

BOROUGH BITES



AFL-standard lights go up at Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Precinct.

Council makes great progress on Sport and Recreation Precinct upgrade

Council continues to make significant progress on the upgrade of the Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Reserve.

While the installation of AFL-standard lighting at the oval has been the highlight of the project to date, a number of other milestones have been reached. These include installation of solar panels to the Monahan Centre, construction of goal netting and completion of civil design works for construction of the carpark, netball courts and cricket nets along with all utilities.

The detailed construction plans for the civil works at the Sport and Recreation Precinct were refined and

completed in close consultation with the Queenscliff Community Sports Club and football, netball and cricket clubs. Planning and vegetation removal permits have been issued and Council has received Coastal Management Act consent for all remaining works.

Following a Special Meeting of Council held on Thursday 12 October, Council has resolved to appoint John Monahan Pty Ltd to complete the civil works. Stay tuned for further updates through your sporting club newsletters, community noticeboards and Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au.

Community Grants funding promotes creativity and independence

The Queenscliff Kindergarten has made great use of Council's Community Grants funding to offer outdoor education sessions that promote creativity, independence and resilience.

The Kinder Explorers Program encourages the kinder kids to try new things, develop their capacity for risk assessment and use their imagination to invent their own games.

"It's terrific to see the results of our Community Grants program in action," said Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor, Councillor Tony Francis. "Council is very proud to be able to support projects like these

that contribute to health, wellbeing and learning in our community."

The Kindergarten also used the Community Grants funds to purchase wet weather gear for the Kinder Explorers Program that can be re-used in the kinder yard for water and mud play and on local walking excursions.

If you would like to find out more about Council's Community Grants program, visit the Grants and Funding page of Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/community/grants-and-funding, and click on 'Community Grants'.

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Friday 22 December 2017
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26 January 2018
Australia Day celebration

12 February 2018
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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 23 November
- Thursday 14 December

Members of the public are welcome to attend.



National Recycling Week 2017

Borough of Queenscliffe residents are encouraged to think outside the bin and sort through their household waste, batteries and light bulbs during National Recycling Week.

National Recycling Week runs from Monday 13 November to Sunday 19 November this year, and Council is hosting a collection event at the Queenscliff Town Hall from Monday 13 November to Friday 17 November so that residents can drop off the following items:

- Polystyrene packaging (non-commercial quantities)
- Mobile phones, batteries and chargers
- Fluorescent light tubes and compact fluorescent lamps (CFLs)
- Household batteries – sizes AAA, AA, C, D, 6 volt, 9 volt and button.

These items cannot be recycled through your kerbside recycling bin. If you have any questions about items that will be accepted during the collection event please contact Council's Sustainability Officer on 5258 1377.

National Recycling Week, founded in 1996, highlights the environmental benefits of re-use and recycling programs, while making participation enjoyable and easy through community events and programs.

Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor Tony Francis was keen to promote this popular environmental event.

"Many people may not realise how best to dispose of some common household items that should not be included in your regular bin service," Cr Francis said.

This is the fourth year Council has hosted the local collection event, which aims to reduce waste to landfill.

"I encourage everyone to make the most of the local drop off event, which will help us to reduce our impact on the local environment together," Cr Francis said.

This initiative forms part of the Borough's commitment to be carbon neutral by the year 2020. For details of other National Recycling Week events and further information about recycling, visit the National Recycling Week website, www.recyclingweek.planetark.org.

! Kerbside waste collection dates

Christmas Day 2017 and New Year's Day 2018

Please note the following changes to kerbside waste collection dates over the 2017-18 Christmas and New Year period:

Public holiday	Collection date
Christmas Day	Saturday 23 December 2017
New Year's Day	Saturday 30 December 2017

State government thunderstorm asthma forecasting service

Following the thunderstorm asthma epidemic that occurred in November 2016, the Department of Health and Human Services has been working with the Bureau of Meteorology, the University of Melbourne, Deakin University and other research organisations to develop an epidemic thunderstorm asthma forecasting system.

"Epidemic thunderstorm asthma events don't happen every year, but they can occur during grass pollen season," said Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor, Councillor Tony Francis.

The forecasting system will be available from 1 October until 31 December. To access the forecasting system, download the Vic

Emergency app from www.emergency.vic.gov.au and set up a 'watch zone' for your location to receive advice and warnings about potential epidemic thunderstorm asthma events during the grass pollen season.

The Department of Health and Human Services will also operate a subscription service for the distribution of epidemic thunderstorm asthma forecasts on forecasted high risk days only. To subscribe to this service, visit www2.health.vic.gov.au/newsletters.

For further information on recognising and managing thunderstorm asthma, head over to the Better Health Channel's Thunderstorm Asthma page at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/campaigns/thunderstorm-asthma.

Tangaroa Blue Workshop – stop litter before it gets into our oceans

The Marine and Fresh Water Discovery Centre and the Borough of Queenscliffe are teaming up with Tangaroa Blue Foundation for an action-inspiring workshop to tackle litter at the source - BEFORE it gets out into our environment.

