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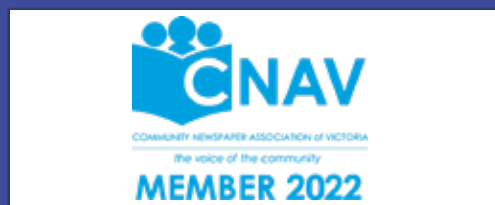
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OUR COVER: Michele Tucker grew up in Norlane and attended schools in the area. She is now the Clinical Solicitor and Co-ordinator at Deakin Law Clinic, as well as teaching in the Law School. Michele will lead free Law Week activities at Neighbourhood Houses in May. SEE PAGE 5.

## Editor's note



Welcome to the Term 2 edition of Northerly Aspects. I hope you've had a positive start to the year as we return to some sort of 'normal'. We know that many in our community are still being affected by impacts of COVID-19 – physically, mentally, socially and economically.

Perhaps it's a good time to think about what community means to each of us. Some will think of it as the hundreds or thousands of people who live around us, many of them we don't even know.

Community can be as large as the suburb or city we live in, or as small as the people we see, talk or maybe just wave to regularly. To some extent, we can choose our own community.

It might be the people you regularly see on your morning walk – without knowing their names, or anything about them. It might be other parents at the school gate.

Schools are communities in themselves. Some of them are the size of small towns and no doubt have the multitude of issues going on at any one time.

Some people find their community in sports, service and social clubs, some at the gym. Others will find community in the people they see regularly at the library, café, supermarket, Neighbourhood House or shopping centre.

Just like in any neighbourhood, suburb or town, members will come and go in your community, for lots of different reasons. This can be disruptive, but also a chance to bring new people into your world.

Regardless of where you find your community, you should feel supported and hopefully want to support others. It's also important that you feel safe and valued.

Take care as we approach the cooler months, and look out for our Term 3 edition in your letterbox in mid-June.

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

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# Open and here to stay

Corio Library staff want everyone to know they're back and keen to welcome the community for a visit, to borrow or to join an activity.

Information Services Librarian Leanne Reinke (pictured) has been in her role since December and is gradually introducing new activities, as well as continuing already-popular sessions.

They include:

- Book Club – held on the first Monday of the month, 2pm-3pm. There are some places available and another group will be formed if there is demand.
- Book Chat – Monday evening sessions. A facilitated group for members to talk about the books they are reading.
- Themed Information Sessions to discuss different genres of books, for example crime, then take home ideas of more books to read.
- Purl Jam Knitting Circle - Thursday from 2pm-4pm.
- Practice Your English – Tuesday from 11am-11.45am. Resources are available to help participants.
- Create and Make sessions- book an induction session to learn about the 3D printer, sewing machine or overlocker.
- Technology and library help sessions – book a librarian for a 30-minute appointment to get help with the library, computers, myGov.
- Children's activities – Baby Time, Toddler Time, Story Time and after school activities.

"We are also able to help parents with use of the apps used by the schools to



communicate," Leanne said. "We have amazing staff and can usually help with immediate issues too."

Leanne said the library won't be moving as part of the Northern Aquatic and Community Hub, which is being constructed nearby.

"We're here to stay and we just want to encourage everyone to come back to the library," Leanne said. "Come and see us."

The library is open seven days a week. Monday 9am-8pm; Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 9am-6pm; Thursday 9am-8pm; Saturday 9am-5pm; Sunday 2pm-5pm. It is on the corner of Cox Road and Moa Street.



There are over 27,000 people in Victoria living with Parkinson's. A Walk in the Park aims to raise awareness and vital funds to support those living with Parkinson's.

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# Putting on a show

Corio artist Wanda Throckmorton is preparing to show her work, in a month-long exhibition at the GenU café in East Geelong.

Wanda (pictured) has been painting for about 30 years and works mostly in oil. She paints "a bit of everything" in realism style. She will be joined in the exhibition by Sue White from Lara and Joy Hyland (Belmont), who she met while attending classes at Shearer's Arms Gallery.

Wanda has previously exhibited at Shearer's Arms, at Cloverdale and Rosewall community centres and in Little River. Wanda, Sue and Joy are exhibiting together as Artistic Friends.

"We've been talking about exhibiting together for a long time," Wanda said. "We decided to finally do something about it."

Wanda said Joy is a tonal realist, contemporary and abstract artist who also does printmaking in wood cuts, lino prints, collagraph prints and etchings. Sue has been painting for 25 years and paints seascapes, landscapes and abstracts in oils, as well as creating resin art. Their work will be for sale.

The exhibition will be held in the café at GenU, 285 McKillop Street, East Geelong during June.



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# Michele leading the way

Deakin Law School Clinical Solicitor and lecturer Michele Tucker leads a team that provides access to free legal help, and she'll feel right at home when she brings them to Corio to help the community during Law Week in May.

Michele grew up in Department of Housing homes in Norlane and Corio. She is the eldest of five girls raised by their mother.

"Many of my family still live in Norlane and Corio and my grandparents lived in Norlane for more than 60 years," she said. "Nan is in aged care in Norlane."

After attending Norlane and North Shore primary schools, then Norlane High, Michele left school in Year 10 and worked as a legal junior in a Geelong law firm.

"I never considered university as an option as no one I knew went to university," she said. "I worked for law firms in Geelong and Melbourne as a law clerk and eventually in management roles. In 2002 I applied to Deakin to study law, but didn't get in. I was pretty disappointed."

A lawyer working with Michele explained different pathways to study. She commenced a Bachelor of Arts degree in 2003 and was then able to transfer to a double degree: Bachelor of Arts/Bachelor of Laws.

"While juggling full-time study I continued to work part-time in law firms and was also a single mother during this time. I completed my degrees in 2007 and was admitted to practise law in 2008. To say my family was proud is an understatement."

Michele practises in different areas of law. She also started teaching in the Law School at Deakin University in 2012 and is Clinical Solicitor and Co-ordinator at Deakin Law Clinic, as well as teaching.

Deakin University is a sponsor of Law Week, from May 16-22, which is run by the Victorian Law Foundation. Michele will be



Cloverdale Community Centre CEO Liz Bonner and Deakin University's Michele Tucker prepare for Law Week activities.

at Cloverdale on Wednesday, May 18 with students from the Deakin Law Clinic.

"I will do a presentation on Family Law and Family Violence Intervention Orders and the students will assist me with a pop-up clinic for the community, to provide information about different areas of law," Michele said.

"I love my job. I'm very passionate about the law and enjoy helping people solve their legal problems. The legal system and processes can be overwhelming for some people, so I try and break down the issues for clients.

"I believe it's only fair that we should all have access to legal assistance and justice, regardless of our background or financial situation.

"I also love teaching, so I have the best of

both worlds with my job. It's amazing to watch our students grow and gain such invaluable practical legal skills during their time in the clinic."

Deakin Law Clinic is a free, community legal service with five practice areas: Family Law, Criminal Law, Civil and Commercial Law, Employment Law and Policy Advocacy Law.

The clinic opened in 2017 in Melbourne CBD and a new Geelong office, at Deakin Waterfront campus, in March this year. Students work on real life client matters under lawyers' supervision to gain practical and communication skills for their careers in legal practice.

