

# BOROUGH BITES



Sarah Henderson, Federal Member for Corangamite with Borough of Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre Volunteers, Brian Milnes, Maureen Harrison and Cora Biggins.

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## Funding confirmed for 'Destination Queenscliff'

On 5 October 2016, Sarah Henderson, Federal Member for Corangamite visited Queenscliff to formally announce Federal funding of \$3,489,514.00 for 'Destination Queenscliff'.

Council will receive the funding under Round Three of the Turnbull Government's National Stronger Regions Fund (NSRF). The NSRF is providing \$1 billion over five years to promote economic growth and address disadvantage in Australia's regions.

'Destination Queenscliff' includes projects at Fort Queenscliff, at the Queenscliff Lighthouse Reserve and along Hesse Street South and is designed to boost tourism and employment in the area.

The project includes:

- Construction of a Fort Walk around the front walls of the fort - linking with existing pedestrian and bike routes,
- The Projection of light images on external Fort Walls,
- Revitalisation of Hesse Street (between King Street and the Ocean View Kiosk),
- Six new proposed eco-lodges in the Queenscliff Lighthouse Reserve,
- Improvements to the Ocean View car park,
- Improved landscaping, including ship viewing platforms; and
- A new café and public toilets.

## 2016 Council Meetings

### Wednesday 2 November

Victorian Electoral Commission formal declaration of the Borough of Queenscliffe Council election result.

### Friday 4 November

Formal 'swearing in' ceremony of new Councillors including Oath of Office and Declaration to abide by the Code of Conduct.

### Wednesday 9 November

Special Meeting of Council

### Wednesday 23 November

Ordinary Meeting of Council

## Draft Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Precinct Concept Plan

The draft Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Precinct Concept Plan was considered at a Special Meeting of Council held on Thursday 15 September 2016.

Council identified the Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Precinct Upgrade project as a priority project at the last State Government Election. The State Government made an election commitment to fund the project, estimated at \$3.15 Million.

Council was required to formally apply for the funding through the State Government's Community Sports Infrastructure Fund. Council signed the funding agreement in June 2016 and received its initial payment of \$1 Million in July 2016.

The draft Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Precinct Concept Plan meets the key objectives of the project to provide a clear separation of camping and sporting activities as well as providing improved sports facilities including new oval sports lights, new netball courts and game day facilities, a dedicated car park including 33 oval boundary parks and major improvements to the Monahan Centre.

Council is currently accepting public submissions from 16 September 2016 until 16 November 2016. Any person proposing to make a written submission on the Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Precinct Concept Plan must do so by Wednesday 16 November 2016. Submissions should be addressed to Phil Josipovic – General Manager of Planning and Infrastructure, PO Box 93, Queenscliff 3225.

## E-Snapshots

Subscribe to receive Council's electronic newsletter, E-SNAPSHOTS. Simply click on the little blue 'subscribe' button at the bottom of the website and provide your name and email address.

## Waste Collection Services

Please note that there will be no change to waste collection services over the Christmas / New Year period.



## Message from the CEO

**This month is an exciting time for the Borough of Queenscliffe, as we prepare to welcome a new Council.**

Election results will be declared on Wednesday 2 November, followed by the 'swearing in' of our new Councillors on Friday 4 November. One of the immediate priorities for the new Council will be undertaking community consultation and planning for the 2018-2022 Council Plan. I look forward to working with our new Councillors.

I am pleased to report that round two of the community solar initiative will go ahead following continued demand for a solar buying program from the Borough community. The initiative, which is delivered by the Community Environment Alliance, takes all the hard work out of solar by identifying a tried and tested solar system and supplier who will provide value for money across the life of the system. The Alliance has commenced the quotation process to appoint a preferred solar supplier.

With summer just around the corner, Council is encouraging residents to spend time in November preparing their properties for the changing season, including having fire plans ready and excess vegetation and fuel cleared from property surrounds. Unfortunately hot dry weather also brings out snakes, so please be careful especially around the sand dunes to the beaches and the edges of swan bay.

It is important to be vigilant during times of extreme heat and check on vulnerable family, friends and neighbours – especially children and elderly people. Council's 'heatwave' page on its website has handy tips on how residents and visitors can look after themselves and their animals during a heatwave.

