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OUR COVER: Lily and Ta Eh Moo are enjoying their kindergarten year at William Hovell Preschool in Corio. Parents interested in enrolling their children at the kindergarten next year can go on a virtual tour of the centre. SEE Page 3.

Editor's note



Who would you like to thank?

Welcome to the Term 3 edition of Northerly Aspects. I hope you and your family have been able to stay safe and well during this really difficult period.

A lot of people are doing it tough and will continue to endure some hard times over coming months. If you are one of them, I hope you're able to access some of the supports that are available.

This edition has information about a new phone service offered by Bethany Community Support. The service can help with information and referrals or simply provide someone to listen and talk things over with. Your Neighbourhood Houses are also a good place to find someone to chat with.

I'm sure that many of you have found support from others during the last few months. It might be a family member, a neighbour or acquaintance, or a service or agency that has gone out of its way to help you.

In the Term 4 edition, we'd like to print your thank-you message or shout-out to those who've made your 2020 a bit (or a lot) easier. You can send your message to info@northerlyaspects.org.au. Be sure to include your name (first name only if you like) and the person or service you'd like to thank and why.

In the meantime, take care of yourself and your loved ones. And stay well.

Jeanette Anderson, on behalf of the Northerly Aspects Editorial Committee

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Kindergarten tours go online

Bethany kindergartens, including Corio's William Hovell Preschool, have a new way of helping families decide where to enrol their children next year.

Prior to the COVID-19 outbreak, Bethany planned to host tours across its kindergarten as part of its second annual Open Week. Bethany Open Week provides families with an opportunity to walk through kindergartens, talk with educators while viewing the indoor and outdoor learning environments.

BKS Executive Manager Anneliese Knell said Open Week had been a great opportunity for families to experience different kindergarten environments and meet the educator team before deciding on their child's registration for the upcoming year.

"Kindergarten is an important year for children," Ms Knell said. "At Bethany Kindergartens, we understand that each child develops and grows at their own pace and in their own way".

"Finding the right kindergarten for your child can be hard. It's important to choose a kindergarten that will support your child's individual needs and allow them to grow, learn and play."

Bethany is now providing parents with a tour of all kindergartens through the use of short online videos. The videos allow children and families to view kindergartens remotely, at times convenient for them and in the comfort of their home.

Bethany offers short and long day sessions and provides both three and

four-year-old kindergarten programs. To view the videos and register for a BKS Kindergarten, head to bethanykindergartens.org.au.

At William Hovell Preschool in Hendy Street, Corio, a new cubby house, deck and garden have been added to the outdoor area.

Educational Leader Sharron German said the kinder funded the project from money raised over the past few years. They have also recently purchase new shelving, lockers and tables for the indoor environment.

If families would like to speak to a staff member at William Hovell Preschool, they can call on 5275-4663.

kindergartens@bethany.org.au', and 'bethanykindergartens.org.au'. The background of the graphic shows three young children (two girls and one boy) laughing joyfully in a classroom setting."/>

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Scouts and Cubs ready for return



Norlane West Scout Group continued to operate during COVID-19 restrictions and is preparing for a return to halls at the start of Term 3.

Group Leader Kim Brian said Scouting across Victoria has been active online since the last week of Term 1, with weekly – and in some cases twice-weekly – online meetings for more than 20,000 young people.

"We believe Victorian families – especially young people – need support at this time," Kim said. "Many young people are missing the social interaction they enjoyed through school and sport, but Scouting can fill the gap."

Kim said volunteer leaders and youth members are running online meetings. They have also participated in a state-wide sleepover with 2000 Joeys Scouts (aged 5-7) and held an overnight backyard camp with the Cubs and Scouts all connected online.

Work has also continued to raise funds online through the annual Scout Monster Raffle, while also planning for a return to outdoor Scouting.

"It is a great time for new families to check out Scouting as Scouts Victoria has scrapped membership fees till March 31 next year to support Scouting families in 400 communities across the

State," Kim said. "Families will still need to purchase uniform items and pay for any camps and excursions their children participate in.

"We recognise that many families will be financially affected, or suffering stress or uncertainty, so we want to do our bit to support families at this critical time.

Email membership inquiries to gl.norlanewest@scoutsvictoria.com.au or go to www.scoutsvictoria.com.au. For more information Kim Brian, phone 0425-783-995

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Spirit of Tasmania base in Geelong

Geelong's northern suburbs will become the Victorian home of the Spirit of Tasmania in 2022.

GeelongPort has reached agreement with TT-Line Company Pty Ltd to relocate the Victorian port home of the Spirit of Tasmania vessels, from Station Pier at Port Melbourne to Corio Quay. The project is an important investment in regional Australia, which will increase freight and exports for Victoria and jobs and tourism in regional Victoria.

GeelongPort CEO Brett Winter said that the deal with TT-Line will create major economic, employment and tourism opportunities for Geelong, the Bellarine and the wider G21 region.

"Bringing the iconic Spirit of Tasmania vessels to GeelongPort is a huge coup for the Geelong region. Each year over 450,000 passengers and 105,000 twenty-foot equivalent units of freight sail with Spirit of Tasmania" he said.

"Now more than ever, opportunities to inject new jobs and economic growth into the greater Geelong region are crucial. Working with our key stakeholders, we need to streamline our planning approvals so that this important project will be ready for 2022".

The project is expected to generate up to 75 construction jobs over the two-year build program, while increasing

tourism expenditure in the greater Geelong region by up to \$174.1 million by 2029. In addition, there will be a number of new opportunities for regional hospitality, agribusiness, and logistics services.

The new 12-hectare dedicated site will include a purpose-built passenger terminal building, a passenger vehicle marshalling area for 600 cars, more efficient passenger vehicle check-in, security facilities, public amenities, crew accommodation, a cafe, children's play area and a pet exercise area.



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Keeping active at home



The City of Greater Geelong has put together a health and wellbeing resource to help residents create and live a healthy lifestyle, particularly in times of isolation.

Healthy at Home shares a range of ideas that can be easily adopted, like nutritious recipes, mental health support, information about positive relationships and tips for keeping active at home.

Increasing your daily activity can come from small movements around the house that build up throughout the day. Cleaning and doing laundry, working in the garden, or trying some stretches during TV ad breaks all count.

