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Our cover: Mike Bevitt and Beth McMahon from the indirect Object have been working with the community to create a memorable arts project using recycled plastic. SEE Page 5 for the story.

## Editor's note



Welcome to our Term 3 edition and, again, thanks to the many community members who have told us how much they're enjoying the new format.

Have those of you who are eligible had your COVID vaccination yet?

Just weeks before our latest lockdown, I joined the growing number of people lining up at the former Ford site for my first vaccination. The process was simple and seamless.

At my late-morning appointment – booked online – there was no queue. I was in and out in about 20 minutes. The staff were friendly, from the car park attendants to the administration and medical personnel.

When heading to the site, you'll need to access it off North Shore Road (not Princes Highway). It's been quite a transformation of the former home of Ford in Geelong, from the centre of Australia's motor industry to a vaccination hub designed to service most of the Geelong and Surf Coast regions.

Managed and operated by Barwon Health, the hub has the capacity to provide vaccines to more than 10,000 people each week. You can book by phoning 1800-675-398 or go to <https://www.barwonhealth.org.au/coronavirus/booking-a-vaccination>.

Don't forget your mask.

Enjoy Term 3 and stay well.

Jeanette

**Jeanette Anderson,**  
**Editor, on behalf of the Editorial Committee**

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# Trevor to the rescue

Corio author John Smithers is celebrating publishing his first children's book and plans for a television series.

John (pictured) has written six books in the Trevor The Tram series, with fellow train enthusiast David Barnes the illustrator. The first to be printed, Trevor The Tram and the little lost boy, has been well received by children, parents and educators.

"Trevor was inspired by a procession of W Class trams I encountered while working as a railway signalman in Melbourne one night," John said. "The name stuck and inspired the stories."

John said Trevor is a helpful tram who comes to the rescue, including when other modes of transport fail.

"The first book took me about a week to write and 12 to 18 months to have David complete the illustrations," John said. "I've learnt a lot about self-publishing and I'm happy to say the printing was done here in Geelong."

In a recent development, John has signed a deal with Matt Poidevin Pictures, which is planning to produce a children's TV series of the books. John will retain artistic control and hold all rights to the children's book series. He's hoping Trevor could become Australia's answer to Thomas the Tank Engine.

To order a copy of Trevor The Tram and the little lost boy, go to <https://www.trevorthetram.com.au>.

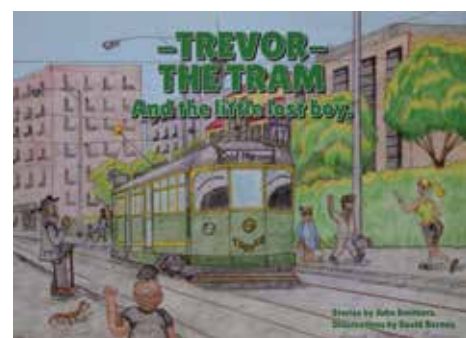


## Win a copy of Trevor The Tram

Would you like your own copy of Trevor The Tram? Northerly Aspects has eight copies to give away.

To be in the running, write your name and address on the back of an envelope and send it to: Northerly Aspects competition, Cloverdale Community Centre, 167-169 Purnell Road, Corio 3214.

You can also enter by emailing [info@northerlyaspects.org.au](mailto:info@northerlyaspects.org.au) but make sure you include Trevor The Tram competition in the subject line. Entries close on July 16. Winners will be notified.




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## New volunteer mentor roles

EdConnect Australia is recruiting and training volunteer mentors who can give long-term to support school students as they transition through their middle years of education.

Volunteer mentors will support children in their transition to different schools, such as primary to secondary, or to a different campus in a multi-campus school setting.

The transition period can be one of the most vulnerable times in a student's life and EdConnect wants to provide someone to 'be there' to ease the path forward for Geelong students, providing strong social and educational support.

Volunteers will need to be able to provide one-on-one, one hour a week social and



emotional support to a student until at least September 2022. They will also need to be able to build a trusting relationship with the student, helping them to build confidence, self-esteem and resilience.

EdConnect has supported volunteers who are keen to develop positive intergenerational relationships with students in school settings for more than 20 years. It also takes on volunteers who offer one-on-one mentoring to students in need of assistance in the classroom with subjects

such as numeracy, reading, science or help around the school in garden projects, breakfast club, gardening, library and much more.

EdConnect is introducing Transition Mentors for local students with the support of Give Where You Live and its Pitch Up program, The Anthony Costa Foundation, GForce Employment Solutions and the Erdi Foundation.

Anyone with a passion for supporting young people and the desire to make a positive impact in a student's life is asked to phone 1800-668-550 or email [edconnect@edconnect.org.au](mailto:edconnect@edconnect.org.au) for more information or to start an application.



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Mike Bevitt, community participant Jeanette Hendren and Beth McMahon work on the recycled plastic project.

## Bringing lantern trail to life

Community members contributed to a northern suburbs art project celebrating the winter solstice, by working with artists to create colourful objects from recycled plastic bottle tops and bottles.

Norlane, Rosewall and Cloverdale community centres hosted artists Beth McMahon and Mike Bevitt from the indirect Object, and community members, as they made large-scale recycled plastic lanterns and flowers for the June solstice illuminated lantern trail.

Over three months from late March, the indirect Object artists worked at Norlane and

Cloverdale to design and make four large sculptural lanterns and a field of 400 flowers from recycled plastics collected and donated by the community.

To coincide with the winter solstice, the lanterns were illuminated and displayed together as the North Geelong Community Lantern Trail. The lanterns will be returned to the community centres to become solar-powered illuminated artworks and play spaces.

Beth said the team was delighted with the welcome they received at the community

centres and the participation of a wide range of people.

Founded in 2006, the indirect Object is an award-winning arts group creating original interactive and immersive experiences for non-traditional spaces. They create works for children, families, the general public and adults.

Funding for the North Geelong Community Lantern Trail project was provided by the City of Greater Geelong.



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# Welcome Pack and Service Directory

We all know how daunting it is moving into a new neighbourhood and not having many social connections or knowing how to access important information and services for your family.

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Barwon have been developing a Welcome Pack for new public housing tenants moving into the area. The pack includes important information about tenancies as well as an expansive Service Directory. This directory has information

about essential services and emergency relief, as well as activities and venues that support social connections, like walking tracks, volunteering and Neighbourhood Houses.

Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Barwon are looking for feedback on this directory, so if you are a public housing tenant having recently moved into the area and would like to review the Service Directory and provide feedback, please email [geelong.housing@dffh.vic.gov.au](mailto:geelong.housing@dffh.vic.gov.au)



## Make an appointment

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Geelong Reception has recently reopened by appointment only.

To ensure health safety and that you are seen by the person you want to see it is important that you make arrangements prior

to attending the office.

If you would like to make a time to meet with your Tenancy and Property Officer or Case Manager, call 4243-5111 to make an appointment.