Join the workshop on Wednesday 6 December from 9.00am to help develop a plan to tackle litter in the Borough.

18,000 pieces of plastic are estimated to float in every square kilometre of ocean and over 75% of what is removed from our

beaches is made of plastic. If you are tired of seeing littered coffee cups everywhere and fuming at plastic straws and food packaging left behind in our environment, then this workshop is for you. To register your interest and find out more about the workshop venue and timing, contact Fam Charko via email at fam@tangaroablue.com.

Tangaroa Blue Foundation is an Australia-wide not-for-profit organisation dedicated to the removal and prevention of marine debris. For further information on Tangaroa Blue's aims and initiatives, visit their website, www.tangaroablue.org.

Community Environment Alliance 2018 grants program

Innovative environmental projects could be eligible for funding support through the 2018 Community Environment Alliance grants program. Launching early next year, the grants will support ideas to protect the

environment and reduce our community's carbon footprint. For further details, keep your eye on the Community Environment Alliance page of Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/cea.

! 2018 Hard Waste Collection Event

Council will host its annual hard waste collection on Saturday 24 March 2018.

It is important to remember that Council's hard waste collection is for waste that cannot fit in your kerbside rubbish bin and excludes building, renovation or demolition materials (e.g. fences, bricks, concrete, rubble or excavation material). E-waste such as televisions and computer equipment is also excluded. Hard waste items (other than

whitegoods) must not weigh more than 32kg, be longer than 1.2m or wider / deeper than 0.6m. Please use your kerbside waste and recycling bins for disposal of smaller items. Hard waste in commercial quantities will not be collected.

For further details about items that will be collected, head to the Environment and Sustainability tab of Council's website and select 'Hard Waste' from the menu.

Message from the Mayor



It is very pleasing to reflect on the achievements of the new Council as the first year of our four-year term draws to a close.

Completion of the revamped Point Lonsdale Village Playground was the last key element of the Point Lonsdale Foreshore Master Plan begun some five years ago. The public consultation process helped Council to deliver an impressive local foreshore area that meets all current safety standards and retains the coastal character of the site for families and future generations to enjoy for many years to come.

Following years of advocacy and community campaigning, Council was delighted with

the Victorian government's announcement of funding for the 'Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve – Stage 1' and 'Destination Queenscliff' projects. We are very appreciative of the efforts of Minister for Water and Police, and local member for the Bellarine, Lisa Neville MP, to secure this funding. The Borough of Queenscliffe is fast becoming a destination of choice, and Minister Neville's announcements pave the way for future generations to visit, enjoy and experience the very best of our region.

The completion of Round Two of our Community Solar Initiative, the hard work of volunteers and representatives of the Bellarine Catchment Network, Swan Bay Environment Association and Point Lonsdale Coastcare Group at the 2017 Community Planting Day, and our e-waste, hard waste and National Recycling Week collection events have all made a substantial contribution towards our commitment to be carbon neutral by 2020.

We continue to make terrific progress with the upgrade of the Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Precinct, providing the modern, safe facilities that our players deserve, and we are poised to deliver an Economic Development Strategy for the Borough of Queenscliffe that will focus on key economic opportunities and

priorities for public investment, outlining a roadmap for the future sustainability of the Queenscliffe economy.

This is a list of achievements to be proud of, but none of these would have been possible without the involvement of the Queenscliffe community and the dedication of my fellow Councillors.

Coming into the summer season, it is important to check on vulnerable family, friends and neighbours, particularly children and frail or elderly people, during periods of extreme heat. The Community tab of Council's website provides useful and practical information to help residents and visitors stay safe in the summer heat and prepare themselves and their properties for the fire season.

On behalf of all Borough of Queenscliffe Councillors and Council officers I wish you a safe, happy and restful holiday season, and look forward to another year of collaboration in 2018.

Cr Tony Francis
Mayor, Borough of Queenscliffe

Nominate now for 2018 Australia Day Awards

Council is inviting nominations for the 2018 Australia Day Awards until 4.00pm on Wednesday 15 November 2017.

If you know someone who deserves acknowledgement for exceptional service to the community, it's time to prepare a nomination for one of the following award categories:

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

"The Australia Day Awards recognise those people and groups who have made outstanding contributions to the community," said Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor, Cr Tony Francis. "They also acknowledge the diversity of the programs run by volunteers, whose participation and involvement strengthens our community."

Nominations must be submitted on the official nomination form. The nomination form can be downloaded from Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, and hard copies of the form are available from Council's offices at 50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff. The selection criteria for each award category are explained on the nomination form.

"Our past recipients share outstanding leadership qualities and commitment to others to make local community life richer for all. Most of them contribute their time and efforts on a voluntary basis, showing real dedication and generosity," said Cr Francis.

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

The Australia Day Awards are provided under the auspice of the National Australia Day Council. The awards will be presented during the Australia Day celebrations on 26 January 2018.

