

BOROUGH BITES



Member for Bellarine Lisa Neville and Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor Susan Salter visit the Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Precinct.

Local knowledge is a win for Sport Precinct upgrade

Council's upgrade of the Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Precinct is on track for completion in April 2018 with local contractor John Monahan Pty Ltd at the helm.

The successful civil works appointee took formal possession of the site on Tuesday 12 December 2017, and site fencing, clearing and construction in preparation for the construction works quickly followed.

The State Government has provided funding of \$3.15 million for Council's upgrade of the Sport and Recreation precinct. Member for Bellarine Lisa Neville on visiting the site with Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor, Cr Susan Salter said that the "multi-million dollar funding for the project was delivery of a 2014 election commitment and that it was great to see works underway."

"I was very pleased to have secured State Government funding for this important project and now, having worked with local sporting clubs and Council on its development, I look forward to those clubs and their members soon playing on the first class facilities they deserve," Ms Neville said.

"When completed I know the upgraded sports precinct will provide a great community asset that will serve the community of Queenscliff well for many years to come," Ms Neville said.

"Council is so pleased to be able to offer the contract for the civil construction works at the Sport Precinct to a local operator and reinvest the project funding into a

Borough business, as well as Borough infrastructure," said the Mayor, Councillor Susan Salter.

"This appointment aligns with Council's updated Procurement Policy and the recently endorsed Economic Development Strategy, and represents value for money for Council."

"But apart from that, the value of appointing a business whose staff are longstanding supporters and users of the sporting clubs, with entrenched knowledge of the site, is unquantifiable. This is a real win for our community."

"Because of the commitment of the State Government, Council will be able to provide the members of our sporting clubs and their supporters with vastly improved facilities. I look forward to seeing netball played on the new courts at the start of the season," said Cr Salter.

The \$3.15 million funding for the upgrade of the Sport and Recreation precinct has been provided under the Victorian Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Fund.

At the completion of the project the precinct will feature new netball courts and cricket nets, more than 90 new car parking spaces with accompanying roadway, kerbing and footpaths, a new playground and refreshed landscaping. The schedule of works also includes the construction of an improved retaining wall to the rear of the Monahan Centre and installation of underground utility services.

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2018 Council Meetings

Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held in the Queenscliff Town Hall at 7.00pm on the following days:

- Thursday 1 March 2018
- Thursday 22 March 2018
- Thursday 26 April 2018
- Thursday 24 May 2018

Members of the public are welcome to attend.



Clean up with annual waste collection events

What: Sustainability Victoria Detox your Home event

When: Saturday 10 February 2018
from 9.00am to 3.00pm

Where: Lovely Banks

Other important info: Detox your Home is a safe, free and easy-to-use service to dispose of unwanted household chemicals without harming your health or the environment. Registration is required to take part in this event. To find out more and register, visit www.sustainabilityvic.gov.au/detoxyourhome or call 1300 363 744. Location details will be provided upon registration.

What: Borough of Queenscliffe hard waste collection day

When: Saturday 24 March 2018

Other important info: Place items for collection on your nature strip from Saturday 17 March 2018. Refer to our Hard Waste Collection web page www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/environment-and-sustainability/recycling-and-waste/hard-waste for information about what can and can't be collected or call Council on 03 5258 1377.

What: Borough of Queenscliffe e-waste drop-off day

When: Saturday 19 May 2018
from 9.00am to 2.00pm

Where: Ocean View Car Park, southern end of Hesse Street, Queenscliff

Other important info: E-waste is old, unwanted or broken electronic or electrical equipment. Visit Council's website at www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/environment-and-sustainability/recycling-and-waste/e-waste for more information or please call us on 03 5258 1377.

Transition to LED street lighting underway

The transition to light-emitting diode (LED) street lighting throughout the Borough of Queenscliffe commenced in December 2017 with Powercor installing new street lights in Point Lonsdale. It is anticipated that all installations will be completed by mid-February 2018.

Council resolved to transition to LED street lighting in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale at its Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 26 October 2017.

This decision is both financially and environmentally sound. Street lighting is the single largest contributor to electricity use within the Borough of Queenscliffe, generating 206 tonnes of carbon dioxide

equivalent in 2016-17. LED technology produces up to 75% less carbon emissions than the mercury vapour lights currently used.

Council pays all operating costs for 325 street lights in the Borough of Queenscliffe, and a further 117 lights, located on declared highways and maintained by VicRoads, are managed in a joint arrangement between Council and VicRoads.

Seven of the 325 Council street lights feature a style of fitting for which there is currently no approved LED equivalent available. Council has been advised that there may be an approved fitting available for these lights in the near future and will continue to pursue a complete transition to LED technology.

Community Environment Alliance Grants now open!

Applications for the 2017-18 Community Environment Alliance Grants Program open on Monday 5 February 2018 and close on Friday 16 March 2018.