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Reception is in the State Government Offices, 30-38 Little Malop Street, Geelong.

## COVID vaccination protects community

The Victorian Government strongly encourages all Victorians to get the COVID-19 vaccination to help protect family, friends, and the most vulnerable Victorians. The more people who get vaccinated, the more we can slow the spread of COVID-19 and protect people who are unable to get vaccinated.

The Australian Government's vaccine program is providing safe and efficient vaccines for free to everyone in Australia – including temporary visa holders and people without a Medicare card.

The vaccination is free.

The Barwon Health Community Vaccination Hub is located at 2-30 North Shore Road, Norlane (in the old Ford Factory) – there is parking available onsite and it has easy access to public transport (bus stops).



Community transport is available to get eligible people to the vaccination hub, through Volunteering Geelong.

Walk-ins are accepted, although bookings are preferred – call 1800-675-398 or go online <https://www.barwonhealth.org.au/coronavirus/booking-a-vaccination>

Community transport is available through Volunteering Geelong if you are unable to get to the Vaccination Hub. To see if you are eligible, please call 5221-1377.

# Work support for NDIS participants

Corio and Norlane NDIS participants can receive a broad range of help from Access Your Supports, which provides services in Geelong, Colac and Mildura.

As a NDIS registered provider, AYS supports participants with support co-ordination, therapy (including early intervention, occupational therapy, speech, psychology, counselling, dietetics, behaviour support, physiotherapy, therapy assistance), group therapy, peer mentoring and plan management.

Access Your Supports also provides one-to-one employment services which aim to:

- Bring participants closer to the labour market.
- Help participants at key transition points between education, training and employment.
- Maximise support for participants in their employment and work experience.



Mary Higgins, Michael Menchise and Deb Walker from AYS.

- Enhance each participant's ability to live life to the full.
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AYS is also looking for employers to pledge real jobs or work experience for participants.

Staff will find the best job match to suit all parties, provide one-on-one support for the participant and ongoing liaison with the employer.

The Employment Team includes Michael Menchise, Mary Higgins, Deb Walker and Renee Schwidlewski. For more information, email [intake@ays.com.au](mailto:intake@ays.com.au) or call 4222-7479.

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A collage of four photographs. Top left: A person in a large brown bear mascot costume with a yellow shirt and purple pants. Top right: A teacher in a purple polo shirt standing in front of a bookshelf. Middle: A group of students in blue and white school uniforms running on a red track. Bottom: A group of students in traditional Middle Eastern or North African clothing standing outdoors.

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# Corio volunteer awarded

Corio Victoria State Emergency (VICSES) Unit Deputy Controller Felicity Hughes was recently announced as the recipient of the prestigious Fred Grove Memorial Award. Celebrations were held at the Lara Sporting Club, with Ambulance Victoria, Country Fire Authority (CFA), and Victoria Police also among the recipients, each awarded for their dedication and commitment to their communities.

The Fred Grove Memorial Award is in memory of Fred Grove, a much-loved and highly regarded member of Lara's emergency services and broader community. A CFA volunteer for 52 years, Fred also served as a Victoria Police member for more than 40 years and was an active Rotarian for more than 25 years.

As recipient of the award, Felicity was

recognised for her commitment to community and for going above and beyond as a VICSES volunteer. She is a well-respected leader and role model within the unit, throwing herself at any challenge that comes her way.

Consistently making herself available to attend incidents day or night, Felicity has attended more than 400 requests for assistance in her volunteer career, 144 of these in 2020 alone.

In addition to attending operational incidents, Felicity also dedicates her time to training fellow members and assisting in managing the day-to-day operations of the unit.

In her role as Deputy Controller – Operations, Felicity is responsible for ensuring

the readiness of the Corio Unit for all emergency operations – from maintenance and restocking to strategic planning and positioning of personnel and assets for emergencies.

VICSES Assistant Chief Officer, Nick Cowham, said: "Felicity is the epitome of what it means to be a VICSES volunteer. Her dedication to the service and the community is truly outstanding. Felicity's passion, leadership and dedication to developing our members is truly commendable.

"Felicity's unwavering passion for her community and commitment to ensuring the VICSES Corio Unit continues to support them in emergencies, makes her a fitting recipient of the Fred Grove Memorial Award."



Felicity Hughes receives her award from Regional Manager (Assistant Chief Officer) VICSES South West Region, Nicholas Cowham. Photo courtesy of M4 Photography.

## Country music with a charity focus

Norlane resident Eric Cook has been sharing his passion for country music for almost 24 years, at the same time raising money for charity.

Eric (pictured) said he'd always enjoyed listening to country music and discovered Geelong Country Music about 30 years ago. "I was raising my four boys on my own then, and as well as getting to enjoy country music, I got a lot of support from people in the group," he said. "I found my community there."

Initially, Eric wasn't a performer but concentrated on helping the club stage shows for walk-up artists, giving them a chance to perform and enjoy the music.

"I started singing and playing guitar about 20 years ago," he said. "I thought I'd give it a go. Back in those days everyone was supportive, so I took that step."

For almost 24 years Eric has been running Pleasant Sunday Country events for walk-up performers. A house band supports anyone who wants to "come and have a go".

"I never know where they are coming from," he said. "They might come from Geelong, Melbourne, Shepparton, Bendigo, Ballarat and anywhere in between. It's just a fun day."



Proceeds of the monthly shows are donated to charity and profits this year will be donated to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.

Pleasant Sunday Country shows are held on

the third Sunday of the month at The Sphinx in North Geelong. The show runs from 1pm until 5pm and also includes raffles and door prizes. Entry is \$8. Doors open early and meals are available.



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# Activities and enjoyment

The Friends of Cowies Creek (FOCC) committee of management has a range of activities planned to encourage residents to enjoy the area and contribute to its care. Weekly Creekly Walks are held every Friday morning, meeting at the end of Peacock Avenue at 9.30am for a 9.45am start. This is an inclusive group for anyone wanting to connect with their local community and place.

A clean-up is planned for the area in front of the Wathaurong Co-op in Morgan Street on Sunday, June 13 from 10am until 1pm. The FOCC committee of management said: "Wathaurong people have been caring for this land for countless generations, this is a chance say thanks by cleaning up some rubbish that's building up near their facility along the creek."

In July and August, Geelong Landcare Network will hold three public tree planting days in support of Friends of Cowies Creek. The dates and locations are:

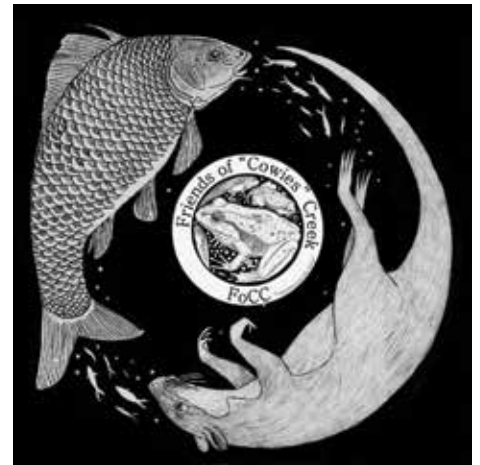
- Sunday, July 4, 10am-1pm, on the banks of the creek closest to the end of Nowra Court. Park on The Boulevard near Arunga Avenue and access the creek from there.

