

BOROUGH BITES



Councillor Ross Ebbels and Brett Ince, Deputy Executive Director, Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine, with the Captain of the Oceania Sirena.

Visitors cruise into town

Council welcomed passengers from luxury cruise liner, the Oceania Sirena, which arrived in Geelong for a one-day shore visit on Tuesday 4 April.

Councillor Ebbels represented the Borough during the morning welcome and presented the Captain with a signed copy of the book 'Melbourne Down Under – the jewels of Port Phillip Bay' by renowned marine author Sheree Marris.

Two coach groups of passengers visited the Bellarine as part of their Peninsula Wineries tour and made a brief stop at the Vue Grand Hotel for morning tea before continuing on their journey with a pitstop at Shortlands Bluff to admire the vista from the Ocean View car park.

The Oceania Sirena was visiting Geelong as part of its 35-day round trip from Sydney. This is a fantastic example of how Council can partner with others to showcase the best of our coastal townships.

Council appoints new reference group

Council has appointed a new reference group to provide information and feedback on the detailed design of the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve.

Expressions of Interest, advertised in the Geelong Advertiser, the Echo, and on the Borough of Queenscliffe's website, closed on Friday 17 March 2017. The members of the new reference group were approved by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 30 March.

"I am delighted to welcome the members of the new Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve Reference Group, continuing to facilitate community consultation on this exciting project," Mayor Tony Francis said.

Nine community members, Sue Wasterval, Michelle Jepson, Michael Dowling, Lester Hunt, Matt Davis, Andrew Sutherland, David Kenwood, Mervyn Jaensch and Ross Bird have been appointed to the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve Reference Group.

Two Councillors, Cr Bob Merriman and Cr Boyce Pizzey, complete the membership of the reference group.

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2017 Council Meetings

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

- Thursday 25 May
- Thursday 22 June
- Thursday 27 July
- Thursday 24 August
- Thursday 21 September
- Thursday 26 October
- Thursday 23 November
- Thursday 14 December

Members of the public are welcome to attend.



Message from the Mayor



Council is very excited about the latest news regarding 'Destination Queenscliff', in particular the way this project will contribute to increasing overnight visitation to Queenscliff and attracting more economic activity to support local businesses and employment.

'Destination Queenscliff' seeks to enhance and conserve the Shortlands Bluff area that Council and community recognise as one of the most significant locations in Queenscliff. The project includes improvements to the Ocean View car park, expansion of the parkland adjacent to the car park, a new kiosk / café, new eco-designed tourist accommodation that will be located in the same footprint as the previous houses and buildings on Shortlands Bluff, improvements

to the southern end of Hesse Street and enhancements to the Commonwealth land around the outside of the Fort. This will include pathways and lighting of the wall.

Council has produced a Community Bulletin, included with this edition of your Borough Bites newsletter, to provide the story of the project so far. The Community Bulletin includes a visual representation of the current concept plan, a question and answer section explaining the project's background, an aerial photo from 2011 showing the former lighthouse houses and ancillary buildings that existed on the site and information on next steps. The Community Bulletin also responds to the incorrect information about this project that has been reported in the media.

Council welcomes your ideas and feedback on Destination Queenscliff, and I encourage you to read the Community Bulletin to make sure you have the most up to date and accurate information regarding the project. The Community Bulletin is also available on Council's website and can be collected at Customer Service.

Council was quick to conduct necessary site inspections and referrals to Heritage Victoria and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning to enable clean up after an abandoned former ToCH building at the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve was destroyed by fire over the Labour Day long weekend.

Following the fire, repairs and modifications were carried out on the barrier fencing to

eliminate unauthorised entry, and additional 'Warning Hazardous Materials Keep Out' signs were placed. Council also engaged a WorkCover licensed Class A asbestos removalist to remove the burnt building debris and topsoil. On site and air monitoring occurred during the work. Anyone with information about vandalism at the site should contact Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

Council is currently working on the draft Business Plan and Budget for the year 2017-18. The process includes a series of Council workshops to review current progress, identify challenges and opportunities, and develop a new set of initiatives and capital projects to meet the Council Plan objectives.