During the warmer months, when we all take to our local beaches, Council once again calls on all beachgoers to be mindful of the habitats of Endangered Hooded Plovers. Endangered Hooded Plovers breed on ocean beaches in spring and summer. They need our help during this critical time to ensure their survival. This summer Council is encouraging everyone to keep dogs on leash on the beach, walk near the water's edge and look out for marked breeding sites. For more information about the Hooded Plover visit [www.birdlife.org.au/beach](http://www.birdlife.org.au/beach).

Of course the impending summer months mean Christmas is not too far away. To help add some festive cheer to purchases made in the Borough, Council will provide traders with Christmas gift tags. Gift tags will be distributed in late November. Also, keep an eye out for Christmas themed shop local banner boards, which will be featured on the community noticeboards at the entrance to Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale.

I would like to acknowledge the increased level of community participation, contribution and feedback Council has enjoyed this year and we look to build upon this next year as we continue to work closely to deliver the community priorities in the Council Plan.

As this is the last newsletter for the year, I wish all of you a very happy and safe Christmas and New Year break. I look forward to another exciting and rewarding year in 2017.



**Lenny Jenner**  
Chief Executive Officer

## Nominations now open for Australia Day awards

**Do you know someone who should be recognised for service to the community? Borough of Queenscliffe Council is inviting nominations from the community for the Australia Day Awards 2016.**

The award categories are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Service of the Year
- Community Environment Project of the Year

The Australia Day Awards are provided under the auspice of the National Australia Day Council. It is an opportunity to honour individuals or groups who have made an outstanding contribution to their local community.

"There are so many individuals and groups who make a positive impact on the Borough of Queenscliffe community," said Lenny Jenner, Borough of Queenscliffe CEO.

"Most of them contribute their time and efforts on a voluntary basis, showing real dedication and generosity.

"It's important that we recognise and celebrate these people and the fabulous work they do, and showcase them as role models within our community" he said.

All award nominations will be considered by Council's Australia Day Awards Selection Reference Group, which consists of Councillors and community members.

The awards will be presented during the Australia Day celebrations on 26 January 2017.

Nominations must be submitted on the official nomination form by 4pm, Wednesday 16 November 2016. The nomination form can be downloaded from Council's website [www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au](http://www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au) or is available in hard copy from Council offices.

## Be prepared this Fire Season

**The fire season is rapidly approaching and now is the time to inspect your property to identify potential fire hazards and commence clearing operations to be fire ready for the coming summer season.**

Prepare for the bushfire season and develop your Bushfire Survival Plan now. Have your fire plan ready with an emphasis on when and how to leave the area in the case of a major fire event. Know the possible evacuation routes.

All properties in the Borough of Queenscliffe will be inspected by the Fire Prevention Officer prior to the fire season and any found to require clearance works will be issued with a Fire Prevention Notice.

Check out the CFA website [www.cfa.vic.gov.au](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au) for fire warnings, to complete the Online Household Bushfire Self Assessment Tool and for information on the one-on-one Home Bushfire Advice Service.

## ! Animal Registration Reminder

**If you own an animal within the Borough of Queenscliffe, please remember that registrations are due by 10 April each year.**

Council will conduct checks on all animals that have not been re-registered. Fines for having an unregistered animal are substantial. Council asks all owners to check their registrations are current.

A currently registered animal assists Council in returning any lost (or found) animals home, which means the animal does not need to be taken to the pound and have additional costs placed upon the owner.

If you have any concerns or enquiries regarding your animal registration please contact the Borough of Queenscliffe on 52581377.

# Beat the bite this Mosquito season

Due to recent environmental conditions such as higher rainfall, flooding and warm weather, we are likely to see an increase in the numbers of mosquitoes on the Bellarine Peninsula.

A mosquito control program coordinated by the City of Greater Geelong has now commenced and will operate until March 2017. This program covers areas within the Borough of Queenscliffe, the Surf Coast Shire and the City of Greater Geelong. A broad scale approach is far more effective than localised treatment alone as some mosquitos can travel up to 12 kilometres in distance.

The four major components of the program are:

- **Monitoring** - Mosquito breeding sites around the Bellarine Peninsula are monitored to check for mosquito larvae.
- **Ground Treatment** - If the breeding sites are accessible, ground crews will treat the area manually. Breeding sites around townships are always treated by ground based methods.
- **Aerial Treatment** - The Commonwealth Government has issued approval that allows aerial treatments for mosquito larvae to take place in RAMSAR protected wetlands on the Bellarine Peninsula. Treating mosquito breeding sites by aerial methods can be very effective in treating areas that are difficult to access. Aerial treatments only take place in the wetlands, they do not occur over townships.
- **Light Trapping** - Mosquito light trapping is completed as a surveillance tool to monitor adult mosquito levels. The number of mosquitoes caught in each trap gives an indication of the number of adult mosquitoes in a particular area. Light traps are not used to reduce the overall mosquito population.