- Sunday, July 18, 10am-1pm, on the banks of the creek closest to the end of Moran Place, near Thompson Rd. Park near 29 Moran Street and access the creek path from there.
- Sunday, August 1, 10am-1pm, on the banks of the creek closest to the end of Peacock Avenue, over the other side of the bridge.

"All are welcome at the planting days, all ages and abilities," the committee of management said. "Even if you don't feel up to planting any trees just come along for a chat it would be great to meet you."

"There's always lots happening on Cowies Creek. The ground is moist as we move into winter. Things feel pretty lush. Mushrooms are popping up from under leaf litter, some migratory birds have arrived, such as the Golden Whistler. Wattles are set to start flowering soon. Keep an eye out for the yellow puffs."

"What have you observed on the creek? We'd love to know. Contact us on Facebook or email [friendsofcowiescreek@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcowiescreek@gmail.com)."



'Rakali and Carp' by Quinn Earthchild @ quinnearthchild.



A butcherbird hollers 'pick up your rubbish!'



Local creek enthusiasts Christy Marsh Trombelli and Quinn Earthchild with local plant nerd John King, who has planted lots of plants along Cowies Creek over the years.

## Rosewall TOWN Club

Weekly weight loss group meets every Monday, 9am-10.30am  
at Rosewall Community Centre - new members welcome

For information: Phone Chris, 0403-532-659

# Budget announcements for Geelong

*The following information was provided by the Member for Lara, John Eren ...*

In May, the State Government delivered the 2021/22 Victorian budget. The Government is investing in sports and community facilities for local residents – and creating jobs in the process.

Importantly, the Budget invests \$8.5 million toward the Northern Aquatic and Community Hub, a state-of-the-art facility which will bring health and wellness benefits – as well as local jobs during construction.

Other Budget highlights for Geelong include:

- \$100 million to build new emergency department zones dedicated to children, including at University Hospital Geelong.
- \$70 million to establish public IVF services – which will be free for up to 4000 people every year.
- Expansion of the network of specialist family violence courts to include Geelong. They are specially designed to make attending court a less daunting experience for victims-survivors of family violence, including separate entrances and exits, safe waiting areas and a dedicated space for children.

This Budget also includes a once in a generation investment of \$3.8 billion to transform the way mental health support is offered in Victoria. A local service which will focus on early intervention, ensuring care sooner and closer to home, has been fast-tracked in Greater Geelong, opening in 2022.

For young Victorians, there is \$842 million in mental health and wellbeing support for children and young people. This investment will see two separate streams of care created – one devoted to infants and children and one devoted to young people.

Locally, the Budget delivers a new Youth Prevention and Recovery Care (YPARC) unit for Barwon South-West. YPARCs deliver care for people who need support transitioning out of acute care, or to avoid hospitalisation, delivering support specifically tailored to the needs of our young people.

This budget will also assist broadly with other recent investments made by State Government such as the \$15.3m redevelopment of Northern Bay Secondary College, \$158m towards social and public housing, along with a new 30-bed, alcohol and other drugs rehabilitation centre.

There has also been funding for local train station upgrades, local road upgrades, local sporting club upgrades and other local school and kinder upgrades.

**Funding for the Northern Aquatic & Community Hub**  
**A specialist family violence court for Geelong**  
**Increasing access to the Geelong Tech School**  
**Children's emergency department at Geelong Hospital**  
**Establishing a public IVF service for Victorians**  
**Getting more paramedics on the ground**

## WHAT THE STATE BUDGET MEANS FOR GEELONG'S NORTH

**Putting more mental health services into schools**  
**Rolling out three year old kinder across the state**  
**Continuing Growing Regional Opportunities for Work**  
**Victorian Academy of Teaching and Leadership campus**  
**New youth prevention & recovery care unit**  
**Operationalising 24 local hospital in the home beds**

**Hon. John Eren MP**

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# Ready for school and kindergarten

We may be approaching just the half-way point of the school year, but now is the time to start preparing children for 2022.

Whether you're deciding on the right school or kindergarten for your child, or wanting to make sure they're ready for that all-important first day, it pays to be prepared.

Kindergartens in the area are accepting enrolments for 2022 for three and four-year-old classes. Bethany Kindergarten Services held an open week in May for parents to visit kindergartens. In addition, virtual tours (created last year when tours were not permitted) are available any time. You can access information about kindergartens and the virtual tours at:

<https://bethanykindergartens.org.au/>

When it comes to preparing your 2022 Prep student, now is also a good time to start.

The Department of Education has some tips for preparing children for their first year of school. They include:

- Ask your child what they think about starting school.
- Encourage your child to ask questions about going to school.
- Help your child stay healthy. Make sure they have regular health and dental checks and keep immunisations up to date.
- Encourage your child to do things on their own. This could be dressing, going to the toilet, washing their hands, unwrapping their food and

opening and closing their drink bottle and lunchbox.

- Talk to friends and other families about what school is like.
- Talk to your child's early childhood educator about things you can do at home to help your child.
- Talk to the school about how you can engage in your child's learning and development at school.
- Ask the school what time your child starts on the first day and where to take them.
- Be positive about starting school and enjoy your child's excitement.
- Visit your local library and read books with your child about starting school.

## STATE BUDGET UPDATE



**\$15.3 MILLION TO UPGRADE  
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## Camp fun for northern children

A group of 36 deserving children from Geelong's northern suburbs were funded to attend Lions Village Licola's five-day April school holiday camp.

Lions Club of Geelong Corio Bay Licola Chairperson, Brian Edward, said the children's participation in the camp was made possible by funding from Geelong Community Foundation and the Wade and Glover family trusts.

"Mara Clarke and Claire Rowe of The Smith Family partnered with Northern Bay College primary school teachers to make the final selection of the most deserving children to attend this camp," Brian said.

The children were accompanied by Brian and seven volunteer carers for the 340-kilometre road trip to Licola. They were among 104 children and 32 volunteer leaders from



Geelong and the Melbourne metropolitan area.

The children were involved in a demanding

program of canoeing, high ropes, giant swing, obstacle course, swimming and archery. The next Geelong/country camp is listed for January 2022.

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## Scouts heading to snow

Norlane West Scouts are raising money for a trip to the snow this winter. The group is asking residents to support their fundraising by buying a ticket in the Scouts and Schools Monster Raffle.