Aiming for a little more movement whenever, wherever and however you can, is a great way to boost your physical and mental health.

Mayor Stephanie Asher said the Healthy at Home toolkit has been designed to help people support the health and wellbeing of themselves and their families.

"It can be a difficult balance, juggling this new way of living, supporting others' wellbeing and trying to eat well, exercise and get enough sleep yourself" she said. "The toolkit features a lot of very helpful information and practical tools."

Cr Pat Murnane, Chair Community Health, Wellbeing and Safety portfolio is encouraging residents to check out the toolkit, as there's something for everyone.

"There are tips on sleeping well, mindfulness exercises, links to online fitness classes, recipes for delicious infused water, and even a meal planning template and sample shopping list," Cr Murnane said.

Find the Healthy at Home toolkit at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/healthyathome

Residents without access to the internet can register for a printed toolkit by phoning 5272-5272.

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Corio Norlane Lions Club has gone from strength to strength since it chartered in April 2012 with 28 original members. The club's major projects are:

- Donating more than 750 computers to families and students in the last nine years.
- Donating more than 2400 bikes to families and students.
- Collecting winter clothes and hygiene items and donating them to those experiencing homelessness.
- Running the Op Shop in Alkira Avenue, where volunteers also provide food parcels to the needy.
- The Op Shop providing Work For The Dole program opportunities for 16 weeks.
- Providing clothing and utensils to people referred by organisations.

Lions Clubs around the world support their local communities in any way that will improve it.



Community members who have projects they would like to pursue but need help with, are encouraged to contact Corio Norlane Lions.

The club is also keen to welcome new members, so if you feel you can make a difference to the local community, contact Richard Walter, phone 0402-409-895 or email coriolions@gmail.com.

Join the Baptcare Coasthaven family

There are still opportunities to be part of the special community at Coasthaven.

Residents at Coasthaven residential aged care community enjoy the great facilities our newly-built community provides, including a private room with ensuite bathroom and large windows. There are plenty of activities to suit all interests and abilities. Find out more about permanent and respite places by phoning 13-22-78 or go to www.baptcare.org.au/coasthaven.

Other facilities located within the precinct include The Aviary café, a playground and the Community Garden. Anyone can pop into The Aviary to try the range of affordable food available daily or order dinner and pantry items online at www.theaviary.org.au for next day delivery.

The Community Garden runs on a membership basis and all are welcome.

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Help is a phone call away

Bethany Community Support has launched a new program to support people as they work through impacts of COVID-19. These include sudden loss of income and jobs, social distancing, working from home and daily messaging in the media that can increase levels of stress and anxiety.

Sometimes you just need someone to talk to. The Bethany COVID-19 Support Line – 1300-655-598 – is a new and easy pathway to speak with a trained counsellor.

Bethany's support services include the provision of emergency relief to help those who are struggling to cope with

financial stress, support for individuals and families including therapeutic counselling, family support and housing services, occupational therapists and speech pathologists to assist with your NDIS journey and support for gambling-related harm.

Bethany is committed to supporting the community and has adapted the way staff deliver all of their services, which are now effectively delivered over the phone; online via secure video conference or video calls; or in person with strict precautions to manage safety.

Therapists can also invite carers,

support co-ordinators, language interpreters and any other people the participant would like to include in the session.

Bethany COVID-19 Support Line counsellors will listen, provide support, advice and helpful strategies as well as guide you to services that might be useful for your particular situation. No problem is too big or small.

If you, or someone you know needs someone to talk to, call the Bethany COVID-19 Support Line on 1300-655-598, from Monday to Friday, 10am-3pm.

If you or someone you know needs support during these difficult times we're here to talk.

Give us a call on 1300 655 598

The impacts of COVID-19 can be devastating.
Sudden loss of income, social isolation and working from home - can increase your levels of stress and anxiety.

Bethany COVID-19 Support Line counsellors can provide support based on your specific needs, including:

- Anxiety and stress impacting your relationships
- Financial stress, including provision of emergency relief
- Parenting and family support
- Gambling related harm

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New books in school libraries



Primary school year level children at Northern Bay College have access to a huge number of new books in their libraries, thanks to Dymocks Children's Charities.

The charities work in conjunction with Dymocks stores across Australia to provide new books of choice to primary school libraries and organisations who need them most.

Dymocks stores fundraise through various initiatives including customers

rounding their purchases to the nearest dollar, selling charity and displaying marketing material to promote fundraising.

The Waurin Ponds store selected Northern Bay College's four campuses with primary years students to be their school beneficiary for the Library Regeneration Program. The store raised \$10,000 for the children, which was matched by the Dymocks Children's Charity with a further \$10,000.

College Library staff Shirley, Claire, Cheryl, Maz and Melissa had a great time researching the best options from the 14,000 books on offer. The books are now on the campuses.

The college is looking forward to hosting a thank you event for Waurin Ponds store manager Julie and Dymocks Charity representatives from Sydney. The celebration has been delayed until travel regulations change, but in the meantime, college students from years P-6 sent a big 'thank you' to the donors.



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Early Learning Centre
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Northern Bay College Family Learning Centre

How do you feel about learning?

How do the people in your family feel about learning? What was your school experience like? Would you like some help with education for you and your children?

Cloverdale Community Centre is conducting a Family Learning Partnership project on behalf of the Department of Education. It is aimed at improving learning engagement and outcomes for families in the Corio area.

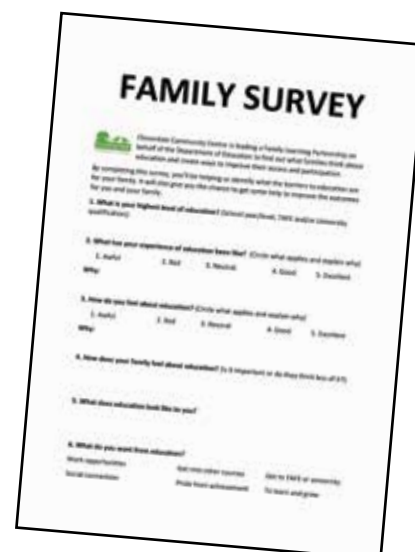
The project team is being supported by a working group of representatives from a range of services operating in the northern suburbs. They are helping to guide the project and circulating a survey that will help remove barriers to learning for families and individuals.