Even with a thorough aerial program, effective treatment can be limited by high winds and poor weather. Our unique coastal vegetation also prevents all product reaching the larvae and this is a reason that there can still be significant adult mosquitoes around. Only approved products are used to control mosquito numbers and do not adversely affect humans, animals, plants, other species or the general environment.

It is important that we all play a part in mosquito control. Here is what you can do to protect yourselves against the bite and to reduce the mosquito numbers around your home:

## Beating the Bite

- Wear long, loose-fitting clothes if mosquitoes are around and cover up as much as possible.
- Use an effective mosquito repellent on all exposed skin.
- Prevent mosquitoes from getting inside by using fly screens on windows and doors.
- Use mosquito coils or insecticide candles in small, outdoor areas.

The Department of Health Victoria better health channel provides some great advice on what we all can do to protect ourselves from the mosquito.

[www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/mosquitoes-can-carry-diseases](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/health/healthyliving/mosquitoes-can-carry-diseases)



# Point Lonsdale Village Playground underway

Playground upgrade works are set to commence in early November, following the Melbourne Cup long weekend.

Construction is expected to take approximately four weeks and includes the following upgrades, new equipment and facilities:

- The worn parts of the existing combination unit will be replaced and a 'monkey bar' element extended.
- The existing wooden swing to be increased to three swings with a fully accessible path to disabled swing only.
- New play elements include a 'pilot styled' boat facing the sea with fully accessible timber access ramps & lookout on the roof, which will be linked to the existing combination unit, basket swing, spinner pole and rubber.

Through public consultation changes made to the concept plan include:

- Deletion of plastic bumble bee rocker and water feature,
- Minimisation of metal in play elements and concrete paths,
- Widening of the boundary path to 2m; and
- Minimising alterations to the existing combination unit.

These playground upgrade works are the third and final stage of the Point Lonsdale Foreshore Revitalisation project. Stage one and two of the master plan was officially opened by Sarah Henderson, Member for Corangamite on 16 September 2016. The event was also attended by Minister for Police and Minister for Water, the Honourable Lisa Neville MP.

## Queenscliffe Planning Scheme Review to be considered at Directions Hearing

**Planning Scheme Amendment C27 (The Queenscliffe Planning Scheme Review) is set to be considered at a Directions Hearing on 24 October 2016 and a Panel Hearing beginning on 14 November 2016.**

The purpose of the planning scheme review is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the scheme. The planning scheme amendment process is focused on achieving Victorian planning objectives and the objectives of the planning policy framework established by the Planning and Environment Act 1987.

The proposed amendment to the Queenscliffe Planning Scheme (C27) recommends a number of revisions to current policies and controls, including:

- A revised Municipal Strategic Statement updated to align with, and flow from, the policy themes contained in the State Planning Policy Framework (Settlement, Housing and Residential Development, Environmental and Landscape Values and Environmental Risk, Built Environment and Heritage, Economic Development, Community Development, Transport and Access, and Infrastructure).
- Revision of the local planning policies to eliminate superfluous and repetitious content and to improve clarity, readability and expression of policy and objectives.
- Revised schedules to the Environmental Significance Overlay, Vegetation Protection Overlay, Significant Landscape Overlay and Design and Development Overlay to update notation to reference documents and authorities, and to improve clarity.

For further information about Planning Scheme Amendment C27 please contact Council on 5258 1377.

## Diary Dates

### Tuesday 1 November

Council offices closed for the Melbourne Cup public holiday

### Friday 25 to Sunday 27 November

Road closures will be in place during the Queenscliff Music Festival

### Wednesday 16 November

Nominations due for the Australia Day Awards 2016

### Wednesday 30 November

Rates instalment due

### Monday 26 December 2016 to

### Monday 2 January 2017 inclusive

The Borough of Queenscliffe Council offices will close at 4.30pm on Friday 23 December 2016 and re-open at 9.00am on Tuesday 3 January 2017

### Thursday 26 January 2017

Australia Day celebration.