Group leader Kim Brain said the trip will be the Norlane West Scouts' first. The group will also have the opportunity to meet the Alpine dingoes at Mt Baw Baw and the huskies that pull the sleds.

Kim said the raffle doesn't close until later in the year, but Scouts Victoria will release the profit out intermittently. "This means we can raise some funds to help pay for our youth members to get to the snow."

There are more than 100 prizes to be won. For tickets go to:  
<https://scoutsvic.raffletix.com.au/norlanewest>

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# Working together for change

Northern suburbs children are again learning about the importance of working together to develop community projects through the Kids as Catalysts program.

Kids as Catalysts is a child-led social change, schools and community-based program that gives children aged 8-12 real world experience in leading positive community change. It gives students the skills to recognise issues in their community, create partnerships with local leaders and community groups, co-design and lead action-based projects to help drive local change.

In the last two years, more than 600 students at Northern Bay College have created partnerships with over 50 local community groups, and secured funding to co-design and deliver community change projects for people in Geelong.



The program's Geelong-based community philanthropy partners are Geelong Community Foundation and Give Where You Live Foundation.

Cloverdale Community Centre has had a long-term involvement with the program and this year, manager Liz Bonner is helping to create new community partnerships.

"I've seen some of the great projects created by the children in this program over several years and am keen to encourage others to get involved," Liz said. "I've been able to co-ordinate some new participants from Cloverdale and other centres and I'm looking forward to seeing the projects that result."

## Network of opportunities

Neighbourhood Houses in the northern suburbs are working together to provide multiple opportunities for residents.

Rosewall, Norlane and Cloverdale community centres are joined by Vines Road Community Centre (Hamlyn Heights) and Lara Community Centre in this edition of Northerly Aspects to promote the learning and participation activities they offer.

Opportunities include pre-accredited skill development programs offered through Learn Local, such as computers and job readiness, as well as weekly participation and hobby activities for all ages.

Managers and co-ordinators of the centres are promoting the message that their organisations are working together to provide 'one network, many opportunities' for residents. They said working as a strong network recognises that the centres are different, but all have community at the heart of everything they do.

For a summary of the information: SEE pages 15 and 16.

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Become Job Ready	●		●			
Beginner Computers	●	●			●	●
Café Skills/Kitchen Operations			●			
Conversational English	●		●			
Creative Arts - visual & performing	●	●	●			
Early Childhood	●					
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	●	●	●	●	●	●
Community Singing				●		
Craft/knitting/Sewing	●	●	●	●	●	●
Creative Workshops	●	●	●		●	●
Instrumental music lessons	●				●	
Life Drawing		●				
Mosaics		●	●	●		
North Geelong Community Big Band	●					
Portfolio Development	●		●			
Pottery			●		●	
Singing & Songwriting	●					
Theatre Group		●				
Ukulele	●				●	



All programs are subject to COVID-19 protocols





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## Meets

Cloverdale

Norlane

Rosewall

Geelong  
West

Lara

Vines Rd

Chess Club



Coffee &amp; Chat



Community Drop-in



Over 50s Social Group



T.O.W.N (Take Off Weight Naturally)



## Plays

Occasional Care



School Holiday Program



Under 12s



Youth Group 12-18 years



## Moves

Dancing (for children &amp; adults)



Line Dancing



Meditation



Pilates



Qigong



Strength and Training



Tai Chi



Walking Group



Yoga



## Grows

Community Garden



Food Swap



## Eats

Community Kitchen



Learn to Cook



## Connects

Public Access Internet / Computers



Tax Help



These Neighbourhood Houses 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](mailto:info@northerlyaspects.org.au). Don't forget to include information about when and where it was taken, and who took it.



Northern Bay College students were involved in the college's Athletic Carnival in Term 2.

As well as participating in a broad range of athletics events, all campuses had a flag waving song during their celebrations to also celebrate Harmony Day.

15-year-old Jevic Mwanza enjoy a successful day, winning six athletics events. The carnival also included dressing up in house colours/themes.



Peace poles presented to all Northern Bay College campuses by the Rotary Clubs of Corio Bay and Kardinia are in place. Rotary presented each campus with four peace poles to mark 100 years of Rotary. The poles also share a universal message 'Peace to everyone on Earth' written in English and in the main languages of the diverse school community.

Student representatives toured the campuses with Rotary representatives from Kardinia and Corio Bay clubs.





Christy Marsh-Trombelli, Di Pont, Miranda Laird and Billie the dog enjoy a Weekly Creekly Walk along Cowies Creek. The walks are an activity of the Friends of Cowies Creek, held every Friday, meeting at the end of Peacock Avenue at 9.30am for a 9.45am start. The group also organises clean-up and tree-planting days.



Rosewall Community Centre recently held a successful open day, where community members of all ages enjoyed a range of activities. For information about programs at Rosewall, SEE pages 28 and 29.



The gardens surrounding Cloverdale Community Centre have been receiving some much-needed attention thanks to a team of volunteers. In addition, a gardening group for wellbeing gets together every Wednesday morning. New members are welcome.



Norlane Community Centre celebrated National Volunteer Week by presenting Certificates of Appreciation to its team of much-valued volunteers.

## CITY OF GREATER GEELONG 2021-22 COMMUNITY GRANTS



Funding support is on offer through the City's 2021-22 Community Grants program.

There is more than \$4 million available to assist the community, arts, cultural, sporting, recreation, heritage, environmental and sustainability sectors.

With 10 different grants, there are funding pools to support large-scale Community Infrastructure projects (\$3 million) through to smaller Geelong Children's Week initiatives (\$5000).

There is a new First Nations Cultural Heritage Grant (two rounds of \$100,000), which has been established to protect, preserve and renew Aboriginal cultural heritage.

Having previously focused on central Geelong, the Geelong Heritage Grant (\$100,000) has been extended to support the restoration of historic properties from across the municipality.

To support more projects in the sector, the Environmental Sustainability Grant pool has more than doubled (\$150,000).

Renamed from Creative Communities, the Arts Project Grant (\$220,000) is now encouraging applications from sole traders and arts businesses.

Applications for the Community Infrastructure, Geelong Heritage and First Nations Cultural Heritage grants are open until 8 August.

All other grants will be open until 12 July.

Further information about the grants, the application criteria and information sessions is available at [www.geelongaustralia.com.au/grants](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/grants)

## SAFETY UPGRADE FOR LOCAL ROADS

Speed limits are being reduced on six key roads in Geelong's north and south, as part of a major suite of safety improvements to the local road network.

The City has been carrying out more than \$4 million worth of road treatment upgrades, under the Victorian Government's Safe Travel in Local Streets program.

Funded by the Transport Accident Commission (TAC), the program aims to increase pedestrian and road user safety and reduce the number of people injured on our roads.

The City worked with Regional Roads Victoria to design works that would be delivered in 2020-2021.

