

BOROUGH BITES



The QNH's Zoe Stewart-Johns, Paul Jones and Jane Rodwell model Boomerang Bags with Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor Cr Bob Merriman.

Bags of community spirit

led by project coordinator Jane Rodwell, Queenscliffe Neighbourhood House (QNH) volunteers have created 170 Boomerang Bags since the project commenced in July 2018.

Cr Bob Merriman, Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor, joined Jane and QNH volunteers Paul Jones and Zoe Stewart-Johns at the Point Lonsdale Market in December for the official Boomerang Bags launch.

"This project is a true community collaboration," said Cr Merriman.

"As well as reducing plastic waste, the Boomerang

Bags project brings people together, providing an opportunity to share knowledge and learn new skills."

The free, reusable Boomerang Bags are available from the Queenscliffe Neighbourhood House, the Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale IGAs, and the Point Lonsdale Market. The project is a QNH initiative supported with funding from Council's 2018 Community Environment Alliance grants program.

To find out more about Boomerang Bags in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale, visit the 'Boomerang Bags 3225' Facebook page or head over to www.qnhouse.com.au.

Survive the heat

Heatwaves are becoming a regular feature of the Victorian summer. With the warm weather in full swing, it's important to remember the five simple steps to stay safe in the heat so that you can look after yourself and others when extreme heat hits.

1. Drink water – even if you don't feel thirsty. Always take a bottle of water with you.
2. Hot cars kill – never leave kids, adults or pets in hot cars. The temperature inside a parked car can double within minutes.
3. Keep cool – seek out air-conditioned buildings, draw your blinds, use a fan, take cool showers

and dress in light and loose clothing made from natural fabrics.

4. Plan ahead – schedule activities in the coolest part of the day and avoid exercising in the heat. If you must go out, wear a hat and sunscreen and take a bottle of water with you.
5. Help others – look after those most at risk in the heat – neighbours living alone, the elderly, the young, people with a medical condition. Don't forget your pets.

If you or someone you know feels unwell on a hot day, call NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24. In an emergency, call 000 without delay.

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Third rates instalment due

Thursday 28 February 2019
Community Listening Post, Point Lonsdale

Monday 11 March 2019
Council offices closed for Labour Day public holiday

Saturday 16 March 2019
Annual hard waste collection

Thursday 28 March 2019
Community Listening Post, Queenscliff

Wednesday 10 April 2019
Pet registrations due

Friday 19 April 2019
Council offices closed for Good Friday public holiday

Monday 22 April 2019
Council offices closed for Easter Monday public holiday

Thursday 25 April 2019
Council offices closed for Anzac Day public holiday

2019 Council Meetings

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

- Thursday 28 February 2019
- Thursday 28 March 2019
- Wednesday 24 April 2019
- Thursday 23 May 2019
- Thursday 20 June 2019

Members of the public are welcome to attend.





John Goodman, Queenscliff and District Men's Shed and Dick Clark, Secretary, Cosmopolitan Masonic Lodge No. 96, present their cheques to Judy Hassell, Sustainable Living Show.

Grants support Sustainable Living Show

Local organisations have pledged their support for the Sustainable Living Show to be held in Queenscliff in March 2019, with the Cosmopolitan Masonic Lodge No. 96 and the Queenscliff and District Men's Shed both providing grant funding to support event organisation and advertising.

The Sustainable Living Show will be held on Saturday 23 March 2019 from 10:00am to 5:00pm at the Queenscliff Community Hall (formerly known as the Senior Citizen's Hall) at 16 Symonds Street, Queenscliff. Entry is covered by a gold coin donation, and bookings are not required.

Designed to be a one-stop shop for smart, simple, sustainable living solutions, the volunteer-organised event will include displays, demonstrations, quick talks and market stalls, all based on sustainability and sustainable practices.

Whether you are just starting out on your sustainability journey, aiming for a more self-sufficient lifestyle, or looking to further embed sustainable practice in your life, the Sustainable Living Show has the answers you need to guide you on your way.

The Sustainable Living Show is a Transition Towns Queenscliff event proudly supported by the Borough of Queenscliff.

2019 Community Environment Alliance Grants

Applications for the 2019 Community Environment Alliance (CEA) Grants program open on Monday 4 February 2019 and close on Friday 15 March 2019.