Public meetings will be held in June for people to learn more about the draft Council Plan, Budget and Business Plan for 2017-18. Dates for the public meetings will be advised via public notices in print media and on Council's website www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au. Public submissions on the draft documents will also form part of the consultation. Further information will be available on Council's website.

Please feel free to contact me or one of my fellow Councillors if you require assistance or wish to share your thoughts with us.

Cr Tony Francis
Mayor, Borough of Queenscliffe

Economic Development Strategy

Council is pleased to announce the appointment of consultancy firm, Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu, to lead the development of the Borough of Queenscliffe's Economic Development Strategy.

The Economic Development Strategy will consolidate and build upon the strategies and actions contained across a range of Council's existing plans and policies.

Council is committed to boosting economic development in the Borough, and the Strategy will set a future focus to achieve a more diverse and vibrant local economy, guide and inform Council's economic development directions and priorities, and identify economic development opportunities for public and business investment, as well as benefits for the broader community.

The Economic Development Strategy will also include a tourism development component that profiles the visitor economy, drivers of visitation and the tourism product offerings. It will define a vision within a 10-year plan to build the Borough as a tourism destination of choice.

Please refer to Council's website www.queenscliffe.gov.au for the most current information.

Call for community nominations

Local legends are being called on to carry the Queen's Baton in Queenscliff as it prepares to host the Queen's Baton Relay (QBR).

The Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor Tony Francis was delighted that Queenscliff had been selected to participate in the QBR ahead of the Opening Ceremony of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games.

"The Queen's Baton Relay is a rare opportunity to shine a light on the people and places that help make our community truly great," Cr Francis said.

The baton will stop in Queenscliff on Monday 12 February 2018. A large community celebration will be planned and public nominations are now open for Batonbearers.

Across Australia approximately 3,800 Batonbearers are needed to share the dream of the 'friendly Games'.

A community nomination program is now open that will offer the people of Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale and the surrounding region with an opportunity to carry the Baton.

Until 15 May 2017, anyone can nominate a person who inspires them to be great. Nominations can be made online at www.gc2018.com/qbr.

Detailed information is available on the Games website www.gc2018.com/qbr.



Community updates

Celebrating our volunteers



On Wednesday 10 May 2017, the Borough of Queenscliffe will host an event in honour of our wonderful volunteers.

This important civic celebration links with National Volunteer Week and recognises and thanks volunteers for their continuing generous contribution within the Borough of Queenscliffe community.

To acknowledge their exceptional local contribution, community groups have been invited to celebrate their achievements and enjoy drinks and finger food at the Monahan Centre, Recreation Reserve, Hesse Street, Queenscliff on Wednesday 10 May from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

Mayor Tony Francis will attend the celebration and entertainment will be provided by Rach Brennan, winner of the Queenscliff Music Festival Emerging Artists Grant.

Clean Up Australia



The young people of the Borough demonstrated their commitment to a cleaner, greener landscape at this year's Clean Up Australia event in March 2017.

Students from St Aloysius' School in Queenscliff removed rubbish from King Street Reserve, the grassy area near the Queenscliff Lonsdale Yacht Club, and members of the Queenscliff Cubs cleaned up along the beachfront from Point Lonsdale towards Queenscliff.

It is very inspiring to see our young people working to keep their Borough clean and tidy, and we thank them sincerely for their efforts on Clean Up Australia Day.

Pictured: Students from St Aloysius' School working hard on Clean Up Australia Day.

Community Grants now open

Does your community group have a great idea they would like to see happen in the Borough?

Council's Community Development Grants program can help. The Grants Program aims to encourage and assist community organisations to take an active involvement in the life of their community for the benefit of the community and its members, empower communities to become stronger and more economically, environmentally and socially sustainable, enhance leadership and develop a sense of pride, ownership and identity within communities.