The CEA grants support local not-for-profit organisations and groups to reduce carbon emissions and preserve the Borough's natural environment, and will facilitate innovative and creative projects to achieve one or more of the following:

- Support the reduction of energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions;
- Increase the energy efficiency of community buildings within the municipality;
- Raise community awareness of climate change and the impacts it will have on our environment and way of life;

- Increase recycling at public events;
- Divert waste from landfill;
- Increase community awareness on waste minimisation and correct waste disposal; and / or
- Enable community members to gain new skills in relation to sustainability.

Applications can be made by incorporated not-for-profit organisations whose principal activities are conducted within the Borough of Queenscliffe area, and schools (for non-infrastructure projects only that are separate to the normal school curriculum).

Head over to the Sustainability Projects page of Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, to find out more about the 2017-18 Community Environment Alliance Grants Program, read the program guidelines and start your online application.



Council and Kinder join forces to launch new toothbrush recycling campaign

The Borough of Queenscliffe Council, in partnership with the Queenscliff Kindergarten, has launched a new program to recycle used toothbrushes, toothpaste tubes and dental floss containers.

A dedicated toothbrush collection point has been set up in the foyer of Council's offices at 50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff. Residents should ensure toothbrushes are dry and toothpaste tubes and dental floss containers are empty before dropping them in the collection bin.

The new toothbrush recycling program complements Council's annual e-waste collection event, the household battery recycling program and the kerbside recycling and green waste bin service, which have led to significant reductions in the amount of waste sent to landfill.

The toothbrush recycling program is an initiative of the Queenscliff Kindergarten delivered by the Community Environment Alliance. The program provides the only recycling option available for toothbrushes, which would otherwise be sent to landfill. To find out more, visit the CEA webpage at www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/cea.

Message from the Mayor



Welcome to the new year! I would like to thank both my fellow Councillors for their support and the residents of the Borough for the trust they have shown by re-electing me in 2016 to continue my service to the community. I also acknowledge the efforts and achievements of our outgoing Mayor, Cr Tony Francis, and all my fellow Councillors in the first year of our four-year term.

Looking to the future, our agenda includes further advocacy to secure funding for the Queenscliff Cultural Hub, completion of

the netball courts and civil works at the Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Precinct, and development of a strategy to guide the future of the Avenue of Honour. I look forward to working with my Council colleagues and the members of our community to progress these initiatives in 2018.

We have enjoyed a terrific start to the year and this is set to continue with the upcoming Peninsula Film Festival on Saturday 10 February and the once-in-a-lifetime Queen's Baton Relay event on Monday 12 February. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this international event – visit our website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, for information about our local batonbearers and the Baton's route as it travels through the Borough.

Council has been thrilled by the level of use of the beach and the park in Tobin Drive over the Christmas and New Year period. People with young families have been particularly enjoying this area. I ask all our residents and visitors to remember that summer timeshare restrictions for dogs on beaches are in force until the end of February. Council's Pets and Animals webpage, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/community/pets-and-animals, provides detailed information

about locations of dog friendly areas within the Borough of Queenscliffe. Safety is first and foremost on our beaches, so please be mindful of restrictions and remember that you are required to pick up after your dogs.

Following Council's 2017 review of community engagement initiatives and opportunities, we held the first of our new Community Listening Posts on 18 January to provide an opportunity for both visitors and residents to exchange information and ideas with Councillors in an informal setting. The suggestions raised at our first event have provided Council with plenty of food for thought, and we are looking forward to the subsequent Listening Posts from 10.30am to 11.30am on 22 February at the Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall in Bowen Road and 15 March at the Uniting Church Hall, corner Hesse Street and Stokes Street, Queenscliff.

I hope you all continue to enjoy the stunning summer season.



Cr Susan Salter
Mayor, Borough of Queenscliffe

Council's Tourism Rate explained

Council's most recent draft Rating Strategy includes a recommendation that Council continue to apply differential rates, including a Tourism Accommodation Rate that is 10% higher than the general residential property rate.

The Tourism Accommodation Rate applies to any land within the Borough of Queenscliffe that contains a dwelling, unit, cabin, house or part of a house with five or fewer bedrooms that is used, primarily or otherwise, to generate income from the provision of holiday accommodation.

The objective of the tourist accommodation rate is to ensure that smaller tourist accommodation properties make a financial contribution that

reflects the cost of additional tourism-related services that Council may provide, such as costs associated with the Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre service and tourism promotion, construction and maintenance of infrastructure assets, and development and provision of community services and / or general support services. In determining a fair and equitable rate for tourism accommodation properties, Council has also considered the prevalence of tourism-related employment in the Borough of Queenscliffe.

It's important to note that the total rate amount collected by Council each year is not greater because of the application of the Tourism

Accommodation Rate. The total rate amount collected remains constant but the proportion collected from general residential properties is marginally reduced, while the proportion collected from tourist accommodation properties and commercial properties is marginally increased. This reflects the capacity of tourist accommodation and commercial properties to generate income, as opposed to general residential properties.

To find out more, or to check out Council's draft Rating Strategy, head over to the Rates and Property page of Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/council/rates-and-property.

