

BOROUGH BITES



Phil Josipovic, General Manager Planning and Infrastructure, Borough of Queenscliffe, Alan Stokes, Executive Director, Australian Coastal Councils Association Inc., Leigh Dennis, Coastal Adaptation Program Manager, City of Greater Geelong / Borough of Queenscliffe, and Rodney Thomas, Manager Environment and Waste, City of Greater Geelong at the Australian Coastal Awards.

Our Coast project wins national Climate Adaptation Award

The Borough of Queenscliffe, together with project partner the City of Greater Geelong, has been awarded the Australian Coastal Councils' Climate Adaptation Award for its Our Coast project.

Geelong Queenscliffe Coastal Adaptation Planning Project Chairperson, Cr Bob Merriman, was delighted to see Our Coast grow from humble beginnings to an extraordinary outcome on a national stage.

"This project was brought about by the desire to protect local assets, particularly housing, by providing up-to-date advice about coastal erosion, potential sea level rise and ground water projection," said Cr Merriman.

Our Coast is a joint initiative made up of contributions from the City of Greater Geelong, the Borough of Queenscliffe, the Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, Barwon Coast Committee of Management Incorporated, Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee of Management and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

The project leads the way in identifying and addressing risks associated with sea level rise. It is an outstanding example of a partnership approach to coastal land management.

Extensive community participation and consultation provided well-researched climate adaptation options to assist the community to plan for the future. The learning from Our Coast can be transferred to any coastal council and sets a benchmark for approaches to land management in general.

"On behalf of the project partners I would like to acknowledge the significant contribution of the Victorian State Government and the Minister for Water, Hon Lisa Neville MP towards this project. Without the foresight and funding of the State Government, the project would not have been possible," said Cr Merriman.

"I also acknowledge the project partners and their representatives for their tireless efforts and highlight the input of City of Greater Geelong Program Manager, Leigh Dennis, Borough of Queenscliffe General Manager Phil Josipovic and Borough of Queenscliffe Executive Officer Jessica Chappell," said Cr Merriman.

"It is very reassuring to know that there is such intelligent, well-informed and valuable work happening toward the preservation of our coastlines and coastal communities," said Cr Merriman.

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Friday 4 May and Saturday 12 May 2018

Community Open House Sessions – Golightly Park master plan options

Saturday 5 May and Friday 11 May 2018

Community Open House Sessions – Queenscliff Recreation Reserve / Victorian Park and Royal Park master plan options

Monday 7 May 2018

Presentation of draft 2018-19 Budget and draft 2018-19 Implementation Plan

Saturday 19 May 2018

E-waste drop-off day

Thursday 31 May 2018

Fourth rates instalment due

Monday 11 June 2018

Council offices closed for Queen's Birthday public holiday

Weekends from 22 June to 14 July 2018

Low Light Winter Festival

2018 Council Meetings

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

- Thursday 24 May
- Thursday 21 June
- Thursday 26 July
- Thursday 23 August
- Thursday 20 September

Members of the public are welcome to attend.





Have your say on Caravan Parks Master Plan Report

Members of the community are invited to review the 2018 Queenscliffe Council Managed Caravan Parks Master Plan Report and provide feedback to Council on the proposed options for each of the Council-managed caravan parks in the Borough of Queenscliffe.

The report can be downloaded from the Current Projects section of Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, and hard copies are available for review from the Customer Service team at Council's offices at 50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff.

"My fellow Councillors and I are very eager to hear the community's views on the master plan report," said Borough of Queenscliffe Mayor, Cr Susan Salter.

Written feedback submissions on the draft master plan options are invited until 4.00pm on Friday 25 May 2018. Submissions should be addressed to Lenny Jenner, Chief Executive Officer, Borough of Queenscliffe and can be returned:

- By email to info@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au
- By post to PO Box 93, Queenscliff, Victoria, 3225
- In person at Council's offices at 50 Learmonth St

Council will also host community open house sessions about each of the caravan parks at the Point Lonsdale Primary School Hall, 22 Bowen Road, Point Lonsdale on the following days:

- Golightly Park draft master plan options
 - Friday 4 May 2018 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm
 - Saturday 12 May 2018 from 9.00am to 11.00am
- Queenscliff Recreation Reserve / Victoria Park and Royal Park draft master plan options
 - Saturday 5 May 2018 from 9.00am to 11.00am
 - Friday 11 May 2018 from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Community members are invited to drop in at any time to the community open house sessions.

"We have scheduled these sessions to make sure people in the community have an opportunity to review the draft master plan options, educate themselves and ask questions," said Cr Salter.

"I encourage everyone with an interest in Council's caravan parks to join us at the community open house sessions."

What's new in the Borough of Queenscliffe Rating Strategy?

The updated Borough of Queenscliffe Rating Strategy, adopted by Council at its Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 1 March 2018, includes a number of key changes that will come into effect on Sunday 1 July 2018.

Increased pension rebate

Council will increase 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 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 separate to rebates offered by other levels of government, including the state government's Municipal Rates Concession Scheme.

Visit the 'Publications, strategies and reports' page on Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, to read the updated Rating Strategy in full and please contact Council on 5258 1377 or by email at info@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au if you have any questions.