The Law Week forum and pop-up clinic will be held at Cloverdale Community Centre on Wednesday, May 18 from noon-2pm.

# Facility supports health and fitness



Northern Bay College has a new strength and conditioning centre, that is proving popular with students and staff. Craned onto the Goldsworthy Campus, the modular complex is attached to the gymnasium and gives students and staff a state-of-the-art facility.

Initially designed to support the Years 7-12 SEED (Sports, Empowerment, Education and Development) Program, it has quickly become a much in-demand facility by other

programs, students and staff. Sessions are run as part of the health and physical education program run by college staff.

Before College staff and students access the equipment, they are first given a pre-exercise questionnaire and induction by qualified personal trainer. This includes safety for users and care of the equipment.

Starting in Term 2, lunchtime and after school sessions will be offered to students

due to the popularity of the fitness centre. Access is not limited to sport students – any student or staff looking to improve their health and fitness is given a personalised program by an instructor, to support the goals that the individual is hoping to achieve.

The strength and conditioning centre is a safe, secure and healthy environment, and regarded by the College as an outstanding long-term asset.



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Check the electrical cords of your heater and electric blankets; loose wires or connections can be dangerous. Always turn off all heating devices before leaving home or going to sleep.

Only working smoke alarms save lives. To check your smoke alarm, press the button at the centre of your smoke alarm until you hear 'beep, beep, beep'. If your smoke alarm doesn't beep there may be an issue with its functioning.

If you have a smoke alarm with batteries, try changing the batteries; or purchase a new one. If your smoke alarm is hard wired,

you should get it looked at by a licenced electrician.

If you live in public housing and are having issues with your smoke alarm, call the Housing Call Centre on 13-11-72.

For more information on how to reduce the risk of fire in your home, go to the CFA website – [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au)

# Carolyn's creative garden

Norlane resident Carolyn recently received two Special Commendations in Victoria in Bloom.

In competition with other keen gardeners living in public housing from Victoria's west, Carolyn received her awards in the Best Creative and Best Small, Enclosed Garden categories.

The Victoria in Bloom gardening competition provides an opportunity for people living in social housing to showcase their gardens and be recognised for their contribution in creating brighter neighbourhoods. If you're interested, email [geelong.housing@dffh.vic.gov.au](mailto:geelong.housing@dffh.vic.gov.au)




# Important numbers magnet

The Barwon Department of Families, Fairness and Housing Community Partnerships Team recently created an 'important numbers' magnet.









The magnet will be distributed to people and families who use the department's many services. It is hoped that people will place it on their fridge so that all members of the household can use the support services if needed.

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# Healthy, friendly approach to weight

Finding a healthy way to lose weight and live a healthier life can be hard. At Cloverdale TOWN, the approach is to use a supportive, social environment to encourage each other.

TOWN stands for Take Off Weight Naturally, a low-cost club that helps members take steps needed to change their lifestyle, eat sensibly, exercise and achieve a personal and healthy goal weight.

The group has been based at Cloverdale Community Centre over many years and wants to welcome new members, regardless of their goals and abilities.

Team leader Kim Milburn said the group can support members who want to lose a lot of weight or just a few kilograms.

"We aim to create a social atmosphere and a community where people feel comfortable," Kim said. "As well as a weekly weigh-in, with incentives for members who've lost weight, we have different topics and tips that can help."

Weekly topics include tips for a balanced diet, exercise ideas, specific foods, eating well and knowing how to re-set when things don't go according to plan.

Roslyn Hearn has lost 27 kilograms in her first 12 months of membership and this year has taken on responsibilities as assistant leader.



Cloverdale TOWN assistant leader Roslyn Hearn and team leader Kim Milburn.

Roslyn, who has an intellectual disability, said losing weight in a supportive, social environment changed her life.

"I needed to lose weight for medical reasons and found it hard until I came to TOWN," she said. "It's helped many parts of my life and now I want to help other people."

As assistant leader Roslyn has responsibilities during the weekly meetings and also looks forward to the social aspects of the group. Cloverdale TOWN meets on Thursday mornings. For more information phone 0438-517-215.

## New walking group

A new walking group in Corio is looking for parents, carers and children to join.

The Social Strollers Walking Group runs every Tuesday from 9.15am to 10am during school terms. Participants meet outside Korayn Birrale Family Centre at 146-152 Purnell Road, Corio, for a 30-to-40-minute walk.

The group is free to join and the walking pace is slow to medium. Dogs are not permitted.

The Social Strollers Walking Group is an initiative of Our Place, and provides a new opportunity to meet other families and get to know the neighbourhood together.

For more information and to register your interest, call or text Tanya on 0415-742-978. Our Place Northern Bay is also on Facebook, where updates about regular activities are provided.

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# Thoughts about living in Norlane

In late 2021, Norlane Community Initiatives engaged local neighbourhood researchers to talk to community members about the place they live, particularly about impacts experienced due to COVID-19.

55 local residents responded to the conversations survey organised by local resident and researcher Dianne Pont. They provided their feedback about the neighbourhood of Norlane.

Responses when asked about the best things about living in Norlane included:

**People:** Friendly, neighbours, family and friends are close by, diversity of cultures and situations.

**Community:** Sense of belonging, connection, looking out for each other, common purpose.

**Close by:** Access and proximity to friends, family, services, nature walks, shops, main roads/transport, the city, beaches, Melbourne.

**Affordable:** Affordable (living/ housing) with big blocks.

**Neighbourhood news:** 40 out of 50 people said that friends, family or neighbours were a good source of neighbourhood news, which highlights the need to stay in touch with one and share the good news and opportunities that exist in the neighbourhood. More and more people are accessing their neighbourhood news from social media sources such as Facebook. Northerly Aspects was also marked as important.

**Our Connections:** Residents of Norlane are well connected and active in their

neighbourhood, with formal groups and community organisations the top source of connections.

Respondents to the survey also had ideas on how to stay in touch in a post COVID-19 world, including more sheltered places to meet outside; more opportunities to meet in person; making an effort to call or message' more options and ways to find out, such as a regular Norlane residents' newsletter, flyers, letterbox drop, mailing list - post and email noticeboards, local website and Facebook page.

Norlane Community Initiatives is at 4 Spruhan Avenue, Norlane. It works alongside local residents to co-create shared solutions to local challenges and opportunities.

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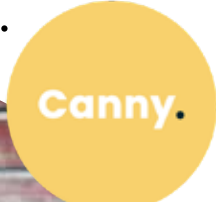
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# Community projects and support

The Rotary Club of Corio Bay has been a long-term supporter of the 3214 community and beyond.

In the local community, the club supports in-kind donations to a number of groups, notably financial assistance to enable meals provided by Norlane Baptist Church to have the freshest possible food.

Northern Bay College and North Geelong Secondary College are also supported, including Student Scholarships for successful or disadvantaged achievers.

Recently, one of the club's well-known members passed away. Marty Nolan (a Paul Harris Fellow) was widely known in the Corio and Norlane area and is already sorely missed by the club. He is pictured with local

student Marzieh, whose story so moved the club when she was a guest speaker, that they provided a grant to ensure she completed school and her aim to attend further education.