Fitness and fun in 2017 Walk to School program

As part of VicHealth's 2017 Walk to School program, Council hosted a breakfast for all three primary schools in the Borough of Queenscliffe on Friday 20 October.

Students were encouraged to get creative and walk, ride or scoot to school dressed as their favourite sporting hero, or decorate their shoes, bikes and scooters.

Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor, Councillor Tony Francis, said VicHealth's Walk to School program is a free, easy and fun way for kids to get active and learn healthy habits for life.

"Council is delighted to be part of this important initiative. Our successful grant application has provided local school children with improved footpaths for safe travel and funded our healthy breakfast event," said Cr Francis.

Pictured: Borough kids ready to put their best foot forward on Walk to School day.



Local batonbearers prepare to share the dream of the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games

The Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games Corporation (GOLDOC) has announced two local batonbearers who will carry the Queen's Baton in Queenscliff during the 100-day countdown to the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games (GC2018).

Across the community, hundreds of people will get the opportunity to engage with the Baton as it spends quality time in the region, arriving in Queenscliff on 12 February 2018.

For a full list of local batonbearers, visit the 'News' page of Council's website.

George Abel is the founder and inventor of the Birdman Rally. George created the Rally in England in 1971 to raise funds for the Royal Air Force Association for Retired Personnel. When George immigrated to Australia, he brought the Birdman Rally with him and it is still going strong 46 years later. This event has provided joy and entertainment to thousands over the years and is truly a fun, friendly and vibrant experience for the whole community.

Suzanne Winton is an active tennis player at Point Lonsdale. Her commitment, skill and energy on the court and her untiring volunteerism inspire many younger members of the club. Suzanne was Club Champion

from 1989 to 1992 and won 12 premierships, including five as captain, over 25 years. Sue was Secretary of PLTC from 1989 to 2013 and still serves on the Committee. In January, she is at the courts everyday. Suzanne is spirited and shines on social occasions, making everyone feel welcome and involved.

"I am immensely proud of our batonbearers and the role they will take when the Queen's Baton comes to Queenscliff," said Borough of Queenscliff Mayor, Councillor Tony Francis.

"Being a Batonbearer recognises their contributions to community in the Borough of Queenscliff and further abroad. I encourage everybody to show their support to Suzanne and George at the Queen's Baton Relay this summer."

A list of Batonbearer names and the communities in which they will carry the Baton is available at gc2018.com/qbr.

Follow the action on social media with QBR hashtag #QBR2018 and GC2018 hashtags #GC2018 and #SHARETHEDREAM.



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Stay up to date with the latest news and event information



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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:

Bellarine Arts Trail 2017

Saturday 4 and Sunday 5 November 2017. Over the Melbourne Cup weekend, art lovers from near and far are invited to follow the 2017 Bellarine Arts Trails and discover art and artists in studios, galleries and creative venues throughout Queenscliff, Point Lonsdale, Ocean Grove and Barwon Heads. Maps will be available from the Queenscliff Visitor Information Centre and participating venues including the local commercial galleries, the Queenscliff and District Neighbourhood House, the Observation Tower at the Queenscliff Harbour, and Uniting Church halls.

Bellarine Railway Heritage Train Rides

Sundays throughout the year and most public holidays. During the summer holidays, extra train running days will be scheduled. Visit www.bellarinerailway.com.au for further information on departure and arrival times and pricing.

21st Annual Queenscliff Music Festival

Friday 24, Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 November 2017. Princess Park, Queenscliff. Check out the QMF website, www.qmf.net.au, for entertainment details, ticket prices and other event information.

Borough After Five – Christmas Edition

Thursday 30 November. Tastes of the Region room, Queenscliff Brewhouse. 5.30pm to 7.30pm. All business operators in the Borough are welcome to attend. Registrations open at 9.00am on Wednesday 1 November at www.boroughafterfive2017.eventbrite.com.au.

Lighting of Point Lonsdale Christmas Tree

Saturday 2 December 2017. Visit the Point Lonsdale Christmas Tree & Community Celebration of Christmas Facebook page for further information and updates.

The Blues Train

Friday and Saturday nights until Saturday 16 December 2017, Saturday nights only from 13 January 2018 to 23 February 2018. Queenscliff's legendary Blues Train is one of Victoria's most spectacular entertainment and dining experiences. Bookings essential. To check availability and book your night out, head over to www.thebluestrain.com.au.

Santa Train

Saturday 16 and Saturday 17 December 2017. Further information can be found at www.bellarinerailway.com.au.

Point Lonsdale Rip View Swim Classic

Saturday 30 December 2017. Find out more at www.pointlonsdaleslsc.asn.au.

Rip to River Fun Run

Saturday 6 January 2018. Event details are available at www.oceangroveslsc.asn.au.

Local markets

Point Lonsdale Market

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

Queenscliff 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.queenscliff.vic.gov.au/events to upload your details or contact the Queenscliff Visitor Information Centre for assistance.



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