

# BOROUGH BITES



Mayor Cr Bob Merriman puts the finishing touches on the Bridge St resurfacing.

## Rail Trail upgrades in Queenscliff complete

Upgrade works on Bridge Street in Queenscliff are now complete, making the Rail Trail safer for cyclists and joggers.

The construction of a shared pathway and resurfacing of surrounding roads will provide a safer connection for users accessing the Rail Trail at its Queenscliff terminus, as well as complementing the new wharf currently

under construction. Local residents will also benefit from asphaltting works to improve parking arrangements along Bridge Street.

Council has worked collaboratively with residents living near the site to achieve an outcome that suits everybody, and we thank local residents on Bridge Street for their help designing the project.

## Boat ramp fees removed at Queenscliff

After months of work, the Borough of Queenscliff has welcomed the removal of parking fees at the Queenscliff Boat Ramp. With parking fees now no longer being charged, Queenscliff boaters will now be able to enjoy a cheaper day out on the water.

The removal of boat fees comes after extensive discussions between Council and the Victorian Government. Council hopes that the removal of fees will bring more boaters to the region

to enjoy world-class fishing and boating opportunities.

Council has also expressed support for the proposed upgrade of the Queenscliff Boat Ramp, and will be working closely with the Victorian Government to deliver this improvement. We thank the Victorian Government, Minister Jaala Pulford and Member for Bellarine Lisa Neville for funding this important upgrade.

More information about using the Queenscliff Boat Ramp is available on our website.

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### Diary dates

**Tuesday 5 November 2019**  
Council offices closed for Melbourne Cup public holiday

**Monday 11 November 2019**  
Remembrance Day service

**Sunday 17 November 2019**  
HMAS Goorangai commemorative service

**Friday 22 to Sunday 24 November 2019**  
Queenscliff Music Festival

**Saturday 23 to Sunday 24 November 2019**  
Queenscliff Community Market

**Saturday 30 November 2019**  
Second rates instalment due

**Tuesday 24 December 2019**  
Council offices closed from 4:00pm

**Monday 30 December 2019**  
Council offices reopen from 9:00am

**Sunday 26 January 2020**  
Australia Day celebrations

### 2019 Council Meetings

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

- Thursday 28 November 2019
- Thursday 19 December 2019

Members of the public are welcome to attend.





*Borough residents can use a reusable bag like the Boomerang Bag pictured above.*

## Don't forget your reusable bag

Residents of the Borough of Queenscliffe have long been environmentally-minded, particularly when it comes to reusable bags. Point Lonsdale IGA was well ahead of the curve when it stopped offering lightweight single-use plastic bags way back in 2011, and the local community quickly developed sustainable habits.

Fast forward to now, and lightweight single-use plastic bags are officially a thing of the past. From 1 November 2019, all lightweight shopping bags with a thickness below 36 microns – including degradable, biodegradable and compostable bags – will be banned throughout retailers in Victoria. This applies to supermarkets, corner stores, community markets, small businesses, and any other retailer you can think of.

Sustainability Victoria is reminding everyone to remember four things when they leave the house: bag, wallet, keys, and phone. For more information on the bag ban and developing better bag habits, visit their website.

## Australia Day Awards nominations now open

Nominations are now open for the Borough of Queenscliffe's 2020 Australia Day Awards. These prestigious honours are an important part of the Borough's annual Australia Day celebrations.

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

This year, nominations can now be submitted digitally via our online nomination form, meaning you can fill out a nomination from anywhere in the world! Just visit [queenscliffe.vic.gov.au](http://queenscliffe.vic.gov.au) and click on the big banner item for the Australia Day Awards. If you still require a hard copy of the form, they can be downloaded from our website or picked up from Council offices. Entries close at 4:00pm on Friday 22 November 2019.

All award nominations will be considered by Council's Australia Day Awards Reference Group, which consists of Councillors and community members. The Australia Day Awards are provided under the auspice of the National Australia Day Council, and will be presented during the Australia Day celebrations on 26 January 2020.

## Help us create next year's Council budget

Council budgets aren't just financial documents – they set the agenda for the projects and services Council invests in. And because you use those projects and services, we'd like you to be a part of our budget process this year!

As part of our commitment to more community engagement, we're asking residents to submit their ideas and thoughts on how we can make Council's budget even better. By taking part in a short survey, you'll be able to tell us which projects are important to you, and how you think we can best invest in our community.

Your input will help us build a better budget, and a better Borough. To take part in the survey, go to [surveymonkey.com/r/BOQBudget](http://surveymonkey.com/r/BOQBudget) or visit Council offices during business hours.