Project co-ordinator Giselle Sim said

the survey asks about how people feel about education, what's stopping them from learning, what they want from education for themselves and their children, what would help them get better access.

"The follow-up from the survey will be to create support for individuals and families who would like help," Giselle said. "We'll work to put people in contact with specific supports to help them. We will also have opportunities for families to be mentored through groups and networks."

"The project will run until the end of 2021, so we have time to work with families and get them the support they want. The first step is to have any many people complete our survey as possible."



The survey can be completed at Cloverdale Community Centre, phone 5275-4415, or email projects@cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au for more information.

New leader at genU

Claire Amies has begun as the new CEO of disability service genU.

genU Board chair Stephen Roberts said Ms Amies, who started on June 24, brings a wealth of experience to the role, following terms as CEO at both WorkSafe Victoria and Western Region Health Centre in Melbourne.

"Clare has had an extensive and highly successful career as a CEO in government statutory authorities and the community health sector, and she's well known to many in the Geelong community and the local business community," Mr Roberts said.

"What really impressed the Board about Clare was her absolute alignment with our values, her commitment to the culture that we aspire to, and her passion to improve outcomes for the clients that we serve."

Ms Amies had been serving as an advisor to the Victorian Government's newly-formed Bushfire Recovery Victoria. She was also an Executive with the Victorian Department of Justice and Community Safety after leaving WorkSafe last year.

"I feel very excited about the opportunity to join an organisation with such a strong history, and

particularly an organisation who has been so committed to meeting the goals and aspirations of clients, families and carers," Ms Amies said.

"genU's commitment to service excellence was something that was really important to me, as I've dedicated my career to working with people from diverse backgrounds, but also with people who have very complex needs."

Ms Amies replaces Graeme Kelly who has been serving as interim CEO of genU, following the resignation of Mike McKinstry in February.

Road stimulus program

The following has been provided by the Member for Lara, John Eren ...

The Victorian Government will get shovels in the ground and thousands of people back to work, building the projects that matter to Victoria – and creating the jobs that matter to Victorians.

Victoria's road network is set for a big boost, with \$58million for increased road maintenance and resurfacing, \$42.8million will be spent to strengthen bridges and

proactively reduce the risk of landslips, and \$22.8 million for road improvements in bushfire-affected areas, helping regional towns recover and rebuild their local economy.

As part of this, more than six kilometres of Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road and three kilometres of the Midland Highway in the Lara electorate will benefit from essential maintenance, giving locals a smoother and stronger road.

We're getting on with vital maintenance works to support Victorian jobs and provide smoother and stronger roads for locals and freight drivers right across the state.

Whether it's tradies on the ground or workers in the supply chain – we're upgrading the Midland Highway and Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Road to support Victorian workers and give drivers a smoother journey.

Train station investment

We're going to overcome the biggest economic challenge in generations by investing in the projects that matter most. Upgrading our public transport system will create jobs at a time when they're needed the most.

Three of our local stations – North Shore Station, North Geelong Station and Lara Station – will share

in more than \$23 million in station upgrades.

Planning is currently underway to determine what upgrades need to be made with the scope of these works to be determined by the Department of Transport in consultation with V/Line.

This investment is about improving

customer experience at stations and may include improvements to passenger information displays, public address systems, seating and shelters, lighting, toilet facilities, bins, bicycle facilities and disability access improvements including shelters, Tactile Ground Surface Indicators, boarding points, handrails and rubber inserts at pedestrian crossings.

Barwon Health North

Barwon Health North is located on the corner of Cox Road and Princes Highway. The \$33million facility was officially opened by the Minister for Health in February.

Barwon Health North currently provides urgent care, medical imaging, pathology, and pharmacy,

as well as renal dialysis, child and family health services.

Child and family services commenced during COVID-19 and service provision has focused on the use of telehealth.

Barwon Health North is the main

COVID-19 testing site for Geelong residents. Between March 11 and mid-June, the site had undertaken 9379 tests for COVID-19. It will remain a testing site to support the COVID-19 testing plan over the coming months.

Hon. John Eren MP

State Member for Lara

Level 1, Corio Shopping Centre,
Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio 3214.
Phone: 5275-3898.

Council election in October

City of Greater Geelong elections will go ahead in October – and voting is compulsory for voters enrolled on the State roll.

The Minister for Local Government has confirmed that all local government elections in 2020 will go ahead, and all will be conducted by post. City of Greater Geelong voters have used the postal voting system in recent council elections.

Electoral Commissioner, Warwick Gately AM said: "The VEC will continue to monitor and implement advice issued

by the Chief Health Officer of Victoria to ensure the elections are conducted with minimal risk to the health and safety of Victorians."

Ballot packs will be mailed to voters and will include voting instructions, candidate information, a ballot paper, and a reply-paid envelope. Postal voting is completely secret.

Voters must confirm they are enrolled on either the State electoral roll or their council roll before 4pm on Friday, August 28.

The VEC will take additional measures to protect the health and wellbeing of staff, candidates and the public. This includes provisions to maintain physical distancing requirements and hygiene standards at all election office and count locations. It's anticipated the adjustments will extend the time period for finalising results by one week.

It is important to remember that voting is compulsory for voters who are on the State roll. State-enrolled voters who don't vote may be fined. Ballot material will be mailed to voters and must be returned by October 23.

JOHN EREN MP

State Member for Lara

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Early education concept



Owners of an early education centre in Lara, based on the internationally renowned Finnish model of curriculum, plan to open a centre in Norlane later this year.

HEI Schools is an international preschool concept from Finland, co-founded by the University of Helsinki and experienced educational and design experts.

The owners of HEI Schools' Lara Early Learning Centre, Finnish Early Childhood Education (Australia) Pty Ltd, plan to open ILO Early Education Centre at 11 Gerbera Avenue, Norlane in September/October. Another centre is due to open in Waurin Ponds mid-2021.

Finland's model of curriculum is known as one of the best in the world and the HEI Schools' concept embraces its values of accessibility and openness. ILO Early Education Centre will focus on education and care for up to 122 children aged 12 weeks up to school age (six years). It will include a four-year kindergarten program, with plans for a three-year program to be added in 2022.

"ILO means joy in Finnish language and we believe that joy is the fundamental element of learning, especially for children," Finnish mentor teacher Niina Jaakkola said.