The CEA grants support local not-for-profit organisations and groups to reduce carbon emissions and preserve the Borough's natural

environment. Applications can be made by incorporated not-for-profit organisations whose principal activities are conducted within the Borough of Queenscliff area, and schools (for non-infrastructure projects only that are separate to the normal school curriculum).

To find out more about the grants program, visit the CEA page of Council's website, www.queenscliff.vic.gov.au/cea or contact the Borough of Queenscliff on 5258 1377.

Increased pension rebate

Council increased its pension rebate from \$40 to \$70 in the 2018–19 financial year. This rebate is available to holders of a Centrelink or Veteran Affairs Pension Concession card or a Veteran Affairs Gold card that stipulates Totally and Permanently Incapacitated (TPI) or War Widow. Only one rebate can be applied per property and the rebate can only be applied to rates charged on the principal place of residence. Council's pension rebate is additional to rebates offered by other levels of government, including the State Government's Municipal Rates Concession Scheme.

Differential rates – residential vacant land and tourism accommodation

Council's 2018–19 Rating Strategy introduced a new differential rate for residential vacant land in the Borough of Queenscliff. This new differential rate aims to both encourage development of housing on vacant land and ensure that all rateable properties in the Borough of Queenscliff make an equitable financial contribution to the cost of carrying out the functions of Council, such as the construction and maintenance of infrastructure and provision of general support services.

Differential rates are calculated relative to the rate applied to general residential properties. Council's residential vacant land rate for the 2018–19 financial year is 125% of the general residential property rate. For the purposes of Council's 2018–19 Rating Strategy, residential vacant land is defined as land upon which there are no buildings, structures or improvements.

A differential rate for tourism accommodation properties in the Borough of Queenscliff, introduced in 2017, also continues to apply under the 2018–19 Rating Strategy. The tourism accommodation rate for the 2018–19 financial year is 110% of the general residential property rate and applies to any land within the Borough of Queenscliff that contains a dwelling, unit, cabin, house or part of a house with five or fewer bedrooms that is used, primarily or otherwise, to generate income from the provision of holiday accommodation.

The objective of the tourist accommodation rate is to ensure that smaller tourist accommodation properties make a financial contribution that reflects the cost of additional tourism-related services that Council may provide, such as costs associated with the Queenscliff Visitor Information Centre service and tourism promotion, construction and maintenance of infrastructure assets, development and provision of community services; and / or provision of general support services.

Time to clean up

What: Sustainability Victoria Detox Your Home event

When: Saturday 9 February 2019 from 9:00am to 3:00pm

Where: Corio Operations Centre, 299 Anakie Road, Lovely Banks

Other important information: Detox Your Home is a safe, free and easy-to-use service to dispose of unwanted household chemicals without harming your health or the environment. There is no registration for the event – just turn up at the Corio Operations Centre on 9 February 2019 and drop off your unwanted items. Find out more at www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome or call 1300 363 744.

What: Borough of Queenscliff annual hard waste collection

When: Saturday 16 March 2019

Other important information: Place items for collection on your nature strip from Saturday 9 March 2019. Refer to our Hard Waste Collection web page www.queenscliff.vic.gov.au/environment-and-sustainability/recycling-and-waste/hard-waste for information about what can and can't be collected or call Council on 5258 1377.

Message from the Mayor



Happy new year to all Borough of Queenscliffe residents, ratepayers and visitors.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for their endorsement as I begin a new term as the Mayor of the Borough of Queenscliffe Council. I also acknowledge and congratulate the outgoing Mayor, Cr Susan Salter, along with all my fellow Councillors, for their hard work over the past 12 months.

We achieved some very satisfying results in 2018, including the completion and formal opening of the Queenscliff Sport and Recreation Precinct. The state-of-the-art facilities now on offer at the precinct are a culmination of the exceptional accomplishments of all involved,

and provide both members of our community and visitors to our region with access to some of the best sporting facilities in Victoria.

We have a number of important long-term, short-term and business as usual projects ahead in 2019. Our agenda includes further advocacy to secure funding opportunities to respond to the emerging impacts of climate change and sea level rise, development of a Streetscape Plan following community feedback to identify opportunities to further enhance Hesse Street in Queenscliff, and completion of works at the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve.