The City will complement the treatments by implementing a reduction of speed limits on

the following roads in the northern suburbs from 60kmh to 50kmh:

- Purnell Road, Corio;
- Donnybrook Road, Corio;
- Princess Road, Corio; and
- Sparks Road, Norlane.

Kilgour Street and Yarra Street in South Geelong will also have speed limits reduced to 50kmh.

All roads will continue to have a 40kmh speed limit in school zones during designated periods.

The speed limit changes will be in effect before the end of June.

Through a consultation process on improving the safety of pedestrians and other road users, the City received 334 completed surveys regarding Corio and Norlane. All proposed projects received majority community support.

## STAYING IN TOUCH



### Via phone

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Mon-Fri | 8.00am-5.00pm



### Tourism enquiries

1800 755 611

[visitgeelongbellarine.com.au](http://visitgeelongbellarine.com.au)



### Via web

[www.geelongaustralia.com.au](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au)



### Download the Geelong City app

for your mobile phone.



### Via email

[contactus@geelongcity.vic.gov.au](mailto:contactus@geelongcity.vic.gov.au)

Please avoid sending hard copy documents to the City. Where possible, please send documents to us via email.





## 2022 GEELONG CALENDAR COMPETITION NOW OPEN

Local residents are invited to share photographs they've captured from across the region for The City of Greater Geelong's 2022 calendar competition.

The calendar is distributed to households across the municipality and attracted more than 1500 entries last year.

We're looking for photos that showcase the diverse qualities and aspects of our

stunning region.

There are four categories which you can enter in to:

- Nature
- Events and people
- Architecture and urban spaces
- Landscapes.

To enter visit [www.geelongaustralia.com.au/calendar](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/calendar)



## UPGRADES UNDERWAY FOR STEAD PARK DOG PARK

Corio's much-loved fenced dog park at Stead Park is getting a makeover, with works currently underway to upgrade the facility.

As part of the upgrades, the existing fence will be extended by several metres, allowing for an additional 200 square metres of play space for dogs.

The added space paves the way for further improvements, including:

- New dog equipment including sit stand platforms, a jump-through structure and hurdles;
- Separate fenced areas for passive and active dogs;
- Additional tree and shrub plantings; and
- New fencing and gates.

The upgrades at Stead Park, along with the delivery of additional dog parks, are part of Council's ongoing commitment to providing fenced dog parks throughout the region.

The fenced dog park at Stead Park is expected to reopen in early July.



# Plan and plant now for spring

Now is the time to start planning for spring. Put in a bit of hard work now to supercharge your garden and reap the benefits when the warmer weather kicks in.

Start by removing all the weeds, along with any old or dead shrubs that are taking up too much room and then prune back anything else that's become overgrown or untidy.

Roses are also due for a bit of care at this time. Bare root rose plants do well when planted after the soil has cooled down as they don't stress so much. Another necessity for the rose is, of course, pruning to ensure a long and fruitful flowering season.

Pruning is also necessary for your fruit trees and some other shrubs, but make sure you pick up all the scrap and dispose of it carefully. Rose cuttings can be dipped in hormone rooting powder and planted in a pot to propagate new plants.

Pot plants need a bit of TLC at this time of year, too. If you've been growing herbs or other plants in pots and they've given up, you'll need to remove them and start again;

there's no hope if they have died out. There is no need to throw out the potting mix if you enrich it with some compost and slow-release organic fertilizer. Before replanting, soak your plot so that the soil settles and then rewater once the plants are in place.

Lawns are often taken for granted, but even they need a bit of care after the long winter months. Weeds tend to sprout without being noticed, but now is the time to check if you have any unwanted plants making their home in your lawn.

If there are only a small number of weeds, they can be removed by hand. If there are too many, then a spray of a herbicide specifically for your type of grass will remove them and prevent you experiencing a lawn full of burrs, spikes and other noxious plants during the warmer months.

## Grow your own

Why not grow your own tomatoes from seed this year? They can be sown into containers placed in a sunny place, such as a windowsill. They will be ready to plant out

into the garden or into larger containers once the weather warms up.

Early spring is the time to plant anything leafy and green. Kale, silver beet, spinach and all types of lettuce thrive when soil temperatures are sitting on the cool side and rainfall is consistent.

As soon as the heat arrives the challenge is to keep giving these plants the care they have been receiving and pick with enough regularity to prevent them running to seed. To really keep these plants delivering the goods, feed with a seaweed concentrate fertilizer every fortnight.

This is also an opportunity to plant a lot of root vegetables such as carrots, beetroot and radish. By digging in plenty of blood and bone before planting and keeping the soil insulated with a layer of mulch, you should promote a smaller amount of foliage and a subsequent larger root growth below the surface.

*Betty*





# Landmark investment in north



From left: Cr Ron Nelson, Cr Kylie Grzybek, CEO Martin Cutter, Cr Peter Murrihy, Cr Bruce Harwood, Mayor Stephanie Asher, Deputy Mayor Trent Sullivan and Cr Anthony Aitken at Waterworld – site of the future Northern Aquatic and Community Hub.

*The following was provided by Windermere Ward councillors Anthony Aitken and Kylie Grzybek ...*

We're excited to share with you a landmark investment from the Greater Geelong Council into our northern suburbs. Support in the community for the Northern Aquatic and Community Hub has been strong over the past five years and rightfully so, given this Norlane facility would create \$111 million in life-changing preventative health benefits during its first decade in operation.

We can confirm Council has increased its funding commitment to the hub by \$21.84 million, adding to the \$23 million already set aside in our draft four-year budget.

This takes our total funding for the project to \$44.84 million.

It means, subject to our allocation of \$8.26 million under the federal government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund being ticked off, the \$61.6 million facility will be fully funded and ready to be built.

The Council's decision was a big one to weigh up, but we needed to take a bold and courageous step to bring to life the most significant community project the City of Greater Geelong has ever invested in.

We're proud to represent the people of the north, who are hardworking and resilient people.

The Northern Aquatic and Community Hub

has the potential to change lives in our local community. The state-of-the-art aquatic and community facility will feature a 25-metre pool, hydrotherapy pool, café, gym, early childhood care, rehabilitation services, community hall and more.

Council's decision to increase its contribution for this transformative project was made with the long-term health and social benefits to the community in mind. A big thanks also to the Victorian Government and the Member for Lara, John Eren, for their significant \$8.5 million contribution via the state budget.

We'll keep you updated as this project keeps moving closer to reality.



# Cloverdale Community Centre

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Web: [www.cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au](http://www.cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au) Office Hours: 9am-3:30pm Monday to Friday

## Learning at Cloverdale

Cloverdale Community Centre has programs and courses to help you learn new or update existing skills.

As a Learn Local organisation, we offer pre-accredited training and programs across a range of interest areas. They are carefully designed to support our learners as they

pathway to work or further study.