ILO Early Education Centre will blend Finnish early childhood education

concepts with other elements such as science and technology, foreign languages and mathematics.

"HEI Schools values a child's perspective, creativity and play, exploration, encouragement and social and emotional skills," Ms Jaakkola said.

"A significant component of the HEI Schools philosophy is recognising the importance that if a child feels safe and secure then they will thrive in their learning".

For more information about ILO Early Education Centre, contact mentor teacher Niina Jaakkola, email niinaj@heischools.com.au.

Here to help community

The following has been provided by the Member for Corio, Richard Marles ...

I would like to personally thank you for your role in helping flatten the curve of COVID-19. It has been the efforts of each of us that have helped reduce the spread of this virus. We have never experienced anything like this, it has changed how we live, work and educate our kids.

There are many local organisations helping our community through this difficult time but sometimes it's hard to know where to get help. Below are contact details for local organisations who can help with emergency food, clothing, bills and education cost and, if you are experiencing any financial stress, the National Debt Helpline provides free and confidential advice.

- CatholicCare: 5221-7055
- Bethany: 5278-8122
- Haven Home Safe: 5246-8912
- The Salvation Army: 5223-9200
- The Red Cross: 1800-733-276
- National Debt Helpline: 1800-007-007



My office has been contacting as many people as we can, from calling our elderly citizens to posting important information or responding to calls and emails. We find ourselves in a time like no other. We may have slowed the virus, but it's going to be tough for many in our community.

My office is here to help. Please call

5221-3033 during business hours or send me an email at richard.marles.mp@aph.gov.au

We are a strong community and by helping each other, we can get through this.

Take care,
Richard Marles



RICHARD MARLES
FEDERAL MEMBER FOR CORIO

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For more information please see :



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Learns

	Cloverdale	Norlane	Rosewall
Barista Skills	●		●
Become Job Ready	●		●
Beginner Computers	●	●	●
Café Skills/Kitchen Operations	●		●
Conversational English			●
Creative Arts - visual & performing	●		
First Aid			●
Intermediate Computers	●		
Introduction to Community Services	●		
Introduction to Hair and Beauty			●
Responsible Service of Alcohol			●
Safe Food Handlers			●
Tell My Story	●		



Creates

Art	●	●	●
Craft/knitting/Sewing	●	●	●
Creative Workshops	●		●
Instrumental music lessons	●		
North Geelong Community Big Band	●		
Portfolio Development	●		●
Pottery			●
Singing	●		
Ukulele	●		



All programs are subject to COVID-19 protocols

Meets

	Cloverdale	Norlane	Rosewall
Coffee and chat	●	●	●
Community Drop-in	●	●	
Over 50s social group			●
T.O.W.N. (Take Off Weight Naturally)	●		●

Plays

Youth Group 12 -18years			●
Playgroup	●		●

Moves

No Falls	●		
Strength and Training			●
Tai Chi	●	●	
Walking Groups	●	●	
Yoga	●		

Grows

Community Gardening	●	●	●
Food Swap	●		●

Eats

Community Kitchen	●	●	●
Learn to cook	●		●

Connects

Public Access Internet	●	●	●
Public Use Computers	●	●	●



The Neighbourhood houses of 3214 acknowledge the support of the Victorian Government.

Happy snappers

Do you have photos of people getting out and about in the Corio Norlane area? Northerly Aspects wants to promote the many positive activities of residents in the area. If you have a photo you'd like considered for the next edition, email it to info@northerlyaspects.org.au. Don't forget to include information about when and where it was taken, and who took it.



This pair of magpies were enjoying the view and some quiet time when they were snapped in Corio.



One of the new activities created at Cloverdale Community Centre in recent months is bringing together a group of Thai women to cook and sell delicious food, and work on improving their English. Community members have enjoyed being able to order and safely pick up their dinner.



Lily and Ta Eh Moo, who are featured on our cover, enjoy some 'cooking' at William Hovell Preschool.



Northern Bay College primary level students are enjoying \$20,000 worth of new books thanks to the Dymocks Children's Charity. The Dymocks Warrn Ponds store nominated the college to receive the donation.



The Urban Badland Collective had a night of exploring possibilities for future projects, around a firepit. The collective is a group of artists who live or work in the northern suburbs who like to use art to alter the perception of place. The group is working on a submission for 'Rising', the event that is taking the place of the Melbourne Fringe Festival and White Night.



RE-OPENED CITY FACILITIES

SWIMMING POOLS

Bookings are open so phone your local centre now. Pools include Waterworld Leisure Centre, Leisurelink Aquatic & Recreation Centre, Bellarine Aquatic & Sports Centre, Splashdown Leisure Centre and Kardinia Aquatic Centre.

It does not include Lara pool.

LIBRARIES

All Geelong Regional Library Corporation branches and mobile libraries have re-opened.

Shorter operating hours and restricted access will apply for the time being.

BELMONT MARKET

The Belmont Market reopened on Sunday 21 June. The weekly market is held on Sundays from 8.00am to 1.00pm at the Barwon Valley Activity Centre site.

Entry is free. Stallholder bookings are essential at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/belmontmarket/stallholders

PLAYGROUNDS, SKATE PARKS AND OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Playgrounds, skate parks and outdoor communal gyms are open. There is no limit on the number of people that can use these facilities.

People should not gather in groups of more than 20 and should stay 1.5 metres apart from others.

NATIONAL WOOL MUSEUM

The shop is open daily from 10.00am to 3.00pm, with the Visitor Information Centre open Friday to Sunday.

The museum's galleries remain closed for now.

JUMP BACK INTO THE CITY'S GYMS

Under the Victorian Government's gradual easing of COVID-19 restrictions, more and more public facilities and services are resuming.

The City's Swim, Sport and Leisure gym facilities will re-open for public use from Wednesday 1 July.

Users will be able to book a session at their preferred health and fitness centre, with the gym, group exercise and virtual fitness classes all operating with limited capacity.

The re-opening of the City's Swim, Sport and Leisure (SSL) gyms follows the resumption of lap swimming at the centre's indoor pools from Friday 5 June.

Leisurelink Aquatic & Recreation Centre, Bellarine Aquatic & Sports Centre, Waterworld Leisure Centre and Splashdown Leisure Centre will operate to their regular hours.