I look forward to working with Deputy Mayor, Cr Boyce Pizzey, my Council colleagues and the Borough of Queenscliffe community to progress these initiatives. We will continue to advocate strongly to further strengthen the stability, viability and independence of the Borough of Queenscliffe.

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Mayor, Borough of Queenscliffe

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Australia Day Awards 2019

Council congratulates the winners of the 2019 Borough of Queenscliffe Australia Day Awards:

- Citizen of the Year
Graham Christie JP
- Young Citizen of the Year
Ruby Dalton
- Community Environment Project of the Year
Kids Teaching Kids Local Conference –
St Aloysius Primary School
- Community Event of the Year
Queenscliffe Literary Festival
- Community Organisation of the Year
3225 Community Calendar

To read more about this year's winners visit the News page of Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/news-and-notice/news.

Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve – draft landscape masterplan survey results

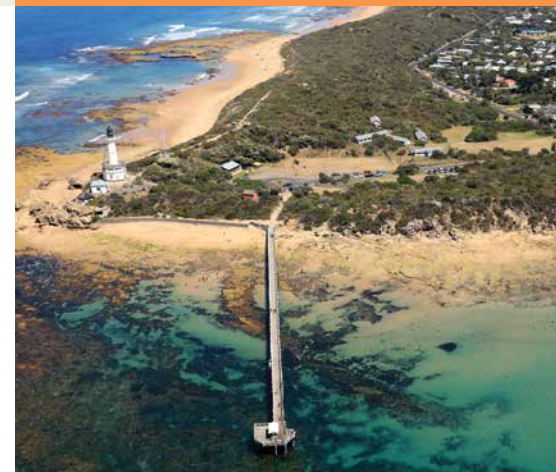
Council thanks everybody who responded to its community survey about the draft landscape masterplan for the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve.

The community consultation generated significant interest, with 540 survey responses, 19 submissions and one petition signed by representatives of 20 local businesses received in response to Council's call for feedback.

The survey asked a set of questions about the draft landscape masterplan, with the opportunity for respondents to provide

comments. The results for each question are listed below:

1. Do you support the car parking proposals as described in the draft Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve Landscape Masterplan?
 - Yes: 85.85%
 - No: 14.15%
2. Do you support the location and the form of the Village Green as proposed in the draft Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve Landscape Masterplan?
 - Yes: 89.43%
 - No: 10.57%
3. Do you support the construction of an all-abilities standard path to the Pier as proposed in the draft Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve Landscape Masterplan?
 - Yes: 96.45%
 - No: 03.55%
4. Do you support a permanent or temporary kiosk at the Lighthouse Reserve? (Respondents were asked to select one option only).
 - No kiosk: 47.14%
 - Temporary kiosk: 23.85%
 - Permanent kiosk: 29.01%
5. What is your preferred option for treatment of the Toc H buildings? (Respondents were asked to select one option only).
 - Demolish all four existing buildings and install interpretative signs on site: 45.16%
 - Remove asbestos from all four buildings, install new cladding using material similar to original P1 huts, fit out largest building (McDonald's Hall) as an exhibit, seal and



secure the three remaining buildings to prevent access to the inside of the buildings: 28.10%

- Another option, such as install new cladding using material similar to original P1 huts, fit out largest building (McDonald's Hall) as an exhibit, convert one other building into a shelter, remove remaining two buildings and install interpretative representation of them: 26.74%

The survey results and other consultation feedback were presented to Council for consideration at its Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 24 January 2019. Further updates will be provided as soon as possible.

Council's funding agreement with the State Government specifies that the landscape design for the Point Lonsdale Lighthouse Reserve must be finalised by the end of January 2019, with the landscaping works to be completed by 31 July 2019.

Council is proud to participate in a wide variety of events and activities in partnership with local businesses and organisations. Here are some highlights from 2018.



Canoe, the famous lead commission of Mountain to Mouth, passes through the Borough.



Celebrating the inclusion of the Queenscliff Maritime Museum's book collection into the Geelong Regional Libraries catalogue.



Council's local Seniors Festival events included a visit to Government House.



The community paused to reflect on Remembrance Day 2018.



Local primary school students stretched their legs on Walk To School day.



The 2018 Queenscliff Music Festival attracted the usual crowds of happy music lovers.