Rotary is a world-wide organisation and many of the clubs join forces to help third world countries whose communities have few resources in normal times and are in desperate need during times of crisis.

Collection of books, pencils and other materials to resources schools has always been a practice and the need for medical items has never been greater in hospitals. Corio Bay Rotary has a special interest in supporting Oceania islands such as the recent Tonga disaster and Fiji in years gone by.



The club is hoping it will again be able to have fundraising events soon to bolster its ability to help others in need.

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# A good time to try Calisthenics

Cloverdale Calisthenics College is looking for more participants to join the fun, fitness and friendship of this uniquely Australian artistic sport.

The group was established in the Corio area in 1994 and has been providing opportunities for pupils of all ages since then, under the direction of Principal Coach Mandy Mueller.

Pupils from as young as three can join weekly classes, on Monday and Tuesday nights, to develop their skills in a range of areas. Together they learn to perform many choreographed routines to music selected by the coaches and participate in competitions throughout

the year, culminating with an end-of-year display.

Calisthenics offers its pupils an opportunity to improve flexibility and strength while learning and performing items that include handling clubs and rods, marching, singing, dancing and items of precision involving movements of gymnastics and the grace of ballet. Pupils strive for excellence and build self-confidence while working in a team environment.

For more information, contact Cloverdale Calisthenics College, phone 0418-559-241, or find the group on Facebook.



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# Important new community facilities

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

It was a great pleasure to join the Minister for Health, to formally open the new state-of-the-art alcohol and drug residential rehabilitation facility in Hendy Street, Corio last month.

The new 30-bed, multi-million-dollar rehabilitation facility will provide residents from across Geelong and the Barwon region the support they need to recover from drug and alcohol addiction.

Designed to create a welcoming and healing atmosphere for individuals and their loved ones, the facility provides a structured therapeutic and home-like environment where people experiencing addiction can develop coping skills and address underlying issues to overcome their alcohol and other drug use.

The new facility in Corio will provide 24-hour care and support and is part of a \$52.1million investment by the State Government to build three new alcohol and other drug residential rehabilitation facilities in regional Victoria, which will provide care and support to an additional 900 Victorians every year.



The new acute mental health service at Barwon Health's McKellar Centre is on track to be completed by May.

This brand-new facility will save lives and help people get their lives back on track.

## Northern Aquatic and Community Hub

Another exciting milestone recently was turning the first sod on the Northern Aquatic and Community Hub, made possible by \$8.5 million investment from the Victorian Labor Government along with funding from the City of Greater Geelong and the Federal Government.

The Northern Aquatic and Community Hub is a game changer and will replace the Waterworld complex in Norlane. It will bring with it a new health, wellbeing,

aquatic and community facility for the northern suburbs of Geelong.

Once complete, the centre will feature a 25-metre pool, warm water program pool, learn to swim and waterplay areas. Also on the way, a new gymnasium, program rooms, occasional care facilities, café, change rooms, multi-purpose space, aesthetic improvements to the library and landscaping.

The project is expected to create 128 jobs during construction, dozens more during operation and is expected to generate 600,000 visits each year.

Construction is expected to be complete in September 2023, thanks to project partners including the City of Greater Geelong providing more than \$44 million and the Federal Government who are contributing \$8.2million.

## Mental health service

I am also proud that our Government is building the mental health system that the Geelong community needs, with construction nearing completion on the new acute mental health service at Barwon Health's McKellar Centre.

Earlier this month, along with Minister for Mental Health James Merlino, I toured the site of the new 16-bed facility, which is on track to be completed

in May this year – delivering on a key recommendation from the Royal Commission into Victoria's Mental Health System just a year after the final report was handed down.

The McKellar Centre facility will support an extra 355 Victorians to get the acute care they need each year. The new beds have been designed in consultation with people who have lived experience of

the mental health system – including consumers, carers and staff – to deliver a safe, welcoming treatment environment for Victorians experiencing acute mental health concerns.

The facility will reduce pressure on University Hospital's emergency department, delivering inpatient acute mental health services and community-based care in a quality hospital setting.

**Hon. John Eren MP**

State Member for Lara

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

## Corio base for new programs

The Salvation Army has new youth and humanitarian employment staff based at its Northern Community Centre in Corio.

Christine Shurvell is an employment mentor in specialist employment service programs funded by Jobs Victoria. Her role is to help youth and humanitarian participants find suitable jobs.

The free service has two programs, which are part of the Jobs Victoria Employment Services initiative and different to any services currently offered in the region. Eligibility is linked to motivation to engage in the workforce, not income support. Those eligible are unemployed or under employed (less than 12 hours a week), aged between 15 and 30 or residing in Australian under a humanitarian visa.

Each program provides highly specialised and intensive support to those who face significant barriers to employment.

Bridge is the program for 15- to 30-year-olds. It is a specialised voluntary program that supports unemployed youth, who are experiencing or at risk of mental ill-health, to secure fulfilling and long-term employment.

The Bridge program is committed to engage and connect with participants, and support them through the steps they need to build capacity, support their mental health and partner with employers looking for workers. They will work with their mentor to set goals and monitor their progress.

Launch is an innovative employment service for people seeking asylum, and refugees.

It is committed to respecting, supporting and connecting with job seekers to give them the support they need to find work. It also works with employers to make sure the people they employ understand and can gain the skills they need to contribute to the organisation.

Christine said after being appointed recently she is working with participants and also creating a network of support for eligible people looking for work.

The Salvation Army Northern Community Centre is at 92 Cox Road, Corio. For more information, phone Christine Shurvell, 0460-434-959.

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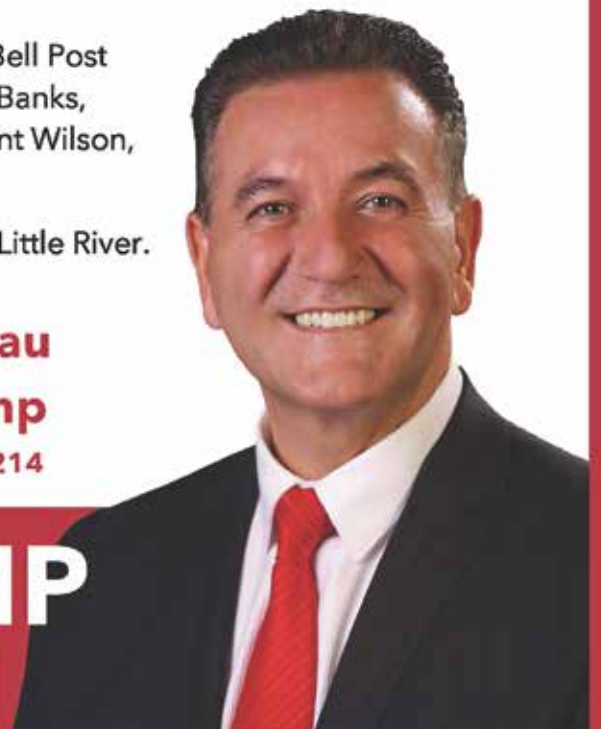
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# JOHN EREN MP

**STATE MEMBER FOR LARA**



# AFL's Gill McLachlan visits North Shore

*The following was provided by the Member for Corio, Richard Marles ...*

For many years, the North Shore Football Club has been a powerhouse of local football.

Since 1970, the Seagulls have contested 21 grand finals, in which they have won 14 flags. Between 1995 and 2000 they won six premierships in a row.

The North Shore Football Club has not only been successful on the field, but it has also been an important community club for those living in the surrounding suburbs.

The club has been a place of gathering; it's given a focus to kids and has been a tremendous source of pride for the community.

The northern suburbs of Geelong have faced many challenges over recent years, such as the closure of Ford. However, the community's resilience is what brings it together.

Local sporting clubs play an essential role in building communities and fostering inclusive places for our kids. Our best AFL players



Richard Marles, Gill McLachlan and North Shore president Dale Purcell.

kicked their first footy at local clubs. It is crucial that kids in the northern suburbs of Geelong be given that same opportunity.

It is a testament to club officials and volunteers and their determined efforts, that the North Shore Football Club and Corio Football Club formed the 'Northern Stars' which has seen an increased number of juniors enjoying playing football for the first time.

Recently the CEO of the AFL, Gill McLachlan visited the club. This was an important meeting to highlight how important this club is, not only for sport but for the community.

Getting kids into sport and keeping families connected in their community can make a world of difference, and this is why we cannot let clubs in the north fail.



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Authorised by Richard Marles MP, ALP, Geelong

# Summer rain welcome

The following was provided by community group, Friends of Cowies Creek ...

It's been an amazing summer on Cowies Creek. With lots of rain, the creek has stayed green throughout and felt super lively. We've seen lots of different birds including the sacred kingfisher, and spoonbills at Seagull Paddock, near the Wathaurong Co-Op.

The Friends of Cowies Creek have been staying busy picking up rubbish and doing some community art along the creek. It's always a good time meeting up with other locals to take care and beautify our precious green spine.

Members love meeting other local people who appreciate the creek, as well as people connecting with it for the first time. It feels good to care for our place and community. We have huge respect for the Wathaurong

people who've been caring for this country for such a long time.

We've got lots of up-coming events for everyone to get involved in. Dates and times are as follows:

Sunday, April 3, 10am-1pm: Creek Clean Up at Fountain of Friendship Park.

Sunday, May 1, 10am-1pm: Creek Clean Up at Wathaurong Co-op, meeting on Morgan Street.

Sunday, June 5, 10am-1pm: Tree Planting Day at Anakie Road, meeting at Fountain of Friendship Park.

All are welcome to come along to our events, even just for a cup of tea and a chat.

What have you been seeing on the creek lately? Feel free to get in touch with us via Facebook or email [friendsofcowiescreek@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcowiescreek@gmail.com).



Two pelicans and a Royal Spoon Bill at Seagull Paddock. Photos by Paula.

## Railway plan on track

The Lions Club of Corio Norlane is supporting the Geelong Miniature Railway's plan to establish a Railway Park in the northern suburbs. The City of Greater Geelong council recently approved funding for a feasibility study to see if the park is viable.

In the meantime, the club has purchased a portable miniature railway to promote the 'bigger brother'. It is now looking for people who may have some train knowledge, or just interested in trains, to volunteer to help run the portable track.

Club secretary Richard Walter said the club also has many other ongoing projects, including:

- Bike Maintenance project, donating bikes for families.
- Bike Education Trailer, supporting local schools,
- Computer project, donating computers to families.
- Corio Lions Op Shop, selling cheap items to fund our projects.
- Food Pantry, delivering food to locals in need.
- Road Home Geelong Project, collecting for the homeless
- Supporting North Shore Football Club.

If anyone is interested in supporting the Lions club, contact [coriolions@gmail.com](mailto:coriolions@gmail.com).



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# Northern Network

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## Learns

	Cloverdale	Norlane	Rosewall	Geelong West	Lara	Vines Rd
Barista Skills	●	●	●			
Become Job Ready	●	●	●			
Beginner Computers	●	●	●		●	●
Buying & Selling Online		●				
Café Skills/Kitchen Operations			●			
Conversational English	●		●			
Creative Arts - visual & performing	●	●	●			
Early Childhood	●		●			
Event Planning			●			
Financial Wellbeing for Women		●				
First Aid			●		●	
Intermediate Computers	●	●			●	●
Introduction to Community Services	●					
Introduction to Hair and Beauty			●			
Introduction to Mental Health Sector			●			
Responsible Service of Alcohol			●		●	
Safe Food Handlers	●		●		●	
Staying Safe on the Internet		●				
Tell My Story	●	●			●	



## Creates

Art - Visual & Performing	●	●	●	●	●	●
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 & Chat	●	●	●		●	
Community Drop-in	●	●			●	●
Over 50s / Senior Citizens			●			●
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](mailto:info@northerlyaspects.org.au). Don't forget to include information about when and where it was taken, and who took it.



Published children's author Maxine Flakemore visited the art group at Cloverdale to discuss the process of writing, illustrating and publishing books. Maxine has self-published five children's books, completing both words and illustrations. Pictured with Maxine (right) are Lorraine, Gale (facilitator) and Ian from the art group.



AFL CEO Gil McLachlan recently visited North Shore Football Club with Member for Corio Richard Marles. The pair met volunteers who are working hard to provide sporting opportunities for children in the area.



Northern Bay College student leadership team members have begun their important roles for 2022. For the first time, the College is represented by four different cultures as P-12 College Captains. They are, from left, College Captains Sri Lankan student Dishanth Vijayaneethan and Farah Muhammad, from Singapore; and Goldsworthy leaders Kate White, born in Australia, and Shar K'Pru Htoo, who is Karen.



Rosewall Community Centre is the place to help take your pottery skills to the next level. A Pottery Wheel Throwing class starts on May 5, running 1pm to 3pm on Thursdays for six weeks. It is designed for beginners, as well as those who want a bit more help throwing. Contact the centre on 5275-7409 for more information.



The Aviary café has a new chef, local resident Dennis. Dennis is passionate about good, healthy and sustainably sourced food. He works with The Aviary team to prepare and deliver 200 affordable, freshly-cooked homestyle meals to residents each week. Small dinners (suitable for a couple) are \$12 and a large (suitable for family of 5) costs \$25. If you live in the postcode 3214, delivery is free. As a social enterprise, The Aviary helps support local community development work in the Norlane area, from food security to community building, education and place making. The cafe exists to support and invest in the potential of its local community.



Northern Bay College student Jevic enjoys a workout in the new strength and conditioning centre, located at the Goldsworthy campus. Students and staff have access to the gym, including individual fitness programs.



Friends of Cowies Creek's Christy and Savannah worked with other members to collect a skip-full of rubbish at Seagull Paddock. The group holds various clean-up, tree planting and social activities. You can contact the group via Facebook or email [friendsofcowiescreek@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofcowiescreek@gmail.com).



Norlane Community Centre hosted a summer solstice event in December. Flowers featured in creative and unique ways, as demonstrated by Maudie and Nathan.

# CITYNEWS

## CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED ON OUR NORTHERN AQUATIC AND COMMUNITY HUB

Works are underway on our new state-of-the-art facility in Norlane and it's due to be completed by late next year.

There will be so much to enjoy including a 25-metre pool, hydrotherapy pool, Learn to Swim pool, water play area and waterslide. Plus, there's a spa, sauna, and steam room, café, gym and occasional care facilities.

If it's community space you need, there will be 1,000-square metres of it, serving as a community hub and featuring a 400-seat performance area and two kitchens. This hub is where you can carry out arts, cultural, recreational and social activities, meetings, performances and classes.

Part of our vision is to create a modern health and wellbeing precinct for the northern suburbs, located on the current Waterworld and Centenary Hall site. The Northern Aquatic and Community Hub is anticipated to attract 600,000 visits each year.

This year, you can keep enjoying Waterworld, with construction focusing on the northern end of the site until 2023.

The Northern Aquatic and Community Hub is jointly funded by the City, the Victorian Government and the Australian Government.

For project information and updates visit [geelongaustralia.com.au/northernhub](http://geelongaustralia.com.au/northernhub)

3D modelling of Northern Aquatic and Community Hub



Left to right: David Greenwood, Martin Cutter (City of Greater Geelong CEO), Cr Kylie Grzybek, Sandra Anderson, Sam Birdseye (Kane Constructions), Cr Anthony Aitken, Ella George, Deputy Geelong Mayor Trent Sullivan, The Hon. John Eren (Member for Lara) and Brandon Dellow.



Mangrove Boardwalk at Limeburners Bay

## Embrace the space and explore our magical region

Throughout Greater Geelong, we are spoilt for choice when it comes to natural open spaces.

With 133 kilometres of coastline and 90 square kilometres of open space, including protected natural habitat and wetlands as well as 334 parks, there is plenty to see and do.

Getting out and making the most of the many unique spaces is a great way we can 'embrace the space' to enjoy the outdoors and learn more about the diversity of our region.

If you like spotting wildlife, there are some great places to explore like Serendip Sanctuary or Balyang Sanctuary. If bikes are more your thing, there are some beautiful trails to ride like the Bellarine Rail Trail.

Got a young family who like exploring? We have you covered. The Geelong Botanic Gardens is a great spot in autumn as coloured leaves create fun for kids. Families could also try The Mangrove Boardwalk at Limeburners Bay or St Helens Park which has a playground too.

Why not pack a picnic with local goodies, visit a quiet beach or set out on a bush walk?

Venture off the beaten track and discover a new favourite spot for you, your family and friends.

Whether it's an exciting new playground, the perfect picnic spot, or a secret walking trail to explore with a four-legged friend – there is something for everyone.

For ideas to inspire you to Embrace the Space visit [geelongaustralia.com.au/embracethespace](http://geelongaustralia.com.au/embracethespace)



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## NEWS

### Windermere representative chosen as Junior Deputy Mayor

Windermere Ward Youth Council representative, Angelle Mackay, has been elected to the position of Junior Deputy Mayor for the 2022 Youth Council.

Serving alongside Junior Mayor, Genaya Rowbottom, Angelle said she will bring a "fierce passion and drive to implement change" to her new role.

Angelle, aged 15, is one of the three young people chosen to represent Windermere Ward in 2022, alongside Charlee Hide (aged 13) and Adrian Wyres (aged 15). She considers sexual harassment and mental health among the top issues that local young people are facing.

The Youth Council is made up of 12 young people, aged between 12 and 17, who meet once a month to provide a youth perspective to Council on important issues such as mental health awareness, bullying, climate change and inclusion.

Follow their progress on Instagram: [@geelongyouthcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/geelongyouthcouncil)

### Lakeland extension works underway

Construction of an innovative treatment wetland is underway in the Lara Lakelands Reserve, as part of a plan to improve biodiversity and stormwater management in the area.

Just under \$2 million has been invested in the project, designed to improve water quality going into the Hovells Creek system, while extending the size of the existing wetland by about 6500-square metres.

Cr Kylie Grzybek, Windermere Ward said the importance of the wetland for animal species was a key consideration in developing the proposed extension.

"The enhanced stormwater treatment will improve water quality and habitats for a range of birdlife, delivering a healthier wetland and waterway ecosystem," Cr Grzybek said.

Works are expected to be completed by early 2023.



### From little things big things grow

In the Autumn edition of Community Update, we featured a story about Issaara Saeyim, who works with volunteers to cook affordable Thai meals for the Corio community. From humble beginnings, the program at Cloverdale Community Centre now provides up to 600 meals a week.

Scan the QR code to read more about Issaara and her team.



## SHOWCASE 3214

### Share your favourite photos by tagging #mygeelong

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## Meander on the Mangrove Boardwalk



Limeburners Lagoon  
Corio

Wadawurrung Country





Cr Anthony Aitken and Cr Kylie Grzybek at the Spirit of Tasmania site.

## Major public projects in the north

*The following was provided by City of Greater Geelong Windermere ward councillors Anthony Aitken and Kylie Grzybek ...*

It's all happening in the north right now.

Two of the Geelong region's biggest public infrastructure projects - located either side of the Princes Highway in the northern suburbs - are now underway.

Construction began on our new Northern Aquatic and Community Hub in late February, with the new \$61.6 million health, wellbeing and recreation complex scheduled to open in late 2023.

For updates on that project, please visit the City website at [www.geelongaustralia.com.au/northernhub](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/northernhub)

Another exciting development is the creation of the Spirit of Tasmania's new state-of-the-art terminal, at Corio Quay. This will bring hundreds of travellers from Devonport into Geelong each day, bringing a wave of opportunities.

The Spirit of Tasmania has recently released a promotional video, highlighting that Corio Quay is a "gateway to some of Victoria's best destinations", referencing Geelong and the Bellarine Peninsula.

Our regional tourism, hospitality and logistics sectors all stand to benefit enormously from the regular influx of tourists via the passenger ferries. It also makes outbound travel to Tasmania a quicker and more comfortable experience for local residents.

The new terminal is due to open in spring, with bookings being taken now for travel to and from Corio Quay in 2023.

Coupled with the addition of new central hotels in central Geelong and accommodation places emerging elsewhere in the region, we stand ready to entice visitors to spend longer in our backyard.

Council has worked collaboratively with GeelongPort and The Spirit of Tasmania in planning for this major move, providing planning permits for access-related upgrades on the site.

We can't wait to see the port open to the striking vessels, adding to the colour and excitement on Corio Bay and re-energising the north.



# Cloverdale Community Centre

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## Skills for study, work and life



Cloverdale Community Centre 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 help you learn new or update existing skills for study, work and life.

Learn Local programs require a commitment to attend classes over 8-10 weeks. Some courses are free, others are \$50 for the term.

Cloverdale's program staff can help design a learning schedule across one or more terms. We encourage you to make an appointment to create a plan for learning. All courses will start in late April or early May – subject to numbers.

Phone 5275-4415 or email [courses@cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au](mailto:courses@cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au)

### COMPUTERS

#### Getting Started With Computers

This 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.

#### 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 12.30pm-3pm.

#### Introduction to Community Services

This program might be a taster course for Community Services at an RTO or just to give participants an understanding of what community services means in a Neighbourhood House. It is a 40-hour course and runs on Wednesdays, 9.30am-12.30pm,

by blended delivery.

#### 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 from 9.30am until noon.

#### Getting Ahead

Getting Ahead is 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. 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. The result will be an edited, published version of your life.

#### 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. Call to register your interest.

#### Financial Wellbeing for Women

Do want to feel more in control of your money? Learn how to set up a budget and plan for your future in safe space. Find out how to avoid or manage debt and what supports are in the community that you can

access. Learn about what money scams are and how to protect yourself.

#### Introduction to Small Motors

Hands-on experience with small motors and outdoor equipment, including onsite work experience at our trade training centre. Pathways include automotive industries.

#### Introduction to Metalwork

Learn the basics of metalwork, including work safety and tools. Hands-on learning at our trade training centre. Pathways include welding, fitting and turning, panel beating, metal fabrication.

#### Introduction to Woodwork

Learn the basics of woodworking, including work safety and tools. Hands-on learning at our trade training centre. Pathways include carpentry, cabinet-making and general maintenance.

#### Trade taster courses

A series of trade taster courses are available at our trade training centre.

#### Kickstart Your Career in Health

A program specially designed as an introduction to working in support roles in the health industry. Includes computer, financial and employability skills; developing problem solving skills; resume writing and mock interviews. Places are limited.



## Term 2 activities at Cloverdale

Cloverdale Community Centre's programs and activities will be running in Term 2. Most groups take a break during school holidays. 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, painting and colour mixing. Classes are held on Tuesdays from 11.30am until 1.30pm over eight weeks, starting on May 3. 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 April 27, 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 1.45pm until 2.45pm.

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.

#### Wednesday Open Studio

Bring your own art project to work on while sharing the space with other artists. Wednesdays, 1pm-3pm. Cost: Gold coin donation.

#### Cloverdale Singers

Weekly community singing that includes folk, gospel, rounds, ballads and part songs. Tuesdays from May 3, 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 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. Fridays, 1pm-3pm. \$2 per session.

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 6.30pm-9pm. Gold coin donation.

### COOKING

#### Cooking for Blokes

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

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING

#### Tai Chi

Learn Tai Chi to reduce stress and improve your balance, strength, flexibility and confidence. Mondays, 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 5-6pm. \$5 per session.

#### Fit and Balanced with Dee Martin

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

#### Cloverdale Walking Group

Join with a motivated group of community members for a walk and a chat every Wednesday, 10am. FREE.

#### 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)

TOWN Club meets at Cloverdale Community Centre every Thursday from 9am-11am. For more information, contact 0438-517-215.

## New home for children's choir

Norlane Community Centre is looking forward to hosting many exciting groups and events coming up in Term 2. Whether you enjoy crafts, cooking, gardening, technology or creativity, we are sure to have something available for you to enjoy.

North Children's Choir has found a new rehearsal venue and home at the centre. The choir offers a comprehensive after-school developmental music program in a warm, nurturing environment.

With students aged 6-12 years coming from six different school campuses in the 3214 postcode, the choir provides pathway opportunities for musically gifted children, giving them access to a high quality music



education. This year, after facing two very challenging years of COVID restrictions, the choir has nearly doubled in size.

The new rehearsal venue at Norlane Community Centre gives the choir access to multiple rehearsal rooms as well as the beautiful outdoor areas for break time,

always a highlight for the children.

If you're at the centre on a Wednesday afternoon, you may just hear the sounds of beautiful singing wafting down the hallways. Or watch out for their next performance in the community.

## An addition to community garden

Our beautiful community garden will soon have a new addition. Thanks to funding from the City of Greater Geelong, we will be installing a hothouse to raise seeds and grow cuttings which we will share with the gardeners and our community.

Our gardening volunteers and horticulture staff and students will be instrumental in the installation and building of the hothouse kit, plant racks and potting bench.

If you need an excuse to visit our gardens, we will be holding a community celebration

when it is all the hard work is done, so look out for that in our social media. As a part of the funding from the City, we will also be purchasing an olive press for community use to harvest oil.

## Music events

We are hosting two events for Surround Sounds – Geelong and the Bellarine Music Festival. These events are open to all ages.

**Friday, April 8 – Open Mic – SIMMA**  
Norlane Community Centre will host SIMMA for an evening of entertainment in a relaxed space. Come and grab a couch to watch our talented local entertainers supported by SIMMA. Light refreshments will be available. 6pm to late. Gold coin donation for entry

which includes free tea and coffee.

If you would like to register your interest to attend or to perform, please contact the centre on 5275-8124.

**Sunday, May 8 – One Golden Hour: A Lazy Afternoon of Indie and Folk**  
Come and join our local talent and the folk club for a lazy Sunday afternoon in May. We invite you to unwind to a line-up of original

music situated in our beautiful community garden. Light food and refreshments will be available.

This is a family friendly event that is drug, alcohol and gaming free. The event starts at 2pm.

Entry is free, but a gold coin donation would be appreciated to cover costs. Any inquiries, please contact the centre on 5275-8124.

# Term 2 activities and programs at Norlane

## CREATIVE

### Art with Alex

Learn the basics of how to draw and paint with Alex, a professional and experienced tutor who can help bring your creations to life.

Mondays 10am-noon. Cost is \$2.

### Mosaics

All are welcome and no experience is necessary. Basic materials are included. Mondays 1pm-3pm. Cost is \$10 and bookings are essential.

### Art group

Would you like to paint in a friendly and comfortable self-help group? Come and join us, all art mediums are invited. Bring your own materials.

Tuesdays 9am-1pm. Cost is \$4.

### Craft group

Come and enjoy afternoon tea and a laugh with a group of talented people of all ages. This group is an opportunity to share your craft ideas or learn something new. Bring your own materials and projects.

Fridays 1pm-3pm. Cost is \$1.

### Boomerang Bags

Boomerang Bags aims to reduce the use of plastic bags by engaging local communities to make bags from recycled materials. The Norlane group meets every second and fourth Friday from 1-3pm.

## FITNESS

### Tai Chi for all Abilities

Learn the art of tai chi. All ability levels are welcome, whether you are a beginner or have had some previous experience. Wear comfortable clothing and flat shoes.

Tuesdays 10am-11.30am. Cost is \$ 2.50.

## SOCIAL

### Community kitchen

Norlane community kitchen meets at the centre to socialise, cook and share a meal together. They often cook using food grown in the centre's community garden.

Fridays 10am-1pm. Cost is \$5.

### Gardening group

Have you got any gardening questions or ideas? Would you like to start a home garden but don't know where to begin? Join our resident volunteer gardener at Norlane to ask questions or just share knowledge.

Thursdays from 10am.

## DIGITAL

### Digital drop-in

Digital drop-in is a space where you can learn about computers in a supported environment. Our volunteers have broad knowledge about various devices, programs and technological questions.

Fridays 10am-Noon, gold coin donation.

Bookings are recommended.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

### Tool Pool

Join our tool pool and you can hire a lawn mower or other manual gardening tools. Fuel is included. Tool Pool membership is \$5 for the year, and mowers are \$5 per hire.

### Food share table

Our food share table is refreshed every Thursday at 1pm by Geelong Food Relief Centre and is sponsored by atWork Australia. Fruit, vegetables, bread and pantry items are available to anyone who needs them.

We also provide photocopying and laminating services, access to computers, a book and clothing swap, as well as tea and coffee. And of course, our friendly staff and volunteers are always available to answer any questions you might have or give you a tour of the centre.

## Expressions of Interest

Norlane Community Centre is partnering with Cloverdale Community Centre and Learn Local to deliver new classes based around digital technology to expand on our current digital drop-in. We are also looking into some general interest groups.

If any of the following sound interesting to you, please call the centre on 5275-8124 to register your interest and receive more information.

### Walking group

Socialise and exercise with others. This is an all-abilities walking group that will be exploring the Norlane area..

### Financial Wellbeing for Women

Learn how to set up a budget and plan for your future in a safe space. Find out how to avoid or manage debt and what supports are in the community that you can access.

### Beginner's computers

A course for those who would like to learn about computers in a structured way.

### Supercharge your digital job skills

Sharpen your online profile, use different services to find jobs and set up jobseeker profiles. Gain experience with Zoom and Microsoft Teams for online interviews and support for online applications.

### How to sell and buy on the internet

This course will take you through the different ways to do this safely and with confidence. This includes platforms such as Facebook, Gumtree, Etsy, Amazon and eBay.

### Conversational English

Join our welcoming class no matter what your level of spoken or written English you have. If day time classes are a problem, we will take expressions of interest for night classes.



# Rosewall Community Centre

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

## New courses and activities in Term 2



### A Taste of Pakistan – FREE

Do you want to know how to add some spice and new flavours to your next dinner party? Come along and learn how to cook up a Pakistani feast.

You will make and take home a delicious meal to enjoy.

Saturday, April 30, 10am to 1pm.

### Intro to the Mental Health sector

Every year, one in five Australians experience mental illness.

Join this course and take your first steps toward a future career where you can make a difference to people's wellbeing.

Mondays, 10am to 12.30pm.

Cost: \$60 for an 8-week course.

### Intro to Event Planning

Do you love planning celebrations? Do you need to plan events for work or to build your business? This introductory course will help you gain the tools needed to host a great event.

Thursdays, 10am to 12.30pm.

Cost: \$60 for an 8-week course.

### Screen Printing

Learn to create and set your own fashion trends with screen printing. From rags to bags, from plain to 'stand out'.

Our experienced tutor will show you to create stenciled designs and teach you the art of screen printing.

Tuesdays, 9.30am to noon.

Cost: \$60. Some materials supplied. BYO T-shirt.



### Go Green in Corio – Garden workshops in Term 2

Let your 'green thumb' grow with these workshops on Tuesdays in Term 2. Learn how to make Kokodama's, terrariums, to grow mushrooms and more.

Rosewall's creative and skilled members are hosting workshops for the community. All materials supplied.

Tuesdays, 10am to noon.

Cost: Gold coin donation.

Supported by Geelong Community Foundation.

## Register your interest

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

### Barista Training

Coffee 101. From lattes to chais, cappuccinos to mochas. You will learn all the basics in making a superb cup of gold. Participate in this course to gain hands-on experience in the hospitality industry or learn the basics to grow your skills for your machine at home.

### Intro to Childcare

If you have a passion for working with children and want to learn more about supporting children's learning and well-being, this is the course for you.



### Hair and Beauty

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.

### Responsible Service of Alcohol

RSA certificate is a must have when working anywhere that supplies alcohol. Get your certificate, and let your resume stand out with this nationally recognised training. (SITHFAB002)

# What's on at Rosewall in Term 2

## CREATIVE

### Pottery for the Passionate

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

Learn to make beautiful ceramic creations with an experienced tutor. Some materials included. Learners are responsible for extra supplies and firing. All abilities welcome.

Cost: \$210 (\$180 concession) for an 8-week course.

### Creative Open Studio

Tuesdays, 12.30pm to 3.30pm or 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.

### Making Mosaics

Wednesdays, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Make magic from your broken crockery.

Materials supplied.

Cost: \$100 per term.

### Pottery Wheel Throwing

Thursdays for 6 weeks from May 5, 1pm to 3pm.

Take your pottery skills to the next level.

Designed for beginners as well as those who want a little bit more help throwing.

Materials supplied.

Cost: \$170 (\$150 concession) for a 6-week course.

### Crafty Creatures

Mondays, 10am to noon.

BYO 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.



### Painting and Drawing – portfolio development

Thursdays, 9am to noon.

Work closely with our tutor to develop your painting or drawing skills. All abilities welcome. Some materials supplied.

Cost: \$60 per term.

### Body Mind Clay

Tuesdays, 6pm to 8.30pm or Thursdays, 6pm to 8.30pm.

Thinking and Making hand-built ceramics inspired by art and architecture. Relax into your Body and Mind through clay with teacher Ross T. Smith, PhD. For more information, email [faxlab2020@gmail.com](mailto:faxlab2020@gmail.com). Cost: \$320 (\$280 concession) for a 6-week course.

## LITERACY AND COMPUTERS

### English Conversation – FREE

Wednesdays, noon to 1.30pm.

Practice your English skills in a fun, relaxed environment – all experience levels are welcome in this supportive group.

### Tea and Tech – FREE

Thursdays, 9.30am to 11.30am.

Drop-in for one-on-one assistance with your basic device and technology questions. Our supportive coaches can help with common questions.

## SOCIAL GROUPS

### Garden Group – FREE

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 – FREE

Wednesdays, 4pm to 6pm.

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

### Community Kitchen

Fridays, 10am to 12.30pm.

Get together once a week to plan, shop, cook and eat a meal together. All abilities and experience levels welcome.

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 Sue on 0410-008-013 or Ronnie on 0418-653-309.

Cost: \$3 per session.

## WORK SKILLS

### Café Skills

Mondays and Tuesdays, 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Learn to work in a real-life café environment.

Skills gained include coffee making, food preparation, customer service and cash handling. The course includes an accredited safe food handling qualification.

Cost: \$160 per term.

### Safe Food Handling – accredited qualification (SITXFSAO)

Tuesday, May 17, 9.30am to 3.30pm.

An essential skill for a career in the hospitality industry. Learn about correct storage temperatures, dealing with 'danger' foods, personal hygiene, cleaning, and more. Cost \$120.

### Sewing – FREE

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.



## Give the bees some help

Recent reports have shown that there is a problem with bee populations declining due to pesticides, stress and drought, which results in lower yields from many crops.

Although we can't do much to alleviate the world-wide situation, you can take steps to make life easier for local bees by planting flowers of bright colours to attract the bees to your vegetable garden.

This should result in a higher yield from your garden and have the added benefit of giving you a brighter, more colourful garden during the drab winter months. If you don't have space to plant flowers in the veggie beds, you could place pots along fence lines or garden paths to achieve the same result.

Sunflowers are great and the birds love the seeds later on, while other choices include cornflowers, marigolds, geraniums and nasturtiums, which can be planted near climbing frames. Pansies are also a wonderful picture to gladden anybody's day and look great anywhere you wish to place them.

April starts the 'tidy up' season in the garden to keep everything neat and clean during the cooler months. Tomatoes and other crops are dying off so they need pulling out, the soil dug, raked and fertilised ready for the cabbage and cauliflower plants.

Roses should be deadheaded, which will encourage the plant to flower and

discourage pests. Raking up the autumn leaves for use in compost will provide nourishment for the next season's vegetables when dug in before spring planting.

Winter crops such as cabbage and cauliflower need to be sown around Easter and are best planted as seedlings along with silverbeet, spinach and onions. Broad beans, beetroot, carrots, parsnips and turnips work better planted as seeds. Even if you don't like to eat broad beans, the plants are a great source of nitrogen when dug back into the garden and act like a vitamin pill for the soil.

*Betty*

## Herb gardens in small spaces

Would you like to grow a herb garden but do not have space? Have a look around the hardware and garden centres; they have a range of hanging/vertical garden which are easy to use, easy to look after and, even better, are quite cheap.

The best herbs to plant in autumn are basil, Italian parsley, rocket and chives – these establish quickly and will give your cooking a great flavor. Ensure that the soil is kept moist and feed the plants with plant food to encourage lots of healthy, delicious foliage.

Looking for a pretty, winter flowering plant? Check out the hellebore, otherwise known as a winter rose. Its lush flowers emerge from the cold ground, giving life to garden beds.

Flowers range from white to lime green, pale yellow and pink through to dark purple. Flowers hang downward, so if you are able to put them in a position where you can see their pretty faces it's even better.

Hellebore is a perennial, reaching about 40cm in height. It makes an ideal companion

for taller shrubs like camellia that flower at the same time. They are resistant to pests and just need a shady spot with morning sun. Under deciduous shrubs or trees is ideal.

If you have a very shady spot, the best one to choose is hellebore foetidus. Moist organic soil is a must. Remove the older foliage in winter as it starts to brown off and the new buds start to emerge. This will also give you a better view of the flowers.

# Gas terminal project

Viva Energy has commenced the 30-day public exhibition period for the Environment Effects Statement (EES) for the proposed Gas Terminal Project, overseen by the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP).

Viva Energy's proposed Gas Terminal at Geelong Refinery, comprising of a Floating Gas Terminal, extension to Refinery Pier, a treatment facility and a seven kilometre pipeline is being assessed through the most rigorous and integrated environmental impact assessment process in Victoria.

It is a key project for Viva Energy's Geelong Energy Hub, which together with the previously announced plan to increase diesel storage at the site, would extend and consolidate the company's role in meeting the fuel and gas energy security needs of Victoria.

The gas terminal would deliver a new and critical supply of natural gas to south-east Australia in time to avoid projected gas shortages in coming years. While gas substitution with renewable electricity and other emerging energies provides a possible long-term solution to declining gas reserves, this will take many years and in many applications, there are no obvious alternatives.

Gas Terminal Project Manager Rob Mackie said "The completion of the EES is a significant milestone, and I am excited to



be able to share the complete findings, assessments and conclusions from this major body of work completed over the last 15 months."

"The studies show how the Gas Terminal would operate safely alongside Viva Energy's refinery and that the healthy marine life in Corio Bay would continue to flourish. The EES also outlines how we would minimise the environmental footprint of the terminal through innovative design and initiatives such as recycling seawater in refinery operations.

"Additionally, Viva Energy has committed to offset any residual carbon emissions (Scope 1 & 2) from the terminal construction and operation."

The Gas Terminal would generate jobs for 150-200 people during construction and create 50-70 permanent jobs and new skills in Geelong. The EES and related approval documents are now publicly available.

For further information on how electronic and hard copies can be accessed and the

public submission process, please see our website. A hard copy is on exhibition at the Corio Library, Geelong Library and Heritage Centre and State Library Victoria.

The submission process is independently managed by Planning Panels Victoria and open until April 11, 2022. For further information visit [www.engage.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au) or call 136-186.

For more information about the EES visit [www.vivaenergy.com.au/gas-terminal-ees](http://www.vivaenergy.com.au/gas-terminal-ees), email: [energyhub@vivaenergy.com.au](mailto:energyhub@vivaenergy.com.au) or phone 1800-515-093.

## Community information session

The next community information session will be held on Thursday, May 26 at 5pm. To register, email [energyhub@vivaenergy.com.au](mailto:energyhub@vivaenergy.com.au)

The pop-up Viva Energy Community Hub is held at Corio Village, every Thursday noon to 2pm from March 10 until to April 11. Team members will be available to answer any questions.

## Powered by the sun

A solar farm will be developed on the land at the northern end of the Corio Refinery site. Powered by the sun, the solar farm will generate between 12 and 20 megawatts of green renewable energy and meet up to 10 per cent of the refinery's electricity needs.

The solar farm will use latest technology bi-facial solar modules which will be mounted on single axis trackers to follow the path of the sun during the day and maximise the solar farm efficiency.

Vegetation buffers will be retained on road and rail frontages around the site to minimise the visual impact, with treatment of the solar panels to reduce glare.

While the electricity generated by the solar farm will primarily service the refinery's power needs, the electricity can be exported to the grid, supplying the local area with renewable energy and further decarbonising the Victorian power network.



# Hydrogen transport future for Geelong



Viva Energy recently announced the launch of Australia's most ambitious hydrogen mobility project that will see the development of a New Energy Service Station in Geelong offering green hydrogen refuelling and electric vehicle recharging.

The station, expected to commence operations in late 2023, will be Australia's first commercial scale, publicly accessible hydrogen refuelling station for heavy vehicles which is expected to be the catalyst for a network of hydrogen refuelling stations from Geelong to Sydney and onto Brisbane.

The \$43.3million project will use green hydrogen and is designed to demonstrate the practical use of hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles (HFCEVs) in a cross-section of industries that can't be easily decarbonised, including road freight, public transport, municipal waste management and water treatment.

The development will be a key component of Viva Energy's Geelong Energy Hub, making the city a leader in the adoption of diverse commercial hydrogenvehicle activity.

The project received a \$22.8m grant from the Australian Renewable Energy Agency (ARENA) as part of ARENA's Advancing Renewables Program and brings together a series of diverse industry partners operating an initial fleet of 15 hydrogen-powered heavy vehicles that will be refuelled at the station.

The Victorian Government also contributed \$1million to the project via the Renewable Hydrogen Commercialisation Pathways Fund. Foundation partners deploying vehicles in the first year of the project include: Toll Group; ComfortDelGro Corporation Australia (CDC); Cleanaway; and Barwon Water.

Viva Energy CEO and MD Scott Wyatt

said Viva Energy is delighted to be able to partner with long-term existing customers to demonstrate the important role that hydrogen will play in the future of transportation in Australia.

"Our existing partners have come on this journey with us and we share their excitement about what it means for the future of zero-emissions transport," Mr Wyatt said.

"This project puts hydrogen-powered vehicles on the road to prove their value in day-to-day commercial operations while reducing the carbon footprint of the heavy vehicle transport we rely on every day."