Our learning environment is friendly and supported by a dedicated well-being team. Learn Local programs require a commitment to attend classes over eight to 10 weeks. A tuition fee applies in most.



### Computers

**Getting Started With Computers** is the place to start your computer education. Our gentle introduction starts with knowing where to turn the computer on through using Microsoft Word, setting up and using email. Classes run over 8 weeks during term, on Mondays, 9.30am-noon, starting on July 19. Cost \$180; concession \$90.

**Developing Computers** – the next step (1 and 2) follows our introductory course and covers Excel, PowerPoint, creating charts and tables, the internet and computer maintenance. Classes run over 8 weeks, Mondays 9.30am-noon, starting on July 19. Cost \$220; concession \$115.

### Maths for Real Life

Maths for Real Life is a fun class to help you learn or improve your mathematics skills for use in everyday life. Our friendly tutor will guide you through basic maths for budgeting, percentages, fractions, shopping, calculators, interest rates, tables, probability, odds, decimals and more. Classes run over 8 weeks, Mondays 12.30pm-3pm, starting on July 19. Cost \$180; concession \$90.

### Getting Ahead

Getting Ahead is an approved training program aimed at creating awareness about making changes for a better life. Participants work with a facilitator to look at their own

life, why others think and work the way they do, language, motivation and resources for building a better future. Classes are held two mornings a week to cover three modules over 15 weeks. Wednesday and Thursday, 9.30am until noon, from July 21 until October 28. No cost. Call to discuss your suitability.

### Tell My Story

Everyone has a story to tell, whether they've been on this earth for 18 years or 80. Tell My Story is an eight-week program where you will be guided through the process of writing the story of your life so far.

You'll have weekly sessions with a trainer, Wednesdays, 1.30pm-2.30pm, then use your own time to write about your life. The result will be an edited, published version of your life. Cost is \$50.

### English for Living and Working in Australia

A program of learning and support to improve your English and knowledge of life in Australia, including preparation for the citizenship test. Wednesdays from 10am until noon, at Cloverdale or via Zoom. Cost \$50.

### Introduction to Photography

Learn the basics of photography and develop new skills with your camera. Introduction to Photography is an eight-week program

that will give you a taste of photography as a career or an opportunity to develop camera skills to help your business or small enterprise. Tuesdays, 5pm-7pm, starting on July 20. Cost \$180; concession \$90.

### Preparing to Perform

Preparing to Perform uses creativity to develop your employability skills. Learn about what makes you frightened or nervous before an interview and use creative arts and music to overcome your fears. Cost \$180; concession \$90. Call to register your interest.

### Introduction to Barista

A 24-hour course designed to help pathway our learners into hospitality work or further study. Weekly sessions include a range of coffee-making experiences at Cloverdale. An opportunity to expand employability skills and gain a taste of the industry, including pathway options to kitchen operations. Cost \$180; concession \$90. Call to register your interest.

\* Some classes are subject to minimum numbers.

For more information about any of our programs, phone 5275-4415 or email [courses@cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au](mailto:courses@cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au).



# What's on at Cloverdale

Cloverdale Community Centre's programs and activities will be running in Term 3. To book your place, call the centre on 5275-4415.

## MUSIC, ART AND CRAFT

**Introduction to Art:** Our friendly art trainer, Gale Jarmyn, will introduce you to the basics of art, including drawing, water colour. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 11.30am until 1.30pm over eight weeks, starting on July 20. The cost is \$3 and materials are supplied.

**Art@Cloverdale:** Drop in and explore a range of media and techniques in a fun, relaxed and social environment with a professional artist. Wednesdays from July 21, 10am-noon. \$5 per session.

**The Artist's Way:** A collection of artists from varied disciplines – writers, painters and musicians – who meet monthly to mentor each other on their artistic journeys. Their aim is to unblock the artist within as they work their way through Julia Cameron's well-respected book, *The Artist's Way*. The group meets on the second Tuesday of each month from 1.30pm until 2.30pm. To join, you'll need to buy Julia Cameron's book – *The Artist's Way* (any edition) – and pay \$2 monthly when you attend the meetings.

**Cloverdale Singers:** Weekly community singing that includes folk, gospel, rounds, ballads and part songs. Tuesdays from July 13, 10.30am-noon. \$3 per session.

**Ukulele Players:** A great musical gathering for those who have a grasp of the basics and want to refine their skills including performing, strumming and chord progressions. Thursdays from July 15, 10am-noon. \$3 per session. Beginner classes are also available (bookings essential). \$3 per class.

## Cloverdale Craft and Knitting Group:

Bring your craft or knitting project and join with Marguerite for a relaxed craft or knitting session. Fridays from July 17, 1pm-3pm. \$2 per session.

## Conga drum lessons:

Learn to play the congo drums with Hector. A fun, friendly way to learn. Thursdays from 5.30pm. Cost is \$5.

## North Geelong Community Big Band:

Join in with musicians of varying abilities in a dynamic band experience under band-master Ian Burrowes; from brass to strings, vocals and more. Rehearsal is Thursdays from July 15, 6.30pm-9pm.

## COOKING

### Cooking for Blokes:

Facilitated by the Australian Red Cross, this is a socially inclusive space for men to meet, cook and socialise. Mondays from July 12, 11am.

## HEALTH AND WELLBEING

**Tai Chi:** Learn Tai Chi to reduce stress and improve your balance, strength, flexibility and confidence. Mondays from July 12, 9.30-10.30am. \$5 per session.



**Yoga:** Invigorate your body and soul in our multi-level class and discover the benefits of yoga. Improve your strength, flexibility and health. Bring your own mat. Tuesdays from July 13, 5-6pm. Cost \$5.

## Fit and Balanced with Dee Martin:

A gentle introduction to exercise to improve muscle strength, balance and increased mobility. Tuesdays from July 13, 10-11am. \$5 per session.

**Cloverdale Walking Group:** Join with a motivated group of community members for a walk and a chat every Wednesday from July 14, 10am. FREE.

## Line Dancing with Maree Gabriel:

A fun class for beginners, including seniors, looking to gain some fitness; no previous dancing experience required. All welcome. Tuesdays from July 13, 10.30am-noon. \$5 per session.

## Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Tuesday evening, Juniors 5.45-6.30pm, Open 6.30-8pm. Free. A community where 'anyone and everyone' can feel comfortable, connected, loved and supported while learning the transformational art of Brazilian Jiu Jitsu.

## T.O.W.N Club (Take Off Weight Naturally)

For more information, contact the club secretary on 0428-517-364. Meets every Thursday, 9am-11am.

Please note that COVID-19 protocols apply, including QR Code check-in, room density and cleaning.

[www.cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au](http://www.cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au)

## New activities to try at Norlane

Time flies so quickly when you are having fun and we have such great people here at the centre it is always fun. We have been delighted at the responses to our surveys and expressions of interests for classes at Norlane Community Centre. We hope to present the results of our survey at the annual general meeting in November.