They will resume under conditions to adhere to strict physical distancing requirements and the statewide directions.

These include:

- Up to 20 adults allowed at a time in a gym space;
- Up to 10 adults allowed per group exercise class; and
- Gym sessions limited to 45 minutes.

Showers, change rooms and toilets will all be open from Wednesday 1 July.

Bookings are essential and can be made via a new online system at ssl.geelongaustralia.com.au or by calling your preferred centre.

Memberships will remain on hold, with entry provided via a casual pay-as-you-go system.

You can find out more information about the operations of the City's services and facilities at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/covid19



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FUNDS FOR FOOD RELIEF

More than two million meals are provided by the Geelong region's food assistance system each year.

However, food relief organisation Foodbank estimates there is a shortfall of about 350,000 meals annually.

To help address the rising level of food insecurity, the City of Greater Geelong has committed \$1.7 million over five years to help local families put food on the table.

The Council agreed in May to enter into a landmark agreement with the Geelong Food Relief Centre to tackle the rising challenge of food insecurity.

The agreement aims to significantly increase the region's food distribution and storage capacity.

It will see the Council spend up to \$1 million to renovate a building at 37 Morgan Street, North Geelong to make it fit-for-purpose for food relief.

The site will then be leased by the Geelong Food Relief Centre and used as a central point for food distribution across Geelong.

The Council has also agreed to provide \$100,000 in 2020-21 and \$150,000 in



L-R: Councillor Sarah Mansfield, Mayor Stephanie Asher, Geelong Food Relief Centre Chair Maurie Anglin, Cr Pat Murnane and GFRC Deputy Chair John McCarthy.

each of the following four years to:

- Help with the facility's operating costs such as rent, maintenance and electricity;
- Strengthen the centre's ability to attract volunteers and philanthropic assistance; and
- Strengthen collaboration across the entire food relief network.

Mayor Stephanie Asher said it was "incredibly sad" that an increasing number of people were struggling to put

food on the table.

"The thought of children going to bed hungry is particularly heartbreaking," Ms Asher said.

"This investment is a serious and genuine attempt by the Council to address an unacceptable situation."

"Through this partnership with local agencies we aim to increase our region's ability to offer food assistance, so that everyone in our community has access to the nutrition they need."

COMMUNITY GRANTS

The Council in May awarded a total of \$304,698 in funding to 45 different clubs and organisations across the region, under the final round of its 2019-20 Community Grants program.

Ranging from \$1000 up to \$70,000, the grants will support community events, projects and equipment.

It's hoped the grants will help speed up the local community's social and economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and help local clubs and groups resume their activities.

Community clubs and groups awarded grants include:

- Bell Park Sport and Recreation Club: \$2000 for all-abilities new team equipment

- Geelong Buccaneers American Football Club: \$2000 for social rooms fit out
- Geelong Underwater Hockey Club: \$1750 for equipment
- Norlane West Scout Group: \$1280 for camping equipment

The 2019-20 grants program delivered more than \$4 million worth of funding to 223 different clubs, groups and organisations in the Greater Geelong community.



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STAY SAFE. SAVE LIVES. TAKE CARE OF EACH OTHER.

Gardening can be a cure

We are fortunate to live on an island, without close neighbours, and can control who may enter. And we really are 'the lucky country' when you consider the COVID-19 outcomes in so many other countries.

Unfortunately, one side effect of restrictions and shutdowns is a form of depression. Many years ago, a clever GP advised a patient with depression to go outside and start a garden. In his

opinion getting your hands dirty and creating life with new growth was a better treatment than all the tablets and potions available.

It worked, and the patient went on to live a long and happy life and passed this recommendation to all who would listen. Not only did this produce a neat and tidy garden, but also a large range of fresh vegetables that could be traded for other food items, leaving the patient

with a great feeling of achievement.

A vegetable garden is a great help with the budget during these hard times, but don't forget the magic of beautiful flowers to lift not only your spirits, but those of anyone walking past. I have often seen someone walking along the footpath stop and look at a splash of colour, only to walk on with a smile on their face.



Roses to suit every spot

Roses are one of the best plants as they can be grown anywhere – in the garden, in tubs on verandahs or balconies, in courtyards. No matter how limited your space, there is a rose to suit.

Make sure you check the label on any new plants to ensure you are getting what is needed for your space and don't have any nasty surprises later on. Now is the time to prune existing roses to ensure future growth and a flush of new flowers as we go into spring.

Make sure you cut out any dead wood as this is a great breeding ground for all sorts of bugs and can lead to other problems. A scratch from a thorn on dead wood can result in a nasty sore that is difficult to treat and could need

a tetanus shot; so be careful.

Be careful not to prune too heavily. It's better to have a top up prune later on than to have a butchered stump that takes forever to come good.

The cooler months are also some of the busiest. There are plants to divide (day lilies, dahlias and gerberas are a few), bulbs to plant (dahlias, gladioli and lilies), seeds and seedlings to plant (broad beans, cabbages, lettuce, onions, carrots, parsnips, peas, spinach and turnips) and trees and shrubs to fertilise.

Don't forget the humble spud. A vegetable that will grow almost anywhere, needs little to no

maintenance, and harvesting turns out to be a treasure hunt. You don't know until you dig whether you will get enough to feed the family for the night or a little spud the size of your finger. This is one reason that I love them. Just look at all the ways you can cook them – life is never dull if you take the time to think about it.

Even though it's tempting to stay inside during the cooler months, it's worth your while to spend some time out in the fresh air pulling out weeds before they seed and spread all over the place. A little work now will save a lot more later on in the year.

Betty

Busy period for Cloverdale



The Thai cooking program has evolved through the work of the Cloverdale Wellbeing Team.

When the doors at Cloverdale Community Centre temporarily closed in late March, staff began working hard off site to find new ways to support not just our participants, but the broader community.

Our programs and activities were put on hold, but we were able to develop ways to deliver some of our pre-accredited learning online. Many will return to Cloverdale face-to-face in Term 3, although we expect distance learning will now be a permanent option for some of our courses.

The Wellbeing Team worked hard to support our community in many ways, with issues including housing, court, domestic violence, mental health and welfare. Clinical psychology also continued on site.

One of the new activities created through our Wellbeing Team is bringing together a group of Thai women to cook and sell delicious food, and work on improving their English.