*Everyone enjoyed the activities at this year's Australia Day celebrations.*



# Message from the Mayor



As we enter the warmer months and the days become longer, the Borough shows its charm. In just a couple of weeks we will again welcome thousands of music lovers to our town for the 23rd annual Queenscliff Music Festival.

This is always a magnificent opportunity to showcase what we as a community have to offer – first-class food and drink, diverse arts and retail offerings, stunning coastal views, and great company. And that’s just to name a few of the many treasures across Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale.

Anyone who hasn’t yet seen the restored World War I searchlight emplacement at Point Lonsdale Lighthouse is strongly encouraged to view this historic snapshot of wartime in the Borough. Our rich naval history is on show throughout the entire township, but this newly refurbished artefact is a genuine highlight.

We have also recently released our 2018–19 Annual Report, which documents Council’s achievements for the year, published alongside an array of local photography that shows off

the region. Copies are available to read at Council offices and on our website.

There is little wonder why long-time holiday-makers have been returning here every summer for decades on end. That’s because there isn’t anywhere like it in the world! So take the opportunity to welcome our visitors over this festive period, and share with them the magic of what makes the Borough so great.

Have an enjoyable Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Cr Bob Merriman  
Mayor, Borough of Queenscliffe



Mayor Cr Bob Merriman and The Hon. Lisa Neville MP cut the ribbon at the reopening of the searchlight emplacement.

## War-time history restored at Point Lonsdale structure

A historic World War I searchlight emplacement in Point Lonsdale has recently reopened after being restored by the Borough of Queenscliffe. Mayor Bob Merriman and Minister for Water, Police and Emergency Services Lisa Neville opened the site, encouraging residents and visitors to learn more about the town’s rich maritime and military history.

The concrete emplacement was originally constructed in 1914 but fell into disrepair due

to its age and location, and was closed to the public last year among safety concerns. Now this important reminder of a bygone era is on display once more, housing more than a century of memories inside it.

The area has long been associated with naval history, and navigational structures have been in place at Point Lonsdale since 1863. The outbreak of the First World War prompted moves to install defence structures in the vicinity of the lighthouse, of which this is one.

Council allocated \$86,000 towards the project,



New signage leads residents and visitors directly to the restored emplacement.

which was supplemented by a Heritage Victoria grant of \$90,000 under the Living Heritage Grants Program. The project included rehabilitation of the structure, safe public access and interpretation signage. A timber stairwell now also provides a direct link between the beach and the structure, which hosts sweeping views across Port Phillip and the infamous rip.

Council thanks the Victorian Government, local community members and everyone else who has played a part in the site’s restoration for their efforts.

## QMF sells out

The Queenscliff Music Festival has sold out its 2019 line-up nearly two months in advance, the earliest the festival has done so in its 23-year history. Thousands of music lovers will venture down to Queenscliff on the last weekend in November to take in some of the best blues, roots and rock artists from across Australia and the globe.

Headliners over the three-day festival include Tim Finn, Missy Higgins, The Cat Empire, Clare Bowditch, and Troy Cassar-Daley. For those who missed out on purchasing tickets before the sell-out, QMF have introduced a ticket resale facility to re-offer unused tickets to those on a waitlist. Visit [qmf.net.au](http://qmf.net.au) for more information.



## Council supports ride to school



Students from St Aloysius Primary School ride their bikes as part of the annual Walk to School month.

## Kerbside waste collection changes – Christmas and New Year period

If you live in a location that ordinarily has its waste collected on a Wednesday morning (north of Grimes Road to the Bellarine Highway traffic lights), this will be impacted by the Christmas Day and New Year's Day public holidays. Residents are advised that waste will be collected a day later on the Thursday morning, so remember to put your bins out the night before:

Public Holiday	Collection impacted	New collection date
Christmas Day 2019	Waste / recycling	Monday 24 December 2018
New Year's Day 2020	Waste / recycling	Monday 31 December 2018

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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

Hear about the **Queenscliffe Maritime Museum Library Collection**

Thursday, 14 November 2019 – 2:00pm to 3:00pm

**Book Chat** Friday, 8 November 2019 – 11:00am to 12:00pm

Bookings at [www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on](http://www.grlc.vic.gov.au/whats-on)

## Local markets

**Point Lonsdale Market**

Second 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](http://www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/events)

to upload your details or contact the

Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre

on 5258 4843 or 1300 884 843 for assistance.

## Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre

Stay up to date with the latest news and event information



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except Christmas Day

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