\$220	\$115
Developing Computers - the next step (10 weeks)	April 21	Thursday	12.30pm-3pm	\$220	\$115
Communicating with Digital Devices (10 weeks)	April 22	Friday	9.30am-Noon	\$270	\$110
Employment					
Safe Food Handling (RTO AGB Training)	Pending numbers	TBA	TBA	\$100	NA
Become a Barista - 3 accredited units including Safe Food Handling (RTO AGB Training)	Pending numbers	Monday	TBA	\$450	NA
Certificate III in Hospitality (RTO AGB Training)	Pending numbers	Monday	All Day	\$2,000	From \$100*
Preparing to Perform - Using creativity to build employability (8 weeks)	April 19	Tuesday	6.30pm-9pm	\$210	\$90
Volunteering Pathways - Working towards employment through volunteering	Flexible	20 hours	Flexible	FREE	FREE
Literacy and Numeracy Programs					
Tell My Story - work with a professional journalist and publish a book about you! (8 weeks)	April 18	Monday	12.30pm-3pm	\$180	\$90
Introduction to Songwriting (8 weeks)	April 19	Tuesday	6.30pm-9pm	\$195	\$80
English Literacy and Language (Speaking and Listening)	April 13	Wednesday	2.30pm-4.30pm	\$220	\$50

* Subject to meeting funding criteria

Construction of the new crude tank begins



Viva Energy has gained all appropriate planning approvals for the new crude tank within the refinery (off Station Street).

The crude tank project, once fully completed, is valued at \$40-50 million. This is a significant growth investment and signals further confidence in the refinery's future.

The new crude tank is an important project for Viva Energy in building a long-term sustainable refinery and to assist preserve the existing 750 direct

full-time jobs on the site. This is good for Geelong and the local economy.

The tank will have a maximum capacity to hold 100 million litres. The new crude tank will significantly increase the production capabilities of the refinery by enabling us to source a wider variety of crude oils, increase our flexibility to blend crudes for a better fit to our units and enable ships to fully unload when they are discharging at the refinery.

The project formally began on February 29 and will take around 14 months to

complete, with construction scheduled to occur between 6am and 6pm.

A temporary road from Station Street to the project site will be used to transport goods and people to site and will be removed at the end of the project, as outlined in the transport management plan approved by the City of Greater Geelong.

Viva Energy will work to minimise the impact on neighbours over this period.



Artist's impression of the crude tank.