The program is continuing and the food is extremely popular with our

community and beyond. Each week, the group prepares a different Thai recipe, takes orders and sells the meals for pick-up at Cloverdale. Information is shared on the Centre's Facebook page. The weekly sessions also include 'class' time for the women to improve their English and talk about issues they might want help with.

Future options for the group may include offering classes for community members interested in learning how to cook their own Thai food.

Returning to a new normal

Many programs are gradually returning to Cloverdale following the centre's temporary closure towards the end of Term 1.

New restrictions have an important impact on how our programs are conducted and, in some cases, when they will be able to return. The restrictions affect the number of people allowed in each space.

Groups that are returning will need to follow the guidelines relating to one person per four metres square. We also have new protocols in place for entering and leaving the building as well as strict contact cleaning requirements. We are asking for your assistance to keep Cloverdale safe. You can keep up to date with our programs and groups on the Cloverdale Community Centre Facebook page. The following information is current at June 25:

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Tai Chi: Tai Chi is returning in Term 3, on Mondays from July 13, 9.30-10.30am. \$5 per session.

Yoga: Cloverdale's yoga group will continue via the Centre's Facebook until the end of the year. Kellie shares two, one-hour classes each week to the Cloverdale Facebook Page - Monday and Wednesday.

No Falls with Dee Martin:

Participants in No Falls gentle exercise have returned to the centre. Classes are held on Tuesdays, from July 14, 10-11am. \$5 per session.

Cloverdale Walking Group

The walking group enjoys a range of easy, enjoyable walks. Walk and a chat every Wednesday from July 15, meeting at the Centre at 10am. FREE.

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu has returned to Cloverdale, and is subject to restricted numbers. The group meets on Saturday mornings - adults from 8am until 9.15am, children (6-14 years) from 9.15am until 10am - and on Tuesday evening, 6.30pm-9pm. Free.

HIRE OF OUR FACILITIES

Hire of Cloverdale facilities for private events is on hold for now. For more information, email info@cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au or call the centre on 5275-4415.

MUSIC, ART AND CRAFT

Cloverdale Singers: Our weekly community singing adapted to an online version, capably led by Hannah Reeves, during Term 2. The Singers will remain online for the time being. Tune in to the Centre's Facebook page at 10am on Tuesday to join in.

Ukulele Players: Ukulele has resumed with limited numbers. This is a musical gathering for those who have a grasp of the basics of ukulele and want to refine their skills including performing, strumming and chord progressions. The group meets on Thursdays, 10am-noon and the cost is \$3 per session.

Cloverdale Craft and Knitting Group:

The craft and knitting group meets on Fridays, noon until 3.30pm. Bring your craft or knitting project and join with Marguerite for a relaxed craft or knitting session. \$2 per session.

North Geelong Community Big Band:

As one of the largest groups based at the Centre, the band is temporarily unable to be accommodated. Staff are working on options to bring these musicians of varying abilities back to their dynamic band experience under band-master Ian Burrowes.

Open Mic:

Cloverdale Open Mic is on hold until further notice.

FOOD

Cloverdale Food Swap:

Cloverdale Food Swap is currently replaced by the 'People's Pantry' in our front foyer. Bring items to share and take what you need in return.

Cooking for Blokes:

Staff are working on options for the return of Cooking for Blokes, which is facilitated by the Australian Red Cross. This is a socially inclusive space for men to meet, cook and socialise, and meets on Mondays at 11am. To register your interest, phone, 5275-4415.

Lawn mowers and learning

Lawn mowers are at the centre of a new program created at Cloverdale during Term 2.

My Working Future was created in response to a group of former pre-apprenticeship students from The Gordon TAFE needing connection in a time of uncertainty. The Certificate II in Automotive Vocational Preparation students had also participated in a Cloverdale program – Tools of the Trade – aimed at helping their preparation for work and further study.

When COVID-19 lockdown restricted their opportunities for learning, several also felt the impact on their mental health and contacted their TAFE teacher, Ken Petzierides, for advice. Ken worked with Cloverdale staff to develop a Learn Local program that could meet multiple needs.

"Creating the new program, called My Working Future, gave us the chance to help keep this group together and go further with their learning to help them map what their future might look like,"

Cloverdale manager Liz Bonner said.

"Central to the program, though, is getting the group working together to source and repair second-hand lawn mowers. Out of this program they've create a small enterprise that we expect will grow into another ongoing activity."

Liz said programs like My Working Future are good examples of how Cloverdale, as a Learn Local provider, can respond to local community need.

PROGRAM	Starting	Day	Time	Full Fee	Conc.
Computers					
Getting Started with Computers (8 weeks) - a gentle introduction to using computers.	July 20	Monday	12.30pm-3pm	\$180	\$90
Developing Computers - the next step (10 weeks) - building on beginner skills.	July 14	Tuesday	9.30am-Noon	\$220	\$115
Vocational and Employment Skills					
Printing and Community Enterprise (PACE) - using art to explore the world of enterprise.	July 15	Wednesday	1pm-3pm	FREE	FREE
Getting Ahead - a practical program to help you find a new way to look at your life and how to plan for the future.	August 5 - November 12	Wednes-day and Thursday	9.30am-Noon	FREE	FREE
Introduction to Horticulture - using theory and practical projects at Cloverdale for general interest or as a pathway to work and further study.	TBC	TBC	TBC	\$180	\$90
My Working Future - a chance to develop employability skills and work on community projects.	TBC	TBC	TBC	FREE	FREE
Introduction to Community Services - a snapshot of broad range of options in community services for general interest or as a pathway to further study.	TBC	TBC	TBC	\$180	\$90
Literacy and Numeracy					
Maths For Real Life - a fun and practical approach to using maths in your everyday life.	July 20	Monday	9.30am-Noon	\$180	\$90
Tell My Story - work with a professional journalist to publish a book about you.	Available online. Call for more informa-tion			\$180	\$90
Kitchen Operations and Coffee					
Introduction to Kitchen Operations (8 weeks)	July 14	Tuesday	9.30am-Noon	\$180	\$90
Introduction to Barista (8 weeks)	July 17	Friday	9.30am-11am	FREE	FREE

All courses are subject to sufficient enrolments. Learn Local programs are Job Active approved activities.