## 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:

### Bellarine Railway Heritage Train Rides

Every Sunday and most public holidays, along with Tuesday and Thursday during the school holidays. Please note the service is not available on Thomas weekends. Trains depart Queenscliff for Drysdale at 11.00am and 2.45pm. Trains depart Queenscliff for Lakers Siding at 1.15pm. T. 5258 2069. [www.bellarinerailway.com.au](http://www.bellarinerailway.com.au)

### 20th Annual Queenscliff Music Festival

25, 26 and 27 November 2016. Princess Park, Queenscliff. Check out the QMF website for entertainment details, ticket prices and other event information. [www.qmf.net.au](http://www.qmf.net.au)

### Borough After Five

Wednesday 30 November. Shelter Shed Eatery and Bar, 5:30pm-7:30pm. All business operators in the Borough are welcome to attend. Registrations are now open – [www.boroughafterfivenovember2016.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.boroughafterfivenovember2016.eventbrite.com.au)

### Great Victorian Bike Ride

3 December. Check out Council's Event Listings page for further details.

### Lighting of the Point Lonsdale Christmas Tree

3 December. Check out Council's Event Listings page for further details.

### Geelong Toy Run

11 December. Check out Council's Event Listings page for further details.

### The Blues Train

December 2016. Queenscliff's legendary Blues Train is one of Victoria's most spectacular entertainment and dining experiences. Every weekend, bookings essential. [www.thebluestrain.com.au](http://www.thebluestrain.com.au)

### Santa Train

Saturday 10 and Saturday 17 December  
Queenscliff Railway Station 10am, 11am, 12pm and 1pm  
T: 5258 2069. [www.bellarinerailway.com.au](http://www.bellarinerailway.com.au)

### Point Lonsdale Rip View Swim Classic

2 January Saturday. Check out Council's Event Listings page for further details.

### Rip to River Fun Run

31 December. Check out Council's Event Listings page for further details.

## Local markets

### Point Lonsdale Market

2nd Sunday of the month, 9am - 2pm  
Point Lonsdale Primary School

### Queenscliff Community Market

4th Sunday of the month, 9am - 2pm  
Lower Princess Park

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

## Queenscliff Music Festival

Once again, the Borough of Queenscliffe is pleased to welcome the 2016 Queenscliff Music Festival to the Borough. This incredible musical event has grown to become an annual highlight of the region's events calendar.

Now in its 20th year, the festival returns once again to Princess Park overlooking picturesque Port Phillip Bay and festival-goers have the option of low-cost camping accommodation, enabling a bigger and more diverse audience to enjoy the festival.

We are thrilled to play host to such an iconic festival and hope patrons enjoy the fantastic mix of great music and

the welcoming seaside atmosphere. Queenscliffe's grand buildings and stunning coastal environment provide the perfect backdrop to this three-day celebration of contemporary Australian and world music.

Festival-goers are encouraged to take time out from the musical feast to taste the many other delights of the region including our great beaches, boutiques, galleries, cafes, hotels and harbour.

Congratulations to the organisers and volunteers of the Queenscliff Music Festival for a spectacular program in 2016. The festival certainly continues to get bigger and better than ever. Let the music begin!

## Pop up Visitor Information Centre and Roaming Volunteers to greet holidaymakers this summer

Queenscliff boasts an iconic tourism experience and offers a character and Village feel that cannot be replicated in the region.

In 2014, Council secured the temporary use of the Tourism Greater Geelong and the Bellarine Visitor Information Caravan for the Borough over the busy summer peak season. This initiative enabled the Visitor Information Centre to service Point Lonsdale making it an even more desirable place to visit.

Visitors to Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff found it even easier to explore and discover the events, attractions and businesses across the Borough thanks to a fantastic opportunity provided through a pop up service at the Queenscliff Harbour last summer.

This summer the Visitor Information Centre hopes to extend the outreach service by being on the ground where the visitors are. A pop up booth at the harbour will allow volunteers to meet and greet visitors

coming off the ferry as well as those in the harbour and disperse them to other points of interest within the Borough. With additional volunteer support it is hoped the Centre can provide roaming ambassadors on the streets of Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale.

To assist with visitor servicing over the summer season, the Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre is currently recruiting volunteers. These roles are perfect for candidates that enjoy meeting people holidaying in the area, have a bright, professional and friendly personality and who have four hours a week to help promote tourism in the region.

A position outline and application form is available on Council's website. Please contact Maree Greenwood, Visitor Information Centre Coordinator, for further enquiries on 5258 4843.

## Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre

Stay up to date with the latest news and event information



### Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre

Open 9am to 5pm every day except Christmas Day.  
55 Hesse Street, Queenscliff.  
T. 5258 4843 or 1300 884 843



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