

# BOROUGH BITES



Local residents John Hocking and David Jarman joined Mayor Ross Ebbels and Council engineer Peter McLean to open a new footpath they suggested Council build as part of the budget consultation.

## Survey success for Borough community budget

The Borough of Queenscliffe has recently completed one of its most innovative and in-depth community engagement projects to date, with the 2020–21 budget consultation attracting more than 330 respondents.

As part of a commitment to more regular community engagement, the Borough of Queenscliffe opened up its budget process to input from any member of the community interested in taking part. A diverse range of residents took part in the consultation across October and November 2019, including a class of students from St Aloysius Primary School.

On average, respondents called for increased Council spending on assets, facilities and public spaces; as well as environment and waste projects. Topping the list of project suggestions were footpaths, tree planting and recycling. Participants also provided feedback on how Council should generate revenue or reinvest budget savings, as well as submitting ideas for planning, arts and tourism spending.

Borough officers are now integrating feedback into a draft budget that will be presented to residents for further comment in April 2020. A detailed report on the results of the consultation is available online at [queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/budget](http://queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/budget)

## Council builds new footpath in response to community budget suggestion

The Borough of Queenscliffe has rapidly made residents' ideas a reality by building a footpath suggested in November's budget consultation.

Consultation responses included four participants who suggested Council build a new footpath on Nelson Road. Council engineers found an opportunity to use existing funding to get the project underway immediately, with the project opened for use just one month later in December – a lightning fast turnaround.

Mayor Ross Ebbels thanked local residents John, David, Noelene and Felicity for suggesting the idea, and

said that Council's quick action implementing the feedback from residents showed the Borough was taking community consultation seriously. Two of the residents who suggested the improvement, John Hocking and David Jarman, were on hand to help Cr Ebbels open the footpath.

The new footpath has made it safer for residents to access the Point Lonsdale Medical Centre, and includes bollards to separate pedestrians and traffic. The area will also feature new native plants when the cooler planting season begins later this year. The project's delivery also came just two weeks after Council opened another resident-suggested project – a drinking tap at Narrows Beach.

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## Diary dates

**Saturday 8 February 2020**  
Sustainability Victoria 'Detox Your Home' event

**Friday 28 February 2020**  
Third rates instalment due

**Monday 9 March 2020**  
Council offices closed for Labour Day public holiday

**Saturday 14 March 2020**  
Annual hard waste collection

**Thursday 9 April 2020**  
Pet registrations due

**Friday 10 April 2020 – Monday 13 April 2020**  
Council offices closed for Easter

## 2020 Council Meetings

Ordinary Meetings of Council will be held in the Queenscliff Town Hall at 7:00pm on the following days:

- Thursday 27 February 2020
- Thursday 26 March 2020
- Thursday 23 April 2020
- Thursday 21 May 2020

Members of the public are welcome to attend.





Have you seen the Borough's new public defibrillators? Available 24/7 at the front of Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff IGA supermarkets.

## New details for Council payments

To make Council payments simpler, we've added new BPAY Biller Codes for your animal registration and other Council payments (debtor invoices). BPAY details for rates remain unchanged.

Make sure you check the payment details on your rates notice or invoice before

making payments to Council to ensure your payment reaches us. Your Bill Reference Number or Statement Number must be correct for your payment to be allocated to your account.

### BPAY Biller Codes

Rates: 93906

Animal registration: 305102

Debtor invoices

(like aged care services): 305110

## It's easy being green at QMF

It was another year of record-breaking success at Queenscliff Music Festival, with the three-day event breaking new ground in its war on waste. Alongside another massive line-up that attracted thousands of punters across the sold-out festival, it was the festival's continuous efforts to reduce unnecessary waste and promote reusable items that made headlines yet again.

Phenomenally, QMF was able to divert 95% of waste generated at the event from landfill thanks to the hardworking crew and volunteers that sorted all waste from start to finish. The equivalent of just six 240L wheelie bins were sent to landfill over the entire weekend. The festival's transition to reusable crockery was a roaring success.

That momentum rolled in to the Queenscliff Twilight Market in late December, which drew a massive evening crowd on its rescheduled date. The Borough of Queenscliffe is proud to support both QMF and the Twilight Market, and looks forward to their return in 2020.

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## Library

55 Hesse Street, Queenscliff

Open Mon–Tue 1:30pm to 5:00pm, Wed–Fri 10:00am to 5:00pm, Sat 9:30am to 12:00pm

The Queenscliffe Library is the Geelong Region's oldest continuously-used library building. Come along and hear local historian Bill Brown tell you its history – 2:00pm to 3:00pm, Thursday 12 March 2020. Bookings at [grlc.vic.gov.au](http://grlc.vic.gov.au)

## 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 [queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/events](http://queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/events) to upload your details or contact the Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre for assistance.

## Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre

Stay up to date with the latest news and event information



Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre

Open 9:00am to 2:00pm every day except Christmas Day

55 Hesse Street, Queenscliff

T: 5258 4843 or 1300 884 843



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## Kerbside recycling has changed

All five G21 councils signed a landmark agreement with Cleanaway in December 2019 to provide recycling across the region. As part of the agreement, all parties have committed to developing innovative local uses for recyclables collected, with an aim to expand the circular economy within the region. Cleanaway has agreed to work with the councils to identify local secondary markets to maximise the sustainable reuse of recyclables, with an initial focus on the reuse of glass.

Keeping our recycling system working means we all need to be diligent in sorting waste correctly. Even a small amount of contamination in your recycling bin can force large amounts of recyclables to be sent to landfill.