New projects for the north



The following was provided by City of Greater Geelong Deputy Mayor Cr Kylie Grzybek and Cr Anthony Aitken, both of Windermere Ward ...

As your Windermere councillors, our focus continues to be on strongly supporting our fast-growing northern suburbs, as we work to get through and recover from COVID-19.

This includes pushing through projects that will hugely benefit the north in the 2020-21 Budget, which we adopted in late June.

The budget centres on kickstarting the region's economic and social recovery through a \$161.2million capital works program, which will encourage local investment, create jobs and provide facilities and services the community needs.

The north has received a good share of the funding and we're excited to take you through what's planned.

The Corio cricket and sporting clubs at Shell Reserve in Purnell Road will both be happy about a \$975,000 allocation towards a new netball court and cricket nets.

At Spruhan Avenue, the community hub there is in line for a \$400,000 facelift. The centre will be home to an urban farm, new commercial kitchen, upgraded dining hall and a play area.

As we know, Labuan Square is struggling to compete with the big shopping centres and we all agree it's in need of some attention. We're spending \$125,000 to breathe fresh air into the area and attract shoppers back to the strip, by replacing the old walkway

canopy with a playground, barbecue and community open space.

It's also worth noting that if you're doing it tough because of the pandemic, the council's COVID-19 financial hardship policy might provide some relief.

Please phone 5272-5272 or email hardship@geelongcity.vic.gov.au, as you may be able to defer fees, charges and rates owing to the City of Greater Geelong.

To contact Cr Aitken, email AAitken@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or phone 0434-307-044.

To contact Cr Grzybek, email KGrzybek@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or phone 0434-307-043.

Preparing to welcome everyone back

Staff at Norlane Community Centre have remained busy while working off site as we get ready to welcome the community back.

We've had weekly cooking videos from the home of Esther and Nathan, scheduled on Facebook at the time that community kitchen is held (11am on a Friday), and created a recipe card for each video.

We were also busy collaborating with the other centres and Neighbourhood Houses in the north to create and fund the special COVID-19 edition of *Northerly Aspects*.

Importantly, we've been preparing our building, policies and cleaning routines to welcome people back into our spaces safely and learning about how the virus has impacted on our communities.

We collaborated with the northern network to create handmade cards for our members and care packs that were distributed for Neighborhood House Week. We've also been calling some of our members to touch base with them and all of this while also doing some of the ongoing maintenance of the building.



Esther and Nathan created and shared cooking videos during lockdown.

We'd like to thank everyone for their understanding and patience in allowing us the time and space to prepare for re-opening. As this goes to print, we are happy to inform people that we have had approval from local council to re-

open and are talking to all our groups and Centre users about when and how a return to the new normal will happen. We will be using a staged approach by bringing in groups/classes slowly and not all at once.

CLASSES AND SERVICES ARE COMING BACK

Many of our classes and services are preparing to recommence during July. This is subject to state recommendation for COVID-19 Pandemic measures and may change.

Our centre will be adhering to the following government directives and this will be a condition of entry for all of our users and staff:

- You must not come to the centre if you are unwell with the following symptoms:
 - Cough
 - Fever
 - Sore throat
 - Shortness of breath
- Or if you have travelled overseas in the last month.
- You must arrive at Norlane Community Centre as close to the time of your class/appointment as possible.
- You must wash/sanitise your hands according to the posters at the hand cleaning stations.
- You must enter your details into our attendance log for the purposes of contact tracing.
- You must maintain social distancing 1.5 metres apart and observe the room limits printed on the doors.

Unfortunately, we can't be open to community drop in to start with, but if you have a particular need please feel free to call us. Any inquiries about joining an existing group or course can also be directed to us through phone or email.

If you would like to confirm dates and times please phone the centre on 5275-8124 or email the Norlane Community Centre

Tai Chi

Tai Chi is a Chinese martial art that is mostly practiced for its health benefits, including dealing with tension and stress. It emphasises complete relaxation and meditation in motion. The Norlane Tai Chi Group started in 1968 at Norlane Community Centre, using a Nissen hut acquired from the DW Hope Centre. After renovations, the group moved into what is now called the Tai Chi room.

Our group currently has 27 members and meets every Tuesday morning. The Tai Chi group also shares a garden bed and organises other social activities. Edwin Walpole has led the group for the last 11 years and we welcome all new members.

Classes are held every Tuesday from 10am until 11.30am for beginners and those with previous Tai Chi experience. Wear comfortable clothing and flat shoes. For more information, contact Monika on 5281-7175 or Maureen 5275-3939. Cost is \$2.50 per session.

Art group

The art group is for painters to gather in a friendly, comfortable self-help group. It meets every Tuesday from 9am until 1pm. All art mediums are invited. Bring your own materials. Cost is \$4.

Craft and friendship classes

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

Norlane Community Kitchen

A Community Kitchen is a group of people who come together on a regular basis to cook, socialise and enjoy good food. Norlane's group meets every Friday from 10am to 1pm. They also enjoy cooking with veggies grown in the centre's community garden and are supported by Barwon Health. For further information, contact the centre on 5275-8124.

Norlane Boomerang Bags

Boomerang Bags aim to reduce the use of plastic bags by engaging local communities to make the bags using recycled materials. The Norlane Boomerang Bags group meets every second and fourth Friday of the month from 1pm until 3pm. If you like sewing, or want to learn and have some spare time, come along and join in. For more information you can contact Mel by joining the group's Facebook page.

Community Gardens

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. Many of our groups also manage their own community garden to share veggies with their group participants. If you are interested in your own garden patch, contact Tabatha on 5275-8124.

Programs on hold

The Tool Pool, Book Lending Library and Computer Lab access are all on hold until further notice. For inquiries phone 5275-8124.

Getting Started with Computers

If you want to learn about computers and don't know where to start, this is the course for you. We have partnered with Cloverdale Community Centre to provide this Learn Local course. The day and time are to be confirmed and are subject to minimum number requirement. Call for more information, phone 5275-8124.

Be Connected

We've linked with Be Connected, an online site where you can take free courses on everything from access the internet, using your device and keeping in touch with others online. Go to <https://beconnected.esafety.gov.au/> to sign up and learn at your own pace.

Room hire

Room hire is only occurring when staff are present, from 9.30am-4.30pm. We have a range of room hire options available for meetings, events and other activities. Phone for more information.