To be eligible for a Community Development Grant, your community group must be a not-for-profit organisation that is able to match the grant amount on a dollar for dollar basis, either in cash and / or through in-kind labour and materials, and submit only one application.

Your group's project must be managed through a legal entity such as an incorporated association, be of benefit to Borough of Queenscliffe residents, commence after 1 July 2017 and be completed by 30 June 2018. Multiple project components are permitted.

Grant applications open on Monday 1 May 2017 and close at 4.00pm on Tuesday 6 June 2017.

The Grant Program Guidelines and the Grant Program Application Form are available on the Borough's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, or from the Borough of Queenscliffe Offices at 50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff.

We encourage you to discuss your application further by contacting Shannon Di Lisio, Tourism and Community Development Program Leader, via email at info@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au or by calling 03 5258 1377.

Prepare your e-waste for drop-off

The Borough of Queenscliffe is holding an e-waste drop-off event at the Ocean View car park in Queenscliff on Saturday 13 May from 9.00am to 2.00pm.

E-waste is old, unwanted or broken electronic or electrical equipment. It is produced at up to three times that of normal household waste production, and can contain toxic materials such as lead, mercury, cadmium, hexavalent chromium and brominated fire retardants that are hazardous, difficult to dispose of and potentially damaging to the environment.

E-waste will be collected and recycled by ToxFree. ToxFree's technologies and processes ensure that maximum e-waste recycling and recovery processing takes place in Australia.

For further information regarding the Borough of Queenscliffe's e-waste program, please contact Council's Sustainability Officer on 5258 1377.

Borough Industry Focus Forum

Businesses in the Borough of Queenscliffe have received an invitation to attend the Borough Industry Focus Forum on Wednesday 17 May 2017 from 5.30pm to 9.30pm at 360Q, 2 Wharf Street, Queenscliff Harbour.

The Borough Industry Focus Forum will be hosted by Council, along with representatives of the Tourism and Economic Development Advisory Committee (TEDAC) and the Rip Chamber Inc.

The forum provides an opportunity to learn more about Council's Economic Development Strategy and offer feedback on the design and delivery of the Strategy.

Keynote speaker Andrew Jones is a co-founder of G2 Innovation, a highly-regarded training and coaching firm that works with clients across the globe.

Andrew has worked with world-renowned brands such as Scholl, Nurofen, Spirit Aerosystems and Coca-Cola to drive innovation, develop skills and support business growth.

He is in demand as a keynote speaker and consultant, and as an innovation mentor to senior leaders.

Andrew's engaging presentations bring innovation into the real world. His passion for and knowledge of innovation is convincingly communicated and infectious.

Frank Kelloway, leader of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu's project team consulting on the Borough's Economic Development Strategy, will also speak at the Forum.

Frank and his team will discuss the elements that make local economies successful and present Deloitte's initial view on the Borough's strengths, areas of competitive advantage and opportunities, and the key themes from a survey of local businesses. Attendees are welcome, and encouraged, to participate in the conversation.

The Borough Industry Focus Forum is a must-attend event for local business people. To accept your invitation, click the 'Register Now' link in your email invitation, or visit the Events page of Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/events.

The closing date for RSVP is Tuesday 2 May 2017.

Register your defib

Ambulance Victoria maintains a register of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) held by businesses and community groups. Register your AED and you could save a life. Go to <http://ambulance.vic.gov.au/community-education/community/register-my-aed/nov>.

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:

National Volunteer Week Celebration Event

Tuesday 10 May. The Borough of Queenscliffe invites community groups to celebrate their achievements and enjoy drinks, finger food and light entertainment at the Monahan Centre, Recreation Reserve, Hesse Street, Queenscliff on Wednesday 10 May from 6.00pm to 7.30pm.

Borough Industry Focus Forum

Tuesday 17 May. Representatives from all Borough businesses are invited to discuss and provide feedback on Council's Economic Development Strategy. From 5.30pm to 9.30pm at 360Q, 2 Wharf Street, Queenscliff. RSVP by Tuesday 2 May.