Here's what you can and can't put in your recycling:

### What's In

- Empty clean rigid plastic bottles and containers labelled 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5; lids go in the rubbish
- Clean, uncoated paper and cardboard
- Clean steel food cans, aluminium cans and foil
- Clean glass bottles and jars; bottle lids go in the bin, jar lids must be removed to be recycled

### What's Out

- Coated cardboard cartons that are used to package milk, soy milk, juice and various other liquids
- Bagged material in any type of plastic bag
- Soft plastic packaging such plastic bags, bread and frozen food bags
- Polystyrene packaging
- Plastic toys
- Metal pots and pans
- Clothing and footwear.

### Extra Tips

- If you're not sure if a plastic can be recycled, give it a squeeze! If it goes back to its original shape, it's a rigid plastic and is safe to put in your recycling bin
- Food containers need a quick rinse
- Make sure to keep your recycling loose and not in plastic bags
- Keeping our recycling system free of contamination is essential. When it comes to what you can recycle – if in doubt, leave it out.
- More information about the changes to kerbside recycling in the G21 region can be found at Council's website.

## Borough launches Facebook page

As part of the Borough of Queenscliffe's increased commitment to community engagement, Council now has its own social media presence to communicate with residents and visitors. The Borough's Facebook page – launched in early January 2020 – has been an immediate hit, attracting more than 900 'likes' in its first fortnight of operation.

The page will provide updates and information in a timely manner, answer queries from residents about Council matters, and promote the projects Council is working on.

To give us a 'like' and stay informed with your local happenings, visit [facebook.com/queenscliffe](https://facebook.com/queenscliffe)

## Pool registration introduced

The Victorian Government has introduced a new mandatory registration scheme requiring all property owners, including landlords, with a pool or spa to register their pool/spa with Council. The new laws will provide for:

- A mandatory requirement for pool and spa owners to register their pools and spas with their local council
- Pool and spa owners to have their safety barriers inspected
- Processes for the certification of the safety barrier following inspection
- Dealing with non-compliance
- Fees to register, lodge and notify of non-compliance.

Property owners will be required to have their swimming pool and spa barriers inspected by a registered private building surveyor or registered private building inspector. If the barrier is found to be compliant with the applicable requirements, the registered building surveyor/inspector will issue a certificate of compliance to the owner. The owner must then submit a current certificate of compliance for their pool or spa safety barrier to Council. Fees apply.

**If you have a pool or spa on your property, you need to register before 1 June 2020.**

For more information or to register your pool or spa, visit [queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/pools](https://queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/pools)



Mayor Ross Ebbels was on hand with fellow local councillors to welcome the new recycling agreement with Cleanaway.

# Message from the Mayor



**Happy New Year to all Borough of Queenscliffe residents, ratepayers and visitors.**

Firstly, I wish to thank my fellow Councillors for voting me in as Mayor of the Borough of

Queenscliffe, and Cr Bob Merriman for holding the position to the highest possible standard as Mayor for the past year. I am truly honoured and privileged to be elected in this role.

Finishing the many unfinished projects in the Borough will be a priority for myself and Council over the coming year. We also need to further progress conversations with the City of Greater Geelong around the realignment of the Borough's boundaries to include everyone in Point Lonsdale.

Further afield, tragically, I've watched as our nation has been devastated by some of the largest bushfires we have ever seen. Communities have been lost, wildlife has been lost, and lives have been lost in a battle against the fiercest conditions this land could muster.

It's been heartening to see the overwhelming response at a grassroots level towards recovery

and rebuilding in these affected communities. That generosity has extended to our Borough with a number of local businesses conducting sales and auctions with all proceeds going directly to bushfire relief appeals.

I'm certain that both now and in the future, our determined, hardworking and caring community of Queenscliffe will display the support and camaraderie it is so well known for. I'm very excited and looking forward to the year ahead, working with my fellow Councillors, Council officers and the community.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ross Ebbels'.

*Cr Ross Ebbels  
Mayor, Borough of Queenscliffe*



## Queenscliffe Hub progresses

Planning work on the Queenscliffe Hub continues to progress after the first round of community consultation recently concluded. The Queenscliffe Hub is an exciting new integrated research and learning centre that will revitalise the Hesse St streetscape while promoting and enhancing its existing services.

The project offers substantial economic and social benefits for our region, recognising

the importance of the Museum, Visitor Information Centre and Library in the preservation and promotion of our maritime, military and cultural heritage. The Hub will be a multi-use community facility focused on innovative delivery of information, cultural development and services to residents and visitors alike.

There will be multiple opportunities to have your say on the make-up of this project, so we can encourage you to stay notified at [queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/hub](http://queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/hub)

## Borough declares climate emergency

With the support of more than a hundred residents in attendance, the Borough of Queenscliffe endorsed a motion declaring a climate emergency at December's Ordinary Meeting of Council, the final meeting of 2019.

Mayor Ross Ebbels said that climate change was among the most important issues of our time, and that in declaring that we are facing a climate emergency, Council is reaffirming its commitment to meet the challenge of preventing and preparing for climate change.

Over the past five years, the Borough has reduced its emissions by a third, run community solar bulk-buys, and taken a leading role in assessing and preparing for sea level rise. The motion passed by the Borough of Queenscliffe Council calls on Council officers to develop a climate response plan with the local community that builds on the achievements Council has already made in reducing emissions and caring for our local environment.

Early work has started on developing a response plan, which will occur in partnership with the local community.