Northern Futures

Northern Futures is based at Norlane Community Centre and works closely with job active providers, local industry, government, schools and the community to change lives by connecting and including people and enhancing their opportunities for personal growth through employment.

Call for appointment, see the Northern Futures Facebook page or website <https://www.northernfuturesgeelong.com> or email info@northernfuturesgeelong.com



Gforce

Gforce Youth Employment – Transition to Work supports young people aged 15-21 on their journey to enter employment (including apprenticeships and traineeships) or complete education. For more information, call 5222-7766 or email info@gforce.org.au.

Vinnies NILS

Vinnies NILS is operating by phone interview until further notice.

Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) is a safe, fair and affordable credit alternative. Vinnies NILS offer interest free loans for the purchase of household appliances, computers, mobile phones, car repairs, education/health expenses and other associated goods or services that will improve the quality of life for individuals and families on low incomes.

For more information phone 5229-8829.

For many people, paying for essential goods and services is a struggle. The No

Breakfast cereal for a year

At the end of last year, Channel Nine's Destination Happiness featured Northern Bay College in one of its programs. As part of the program, Kellogg's surprised the college with the donation of a year's allocation of breakfast cereals for Breakfast Clubs and snacks for Extended School Day program.

With COVID 19 closures and delivery of food schedules uncertain, the college deferred the Term 2 allocation, but a delivery of Term 3 cereals recently arrived.

School liaison officer David Neilson said: "This support from Kellogg's and Channel 9 is just fantastic and will help ensure our students have a good start and end to the school day. Thanks also to Josh and Alex (pictured) for helping with the sorting."



Spectacular students still rehearsing

In another unique situation resulting from the pandemic response, participants in the State School Spectacular were in a confusing situation.

State School Spectacular has been part of the Northern Bay College curriculum for almost 10 years and for some Year 12 students this year will be their final opportunity to perform at the event, which reaches thousands of viewers on TV and several thousand audience members over the two performances in September.

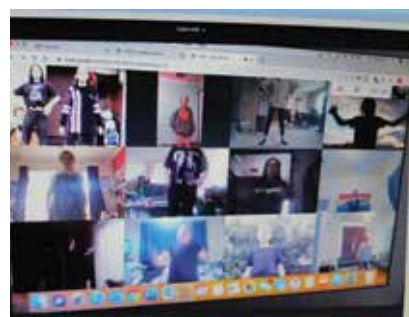
The mass dancers and choirs would normally come together regularly to rehearse. This year, they have been 'dancing together' remotely via a

video of all of the routines that was circulated for the mass dancers.

Amanda Baulch, who has run the performing arts program at the college since 2011, streams the video from a central location and each student watches on their laptop and follows the routines.

"One really interesting thing that we found out was that internet speeds differ and synchronisation was not always possible," Mrs Baulch said. "However, it's incredible what our students achieved."

Regulations currently prevent cross-campus activity, so the online rehearsals are still taking place.



There is still no insight into whether the performance or crowds will be permitted by September, and the performers are aware that their work may be in vain.

"Let's hope that 2020 State School Spectacular is still possible," Mrs Baulch said. "It is an incredible experience for our young people."

New general manager for refinery



Dale Cooper took up his new role as Executive General Manager of Viva Energy's refinery in Corio in June. He is filling the role vacated by Thys Heyns, who has been promoted to Chief Operating Officer for Viva Energy.

Dale (pictured) arrived at the refinery after spending two weeks in quarantine following the flight from his previous home in New Brunswick, Canada. His arrival in Australia had been delayed by the coronavirus pandemic, the closure of Australian borders to non-Australians and having to seek an exemption from the Australian Government.

"I've spent 34 years in the oil and gas sector and I'm tremendously excited about moving to Geelong and

becoming part of the Viva Energy team," Dale said. "My wife Jeannie will be joining me at the end of July and we are looking forward to our new life together here in Geelong."

Dale said that with the approval of the maintenance program for the Residue Catalytic Cracking Unit and the announcement of plans for a new Energy Hub to be co-located with the refinery, it is going to be a demanding first year.

"We are going to be busy, but with our continued focus on safety, we will endeavor to be a good neighbour by being the stealth refinery that you don't see, hear or smell," he said.



Catchment authority needs community input

The Corangamite Catchment Management Authority is looking for participants for its new Community Engagement Network (CEN), whose role is to have input on how the Corangamite region's natural resources are managed.

A cross section of the community is needed to join in the network. Individuals who farm, fish, are involved in forestry, interested in conservation

or simply like to go camping, are encouraged to apply to be part of the Network.

The new CEN will run for a three-year term and there will be two gatherings a year. The first Network gathering is planned for later this year. It will provide members the opportunity to exchange views and give input on issues facing the community, such as the renewal of the Regional Catchment

Strategy which will be commencing later this year.

Applications for the Community Engagement Network are open now and will close July 31st.

For more information o visit <https://bit.ly/39QyTzn> or contact the Corangamite CMA on 1800-002-262.

Geelong Energy Hub

Supporting Victoria's evolving energy needs



Supporting Victoria's evolving energy needs

Viva Energy has made a number of exciting announcements about the future of its Geelong refinery in Corio .

Firstly, it confirmed it is proceeding with a major maintenance event for the Residue Catalytic Cracking Unit (RCCU), which sets up the refinery for a safe and reliable run over the next cycle.

Viva Energy also announced it is considering developing an Energy Hub on the refinery site. The Energy Hub concept incorporates the potential for a number of future energy development projects to diversify and strengthen refinery operations.

This would allow the refinery to

consider expanding into new areas of energy supply and production, reducing its own operating costs, enhancing energy supply to southeast Australia and supporting the transition to new energies.

This will not only help the viability of the refinery, but also potentially support the development of new jobs and skills in the Geelong region.

Projects being considered include the development of a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) supply and storage facility to help overcome a predicted shortfall of gas in Victoria, ensuring security of supply and helping keep gas and power costs down.

Other projects being considered include a solar energy farm on buffer land at the refinery, supporting the development of strategic oil stocks and looking at opportunities presented by the developing hydrogen industry.

Of course, these are future opportunities which will require Viva Energy to consult widely with governments, the community and partners to develop the full potential of the Energy Hub.

For more information:
energyhub@vivaenergy.com.au