Bellarine Lighthouse Films Weekend

Friday 4 August to Sunday 6 August. Bellarine Lighthouse Films Weekend kicks off with a film and guest speakers on the evening of Friday 4 August. Three films will screen on Saturday and dinner is available in-house. The Weekend finishes with a morning film on Sunday and the option to meet for an informal lunch at a local foodie venue. This event is run by a passionate group of volunteer cinephiles working alongside Twilight Cinemas to curate an exceptional selection of fine art films from around the globe.

Fawly Towers the Dining Experience at the Vue Grand

Friday May 26, Friday June 23. The hugely popular Faulty Towers has become a must see event at the Vue Grand, performing up to ten shows at the hotel per year. In place of the traditional stage, the actors perform amongst the tables and act as the hosts for the evening. For further information go to www.vuegrand.com.au.

Open mic Sunday Sessions with ZIGGY at Queenscliff Brewhouse

Sunday 7 May. Reveal your hidden talents and enjoy the range of craft beers on offer at the Queenscliff Brewhouse. Visit www.queenscliffbrewhouse.com.au for details.

The Blues Train

Every weekend, bookings essential. To check availability and book your night out, visit www.theblustrain.com.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 www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/events to upload your details or contact the Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre for assistance.

Queenscliff Literary Festival

The Queenscliffe Literary Festival is thrilled to celebrate its third year with **Keynote Speaker, highly renowned journalist Jennifer Byrne, in conversation with Kate Torney CEO State Library of Victoria on Saturday 6 May, and acclaimed playwright Joanna Murray-Smith speaking about her love of books over a luncheon on Sunday 7 May.**

Incorporating the Sea of Words, the Festival program also features acclaimed authors and a variety of events and workshops in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale during all weekends in May.

For bookings and information on dates and venues, visit www.queenscliffliteraryfestival.com.au.



Refugee Week

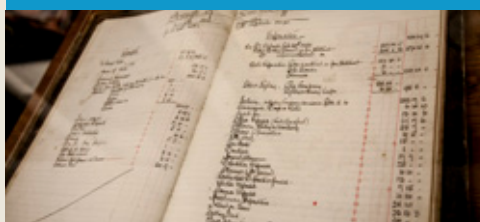
Refugee week is an annual week-long celebration of the positive contributions of refugees to Australian society. This year Refugee Week runs from Sunday 18 June to Saturday 24 June. The Borough of Queenscliffe is partnering with community organisations to stage a local event in June or July. Event details will be confirmed at a later date. For more information please visit Council's website www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au or the Refugee Week website www.refugeeweek.org.au.

Tell your story

Throughout May

Fiction, fact or embellishment – what's your story about place? The Borough of Queenscliffe, in partnership with Queenscliff Library and the Queenscliffe Literary Festival, invites you to write your own story about a place in Queenscliff or Point Lonsdale where you have had an adventure or been inspired, delighted, refreshed, enthused, motivated, encouraged or moved. During May, look for maps located throughout the community to share your story. The Queenscliff Library will be the major collection and display point for this collaborative activity.

On Saturday 27 May from 10.30am to 11.00am, six selected stories will be told at a spoken word event the Queenscliff Library.



Borough Breakfasts

Tuesday 8, 15 and 22 August
7.15am to 8.45am

Save the date! On the first three Tuesdays in August, as part of the Geelong Small Business Festival, Council will be hosting the Borough Breakfasts series at various venues across the Borough. These events offer a fantastic opportunity to network and share ideas with other business people in the region. Bookings open 2 June. In the interim, please email business@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au to register your interest in attending.

Presented by Small Business Victoria, the Festival provides small businesses with the opportunity to exchange ideas, access free or low-cost information and support and establish valuable professional networks. The Small Business Victoria Festival offers a wide range of practical, interactive and innovative events that cover topics such as business planning, marketing, social media, networking and financial management.

Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre

Stay up to date with the latest news and event information



Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre

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