We have enjoyed having Mike and Beth from the indirect Object bring colour and amazing art to our centre and working with students from St Thomas Primary School to make cute, illuminated mini lanterns. We look forward to our giant lantern house and car being finished and the launch of the North Geelong Lantern Trail at Norlane Community Centre soon.

We are trialling a number of new initiatives from your comments. Theatre group and life drawing are scheduled for next term, so we are currently taking bookings for these. We still have a number of classes taking



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expressions of interest, so don't forget to contact us if you want to do any of them.

All classes will be subject to DHHS restrictions and follow our Covid Safe plan.

We extend an open invitation to anyone in the community to come in and see what we do. If you want to keep up-to-date, we post up lots of new things including events and class reminders on our Facebook page, so don't forget to check that out.

## Services at Norlane

### Northern Futures

Northern Futures is a not-for-profit organisation addressing disadvantage in Geelong's northern suburbs by delivering tailored education and employment opportunities in collaboration with industry, community and government.

For more information, phone 5275-8124 or go to [www.northernfuturesgeelong.com](http://www.northernfuturesgeelong.com).

### atWork Australia

atWork Australia works with people with disability and disadvantage looking for work, and employers to get the right people into the right jobs. A trusted employment services provider working with thousands of Australians every year, we're here to make getting a job as easy and stressfree as possible.

Phone 1300-192-634 or go to [www.atworkaustralia.com.au](http://www.atworkaustralia.com.au)

### Gforce Employment Solutions

Gforce's professional services cater for all employment and recruitment needs. Renowned for 'matching businesses with the best people'.

With offices throughout Victoria, Gforce employs up to 600 people weekly, including full-time and school-based apprentices and trainees as well as temporary labour hire staff.

Phone 1300 GFORCE (436 723) or go to [www.gforce.org.au](http://www.gforce.org.au)



# What's on at Norlane

As a Neighbourhood House, we're here to respond to what our community wants. This includes creating programs and activities for hobbies and general interest.

Our Term 3 programs include:

## MONDAY:

### Mosaics

Classes are held every Monday from 1pm-3pm. All are welcome and no experience is necessary. Materials are included. The cost is \$10 and bookings are essential.

### Art with Alex

Have you wanted to learn about the basics of how to draw and paint or what other things you can do in the art world? Then come bring your ideas to Art with Alex, a professional and experienced tutor who will help to bring your creation to life. Monday 10am-noon. Cost \$5.

## TUESDAY:

### Tai Chi for All Abilities

Learn the art of Tai Chi. Classes are held every Tuesday from 10am until 11.30am for beginners and those with previous experience. Wear comfortable clothing and flat shoes. The cost is \$2.50.

### Art Group

Would you like to paint in a friendly, comfortable self-help group? Come and join us every Tuesday from 9am until 1pm. All art mediums invited. Bring your own materials. Cost \$4.

### Theatre Group – new in Term 3

Would you love to learn theatre or do you have some experience in the field and would like to put them to good use? This will be an exciting new group led by an experienced tutor. All welcome. Tuesdays from 5pm. Cost is Gold coin donation.

### Social Group

Would you like to catch up and have a social cuppa and a chat? Our Tuesday group is just the thing. Get together and decide what activities you would like to do in the coming weeks. Gold coin donation.

## WEDNESDAY

### Life Drawing

Learning to draw the human form is fun, no matter what skill or experience level you have. A tutor will be available to help guide those who would like a bit of assistance. Basic materials included. Minimum Class Size of 10 required to cover model hire. Wednesday 5pm-7pm. Cost \$10.

## THURSDAY

### Gardening Group

Have you got any gardening question or ideas? Would you like to start a home garden but don't know where to begin? Join us on Thursday mornings from 10am to meet with our resident volunteer gardener at Norlane. You can ask questions or share some knowledge.

## FRIDAY

### Craft and Friendship

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

### Community Kitchen

Norlane Community Kitchen meets at the centre every Friday from 10am-1pm to socialise, meet friends, cook and share a meal together. The group also cooks using vegies grown in the centre's community garden.

### Digital Drop-In Cafe

Digital Drop-In is a space where you can learn about computers and anything digital in a safe and supported environment. Digital Drop-In is held on Fridays from 10am until noon. Bookings recommended. Gold coin donation.

# Other opportunities at Norlane

### Tool Pool

Do you need a mower for short-term use? Join the Tool Pool for \$5 and you can hire a mower from the centre. It costs \$5 for a couple of hours and your fuel is included. The centre also has some manual garden tools that can be loaned to Tool Pool members for free.

### Book Swap

The centre has an ever-growing book shelf full of books to borrow from or add to. The

Book Swap is free and a great way to share resources in the neighbourhood.

### Share Table

Do you have excess plants, food, produce, clothes or small items? Then pop them on to our share table and you can help yourself to anything on offer that you might require. Every Thursday from 1pm.

Expression of Interest are being taken for other opportunities to learn at Norlane,

including Computers for beginners, Introduction to Community Services, Floristry basics, Art Unlimited and Jewellery making.

For more information about any of these opportunities, contact the centre, phone 5275-8124.



# Rosewall Community Centre

36 Sharland Rd, Corio VIC 3214. Phone (03) 5275 7409.

E-mail: [admin@rosewallinc.org.au](mailto:admin@rosewallinc.org.au)

Office Hours: 9am to 4pm, Monday to Thursday; 9am to 3pm, Friday

## Looking to claim your Power Saving Bonus?

If you need help accessing your \$250 Power Saving Bonus, we can assist you at Rosewall Community Centre. The Power Saving Bonus is a \$250 payment from the Victorian Government to help with energy bills.

The Bonus is available to Victorian households if they have an electricity account and at least one member receives one of the following benefits: JobSeeker, or Pension, including age pension, disability support pension, carer payment and single

parenting payment, or Youth Allowance, or Abstudy or Austudy, or A DVA Pensioner Concession Card.

Phone Rosewall on 5275-7409 to find out more and make a time to claim your bonus.

## What's on at Rosewall

### WORK SKILLS

#### Cafe Skills

Mondays and Tuesdays, 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Learn to work in a real-life café environment. Skills gained includes coffee making, food preparation, customer service and POS systems. The course includes an accredited safe food handling qualification. Cost: \$160 per term.

#### Hair and Beauty

Fridays, 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Learn how to present yourself and others for work, social and special occasions by discovering the current trends in make-up, hair styles, nails, skin care and basic treatments.

Cost: \$60 per term



Café Skills students celebrate their graduation at Rosewall Community Centre.



# What's on at Rosewall

## Pottery for the Passionate

Mondays, 1pm to 4pm, or Wednesdays, 6pm to 8.30pm.