Receive your rates notice by email and save time!

Council has upgraded to a new and improved eNotices system to provide Borough of Queenscliffe ratepayers with a more convenient way to receive rates notices.

The new eNotices system delivers easy sign up, login and account management processes for ratepayers, with the ability to change your email

address and contact phone number, add and delete the rates notices that you would like to receive by email, and specify additional email addresses to receive notices at any time.

Using the new eNotices system, rates notices are delivered by email at the beginning of September, November, February and May each year, saving time and paper and ultimately reducing costs for all ratepayers.

Register now for the new eNotices system on Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, or at queenscliffe.enotices.com.au using the

unique eNotices Reference Number found on your rates notice.

Existing eNotices users will need to enter a new password to ensure that account security is maintained. To do this, visit queenscliffe.enotices.com.au/login, enter your email address, click "Forgot your password?" and follow the prompts.

To find out more, read the information brochure distributed with this edition of Borough Bites, visit the Rates and Property section of Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/council/ratesandproperty or call us on 03 5258 1377.

Only days to go until the Queen's Baton arrives in the Borough of Queenscliffe

In just a few days on Monday 12 February the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018) Queen's Baton Relay will arrive in the Borough of Queenscliffe.

The Mayor, Cr Susan Salter, said she is thrilled to welcome the Queen's Baton to the Borough.

"The Queen's Baton Relay is bringing the excitement of the Gold Coast Games right to our doorstep," said Cr Salter.

"I encourage everyone in the community to make the most of the opportunity. Come out and see the Queen's Baton, join in the festivities and cheer on our local legend batonbearers."

The Queen's Baton is scheduled to arrive in Queenscliff just before midday, followed by a short celebration speech and Q&A with Cr Salter and Batonbearer Tom Limb on the stage in Lower Princess Park before the Baton travels through the Borough along Hesse Street, King Street, Flinders Street and the Bellarine Highway.

Road closures will be in place on the day of the event. Please refer to the Public Notices section of Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, for more information.

Details of the Baton's route and local batonbearers are available at www.gc2018.com/qbr.

The GC2018 Queen's Baton Relay is the longest in history, travelling a record 388 days and 230,000km around the world.

In Australia, the Queen's Baton is traversing 40,000km, travelling through every state and territory for 100 days.



Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre

Stay up to date with the latest news and event information



Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre

Open 9.00am to 5.00pm every day except Christmas Day
55 Hesse Street, Queenscliff.
T. 5258 4843 or 1300 884 843



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What's on

Check out the event pages of Council's website for a comprehensive list of upcoming events and activities within the Borough, such as:

Peninsula Film Festival

Saturday 10 February 2018 from 7.00pm to 10.30pm at the Queenscliff Town Hall, 50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff. Head over to www.peninsulafilmfestival.com.au to find out more about this free, family-friendly event.

Gold Coast 2018 Queen's Baton Relay

Monday 12 February from approximately 12.00 at the stage in Lower Princess Park. Don't miss your chance to be a part of this once in a lifetime event and support our local batonbearers when the Queen's Baton travels through the Borough. Visit www.gc2018.com/qbr for route details.

Rip to River Fun Run

NEW DATE: Sunday 18 February 2018 from 7.30am. Event details are available at www.oceangroveslsc.asn.au.

The Blues Train

Friday and Saturday nights. Bookings essential. To check availability head over to www.thebluestrain.com.au.

360Q Ladies Lunch and Fashion Show

Wednesday 28 February 2018
Celebrate the exclusive launch of the Autumn/Winter 18 collections from Queenscliff boutiques Sukii, Wharf Street Apparel and Homebody Orchard at a fine-dining lunch in 360Q's magnificent upstairs function space. Book online at www.trybooking.com/TMAL.

Bellarine Railway Heritage Train Rides

Sundays throughout the year and most public holidays. Visit www.bellarinerailway.com.au for further information on departure and arrival times and pricing.

Local markets

Point Lonsdale Market

2nd Sunday of the month, 9.00am to 2.00pm
Point Lonsdale Primary School

Queenscliffe Community Market

Last Sunday of the month (September to May), 9.00am to 2.00pm, Lower Princess Park

List your event on Council's website. Visit www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/events to upload your details or contact the Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre for assistance.

Council rolls out the red carpet for weddings in 2018

Council is rolling out the red carpet for weddings in public spaces in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale with its recent resolution to waive permit fees for weddings in public open spaces in 2018.

"We are very keen for couples getting married in the new year to make the most of the many gorgeous locations in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale that deliver such stunning backdrops for wedding ceremonies, receptions and photography" said Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor, Cr Susan Salter.

"If you're planning to marry in 2018, we want to hear from you."

To complement the amended policy, Council is preparing a Wedding Guide to showcase the best of the Borough's local businesses for couples who are looking for the perfect place to say 'I do'. Keep your eyes on Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.go.au, and local news outlets for more information about the new Borough of Queenscliffe Wedding Guide.



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