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OUR COVER: Norlane artist Amal Laala, her partner Mohamed Hamidi and daughters Meeri and Afnan documented everyday activities that kept them sane during the trying times of COVID-19. The resulting art project has potential to be shared with others in a hands-on art experience. SEE Page 5 for more information.

Editor's note



Welcome to the Term 3 edition of Northerly Aspects. Our goal is always to provide a community newsletter full of positive news and opportunities for 3214 residents and we hope you find something that interests you.

The first half of 2022 has seen a return to many of the things unavailable to us over the last two years. Schools, sporting clubs, community groups, workplaces and Neighbourhood Houses have resumed onsite, helping us to get to know each other again and build social and community connections.

No doubt there have been disruptions due to illness and health protocols, but in many cases the desire to be part of the community means that engagement remains strong. People want to be involved and life is busy again.

We know it's important for our health to feel part of something, whether it's a club, activity, place or neighbourhood. But taking that first step can be hard; trying something new or resuming an old activity can make us nervous.

At Neighbourhood Houses and other community groups, the staff and volunteers understand that often the hardest thing for a new participant is to walk through the front door that first time. They'll want you to feel welcome, so you should feel supported.

There's no doubt there are still challenges for our community, including health, financial and social concerns. We encourage you to look to the places where you feel supported. This might be somewhere to meet others, get help with referrals to other services, join the activities, volunteer or just spend some time.

Take care as you find your 'place'.

Jeanette Anderson
Editor, on behalf of the Editorial Committee

Northerly Aspects is published quarterly by a voluntary editorial committee comprising community workers and representatives from Cloverdale, Rosewall and Norlane neighbourhood houses, who employ a part-time editor. Each issue is dependent on income from advertising and sponsorship.

If you would like input into Northerly Aspects, call 5275-4415 or email info@northerlyaspects.org.au. Northerly Aspects also has a website – you'll find us at www.northerlyaspects.org.au

Appeal aims to build a healthier future

Barwon Health Foundation has launched a new campaign to support the health of people in Geelong's northern suburbs.

Project North is an appeal to ensure all members of the community – regardless of where they live, nationality or economic status – can enjoy the best health and wellbeing possible.

The first goal is to raise \$2.5million to fund a brand new, purpose-built, public dental facility to be co-located at Barwon Health North.

The move from the current Corio Community Health Centre will make it possible for up to an extra 5000 residents to receive dental care each year.

Population growth has seen a proportionate demand for services and as a result, the opportunity to identify warning signs and implement preventative measures, early intervention, education and referrals is reduced.

Currently, narrow doors and corridors present major challenges for wheelchair access and small treatment rooms make it difficult for patients, carers, translators or support people to fit comfortably in the space – an important step in reducing fear.

Co-locating community dental with the life-enhancing supports available at Barwon Health North – urgent care, renal dialysis, medical imaging, child and family health services – will also allow for ease of referrals across services and provide a central one-stop health facility for local families.

To donate visit projectnorth.org.au or phone (03) 4215-8900.



The Barwon Health team caring for the north.



The proposed new site for dental services.

Celebrating past students

Did you or someone in your family attend Northern Bay College or any of its foundation schools, including Norlane High, Corio Tech, Corio Bay Secondary College or Flinders Peak Secondary College?

The College would love to hear from you as part of its Alumni Program to identify and connect with past students.

Alison Meredith is co-ordinating the program through Ourschool, a not-for profit service, helping public high schools build a thriving alumni network, to help current students and the school community.

"Northern Bay College, like all public high schools, has a proud record of educating young people," Alison said.

"The school's alumni community is huge, and full of interesting people doing interesting

things. In this new program we are looking to harness our Alumni for the current cohort of students."

"Once we've established a contact list of alumni and their expertise, I'll work with teachers to invite alumni back to school to enrich the school's classroom subject, career pathways and work experience curriculum," Alison said.

"We have started reaching out to Alumni and hearing their stories and have enjoyed connecting with Yolanda.

"Yolanda had such an influential graphics teacher, Bruce Hebb, that he helped steer her into a path of Architecture and Design. She is now a Senior Lecturer in Architecture at Deakin University, and passionate about learning and seeing her students grow throughout their architecture degree."

If you attended Northern Bay, or one of its foundation schools, including the foundation schools, Alison would love to hear from you. You can find information on the Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/Northern-Bay-College-and-Schools-Alumni-108962595081117> or email: alumni@nbc.vic.edu.au.



Yolanda, is now a Senior Lecturer in Architecture at Deakin University.

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Finding art in everyday life

Norlane artist Amal Laala and her family have recorded snippets of their everyday life that now have potential to be shared with others in a hands-on art experience.

Amal, her partner Mohamed Hamidi and daughters Meeri and Afnan documented everyday activities that kept them sane during the trying times of COVID-19. The result is a multi-media project she hopes will also become an interactive experience for others.

Amal worked with emerging artist and musician Quinn Earthchild, editor Jarrah Gurrie and technician Nathan Oakes to create the Intimate Spaces video. It features the music of Quinn; colourful panels painted by Quinn, Amal, Mohamed, Meeri and Afnan; spaces they developed in their garden; and their everyday ritual of drinking tea.

"We wanted to record what everyday life looked like for a family dealing with COVID in the northern suburbs," Amal said.

"Now we'd like to create an immersive experience where people can see the colour we created, experience the smells of our garden, the tea and spices."

An international professional artist, Amal is also a businesswoman who runs Broc the Kasbah Oz. In her Queenscliff shop she sells bold, upcycled clothing, apparel and rugs handmade in Morocco.

The Broc the Kasbah collective has some of the best artisan makers in Marrakech who have honed their skills over generations. Each item is hand cut, making unique pieces that bring new life to things in a vibrant and modern way.

Bright, colourful materials are default, end of the roll, or preloved. Woollen Moroccan rugs are created from the wool of local sheep which is cleaned and dyed. Another member makes jewellery from old coins.

"There are 12 of us who work together in Broc the Kasbah and my store is the only one in Australia," Amal said. "Some of us design, some of us source materials, some of us are the makers. Our goal is to create without using anything new."



Amal Laala, Mohamed Hamidi and daughters Meeri and Afnan worked together on an art project featuring their everyday activities at home during COVID-19.

Health help in community setting

Cloverdale Community Centre is home to Victoria's first Community Paramedic service, which aims to help keep residents safe and well in their homes, and out of ambulances and hospitals.

Paramedic Meg is based at Cloverdale every Monday and is able to provide many health services including blood pressure checks, wound dressing, blood tests, medication compliance checks, referral to other services and reconnection to general practitioners.

The service is especially important for people who don't have a regular GP, are reluctant to go into a traditional health setting, or don't access care for conditions that might become serious and eventually need an ambulance or hospital.

Meg is an experienced paramedic working with HMS Collective Community Paramedics, a new concept in healthcare, aged, disability, homecare and personal care which aims to keep people safe in their own homes.

HMS Collective Community Paramedics have completed at least degree (sometimes dual degree) level University education in Paramedicine and have experience in the ambulance service. Community Paramedics work in the community alongside doctors, nurses and allied health.

Community Paramedics also complete ongoing professional development in community practice, counselling, mental health, disability, aged care, wound



Paramedic Meg is providing a range of important health services at Cloverdale Community Centre.

management, health prevention, medication management and other competencies.

At Cloverdale, Meg is also part of the psychology team. She is seeing people who can't or won't get medical appointments, checking their health and medication compliance then reconnecting them to General Practitioners and the psychological health team.

"Often my job is filling the gap and supporting people who are lost in the health cracks," Meg said. "I'm seeing people for

a wide range of health needs, many who haven't been seen by a health provider for a long time."

"I'm also able to see people in their own home and work with them to plan for their future health needs. We're getting some really good feedback about the difference the service is making at Cloverdale."

Meg is available on Mondays between 9.30am and 4pm. The make an appointment, phone Cloverdale Community Centre on 5275-4415.



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Winter is coming and home heating is a major cause of house fires in the winter months. There are things you can do to reduce the risk of fire in your home.

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

Do you live in public housing and need help with maintenance?

If you need any maintenance or repairs, contact the Housing Call Centre on 131-172.

You can also email your repair needs and include photos to support your request – tenant.maintenance@dffh.vic.gov.au

If you speak a language other than English, the Public Housing Language Link can connect you to the housing call centre with an interpreter.

For more information, go to <https://www.housing.vic.gov.au/interpreter-services>

Managing COVID-19 at home

Vaccinations provide good protection against COVID-19 and mean that most people will be able to recover from their illness at home.

Managing COVID-19 at home when you have milder symptoms is safe and appropriate and ensures hospital beds are kept free for people who are seriously unwell and need urgent medical treatment.

- For mild symptoms: rest and recover at home.
- For worsening symptoms: Contact a GP or the COVID Positive Pathways program if you are already enrolled,



the National Coronavirus Hotline on 1800-020-080 or Nurse on Call on 1300-606-024.

- For severe symptoms: Get immediate help and call Triple Zero (000).

To find out more about symptoms to watch out for and when to get help, visit <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/recovery>

Winter gas concession

Discounts on gas bills are available for eligible concession card holders to help ease the cost of living during the winter months. You may be eligible if you have a Pensioner Concession, Health Care or Veteran's Affairs Gold Card. Find concessions, benefits and other assistance that you may be eligible for at <https://services.dffh.vic.gov.au/concessions-and-benefits> or calling the Concessions information line on 1800 658 521.

Flu vaccinations available

The flu vaccine is your best protection against the flu this year, just as the COVID-19 vaccine is your best protection against COVID-19.

It is safe to get your flu and COVID-19 vaccines on the same day, or at the same time. Some COVID-19 vaccination centres are offering free flu vaccinations to people who are eligible under the National Immunisation Plan. You can also book your flu and COVID-19 vaccinations through your doctor or pharmacy.

For more information <https://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/book-your-vaccine-appointment>

Is your child old enough for kinder?

Kinder is a program, not a place – kindergarten is delivered in both long day care and standalone services. You can choose what works best for your family and child – the kindergarten programs are the same. All funded kindergarten programs in Victoria are led by a qualified early childhood teacher and offer a play-based learning program based on the same government guidelines.

To find out more about what programs are available and to use the interactive map to locate the kinders in your area, go to <https://www.vic.gov.au/kindergarten>

Jobs and a safer future for all

The following was submitted by Darcy Dunn (pictured), on behalf of the Australian Conservation Foundation Community Geelong ...

Given our long and successful history as a manufacturing centre, Geelong is ideally positioned to see the creation of a range of new jobs as the world begins to transition to a net-zero emissions economy.

A recent report commissioned by Geelong Sustainability and ACF Community Geelong shows that 24,000 jobs could be created in the Geelong region over the next five years if policy and investment were targeted towards reducing emissions as per our net-zero targets.

Government investment in renewable energy has been shown to create five times more employment than spending on fossil fuels.

Jobs include improving the energy efficiency of social housing, installing solar energy systems and batteries, upgrading our electricity grid, electrifying manufacturing, revegetation, recovering resources, and more.

The Victorian Government already has programs to assist households in saving money and lowering carbon emissions, including grants for solar panels, split systems and heat-pump hot water systems.

For this to be a fair and just transition that doesn't leave anyone behind, we need to encourage our business and political leaders to start acting today. There is no doubt that moving to a net-zero economy will be a huge shift, but so too will the effects of climate change. Every new fossil fuel project that we approve, makes the job of getting to net-zero harder and more disruptive.



Making moves now to meet our net-zero targets, is a win not just for our climate, but also for our hip pockets, our health and safety.

For more information, go to the following links:

Report: www.geelongrenewablesnotgas.org/zero-emissions-jobs-for-geelong/

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Getting to know Our Place

Our Place supports the education, health and development of children and families in the Corio community. Staff Bec, Karen and Tanya listen to and respond to the needs of the local community and help schools to be the central place for life-long learning and support services.

Our Place has a 10-year commitment to the Corio community. It works with key partner organisations to support children and families in the community, including Northern Bay College, City of Greater Geelong, Department of Education and Training and Department of Families Fairness and Housing. Staff also work with other local organisations to provide assistance or services both onsite and nearby.

Our Place staff are located in the Korayn Birrale Family Centre at the Northern

Bay College – Wexford Campus, 146-152 Purnell Road. They are connecting with the community and introducing free activities for children and families, including.

- Story time – Thursdays from 9.10am to 9.40am.
- Gather & Connect Coffee and Chat for parents of preschool aged children– Tuesday each fortnight from 9.15am to 10am.
- Story Walks
- Bethany Connect Up Supported Playgroup – Thursday mornings 9.30-11.30am.
- Come & Try Sessions with Corio Library.

The team is also working with City of Greater Geelong's Healthy Communities team to produce a series of Eat Well Live Well Videos. This will see members of the local



Our Place staff Bec, Karen and Tanya.

community sharing their favourite recipes and celebrating culture and the love of cooking.

If you would like to learn more about Our Place, go to <https://ourplace.org.au/our-sites/northern-bay/> or make a time to catch up with Bec, Karen or Tanya: email northernbay@ourplace.org.au.

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Safe learning space for women

The Gordon TAFE's Skills and Jobs Centre will help women prepare for future work when it offers its Workwise Women program in Corio in July and August.

The free program runs over five weeks and provides a safe and supportive environment for women to identify their skills and strengths and establish goals and plans for work and training.

Women are also supported to create strategies for self-care and resilience during tough times, as well develop assertiveness, confidence and their personal style and identity.

Workwise Women is facilitated by a professional careers advisor and incorporates a range of learning styles in a fun and interactive environment.

The program is open to all women, but is particularly helpful for women who are returning to work after parental or carer responsibilities, making a career change and investigating new opportunities, or reinventing themselves after a transition period.

Topics covered include: How, Where and Why We Work; Transferable Skills; Self-assertiveness and emotional intelligence; and Identifying goals and implementing change. There may also be an opportunity for participants to receive some pampering and help with finding the right clothing for work.

Classes will run for five weeks at Cloverdale Community Centre, each Tuesday from 10am until 12.30pm, starting on July 26. The centre is at 167-169 Purnell Road, Corio.



Workwise Women will be held at Cloverdale Community Centre.

For more information and to book, phone The Gordon Skills and Jobs Centre on 5225-0700 or email skillscentre@gordontafe.edu.au.

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Remembering Stan Canny OAM

Northern suburbs residents and community groups are remembering the service of Stan Canny OAM, pictured, who died recently.

Edwina Wilkens of The Canny Group, said: "As our founder, Stanley J. Canny OAM said 'clients don't come to us because they love us, they come to us because we love them.'"

"The Canny vision has always been to provide affordable, professional service to all people, from all walks of life. That's exactly what Stan did when he opened the business in 1960 and we continue to do each and every day."

Stan Canny grew up in the northern suburbs and always had a strong inclination to give back to the community that was close to his heart.

He spent his early years working at the dog track at Nelson Park and helping his father drive sheep and cattle, before moving on to work at the Ford Motor Company. Stan also worked at the former Shell Oil Refinery.

After working for someone else for his early working life, Stan told his wife Joan that he would "never work for a boss again. I said whatever I do, I'm going to make my own decisions and be responsible for them". It was in 1960 that Stan established S. J. Canny, and as he said, it "worked out all right".



In 2017, Stan was awarded a Medal of the Order of Australian (OAM) in the Queen's Birthday Honours. He received the prestigious award for his service to the community through a range of roles including: Proprietor, Canny Group, Accounting, Legal and Advisory services, since 1960; providing pro bono financial advice for those requiring assistance in the Geelong community; and as a great supporter of the North Shore Football Club.

Stan passed away peacefully on May 18, with his family by his side. He was aged 86.

Edwina said Stan will always be remembered for helping clients, listening attentively to their problems and then providing them with helpful advice that was devoid of judgement.

"Always committed to 'go in to bat' for those without a voice, our team is so proud to be able to continue Stan's legacy," she said.



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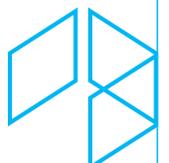
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State Budget puts patients first

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

The State Government is putting patients first in Geelong's northern suburbs.

The Victorian Budget 2022/23 will invest more than \$12 billion to put patients first, with a Pandemic Repair Plan for more staff, better hospitals and first-class care. We're backing our healthcare workers with training and the helping hands they need, so they can give you the best care.

The Budget is delivering funding to train and hire up to 7000 new healthcare workers, including 5000 nurses. We'll provide 1125 new Registered Undergraduate Nursing positions and 75 new Registered Undergraduate Student of Midwifery roles over the next two years. We're also recruiting up to 2000 ex-pat and international healthcare workers through a global workforce recruitment drive.

Right around the nation, demand for emergency services is at an all-time high. That's why we're delivering another 90 paramedics.

To help our frontline workers reach Victorians who need help faster, we're investing \$333 million to add nearly 400 new staff to increase Triple Zero call-taking and dispatch capacity, including ambulances, and training more operators to allocate calls across the state.

At the centre of the plan is a \$300million injection to upgrade regional hospitals and healthcare facilities, including stage one and two of the Barwon Women's and Children's Hospital redevelopment, at a cost of more than \$50million.

This Budget also delivers better cancer care for patients in Geelong with a new radiotherapy linear accelerator for Barwon Health, \$9 million to regional women's health services and a further \$11.5 million to deliver group parenting sessions to support families with children struggling with their mental health.

While making sure people in Geelong's north get the care they deserve, we're also getting on with delivering the schools, roads and public transport services they rely on.

Nelson Park School will receive \$6.4million to replace relocatable

buildings with new permanent ones at Illinois Avenue Campus. Hamlyn Views School will also benefit from a \$1.27million investment to upgrade old playgrounds and basketball court covers – giving kids better sporting and play areas. We're also investing \$3.5million in The Geelong Project educational support programs for kids at risk of falling behind across Geelong.

To make sure every young Victorian gets the education they need for the career they want, the new VCE Vocational Major and Victorian Pathways Certificate will replace VCAL, offering students more choices, a higher-quality curriculum and better workplace experiences – preparing students to jump into further study, training at TAFE or work as soon as they leave school.

The VCAL reforms will save many Victorian families up to \$1000 by cutting out-of-pocket costs, with students no longer having to pay for essential learning materials for VET studies.

\$250 energy payment

We know that many Victorians are still paying too much for their energy bills – that's why we're stepping in to help families get the best deal.

We're providing a once-off \$250 payment for all Victorian households that use the Victorian Energy Compare (VEC)

website – the Victorian Government's independent price comparator website – to search for the cheapest electricity plan that suits their needs.

You can apply for the new \$250 Power Saving Bonus from July 1, 2022. Applications will be open to all Victorians

households who visit the Victorian Energy Compare website at <https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au/>

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, you can call the VEC helpline on 1800-000-832 or my office on 5275-3898.

Hon. John Eren MP

State Member for Lara

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

Supporting students to thrive

EdConnect Australia recently used National Volunteer Week to celebrate its team of more than 1500 skilled volunteers supporting students in schools, and remind the community that there's always room for more.

Geelong and Surf Coast Liaison Officer Sally Edgerton said the volunteers selflessly give their time every week to help students in schools with academic, social and/or emotional support.

One of the Geelong volunteers highlighted, Deb Trotman, was previously a co-ordinator of a call centre in Melbourne and is trained as an ICU Technician, having worked in children's and oncology hospital wards.

Deb, who volunteers in two Geelong schools, is also talented musically and her volunteering role with EdConnect Australia helps foster her passion of supporting

young people to have a positive outlook.

"Last year, Deb started mentoring a Year 6 student, supporting him as he prepared to transition to secondary school," Sally said. "Deb assists in both a one-on-one capacity and classroom learning support. She even supports the senior performing arts classes around their musical production, which she is most excited about."

Deb talked about what connects her with the students.

"I mentored a young student as they prepared to transition to a secondary school environment – it doesn't feel that long ago that I did that. I could relate to many of his worries and concerns," she said.

"Volunteering in schools is part of my life long interest in helping young people aspire

to achieve their dreams and goals, helping them with direction in this crucial time of their development."

EdConnect volunteers offer one-on-one mentoring to students in need or assistance in the classroom with subjects such as numeracy, reading, science or help around the school in kitchen garden projects, garden maintenance, library and much more.

"It's nice to be part of the young people's learning journey and it's not always classroom learning, you can help in a garden, cooking, specialist classes or even help out around the school with maintenance or library work," Deb said.

For information about becoming an EdConnect volunteer, visit www.edconnect.org.au, email edconnect@edconnect.org.au, or phone 1800-668-550.

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New awards focus on community

North Shore Football Netball Club has presented a series of awards as part of a strategy to better connect with the community in the north.

The club recently donated sun hats to Northern Bay College Tallis Campus and St Thomas Aquinas Catholic Primary School.

The hats will be distributed at the discretion of the schools to help slow the rapid development of melanoma cases in Australia.

At a function for sponsors and supporters, the club also commemorated the life of Harold 'Rocky' Couzens, who was North Shore's first indigenous Life Member. Rocky and his family moved to Geelong in the 1960s, where he played football for the Seagulls and worked for Vic Rail.

Rocky had a passion for indigenous art and music, and the club believed it appropriate that a scholarship for indigenous youth

was created. Rocky's son Mick was on hand to present the scholarship to Kailee-Jade Kennedy, a Year 10 student at Northern Bay College.

North Shore Football Netball Club adapted Kailee-Jade's entry to a warm-up top that was worn by the Senior footballers against Colac on May 28 at their home ground Windsor Park. The club's netballers will also wear to design.

A new Scholarship for Metal Trade and Engineering has also been created, which is dedicated to Pat Smith, a former North Shore player and volunteer and VIVA Energy employee for 31 years.

Pat's relentless endeavour to improve saw him progress from Apprentice of the Year across all trades to one of VIVA's top project management engineers, a remarkable achievement for a boy from Tallis Street, Norlane.



Steve 'Stoofa' Lewry and Kailee-Jade Kennedy with the warm-up top featuring her winning design.

Sadly, Pat succumbed to a blood cancer earlier this year, but encouraged all of his friends to donate blood as his final wish. The scholarship will be a much sought-after award.

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Changing landscape of education

The Goldsworthy Road campus of Northern Bay College will begin to look very different in coming months as old buildings are demolished to make way for new.

Following the announcement of the long-awaited re-development of the campus, there have been many months of consultations, planning and design meetings between the college, the Department of Education and architect companies.

In the coming months, the familiar old school buildings of the former Corio Technical School, Corio Bay Senior College and Corio Bay College will be demolished to make way for the exciting new construction, which will take shape over several months. A school spokesman said community members will have driven past the campus over decades and seen no change.

“But many changes have taken place behind the façade. All-weather sports facilities have been in use for a number of years and we now have specialised VCE, Arts and Science centres.

“In the coming weeks, we will say goodbye to the ‘Goldfish Bowl’ entrance and western passageway D WING, which will be the site of the first stage of development – state-of-the-art, flexible learning spaces. When these are fully operational, the eastern block - BWING - which former students will remember, will go and be replaced with a new Arts and Performance venue, with an administration centre adjoining.”

Since the start of the year, all classes and activities that previously took place in the area to be demolished have been rehoused into upgraded classrooms. The Administration office was relocated to



Indiana Avenue and the Uniform Shop, Smith Family and Ardoch rooms were relocated to the Peacock Campus.

Principal Scott Diamond, student leaders and curriculum leaders were adamant during planning that a seamless year of learning with no adverse impact would be felt by students as the landscape changes.

Initial architect sketches give some indication of the future as the school and community say goodbye to the past.



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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. Don't forget to include information about when and where it was taken, and who took it.



Northern Bay College students continued to grow its Anzac Day relationship with Norlane RSL to commemorate the special day in the community. Leaders from each campus and other development programs attended the Anzac Day service and laid a wreath to pay their respects.



Dee and Emma have introduced counselling services to Cloverdale Community Centre. They are among the first group of student placements for Deakin University's Graduate Diploma of Counselling course. Dee and Emma are available for appointments at Cloverdale's trade training centre in Backwell Street, North Geelong. They are able to act as a link between psychology services and community activities. For appointments call 5275-4415 and ask for counselling.



Our Place Wexford Northern Bay is hosting a variety of activities for families, including a recent a Story Walk. Our Place staff are located in the Korayn Birralee Family Centre, 146-152 Purnell Road, Corio.



Northern Bay College students had a new and exciting experience as part of their learning when they visited Arvo gallery in Melbourne. The students stimulated their creative senses in some interesting scenes.



Cloverdale Community Centre is grateful for recent donations that support the work of its trade training centre. The contributions of the Freemasons Geelong Lodge of Unity and Prudence #5 and the Freemasons Foundation enabled Cloverdale to buy tools for programs being run at the trade centre.



Rosewall Community Centre hosted workshops in Term 2 covering broad interests, including Hair Braiding For Blokes, Terrarium Making and Kokodama Making. See the Rosewall program information on pages 24 and 25 to see what's coming up in Term 3.

CITYNEWS

CELEBRATING GEELONG'S SMALL BUSINESSES

Geelong's Small Business Festival is back this August with an engaging program of business events, workshops and learning opportunities.

The month-long festival aims to connect, inspire and grow our local business community.

Now in its 12th year, we are proud to host the festival, which has helped connect, support and upskill hundreds of local businesses.

We're thrilled that COVID-19 restrictions have lifted so we can bring our business community together again from **Monday 1 to Wednesday 31 August 2022**.

The festival brings together some of our region's best business experts, small business owners and managers, and leading industry organisations to

share their knowledge and experiences.

The festival provides free and low-cost events to upskill prospective and current business owners, while creating networking opportunities to support our local business community.

It's a unique opportunity to learn from industry specialists and build professional networks at a critical time for local businesses.

We encourage local business owners and employees to take part in the festival, which provides a great chance for businesses and business people in our region to connect, learn, upskill, and be inspired.

To find out more scan the QR code or visit gsbf.com.au



L2P Learner Driver Mentor Program - Mentors needed

We are looking for volunteer mentors with driving experience to help our young learner drivers gain on-road experience through our L2P program. All it takes is two hours a week.

The L2P program provides young learner drivers who face significant barriers, access to mentors/supervising drivers who will help them gain on-road experience. Barriers might include not having access to a vehicle or a supervising driver.

5-star ANCAP rated cars are provided by the program. The program also covers all insurances and fuel costs, and training is provided to all volunteer mentors.

If you would like to register as a mentor or would like more information, contact April Livesley on 5272 4011 or email L2P@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

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NEWS

2022–23 Community Grants

Applications for the 2022–23 Community Grants program are now open.

There is more than \$4 million available to assist the community, arts, cultural,

sporting, recreation, heritage and environment sectors.

Further information about the grants, the application criteria and how to apply is available at geelongaustralia.com.au/grants

Book a free hard waste pick up - it is easy and the right thing to do

You can have large household items that don't fit into your red bin picked up for FREE.

This includes mattresses, white goods such as fridges and washing machines, furniture such as bookshelves, tables and chairs, couches, carpets and rugs, barbecues, scrap metal, timber, computers and more. Some conditions apply.

The amount of hard waste must be less than three cubic metres. That equals three metres long,

by one metre wide and one metre high.

Leaving any household items outside without booking a hard waste pick up is illegal and unsafe.

Bookings are essential and can be made at geelongaustralia.com.au/hardwaste or phoning 5272 5444.

Bookings will be taken via phone from Monday to Friday, 8.30am to 5.00pm.

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Hovells Creek Trail



Look after your garden tools

A good garden is only as good as the tools used in the maintenance of the area. So, these steps can help keep your patch flourishing.

Pruning is the best defence against pests and diseases, so make sure your pruners are clean by disinfecting them regularly with a cleaning agent. They should also be sharpened before cutting to ensure a clean cut is made.

It's important to prevent rust from forming on garden tools because it will eventually corrode the material. If rust has formed, apply penetrating oil and rub it with steel wool to remove rust from the affected area. Lightly oil the tools afterwards to prevent the rust from forming again.

Garden tools with wooden handles should be lightly sanded every six months to prevent splinters from forming and to give them a new lease on life. Simply apply linseed oil to handles to keep them smoother throughout the season. Tools left outside can be damaged due to exposure from wet grass and rain, so keep them off the ground and under cover.

If your children are interested in gardening, why not get them their own gear? Hardware and garden centres have a range of tools specially designed for the kids. Having their very own tools will give these budding

gardeners a great sense of pride in their achievements.

Things are moving slowly in the garden now, so it's important to ensure you don't do any damage that will affect how things go in the warmer growing months. Pruning too heavily is quite a common mistake at this time of year.

When you prune a plant in the cooler months it can take a long time for it to recover. Most plants are dormant and giving them a heavy trim can hinder their growth.

If you've cut them back so hard that they look woody and unattractive, you'll have to wait a long time until the plants start to fill out again. I've found that a lighter prune early on and a very light prune after the frost season, will often result in a really good, healthy plant.

One job that is not usually considered pruning is cutting the lawn. In the summer you leave it a little longer so the roots don't get burnt by the hot sun. A lot of people don't realise that cutting too short in the winter exposes the roots to frost burn. So, try for somewhere in the middle and enjoy your lovely green lawn all year long.

During the winter months is also a great time to get your lawnmower in for a service. It'll make your life so much easier next summer.

The dark, drab days of winter can cause some people to get depressed and in need of a pick-me-up. Why not try a few pots of bright colourful flowers like pansies, primulas and polyanthus?

Place the pots in a dull spot which is easily seen from inside and just watch the pleasure in the faces of your family and visitors. It makes a statement that spring is just around the corner and good times are coming.

Now is the time to rev up your productive garden by plantings of beans, beetroot, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, carrot, cauliflower, cucumber, kale, leek, lettuce, marrow, parsley, parsnip, peas, radish, rhubarb, silverbeet, spinach and zucchini – with such an alphabetical list of possibilities you should be able to select a few of your favourites.

Feed garden beds and lawns with an organic slow-release fertilizer for a spring boost BUT stick strictly to recommended application rates, because applying more is just a waste of money and could pollute the water table. Start mulching both vegie and flower beds to prepare for dry conditions in the months to come.

Betty

More kindergarten hours in 2023

William Hovell Preschool in Corio will offer 15 hours of kindergarten each week for three and four-year-old children in 2023.

The Preschool, which has operated in Hendy Street since 1984, has been offering 15 hours of four-year-old kindergarten for local families. Next year it is extending its three-year-old program to 15 hours each week too.

William Hovell Preschool teacher Sharron German said the changes will allow local children to access two years of a quality kindergarten program, in the lead up to primary school.

"Research shows that two years of kindergarten education is optimal for children in preparing them for school and giving them the best possible start to their educational journey," Sharron said.

"Government-funded kindergarten places means families with Concession and Health Care Cards can send their children to kindergarten for free."

Having operated in Corio for 38 years, the preschool is deeply ingrained in the local community. Sharron said the staff are



Sharron German left and Raelene Carr from William Hovell Preschool.

not only qualified kindergarten teachers and educators, but they care about the community.

"We are highly skilled in supporting families and extending extra support, when this is needed," she said.

"Our staff welcomes children and their families from the many backgrounds and cultures that are represented in our community."

As part of Bethany Kindergarten Services, William Hovell's Educator Team have close links to community services including supported playgroups and family services.

"As kindergarten educators we don't just see the children on a regular basis, but their families as well, so it's not uncommon for us to help families connect with community groups and services, even allied health specialists," Sharron said.

Children who turn three or four before April 30 in 2023 are eligible for kindergarten next year.

To register your child for a place at William Hovell Preschool or any of the 22 Bethany Kindergarten Services locations visit bethanykindergartens.org.au or call 5273-0200.

Volunteer to help others

Red Cross is recruiting volunteers to help with a range of programs in the Geelong area and beyond, including emergency situations.

Red Cross is one of the primary Victorian agencies in the Emergency Management Victorian Plan, alongside the State Emergency Service and the Country Fire Authority. Many of the people who step up to help in an emergency, such as fires and floods, are volunteers.

Red Cross volunteers are recruited for a range of roles and are required to have a police check and working with children

check. Knowledge of computers and mobile communications is also essential.

Volunteers receive specialist training to deal with emergencies. When they are deployed to help in emergency events, they must have their own transport and understand they might be away from home for four to six days.

Geelong volunteer Colin Anderson said there are Red Cross emergency services members who have been serving for decades. "Most say they get so much more out of their service than they give," he said.

"Red Cross volunteers are just ordinary people who volunteer and train hard. They are a group of extra-ordinary people."

Red Cross has depended on volunteers in Australia since 1914 and they are an essential part of the emergency response when disasters occur.

For more information go to <https://www.redcross.org.au/volunteer/>



Rosewall Community Centre

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E-mail: admin@rosewallinc.org.au

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

New courses and workshops in Term 3

Make a crochet square

Perfect for beginners. Come along to learn basic crochet stitches to get started in crocheting. Free session, materials supplied. Bookings required.

Tuesday, July 19, 10am to 11.30am.



DIY Beeswax Wraps

Wax wraps make a great, reusable alternative for wrapping food and containers. Join our practical workshop as part of Plastic Free July. Free workshop, bookings required.

Thursday, July 28, 10.30am to noon.



Rosewall Clothes Swap – for children

Tired of always having to get new kids' clothes because they grow so fast? Join us for an afternoon of free shopping with a Clothes Swap for children aged 0-12 years. Contact Rosewall for more information and to book your place. Wednesday, August 17, 4pm to 6pm.

RU OK Day – natural beauty pampering

Self-care doesn't need to break the budget, in fact it's amazing what treatments you can create with household ingredients. Join us for pampering and morning tea.

Free session; RSVP for catering purposes.

Thursday, September 8, 10.30am to 11.30am.

Spring planting workshop

All you need to know to grow fresh produce at home in spring. Bring along any seeds or cuttings you would like to share.

Tuesday, September 6, 10am to noon.



Expressions of interest – contact us to find out more

Rosewall will be starting a healthy cooking program for parents in Term 3. This series of hands-on workshops is ideal for anyone who gets exhausted trying to come up with fresh

and healthy meals for fussy kids.

Are you due for First Aid and CPR renewals soon? Always wanted to learn but want

to do so close to home? First Aid and CPR training will be coming up again in Term 3 – contact Rosewall to register your interest.

Register your interest

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

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.

Barista Training

Coffee 101. From Latte's to Chai's, Cappuccino's to Mocha's. 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.

Responsible Service of Alcohol

A 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 3

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

Screen Printing

Tuesdays, 9.30am to noon.

Learn the basics in screen printing, including how to make design stencils, and print onto fabric, clothing or paper.

\$60 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.

\$5 for half-day, \$10 for full-day.

Pottery Fundamentals

Mondays, 10am to noon for 6 weeks from July .24

Whether you are new to pottery or need a refresher on the basics, this class will focus on a different hand building technique each week. Some materials included.

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

Making Mosaics

Wednesdays, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Make magic from your broken crockery. Materials supplied.

\$100 per term.

Pottery Wheel Throwing

Thursdays for 6 weeks from 11 August, 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.

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

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.

\$60 per term.

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.

\$5 per session.

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. \$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. \$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. \$3 per session.

WORK SKILLS

Café Skills

Mondays and Tuesdays, 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Learn to work in a real-life café environment. The course includes an accredited safe food handling qualification. \$160 per term.

Intro to the Mental Health Sector

Wednesdays, 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Entry-level course. Learn the basics of mental health, career options available and how to achieve them. A 6-week course. Cost \$50.

Intro to Event Planning

Thursdays, 9.30am to noon.

Gain essential planning skills for parties and events. An 8-week course. Cost \$50.

Hair and Beauty

Fridays, 9.30am to 2.30pm.

Learn how to present yourself and others for work, social and special occasions. Discover current trends in make-up, hair styles, nails, skin care and basic treatments. Cost \$60.



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 to \$90 for the term (depending on eligibility).

Courses will start in the week beginning July 11 – subject to numbers – so bookings are essential. Phone 5275-4415 or email 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, Tuesdays 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. Classes are held weekly, on Wednesdays 1.30pm-2.30pm, and you'll do the writing in your own time.

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.

Ready for Hospitality

A pathway to TAFE or work program to introduce you to the hospitality industry. Sessions include food handling, hygiene, customer service, communication skills, and espresso coffee making skill development. Weekly sessions will develop knowledge and skills as the group works towards a final pop-up café (live service) session.

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. Call to register your interest.

Introduction to Horticulture

A hands-on introduction to horticulture for general interest or as a pathway to work and further study. Using theory and practical projects at Cloverdale to learn and develop knowledge and skills. Call to register your interest.

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 woodwork, 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.

Art and other activities

Have you ever wanted to learn the basics of painting? Or would some tips about drawing help get you started in a new hobby?

Introduction to Art sessions at Cloverdale Community Centre provide a chance to learn new skills in a friendly environment. There are also opportunities to join other art programs at the centre.

Facilitator and artist Gale Jarmyn said Introduction to Art introduces participants 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 July 12. The cost is \$3 and materials are supplied.

Other programs on offer in Term 3 are:

Art@Cloverdale: Drop in and explore a range of media and techniques in a fun, relaxed and social environment with a professional artist. Wednesdays from July 13, 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 July 12, 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 from July 15, 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 during school term, 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.

A time of change and new events

It has been a time of change at Norlane Community Centre since the start of Term 2.

We sadly farewelled Tabatha (pictured), who had been our Office Manager for many years. We had a lovely afternoon tea to thank Tabatha for her service and there wasn't a dry eye in the room. Everyone at Norlane Community Centre wishes her all the best for her new chapter.

Our Winter Solstice event is coming up on June 21. We invite all members of the community to join us for a fun evening of celebrating.



Expressions of interest

The range of activities and programs being offered in Term 3 is listed on the next page. We are also taking expressions of interest for the following groups. Please contact the Centre to register your interest.

- Walking group.
- Financial Wellbeing for Women.
- Beginner's Computers.
- Staying Safe on the Internet.
- Supercharge your digital job skills.
- How to sell and buy on the internet.
- Tell My Story.



Suicide support workshop

We are proud to be hosting a workshop for Standby: Support After Suicide.

The three-hour workshop titled 'What do I say? What do I do?' is designed to help

anyone affected by suicide to learn support skills and understand the grieving process. The session will take place August 12 from 9.30am until 12.30pm.

Please contact the Centre if you would like to register your interest for the workshop.

Term 3 activities and programs at Norlane

CREATIVE

Learning Art

Learn the basics of how to draw and paint. 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 on the second and fourth Friday of the month from 1-3pm. If you like sewing or want to learn and have some spare time, come along and join in.

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.

Ballroom Dancing

Learn the fundamentals of Ballroom Dancing in a relaxed environment. Wednesdays 10am-11.30am. Cost is \$5.

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 safe and supported environment. Our volunteers have a wide range of knowledge about various devices, programs and technological questions. Fridays 10am-noon; gold coin donation. Bookings are recommended.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Tool Pool

Need to mow the lawn but can't afford a mower or to hire someone to do it? Join our tool pool and you can hire a lawn mower or other manual gardening tools. Fuel is even 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. The fruit, vegetables, bread and pantry items are available to anyone who needs them.



Services

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 our lovely centre. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Budget wins for the north



Councillors Kylie Grzybek and Anthony Aitken with Corio Community Sporting Club players and officials.

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

The recent release of the City of Greater Geelong Proposed 2022-23 Budget had some big wins for the northern suburbs. There has been much discussion about the Northern Aquatic and Community Hub, which will rightly take pride of place in the north for years to come, and that was the clear big-ticket item.

But another project that will bring major benefits to residents in the northern suburbs is the upgrade to the changerooms at Shell Reserve in Corio.

Council has allocated just over \$3million to the changeroom redevelopment, which started in December last year, and has secured a grant for \$500,000 from the State Government's Local Infrastructure Fund – Female Friendly Facilities stream. This will mean the changerooms at Corio will be

suitable and welcoming for both males and females.

As participant numbers continue to increase in women's sports across the region, this is another step in the right direction to ensure we remain leaders in providing equal and equitable facilities and opportunities to everybody.

This redevelopment will build on the recent upgrades to other facilities at Shell Reserve – namely the installation of two new netball courts and a significant makeover for the cricket nets.

Council contributed \$975,000 to this project, which was vital to ensuring the respective tenant clubs and residents were given an opportunity to access high-quality facilities in their own neighbourhood.

Because while it is true that the Corio Community Sporting Club and the Corio Cricket Club will be the major beneficiaries



of these upgrades, the wider Corio community, along with neighbouring northern suburbs, will also see the impacts of these new facilities.

With the continued growth of the Corio region, the redevelopment of Shell Reserve is an important project that will encourage residents to remain, or begin to become, physically active and engaged with the local sporting community.

This is particularly important in the northern suburbs of Geelong, where children and residents have not always had the same access to facilities as those from other areas in our municipality.

Energy hub creates major jobs boost



Project Manager Paul Lewis examines the new Refinery Control Room, due to commence operation in coming weeks.

Hundreds of construction jobs will be created by the pipeline of major projects under development at the Geelong Energy Hub.

Viva Energy's vision to diversify the Geelong refinery into a key energy gateway is being driven by the biggest round of investments in the site since it was established nearly 70 years ago.

These projects will give local suppliers and their supply chains a significant boost, injecting millions of dollars into the local economy.

The investments we are pursuing will create around 500-550 local construction jobs as well as ongoing operational roles. Subject to approvals, over the next few years Viva Energy will;

- Upgrade processing capability at the refinery to produce Ultra-Low Sulphur

Gasoline, leading to lower vehicle emissions;

- Build 90 million litres of strategic diesel storage to improve Australia's fuel security;
- Create a gas terminal at Refinery Pier that will provide a flexible solution to forecast gas shortages;
- Construct a New Energies Service Station featuring hydrogen refuelling for heavy vehicles; and,
- Install a solar farm that will generate 12-20 megawatts of renewable energy.

Viva Energy has also announced the purchase of LyondellBasell Australia, a polymer manufacturer and distributor, with its plan co-located at the refinery.

Another project that has involved local expertise is construction of a state-of-the-art Refinery Control Room that is set to start operating soon.

Viva Energy already injects about \$200 million a year in wages and services into the local economy through its operation of the refinery.

We are committed to supporting the Geelong community as we provide energy security for Victoria while navigating the transition to renewable and alternative energies.

Our investments will be backed by development of new skills and technology as we create high-quality, local jobs and build a sustainable future for the Geelong Energy Hub.

These projects will also give local suppliers and their supply chains a significant boost, injecting millions of dollars into the local economy.

Family connection runs deep at refinery



It's about 65 years since Warren and Irene Harris left the country Victorian town of Minyip looking to find work, create a home and start a family in Geelong.

Warren, who had turned his hand to driving buses and taxis, landed a job at the refinery in about 1960, starting a family connection that now spans three generations.

All four of the couple's children – Wayne, Christine, Gail and Glenn – have worked at the refinery, with Glenn's son Kyle, an operator, also following in his grandfather's footsteps.

"The refinery has supported our family all the way through our lives," Glenn said. "Dad brought us all up while working at the refinery. My brother Wayne brought up three kids while working at the refinery."

Glenn remembers the sense of community and camaraderie shared by the friends

of families of his father's colleagues with Christmas celebrations at the Shell Club, where Warren had been one of the early members.

"It was good to have someone in the family who worked at the refinery," Glenn says. "It was the place in Geelong where everybody would have liked to work because it was well paid and because it was going places."

Glenn says technology and highly advanced control operations have taken over much of the manual operations of his father's day. Warren retired in 1990, with the former head operator's name still on a board in one of the old Distillation buildings.

The two Harris sisters only worked for a short time at the fly strip plant, but elder brother Wayne was there for a decade in an IT career that included working on the refinery's first computers.

Glenn's path to the refinery took longer, working for 27 years at Alcoa where he was maintenance superintendent when the Point Henry smelter closed in 2014.

A stint in Saudi Arabia was followed by another job back in Geelong before he secured a job with Viva Energy contractor UGL and he is now the Area South Maintenance Co-ordinator at the refinery.

"I am very lucky to be re-employed I guess," Glenn says. "I was thinking (when Alcoa closed), who was going to employ me at my age?"

Both he and son Kyle have been working at the refinery for about four years.

While Warren and Wayne are no longer with us, Mum Irene is well into her 80s and still lives in Corio where she and Warren invested their hopes and dreams for a better future all those years ago.



Glenn Harris and his mum Irene who created a life in Geelong with her husband Warren, bottom right, who worked at the refinery for about 30 years.