Learn to create beautiful ceramic creations with an experienced tutor. Some materials included. Learners are responsible for extra supplies and firing. All abilities welcome. Cost: \$120 per term.

## Making Mosaics

Wednesdays, 9am to 1pm.

Make magic from your broken crockery. Materials supplied. Cost: \$100 per term.



## Painting and Drawing – portfolio development

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9am to noon.

Work closely with our tutor to develop your painting or drawing skills. All abilities welcome. Some materials supplied. Cost: \$120 per term both days, or \$60 for one day per week.

## Crafty Creatures

Mondays, 10am to noon.

Bring your own craft project or come along to learn new skills like scrapbooking, knitting, crocheting and more. Scrapbooking materials provided. BYO other materials. Cost: \$5 per session

## Creative Open Studio

Tuesdays, 12.30pm to 3.30pm and Fridays, 9am to 3pm.

Looking for more space and time to work on your art practice? Artists across all mediums are welcome to join these self-directed sessions. Cost: \$5 for half-day, \$10 for full-day.



## Over 50s Social Group

Fridays, 1pm to 3pm.

A chat, cuppa, and new friends – what more could you want on a Friday afternoon? Tea and coffee provided. For more information call Ronnie on 0418-653-309 or Sue on 0410-008-013. Cost: \$3 per session.

## FREE, FUN ACTIVITIES

### Garden Group

Tuesdays, 10am to noon.

Get your hands dirty as you plant and pick your own fresh vegetables and herbs and learn new skills in this supportive group.

### Sewing

Wednesdays, 9.30am to 11.30am.

Beginner-friendly sewing group. Learn to sew and make items for yourself, family or friends. All equipment and material supplied.



## Youth Group

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4pm to 6pm.

A youth-led group with crafting, cooking, games and more. 12 to 18-year-olds welcome. Snacks supplied.

## School holidays with the FoRT

Thursday, July 8 from noon to 3pm

Drop-in to Rosewall this school holidays to get active on the skate ramp and with free youth activities. No bookings required, just come along.

## REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Rosewall is currently taking expressions of interest for the following classes and activities:

## Community Kitchen – Fridays, 10am to 12.30pm

Get together once a week to plan, shop, cook and eat a meal together.

## Safe Food Handling (accredited course) – July

Learn about correct storage temperatures, dealing with 'danger' foods, personal hygiene, cleaning, food preparation areas and pest control.

## Garden workshops

Learn skills like mushroom propagating; food preservation; Kokodama and terrarium making; and composting.

## Yoga

Unwind with physical postures, breathing techniques, and meditation or relaxation.

## New tradition for college



A new Anzac Day tradition has begun for Northern Bay College, with a focus on commemorating the day closer to home.

Campus student representatives have traditionally attended the Geelong Schools' Anzac Ceremony at Johnstone Park, but this was cancelled due to COVID restrictions.

A rethink of the commemoration resulted in student leaders from the five campuses, as well as representatives of the exemplary programs, participating in the Norlane RSL service in Rose Avenue.

This year's ceremony was the first time that each of the campuses and learning streams had come together to honour Anzac Day in the local area. College Captains Katelyn Tregenza and Luke Graham laid a wreath on behalf of the school and College Principal Scott Diamond attended with the students.

Norlane RSL's Gordon Burns and Scott Diamond were both delighted with the

significance of the day and tour of the RSL clubrooms at the end of the ceremony. They agreed the change of focus was a great outcome for the community and should start a new annual tradition.

Northern Bay College will still be represented at future Geelong Schools' Anzac events, while the Rose Avenue ceremony will be the local recognition of the day, in the heart of the college community.





# Safety priority as gas terminal developed



Viva Energy is seeking approval to develop a new gas terminal at the Geelong Refinery. The gas terminal will bring in Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) by ship to boost natural gas supply in South East Australia ahead of projected shortages.

The gas terminal is at the centre of Viva Energy's plan to transform the Geelong Refinery into a visionary Energy Hub to support Victoria's evolving energy needs.

Viva Energy said: "Safety is our number one priority in everything we do at Viva Energy. Safety of our workforce, community and the environment will be critical as we develop the gas terminal.

"LNG has been safely produced and transported across the world since the 1960s. LNG terminals currently operate worldwide in over 35 countries and it has been demonstrated that these facilities are a safe and efficient means of supplying gas into local economies.

"Viva Energy is an experienced operator of major hazard facilities and industrial sites, and we'll be extending our existing strong safety culture to these proposed operations.



"As we develop this project, we will undertake all relevant assessments and approvals processes in conjunction with regulators. As part of the approvals process for the project, a comprehensive hazard and risk analysis will be undertaken, a safety management system will be implemented and a detailed safety case will be developed."

You can learn more about safety at a community session on July 12. A safety fact sheet is also available on the Viva Energy website.



## Have your say and find out more about the gas terminal

Community members can learn more about the gas terminal project at the following sessions:

**Gas Terminal Safety:** Monday, July 12, 5pm-6pm at Geelong West Town Hall, 153 Pakington Street, Geelong West.

**Seminar:** Thursday, August 12, 5pm-6pm

at Corio Library, Cox Road (corner of Moa St), Norlane. Registration via email at [energyhub@vivaenergy.com.au](mailto:energyhub@vivaenergy.com.au) is required for COVIDSafe compliance.

**Community Booth:** Meet the team and ask a question on Thursday, September 16, 4.30pm-6pm at Corio Village Shopping Centre, Purnell Road, Corio.

### For more information:

Visit the Viva Energy website: [vivaenergy.com.au/gas-terminal](http://vivaenergy.com.au/gas-terminal)

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# Good news for Geelong Refinery

Viva Energy and the Geelong Refinery is pleased to share the exciting news that the Federal Government has announced a Fuel Security Package.

The package provides important and welcomed structural support to the refining sector in Australia, which has experienced particularly challenging conditions in the past few years and as a result of COVID. These challenging conditions have seen the announcement of two further refinery closures in Australia in the past six months.

Viva Energy CEO Scott Wyatt said: "The package helps to mitigate some of the

downside risk of low refining margin cycles, to which Australian refineries are exposed outside of their control.

"Reducing this risk allows us to proceed with greater confidence, as we seek to invest in the future of the Geelong site. This confidence supports our vision for the Geelong Energy Hub, to transition the refining site to multiple sources of energy, as we participate in the longer-term goal of energy transition to a lower carbon economy.

"We now look forward to a period of substantial investment in Geelong, providing

an exciting period in the site's history.

"The investment in capital upgrades needed for ultra-low Sulphur Gasoline, together with our normal capital investments and major maintenance turnarounds, and our plans for Energy Hub projects - including the Gas Terminal Project and hydrogen refuelling station - means a period of substantial investment which supports the site's future."



From left, Executive General Manager Refining Dale Cooper, Former Executive General Manager Refining Thys Heyns, CEO Scott Wyatt and Hon. Angus Taylor Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction.