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OUR COVER: Issara Daim is Cloverdale Community Centre's lockdown hero. Issara works tirelessly for Cloverdale and the broader community. SEE Page 14 to find out more and see who else has been recognised.

Editor's note



Welcome to Term 4 of what has been another unusual year. I hope you and your family are taking care of yourselves and each other.

At the time of writing, we are living with the same level of restrictions experienced by Melbourne for so long last year. I've certainly gained a better insight into what they went through.

Geelong's northern suburbs also currently has many families impacted by 'test and isolate' orders after being at places we all visit in our day-to-day lives – supermarkets, shopping centres, petrol stations.

I feel very lucky to have been busy with work commitments during the entire pandemic. At times I've been a little envious about not having time to clean out cupboards, paint the house, create a beautiful garden or pick up a new hobby. But at the end of the day, I'm always grateful to know I have work and purpose each day.

When it comes to my spare time, I've been determined to stay positive and use it wisely. This includes:

- Staying active – getting up at the same time I normally would to start day with a brisk walk and ending the work day with another stroll. I've made extra effort to double my normal daily step count goal.
- Supporting local businesses – finding opportunities within my five kilometres to buy a takeaway meal every now and then.
- Trying something new or picking up an old hobby – a friend inspired me to dig out an old crochet project and there is some feeling of achievement from adding to it, albeit slowly.
- Doing something I don't normally make time for – watching a series on TV; reading a book.

I've also not forgotten that sometimes I just need to do nothing for a while.

I hope you stay well and find something to look forward to as a way of getting through some tough times. And ask for help when you need it.

Jeanette Anderson,
Editor, on behalf of the Editorial Committee

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Safe Seats, Safe Kids program

Are you a parent or carer with child car restraints in your car? Do you know if they are correctly fitted?

The Safe Seats, Safe Kids program is available in Corio to check and put your mind at rest. It delivers a state-wide series of events where parents and carers can book in for a child car restraint safety check.

Correctly fitted child car restraints and booster seats play a crucial part in protecting children from serious injury and death in the event of an accident. Alarming, 70 per cent of them are not correctly fitted or used, making injury around seven times more likely.

Professional fitters are engaged to perform the checks to ensure child car restraints are installed and are being used correctly, as well as to educate families so they are equipped to check that their child is safe in the car every trip.

The next session at Cloverdale Community Centre, in Purnell Road, Corio is on November 18. A session will also be held at SpringDale Neighbourhood House in Drysdale on November 26.

To book and appointment or to pre-register your interest in future dates, go to: <https://safeseatssafekids.com.au/venues-mec/>

These events are hosted by Kidsafe Victoria in partnership with Neighbourhood Houses Victoria, with support by the Victorian State Government.



Professional fitter Frank completes a car restraint check during a recent session at Cloverdale Community Centre.


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Children's projects to help others

Northern Bay College students have again supported their local community through participation in a project presented by Kids Thrive.

Kids as Catalysts is a social change program designed to equip children aged eight to 12 with real world experience in leading community change. It is delivered in schools, including Northern Bay College, by Kids Thrive.

For Cloverdale Community Centre, which has participated over several years, this year's projects have supported a broad range of community members.

Cloverdale volunteers Debbie Pollitt, Sharon Pool and Chris Holder worked with Grade 6 students from Hendy, Peacock and Wexford campuses to help them choose their

Community Action Plan. They spent time with the children during the planning and implementation stages.

Wexford Campus students chose the environment and partnered with Cloverdale to provide Asian and other vegetable seedlings and seeds for the centre's community garden beds. The students hope that Cloverdale's multicultural community will enjoy and share the produce in the months to come.

Peacock Campus chose to provide educational toys, interactive books and tactile fabrics and rugs for pre-school children who visit Cloverdale. They particularly wanted pre-school children from non-English speaking backgrounds to benefit from the toys while their parents were learning English at the community centre.



Cloverdale Community Centre volunteers received vegetable seedlings and seeds from Wexford campus staff, on behalf of the children in the project.

Hendy Campus students chose the elderly in the community as their Community Action Plan. The students were to have visited the community centre with morning tea and conversation with some of its mature members. Unfortunately, this had to be postponed due to COVID restrictions, but both parties have provided stories of their lives and their multicultural backgrounds in booklets that will be swapped and enjoyed.



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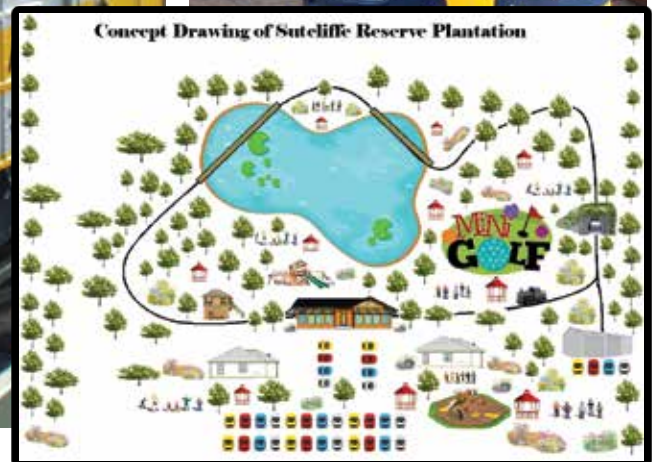
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Miniature railway plan for Corio

Corio Norlane Lions Club is asking for community and business support for a proposal to build a passenger carrying miniature railway at Sutcliffe Reserve, in Plantation Road, Corio.

The club is a driving force behind Geelong Miniature Railway Club's plans to gain City of Greater Geelong approval to develop an adventure playground and attraction at the Reserve.

Secretary Richard Walter said the project will also include construction of a fabrication workshop providing opportunities to teach trade-based skills including welding, metal fabrication, electronics, spray painting and small engine repairs.

"Both the Lions and railway clubs have a great interest in our youth and want to engage with local youth and teach them trade skills that will give them an advantage when applying for trade-based

apprenticeships and employment," he said.

"The project will also bring together older members of the community with an interest in trains and the above skills. We also want to support mental health by providing an interest or hobby for all ages."

Richard said the time is right for the northern suburbs to have its own tourist attraction.

"We want to create something special for the area that will be a tourist attraction and much more," he said.

"We believe the project has the capacity to earn an income that can be directed back into community projects every year. For now, we need help to build interest, secure access to the land and raise money to build the project."

As a first step, community members are asked to sign a petition asking the council

to lease the land to the group. It is available online at:

<https://www.thepetitionsite.com/299/819/677/allow-geelong-miniature-railway-to-build-on-sutcliffe-reserve-corio/> or at the following organisations:

Cloverdale Community Centre, Rosewall Community Centre, Northside Salvation Army in Cox Road, Corio Lions Op Shop (55 Alkira Avenue, Norlane), or Corio Roadhouse (385 Princess Highway, Corio).

Business support will also be needed to bring the project to fruition. Any business interested in learning more can contact Richard Walter, phone 0408-409-895 or email coriolions@gmail.com.

"This is a long-term project and will cost a lot to set up, but we believe there are many community benefits," Richard said. "Please sign the petition and help us get it started."

Help with skills and pathways to work

Have you been applying for job after job and hearing nothing back?

Are you underemployed and tired of asking your boss for more hours?

Perhaps you've always loved the idea of working in a particular job but just don't know where to start?

Are your kids all at school next year and it's time to think about your future?

Or perhaps your children have finished school and they need some advice about what to do next?

Maybe you just need a bit of help to dust off your old paper resume and apply for jobs in the new online world we are living in.

If you said 'yes' to any of these questions, then the Gordon Skills and Jobs Centre can help.

Skills and Jobs Centres provide free, confidential, independent help and advice about careers and training options for all Victorians. They help unemployed or retrenched people, women returning to work, recent migrants and refugees, apprentices and trainees – in short, anyone who is interested in talking about their future. They also have computers and free internet available.

The Gordon Skills and Jobs Centre is also home to Reconnect, a program funded by



Reconnect Advisor Paul Warren works with a participant at the Skills and Jobs Centre.

the Department of Education and Training Victoria.

Reconnect is a specialist program that works one-on-one with eligible participants. Its key objective is to support participants to identify and achieve their work and learning goals by helping to break down any barriers in their day-to-day life.

The program is available to anyone in the Greater Geelong region aged between 17

and 64 years of age who is not engaged in any training, education or employment for a period of six months or longer. It is also for people who have significant barriers in accessing and staying engaged in training, education and employment.

For more information about Reconnect and the Gordon Skills and Job Centre, call 5225-0700 or email skillscentre@gordontafe.edu.au.



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Tips for looking after yourself

COVID-19 continues to impact our lives and
it's important we look after ourselves, and
each other, and take the time to prioritise
our wellbeing.

Below are some tips for looking after your
mental health, from Beyond Blue:

- Media coverage: Find a healthy balance and limit news and social media if you and your family find it too distressing.
- Stay calm and be practical: Follow advice from credible sources, such as coronavirus.vic.gov.au and continue to do the right things, as this makes it easier for authorities to manage current case numbers.
- Stay connected and/or seek support: Keep in touch with your family, friends, colleagues or professional support services by phone, video call, social media, or email.
- Stick to a routine: Aim to get plenty of sleep, maintain physical activity, eat healthy foods, and allocate specific work hours and breaks.
- Make the time to move your body throughout the day, particularly if working remotely. Stretching at home is an easy way to stay moving.

- Eating a healthy diet to help you feel good physically and maintain your energy levels throughout the day.

There's help there if you need it.

While it's normal to feel frustrated, bored, or angry with the current situation from time to time, there are signs of serious mental health conditions to look out for in yourself and others.

Feeling sad all the time, losing interest in the things you love doing, feeling constantly tired or feeling excessively worried or scared are symptoms you shouldn't ignore.

It's okay to not be okay – there is help available and talking to someone about what you're going through can make a big difference.

Key contacts: Phone Lifeline: 13-11-14,
Beyond Blue: 1300-224-636, headspace:
1800-650-890.

Recognising community achievement

In every community, there are exceptional people who reach out, lend a hand and get involved. These are the people who go above and beyond to help others and in doing so, build a strong community spirit.

The Frances Penington and Molly Hadfield Awards publicly acknowledge an individual public or social housing renter, or a group of renters, who make a positive impact in their local community.

The Department of Families, Fairness and Housing is calling for nominations for these two awards.

If you know someone or a group of people whose outstanding contribution should be recognised, please complete the nomination form and return it by October 1, 2021.

The nomination form is available on the housing website, www.housing.vic.gov.au/social-housing-volunteer-awards

Urgent need for volunteers

The Corio Meals on Wheels team currently has a shortage of volunteers and needs help. If you can spare two hours on a weekly or fortnightly basis to deliver meals in the northern suburbs, please consider joining the team.

Go to www.geelongaustralia.com.au to complete a Volunteer Application Form or contact Grant Hawkins at the City of Greater Geelong for more information on 0437-126-097.

There are many other opportunities to volunteer in Corio and Norlane and information can be found on the Volunteering Geelong website.

Volunteering Geelong is an independent not-for-profit organisation committed to enhancing quality of life in the community by promoting and supporting volunteering. It also provides a referral service for volunteers looking for volunteer roles and organisations looking for volunteers.

Volunteering Geelong advertises more than 400 volunteer vacancies in the Geelong area. Potential volunteers can either search the online database or call 5221-1377 to talk to a volunteer information officer who will help you look for a suitable role.

Volunteering can help you gain confidence, meet new people, be part of a community and learn new skills that might help lead to work.

Vaccination booking and transport help

Do you or someone you know want a COVID-19 vaccination and either can't use technology to make the booking or don't have any transport options to get to a vaccination centre?

Volunteering Geelong's Community Transport service has regular bookings, Monday to Friday, at the Barwon Health Community Vaccination Hub in Norlane. They can assist you to get to your

vaccination appointment with a team of helpful, friendly volunteer drivers.

The service provides a reliable transport option to eligible individuals within the Greater Geelong and surrounding regions. To book a vaccination, check your eligibility and type of vaccine and then call Volunteering Geelong on 5221-1377 and they will help book your appointment and transport.

Determine which vaccine you will receive by calling the National Coronavirus Helpline on 1800 020 080 or check the eligibility tracker online (<https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/covid-19-vaccine-eligibility-checker>)

Remember, the vaccine is free and will help protect family, friends and the most vulnerable Victorians.



Looking into school lunch boxes



Kimberley Watson-Mackie is researching parents and carers' experiences of packing school lunch boxes.

Researchers at Deakin University want to talk to parents and caregivers of primary school aged children about packing school lunch boxes.

Honours student Kimberley Watson-Mackie's research project is "School lunch boxes: are parents and caregivers under pressure?"

"The project aims to explore the experiences of lunchbox preparation by parents and caregivers in Victoria, and their adherence to the school policies," Kimberley said. "This research will shed light on the lunchbox options of primary school aged children in low-income families, including any challenges in creating healthy lunchboxes."

Participation in the research involves an interview, lasting approximately 30 to 60 minutes, that is conducted either remotely or in person.

Parents and carers will be invited to talk about managing their child's tastes, working with school policies, cost pressures and trying to make the lunchbox as healthy as possible.

Participants will receive a \$20 voucher to thank them for their time.

If you receive the Parenting Payment or JobSeeker Payment, have children in primary school and would like to participate in an interview about the pressures associated with lunch boxes, contact the research team.

For more information, contact Dr Fiona McKay, phone 9251-7183 or email fiona.mckay@deakin.edu.au.

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Sharing food at Norlane

Norlane Community Centre's weekly food share table is growing in size and impact as new supporters join the project.

The food table runs every Thursday from 1pm. During lockdown it continued by providing appointments for people to collect pre-packaged boxes with a mixture of donated and collected food.

The food table started as a way of sharing the produce from the centre's garden. Now, a team of volunteers, organisations and community members work together to make it happen each week.

Centre co-ordinator Esther Koning-Oakes said the table grew larger last year when atWork sponsored the Norlane site for weekly food collections from the Geelong Foodbank.

"Many people have benefited from this collaboration," Esther said. "Earlier this year, the North Shore Seagulls started collecting food to contribute to our table too."

Club representative Rowley said: "This is our first year for collecting donations and has resulted in our players appreciating that a lot of people are struggling in the current times. We are committed to continuing next year and hopefully looking at more ways to help build up our community."

Esther said the centre is lucky to be surrounded by such a caring group of people to make this work. "We also get donations from locals who may have excess fruit and veg in the garden or groceries.

"We encourage people who would like it to take some food to share with people they know may be struggling. Quite often they



can't make it to us themselves and it is more meaningful if the food comes from a trusted person. Everyone is welcome to give what they can and take what they, or a friend, need."

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The tree planting day in June was well attended.

Community giving back

The following was provided by the Friends of Cowies Creek ...

Spring is here and there's so much to pay attention to at Cowies Creek.

Wattles are in full bloom; reptiles are coming out from hiding to bask in the warm sun. Birds are busy finding nesting materials and singing different songs in the hope of attracting a mate.

And during lockdowns there are lots of people getting down to the creek to take a break from life's stresses and be amongst the happenings of nature.

Friends of Cowies Creek have been busy too, and were really lucky to avoid the lockdowns and host three public tree plantings this winter. More than 50 local community members showed up to give back to the creek and the creatures who call it home.

Together they planted more than 1500 plants, enhancing native biodiversity and

connecting with like-minded neighbours who care deeply for our place. There will be many more future opportunities for folks to get involved in caring for the creek.

They include:

- Sunday, October 10, 10am-noon, when there will be a beach clean-up hosted at North Shore, Moorpanyal Park.
- Sunday, November 7, 10am-noon, when there will be a clean-up at The Fountain of Friendship Park.

There are also the Weekly Creekly Walks, every Friday morning, meeting at the Peacock Avenue Bridge at 9.30am (when restrictions allow).

All are welcome to Friends' events, even if you just want to come down for a chat.

Do you have any stories to share about the creek or what you've been observing lately? Feel free to contact us via our Facebook page or email address: friendsofcowiescreek@gmail.com



Tawny frog mouths tucked away at Fountain of Friendship Park. Picture: Cameron Matthews.



Silver wattle in bloom. Picture: Cameron Matthews.

Rosewall TOWN Club

Weekly weight loss group meets every Monday, 9am-10.30am
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For information: Phone Chris, 0403-532-659

Key projects for the community

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

As we near the end of the year, I thought it would be a great time to update everyone on some significant State Government projects that are underway in our community. There is so much happening in our wonderful northern suburbs at the moment.

As I mentioned last edition, the State Labor Government has provided \$8.5 million toward the Northern Aquatic and Community Hub (NACH), a state-of-the-art facility which will bring health and wellness benefits – as well as local jobs during construction.

Construction of the new multimillion-dollar 30-bed drug and alcohol rehabilitation facility in Corio, aimed at

helping locals recover from substance use, is well underway. The service should become operational by the end of this year.

Construction has also begun on the \$3.6 million state-of-the-art Kids Rehabilitation Centre at the McKellar Centre. The build, funded by the Barwon Health Foundation Kids Appeal, will take approximately six months to complete and will provide a purpose-built space for children and adolescents to undergo rehabilitation.

Recently, I was able to officially announce additional funding for local not-for-profit organisation Northern Futures.

I am proud to have been involved with Northern Futures since 2007, when it was founded by myself and Richard Marles, the Federal Member for Corio.

As part of the Jobs Victoria program, our government is investing in education and support for about 150 jobseekers, through training in Geelong led by Northern Futures, thanks to this funding.

Northern Futures is an important Jobs Victoria partner in our local community and works closely with local employers, with its 'Skills for Success' project equipping jobseekers with tailor-made training and personal support.

The Government has invested \$619 million into Jobs Victoria to support people looking for work and connect employers with the staff they need. A massive thank you and congratulations to the whole Northern Futures team for their tireless work and commitment to this fantastic program.

Funding for schools and sport

I was also pleased to recently announce funding to two local schools in my electorate of Lara. These two local projects are part of 34 projects across Victoria that will share in \$70million under Round 3 of the Non-Government Schools Capital Fund, which is delivering new schools, increasing capacity and providing modern facilities, as well as supporting the removal of asbestos and cladding.

Holy Family School (Bell Park) will receive \$2million for the next phase of its masterplan, including refurbishment and replacement of existing facilities. Covenant College will receive \$2.8million to go towards construction of general

purpose learning areas (GPLAs) providing generalist and specialist learning spaces with associated student and staff amenities.

Our local sporting clubs are also beneficiaries of State Government funding.

Soccer has been given a boost in Geelong's northern suburbs, with \$250,000 towards a pavilion upgrade at Hume Reserve from the government's 2020-21 World Game Facilities Fund. The reserve is home to the Corio Soccer Club, which has seen growing interest in recent years, however the outdated facilities have stopped the club reaching

its potential.

Shell Reserve Corio, home to Corio Sporting Club, has scored \$500,000 towards a female friendly change facility redevelopment. This boost will go a long way to support the growing number of people in Geelong's north keen to get involved in local sport and recreation.

The Victorian Government has invested more than \$1.1billion in community sport and recreation infrastructure since 2014 to help make sport and recreation more accessible, welcoming and inclusive for more Victorians.

Hon. John Eren MP

State Member for Lara

Level 1, Corio Shopping Centre, Bacchus Marsh Road, Corio 3214.
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Join the decision makers

Have you ever wanted to have a say in how your Neighbourhood House or Community Centre is governed?

Committee of Management or Board members form the governance team to set the strategic direction of the organisation, then work closely with the centre staff to put their plans into action. Participation can be rewarding and enjoyable – it also provides good experience for other parts of life, such as work or other community service.

Volunteer community members play an important role as members of the Board

or Committee of Management. They are people with an interest or passion for their centre and a desire to contribute to their running. They are also community members who want to share their positive experiences with others.

Cloverdale Community Centre will elect its new Committee of Management at its annual general meeting on October 5 at 6pm.

Norlane Community Centre's annual general meeting is on November 22 at noon and its Board is specifically looking for a new treasurer.

Rosewall Community Centre held its annual general meeting earlier in the year, but currently needs a chairperson.

New and returning Board and Committee of Management members at each centre receive training and support to help them in their roles.

For more information call Cloverdale Community Centre, phone 5275-4415; Rosewall Community Centre, phone 5275-7409; or Norlane Community Centre, phone 5275-8124.

Please contact my office for assistance with any State Government matters.

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Making a difference to many

As lockdowns continue to impact everyone in the community, some people have taken on important roles in supporting others. Through many different types of contributions, big and small, they've become lockdown heroes to others.

At Cloverdale Community Centre, Issara Daim never stops helping others.

Issara is the driving force behind the centre's successful Thai meals program which plans and prepares affordable, delicious meals most Thursday evenings. The meals are advertised on the centre's Facebook page, where orders must be made by noon on Wednesday.

The meals program began by bringing together a group of mostly Thai women who were experiencing vulnerability during the 2020 lockdowns. It has since grown to a broad group of volunteers who help out each week.

In addition, Issara provides wellbeing support to the community and conducts education programs including helping others work towards the Australian citizenship test.



Centre manager Liz Bonner said Issara is emerging as an important leader at Cloverdale and in the broader community. "Her willingness to learn, then share her time and knowledge with others is quite amazing," Liz said. "She is a very important member of our team, which also includes many volunteers who are so generous with their time and effort."

At Norlane Community Centre, Sandra Whitson (pictured) is a lockdown hero.

Centre Co-ordinator Esther Koning-Oakes said: "Sandra is a highly valued volunteer and member of the Norlane Community Centre. She attends the craft, mosaics and Tai chi and put up her hand earlier this year to join the Board of Management to share in the governance of our centre.

"During every lockdown, Sandra comes in to tend the gardens, plant seeds and collect produce. She distributes the produce to members of various groups in the community and was instrumental in touching base with people during this time.

"She continues to do all this without a car - bringing in her trusty shopping jeep and never complains or let anything get in her way. She is always friendly and happy to have a chat and help lighten a load.

"Sandra has joined the team to pack boxes for food distribution and will often picks up things she knows people around her would use. Her care for our community, keeping them connected, her commitment to growing fresh healthy produce in the garden and distributing this to the people around her makes her a lockdown hero."

Do you have a lockdown hero?

Is there someone in your life who has helped you through tough times, especially during lockdowns in 2020 and 2021?

You're invited to send details of your lockdown hero for mention in our next edition. We want to know who they are and what they've done to help you. Send your information to info@northerlyaspects.org.au.

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Opportunities to explore the arts

Northern Bay College has created a new program that focuses on the arts as part of its commitment to a second pillar of excellence.

The first pillar of excellence was implemented to focus on sport, resulting in the SEED (Sports, Empowerment, Education and Development) program.

At the start of 2021, the second pillar of excellence was introduced to the Northern Bay Year 9 Curriculum, called IMPACT - Inspiring, Musicians, Performers and Artists to Create Together.

Performing arts co-ordinator Amanda Baulch said IMPACT is an initiative to provide students with opportunities to explore a rich arts education with creative classes in music, dance, drama, media and visual arts.

"Through IMPACT, Northern Bay strives to inspire students to hold the arts in the highest regard and to be actively involved in their education through creative inquiry and embracing ideas together," she said.

"Taking their passion for the arts, students are learning and embracing a wide variety of professions they can follow which are driven by their passions and skills."

Amanda, who also co-ordinates IMPACT, said students have written and recorded their own radio show, seen live performances including Macbeth and Harry Potter and the Cursed Child, and created a wide range of puppets, putting on a performance for students in the junior campus.

"Alongside these amazing experiences, students have also been mentored by radio



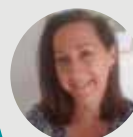
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Learns

	Cloverdale	Norlane	Rosewall	Geelong West	Lara	Vines Rd
Barista Skills	●	●	●			
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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Coffee & 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 & 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. Don't forget to include information about when and where it was taken, and who took it.



Northerly Aspects included a competition in the Term 3 edition, giving readers a chance to win a copy of Trevor the Tram, a children's book published by Corio's John Smithers. One of the lucky winners, Jasmine, was delighted to collect her prize.



Cloverdale Community Centre recently completed project improving the open space behind the building. The project, funded by the Commonwealth Government's Communities Environment Program, enabled creation of several garden beds on the perimeter of the area.

Local indigenous plants were selected and community members got together to help with planting and mulching.



North Shore footballers Jordi Malden, Patrick Cleary and Aaron Seller donate to the AtWork food table, which runs at Norlane Community Centre every Thursday from 1pm.



A CALD women's group had a great morning exploring Norlane Community Centre and participating in an activity to create a terrarium to take home.



Cloverdale Community Centre received donated goods through the Kids Thrive program at Northern Bay College. Toys for children visiting the centre and plants for a community garden were received during visits from school children and staff.



Rosewall Community Centre hosted an open day to showcase the many activities available at the centre. More information about what's on at Rosewall is on pages 24 and 25.

Rosewall Community Centre and Geelong Sustainability recently joined forces to conduct a 'Create your own Self-Watering Garden Box' workshop to celebrate National Science Week. Community members of all ages participated.

CITYNEWS

YOUR SHOPPING CHOICES CAN HELP!

Have you ever stopped and wondered what's in the products you're buying?

Or, more importantly, the process behind the manufacturing of the materials? It's time to start.

With more than 760,000 tonnes of waste produced in the Barwon South West region each year, eight local councils, including us, have banded together on the Buy Recycled campaign to help reduce the level of waste we produce.

Dozens of local businesses feature in the campaign on a handy interactive map, to help inspire your sustainable shopping choices.

Join us to help minimise waste as well as the environmental impact of single-use consumption.

To find businesses selling recycled products near you or to inquire about adding your business to the interactive map, visit buy-recycled.com.au



NEWS

Need hard waste collected? Book-in now!

Did you know you can arrange to have your bulky household items picked up from your property twice each financial year.

It's free to book, with the cost covered by residential waste charges. The service collects items that are not accepted or don't fit into the three-bin kerbside collection.

This includes mattresses, couches and other furniture, white goods, televisions, computers, carpets and rugs.

Items that will not be accepted include building materials, liquids, chemicals, asbestos, garden waste, commercial/industrial waste, bags of rubbish and car tyres.

The amount put out for collection must be less than three cubic metres in volume, equal to a pile three metres long, one metre high and one metre wide.

For more information and to book the service, visit geelong.link/hardwaste or call 5272 5444 on Monday to Friday, between 9am and 5pm.

Taking care of business

We're offering free expert help and personalised support to local business impacted by COVID-19 restrictions.

We can connect you with experts in the areas of grant writing, human resources, digital marketing, business finances, legal matters and occupational health and safety.

You can also receive professional and confidential health and wellbeing support, one-on-one business mentoring and online COVID-smart workplace training.

Apply now and get the help you need to reset and recover after COVID-19 restrictions. For more information visit geelongbusinesssupport.com.au

Geelong Awards for People with Disability 2021 - Nominate now

Do you know someone with disability in the Geelong community who does outstanding work in advocacy, leadership, or empowering others?

Nominate them for an award at geelongaustralia.com.au/disabilityawards

Do you want to make a difference?

A new network in Geelong will work to close the local government gender gap at the 2024 Victorian Council elections.

Women in Local Democracy (WILD) is calling for new members who support the Victorian Local Government Women's Charter objectives of gender equity, diversity and active citizenship to join the 'Empowering Women 50/50 x 2025' campaign.

Participation is welcomed from:

- › current and past women Members of Parliament, Councillors and candidates
- › potential women candidates
- › women interested in supporting other women who stand for election in 2024
- › women interested in mentoring candidates.

Want to be a part of it?

Contact wildgeelong@gmail.com

Council Connect

Did you know that we provide over 100 community services and a whole network of facilities throughout Greater Geelong?


With so many services and facilities, we know it isn't always easy to find information about all the things which may be relevant to you.

That's why we've launched a new way of bringing you the resources you need to make the most of what is on offer in your local community.


Council Connect is a series of printed brochures and online content which we have curated around major life events like raising a family, renovating your home and ageing well.

To find more visit our website geelongaustralia.com.au/councilconnect

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CORONAVIRUS SUPPORT

Vaccinations for all aged 16-plus

- › COVID-19 vaccinations at the Norlane community hub can be booked at barwonhealth.org.au/coronavirus/booking-a-vaccination

Alternatively, search online for your closest respiratory clinic or ask your doctor for advice.

There are locations in Greater Geelong where there is a risk you may have been exposed to COVID-19.

Please check the exposure sites, dates and times at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/exposure-sites

- › Get tested if directed or if you have any symptoms of COVID-19. For testing sites, see barwonhealth.org.au/coronavirus/where-to-get-tested



Further support

- › Our COVID-19 hub: geelongaustralia.com.au/covid19 (for information on City facilities and services as well as support for residents)
- › Translated information: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translated-information-about-coronavirus-covid-19
- › Financial support: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/financial-and-other-support-coronavirus-covid-19
- › Isolation and quarantine help and support: coronavirus.vic.gov.au/isolation-and-quarantine-extra-help-and-support
- › Emotional support: Should you or anyone you know be experiencing distress, please remember that Lifeline can be contacted 24/7 by phoning 13 11 14.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Be part of Geelong Design Week in 2022!

We're calling for highly engaging events that champion Geelong's UNESCO City of Design designation, across a range of categories.

Events could include exhibitions, workshops, talks, tours, innovative experiences, projections, pop-up spaces and forums.

Next year's theme is 'Taur' which means 'belonging' in the language of our Traditional Owners, the Wadawurrung People.

Applications now open. To find out more and apply visit geelongdesignweek.com.au

Kindergarten enrolment 2022

Expressions of interest to register your child for three year old or four year old kindergarten for 2022 is now open.

To register visit geelongaustralia.com.au/kindergartens

TENDERS

Our tenders are advertised in the Times newspapers classifieds and released at eprocure.com.au/geelong.

Register to receive tender notifications and updates, view open opportunities, access tender documentation and submit a response.

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Have your say and help us make decisions that reflect the best interests of our diverse community.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

View our public notices on our website:

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The Aviary Cafe - Norlane

SHOWCASE 3214

Share your favourite photos by tagging #mygeelong

We regularly post photos of Greater Geelong from our community. Share yours with us by tagging us or adding #mygeelong to your posts.



Powerhouse Geelong by @perfecteyephoto



You Yangs Ranges by @photography_by_sean_bell

GOT A POOL OR SPA AT HOME?

YOU NEED TO LET US KNOW

As a pool or spa owner in Victoria you must now ensure it is registered, inspected and certified.

Register today at geelongaustralia.com.au/poolsafety

Plant for birds and animals

Something different to aim for this year could include to encourage birds and animals into your backyard. Planting nectar rich plants will entice bees and butterflies, while shrubs will attract native birds which are disappearing from the suburban garden. They need spiky mid-level shrubs to keep them and their young safe from bigger predatory birds and animals.

Tree hollows and dead trees might look unsightly and untidy, but they provide an essential habitat for native birds and animals and rocky places give skinks and lizards places to hide from predators. These areas provide a warm place to lie, as well as somewhere to hide.

You need to plant out your tomato seeds in a warm, sunny spot before the end of September or you will have to buy seedlings later on. Vegetable crops to be sown direct are broad beans, peas, and radish, but seedlings of cabbage, capsicum, onions, and silverbeet are the best bet at this time of year.

If you want to plant out your spring garden at this time it's better to buy seedlings from the nursery rather than try to grow your own at this late stage, unless you are

fortunate enough to have a greenhouse.

After all the lockdowns, this could be a good time to get the kids outside into the garden. If you give them their own little patch of ground to grow some vegies it will give them a boost when these vegies are served– they are usually as proud as punch to see the results of their labour. Another crop which has proved to be a favourite is sunflowers – they are easy to grow, are very big and eye catching and give any kid bragging rights. A sense of responsibility is a great thing for a kid to learn, as is patience. At eight years old I always dug up my seeds every second day to see if they were growing – patience was not my strong point.

Start your own compost

One way to start the coming season off on the right foot is to establish a compost in which could be a bin, a wooden box or just a corner in the garden. Make sure you choose a well-drained area close to where you will want to use the compost later on. A compost bin is better in a small garden as it keeps the surrounding area neat and tidy and is easy to handle.

Gather all the organic materials you can find – such as grass cuttings, leaves, weeds and food scraps (peelings and egg shells work fine) and add them to your bin. One no-no is onions in any shape or form as worms do not like them and you need participation from the worms to make the compost.

Kick-start the process by placing some good quality soil in the bottom of the bin before starting to add the other stuff. Add the materials to be composted in alternate layers of soil and make sure it doesn't dry out, but don't drown it either; it must be moist but not muddy.

Stir it up a little each week and you will soon see the material decomposing and turning into compost and the worms will make their presence felt on the walls and in the soil. If it is working okay, you'll find that the lid becomes warm as the stuff breaks down – finished compost won't produce any heat, smells sweet and will be cool and crumbly to the touch.

Betty



Dog park is bigger and better

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

There's no doubt that dogs are an important part of the Geelong community. We love our four-legged friends.

And something that has become very clear to us during our time on the council is that dog owners want high quality spaces to exercise their pets off leash.

Fenced dog parks not only provide a great way for dogs to stretch their legs in a safer environment, they're also a fun place for dog owners to meet new people.

The council has recently built a new fenced dog park in Belmont with the help of Victorian Government funding, and we are planning further new facilities in Lara and on the Bellarine Peninsula.

But it was important that we didn't forget the existing fenced dog park right here in our north, at Stead Park.

Previously the only facility of its kind in all of Greater Geelong, it is fair to say that, while very much loved by our community, this park needed some work to make it the best it could be.

And so, that's exactly what we've done.



Cr Anthony Aitken with his dog, Truffle, at the park.

If you've visited with your dog lately you'll have seen just how fantastic this park is now that it's been extended and upgraded.

There are now two separate spaces – for active and more passive dogs – plus a whole range of new equipment, such as sit/stand platforms, a jump-through structure and hurdles.

There's a new double gate entry, new fencing all the way around, a water fountain, new paths, and plenty of newly planted trees and shrubs.

We have around 3000 registered dogs in Corio and Norlane, and we hope they'll all love this park that's been upgraded especially for them.

Please note: Access to the dog park is governed by COVID-19 restrictions and signs will indicate when the park is closed. At times when a closure sign isn't up, we are free to let our four-legged friends run with the other local dogs in the park.

Job Advocates are here to help

The City of Greater Geelong is one of many communities where the Victorian Government has invested \$619.4 million to provide job seekers with information, advice and support to get back to work through an expanded Jobs Victoria.

The City's Jobs Victoria Advocates will help job seekers in the community connect with employment and training services by providing free, practical and personalised support.

They can help you navigate the employment and training services by:

- Referring you to a local Jobs Victoria Partner who can help you update your resume, prepare for job interviews, and connect you with local employers.
- Connect you to local skills and training opportunities through Work and Learning Centres, TAFE Skills and Jobs Centres, and apprenticeship programs.

- Inform you where there are job vacancies in your local area using the Jobs Victoria online hub.

There are no restrictions on who can access the Geelong Jobs Victoria Advocates. Contact Jobs Victoria Advocates by emailing jobsadvocates@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or calling 5272-5272.



Rosewall Community Centre

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

E-mail: admin@rosewallinc.org.au

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

Youth group at Rosewall

Thanks to Give Where You Live, Rosewall Community Centre offers young people in the Corio area, aged 12-18 years, much-needed connection, support and hands-on activities.

The centre provides a virtual (during lockdown) and an in-person (after lockdown) youth group that is facilitated by a qualified

youth worker and supported by youth work students, in partnership with GenU.

Rosewall's Youth Group is a free, twice-weekly afternoon session every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. It is run for young people, by young people. Not only do young people get to make new friends and have fun in a safe, supported way, but they

develop skills in preparing basic meals and coffee making, improving their employment skills.

New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Monique on 5275-7409 or email monique.j@rosewallinc.org.au

Rosewall celebrates its volunteers

At the end of May, Rosewall gathered its fantastic group of dedicated volunteers as part of National Volunteers Week. Volunteers enjoyed a catered lunch and mini-massages as a special treat.

Several long-serving volunteers were recognised with certificates for their five and 10 years of service. Of particular note was our long-serving volunteer, Helen Watson (pictured), who in 2020 reached an incredible 20 years of volunteer service to Rosewall.

Thank you, Helen, and thank you to all our wonderful volunteers – we could not operate without you.



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.

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.



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.

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.

Community Kitchen

Fridays, 10am to 12.30pm.

Get together once a week to plan, shop, cook and eat a meal together. Bring your own container so you can take any leftovers home with you. Cost: \$5 per session.

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.

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.



Youth Group

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4pm to 6pm.

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

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.



Cloverdale Community Centre

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E-mail: info@cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au or courses@cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au

Web: 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.

Cloverdale is a Learn Local organisation, which means 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.

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 October 4. 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 October 4. Cost \$220; concession \$115.

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, 10am until noon from October 6, at Cloverdale or via Zoom. Cost \$50.

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 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 October 5. Cost \$180; concession \$90.

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.

Introduction to Community Services:

This might be accessed a taster course for Community Services at an RTO or just to give you an understanding of what community services means in a Neighbourhood House. It is a 40-hour course and will run on Wednesdays starting on October 6, 9.30am until 12.30pm. Classes are delivered by blended delivery (in person and via Zoom – access is available at Cloverdale). There is no cost.

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. Friday, October 8, 10am until noon. \$180; \$90 concession.



* Some classes are subject to minimum numbers.

For more information about any of our programs, phone 5275-4415 or email courses@cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au.

Term 4 activities at Cloverdale

Cloverdale Community Centre's programs and activities will be running in Term 4, following current COVID-19 protocols.

We will revert to online programs where possible in the event of lockdowns and restrictions.

To book your place or for more information, call the centre on 7275-4415.

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 October 5. 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 October 6, 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 October 5, 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 October 7, 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 for a relaxed craft or knitting session, facilitated by Kathleen, Fridays from October 8, 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. Call to inquire.

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 October 7, 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 October 4, 11am.

HEALTH AND WELLBEING

Tai Chi: Learn Tai Chi to reduce stress and improve your balance, strength, flexibility and confidence. Mondays from October 4, 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 October 7, 5-6pm. \$50 for 5 weeks or \$12 per session.

Fit and Balanced with Dee Martin:

A gentle introduction to exercise to improve muscle strength, balance and increased mobility. Tuesdays from October 5, 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 October 6, 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 October 5, 10.30am-noon. \$5 per session.

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Wednesday 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.

Come along to improve your English

Norlane Community Centre is offering a free conversational English session in Term 4.

Our facilitator, Larry, has had experience with working with people to improve their English. He recognises there is a need for some people to have a safe space where

they can develop the confidence to speak English.

With the use of translating software, participants can often use their own language to learn. If you are interested or know someone that this could help, please

contact us.

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 4 programs include:

MONDAY:

Mosaics classes are held every Monday from 1pm-3pm. All are welcome and no experience is necessary. Basic 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: Would you love to learn theatre or do you have some experience in the field and would like to put it to good use? This will be an exciting new group led by an experienced tutor. All welcome. Tuesdays from 5pm. Cost is \$2.50.

Conversational English: FREE Do you want to learn and practice English skills? Come and join us. We can work with you to build up your writing and speaking skills. Tuesdays from 1pm-2.30pm.

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. Cost \$5.

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.

Looking for volunteers



If you are passionate about community, are warm and friendly and have time to spend with us then we are looking for you. We have vacancies for volunteer positions

on our Board of Management (Treasurer), office receptionist and in our wellbeing team. If you are interested, please contact the centre.

Norlane Community Centre chair Bruce and secretary Sandra invite other volunteers to join the Board of Management.

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 bookshelf 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.

Community Garden beds

These are very popular, but you are welcome to put your name down on our wait list.

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

Introduction to Community Services, Floristry Basics, Hip Hop Dancing and Jewellery making.

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

New nature-based playground

A new nature-based playground has opened at Goldsworthy Reserve, adjacent to the athletics track, featuring 4700 square metres of space for families to play.

Nature-based play is a key component of the facility, with natural elements designed to inspire young children to play and connect with the outdoors. The natural play elements include gardens, trees, constructed hills, water, a sand pit and tree houses.

Windermere Ward councillor Anthony Aitken said the playground is a unique addition to the northern suburbs.

"Having visited the space myself, I can tell you it's an exciting secret adventure playground that will delight children and their families once they discover it behind the athletics track," Cr Aitken said.

"Council was extremely proud to invest \$350,000 in this special playspace because it links natural elements with our Traditional Wadawurrung heritage, which is an amazing thing to do. If you live in Corio or the northern suburbs, make sure you bring the kids and try out this new facility."

The playground design was developed in consultation with Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, to encourage further understanding and storytelling of Wadawurrung Country.

The layout and positioning of the natural elements are designed to reflect the Wadawurrung landscape of mountains, rivers, waters, and a connection of play and movement reflecting eels, birds and animals significant to the area.

Community feedback submitted via an online survey in 2019 also helped inform the final design of the playground. Natural elements including trees, logs, water and rocks, as well as opportunities for climbing and swinging, were among the highest rated features identified by survey responders.

In addition to nature-based play elements, key features of the new playground at Goldsworthy Reserve include a flying fox, climbing wall, swings, slides and a small fenced play space.

Cr Aitken thanked the Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation



From left: Cr Anthony Aitken, Wadawurrung Traditional Owner Corrina Eccles, Cr Jim Mason and Northern Bay College students Mia Jervies, Caleb Thorne, Aisha Abdullah and Oliver McGeachin.

and community for helping shape the vision of the new playground.

"Traditional Owner Corrina Eccles has had a significant impact on the space with her concept ideas for an eel catching tunnel, a walkway that represents the Moorabool River and a slide that represents the Barwon River, which were all made a reality by the City team."

"The Council will install story boards around the space so that visitors can understand these important connections to Wadawurrung land, culture and heritage."

Joining forces to serve community

Two of the Geelong region's largest and longest serving multicultural organisations, Diversitat and Multicultural Aged Care Services Geelong Inc (MACS) are joining forces in a merger. A name for the new organisation is currently being decided through a consultative process.

Joy Leggo is the inaugural CEO of MCSG following a successful career over the past 27 years as the founding CEO of Multicultural Aged Care Services (MACS). She is confident the merger is an exciting new era for Geelong multicultural community services.

"Both organisations have a proven track record of providing high quality care and the merger will enable further growth, scale and impact to continue providing the best services, care and support for the multicultural people in the Geelong region in all stages of their lives," Ms Leggo said.

"Our aspiration is to continue to enhance this service within the merged entity to the multicultural community, proudly remember both organisation's collective history, respond to ever changing society needs and fulfill our purpose to provide innovative services to support, care for and celebrate culturally diverse individuals throughout their life journey."



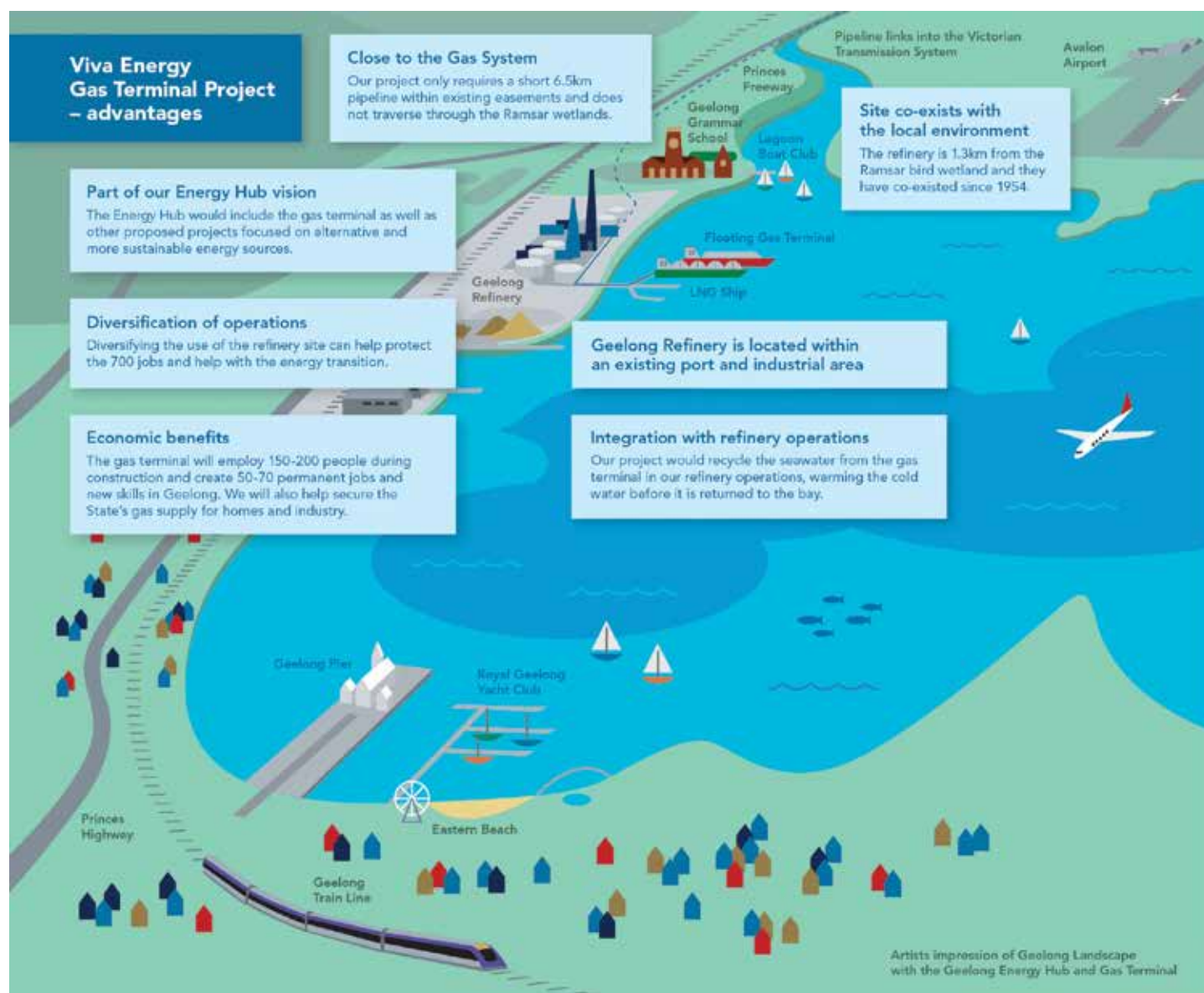
Plans for gas terminal

Viva Energy is seeking approval to develop a gas terminal at the Geelong Refinery.

The Gas Terminal would bring Liquefied Natural Gas from various locations in Australia and overseas, to meet the gas shortage projected for South east Australia.

For more information about the project:

- Attend the next Community Information Session on Monday, October 11, noon to 1.30pm at the Geelong Library and Heritage Centre (Wurdi Youang Room) at 51 Little Malop Street, Geelong. Registration is via email at energyhub@vivaenergy.com.au is required for COVID-Safe compliance.
- Visit vivaenergy.com.au/gas-terminal or facebook.com/geelongenergyhub.
- Email energyhub@vivaenergy.com.au.
- Phone 1800-515-093.



Extra storage at Geelong Refinery

In July, the Australian Government confirmed it would provide a grant to Viva Energy to help build an additional 90 million litres of diesel storage at Geelong Refinery in Corio.

This is part of the Government's Boosting Australia's Diesel Storage Program, which aims to create an additional 780 million litres of diesel storage in Australia.

The availability of space and existing infrastructure to support importation and distribution of fuel into the Victorian market makes the Geelong Refinery an ideal location for additional storage, which will contribute to Australia's fuel security.

Viva Energy currently supplies more than 220 million litres of diesel per month to Victoria and surrounding states from both refined and imported product.

The new tanks will be critical in maintaining the supply of diesel into Victoria, particularly following the closure of the refinery in Altona.

The new tanks will be built in the northwest corner of the Refinery.

The key aspects of this project include:

- Design and Engineering for Diesel storage tanks and associated infrastructure with the application of best engineering practice to ensure zero

harm to people or the environment.

- Tank construction including foundations, impermeable liner and fixed roof, compliant with all required industry and statutory codes.
- Compound bunding compliant with statutory requirements.
- Piping connections into the existing Refinery Movements system including Jetty and Melbourne Pipelines.
- Firefighting protection compliant with statutory requirements taking into account location, neighboring facilities and their uses, and separation distances.
- Closed water-draining system.
- Level gauging and high/low level alarms consistent with industry practice and statutory requirements.