Fixed charge for kerbside waste collection

Currently, kerbside waste collection charges in the Borough of Queenscliffe are based on the capital improved value of each property. Council's updated Rating Strategy introduces a fixed charge for kerbside waste collection that will apply from 1 July 2018.

This means that all general residential and tourism accommodation properties in the Borough of Queenscliffe will be levied the same amount for kerbside waste collection,

rather than an amount derived from the value of each property.

The move to a fixed charge for kerbside waste collection ensures an equal contribution to the cost of provision of this service by all properties that benefit from it, and acknowledges that property value does not necessarily reflect the capacity of the property owner to pay a higher or lower levy for kerbside waste collection.

New differential rate for residential vacant land

The updated Rating Strategy introduces a differential rate for residential vacant land in the Borough of Queenscliffe.

This new differential rate aims to both encourage development of housing on vacant land and ensure that all rateable properties in the Borough of Queenscliffe 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 updated Rating Strategy, residential vacant land is defined as land upon which there are no buildings, structures or improvements.

Council's green waste and kerbside waste collection charges are not applied to residential vacant land properties, on the assumption that these properties have no need of this service. However, the annual public waste collection charge applies to all rateable properties in the Borough, including residential vacant land properties, based on the principle that all property owners in the Borough benefit from the public waste collection service and should contribute equally to the cost of providing the service.

More information about the new residential vacant land rate is available in Council's Residential Vacant Land Rate policy, available on the Council Policies page of the Borough of Queenscliffe website at www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/council/publications-strategies-and-reports/policies.

Message from the Mayor



I would like to thank our Council officers, community volunteers and members of the RSL for their significant contribution to our Anzac Day commemorative services. Our three Anzac Day services, particularly the Dawn Service in Queenscliff, were an especially moving acknowledgement of the 100th anniversary of the end of World War 1. Let us not forget.

As well as being integral to our Anzac Day services, the Queenscliff-Point Lonsdale RSL been a major contributor to the Geelong Regional Libraries' Geelong Honours Them project. This project, launched in April, will collate information from World War 1 Honour Boards

in the Borough of Queenscliff, City of Greater Geelong, Golden Plains Shire and Surf Coast Shire into a comprehensive online record, preserving our social history and making it accessible to everybody in the community.

I must also acknowledge the contributions of the Queenscliff Historical Museum toward the project. The proportion of Honour Boards in the Borough of Queenscliff speaks for the historical sacrifice of members our own community and the importance of honouring those who have served, and continue to serve, on our behalf.

Our Avenue of Honour community reference group recently travelled to Portsea to find out more about management of Monterey Cypress trees in the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

This was a marvellous opportunity for collaboration between councils. Officers from Mornington Peninsula Shire generously shared the expertise and insights developed during their ongoing tree management program, in which they have wrestled with difficulties that are very similar, if not identical, to those affecting our own Avenue of Honour trees and other commemorative Monterey Cypress plantings within the Borough's boundaries. All the members of the reference group agreed that it was a very valuable experience, and we were

all highly impressed by the level of knowledge demonstrated by our colleagues across the bay.

Enclosed with this edition of Borough Bites is an Avenue of Honour Community Update that introduces the members of the reference group and provides an overview of our aims and activities.

If you have any feedback for the reference group, or stories and history that you would like to share with us, please email us at info@queenscliff.vic.gov.au with 'Avenue of Honour Reference Group' as the email subject heading.

Finally, I would like to thank our local businesses who have enthusiastically embraced the inaugural Low Light Festival, which will be staged at venues in Point Lonsdale and Queenscliff over weekends from 22 June to 14 July. Low Light promises to be a fantastic celebration of winter in the Borough, and with its exciting line up of events following on from the wonderful Sacrededge and Queenscliff Literary Festivals that will carry us through May, we certainly have a lot to look forward to. Visit www.lowlightqueenscliff.com.au to plan your winter adventure with us.

Cr Susan Salter
Mayor, Borough of Queenscliff

The Borough's newest Australian citizen

At Council's 2018 Australia Day celebration, Point Lonsdale resident Brian Cornish became the Borough's first new citizen for the year.

Originally from Vancouver Island in Canada, Brian's mining career brought him to Australia. He now lives with his wife Alison and their border collie Molly in Point Lonsdale.

"We just love the beach, the community and the whole lifestyle which is just so laid back," says Brian.

Alison traded the corporate world for her own business, Hermit Crab, a homewares and gift

store located in the Point Lonsdale shopping village. Her longstanding family ties to Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale drew the couple back to the Borough to live permanently.

Brian and Alison are social members at the Point Lonsdale Bowls Club and love to participate in the Club's social activities such as the Community Bowls competition held in February.

"The Point Lonsdale Bowls Club is terrific and many of our neighbours and friends are also members," says Brian.

"With our busy work schedules, the Club gives us a great opportunity to meet with our friends and enjoy the club facilities."

"We certainly appreciate everything the local Borough community has to offer."



New citizen Brian Cornish (centre) with Borough of Queenscliff Mayor, Cr Susan Salter and Australia Day Ambassador Ian Coutts.

2018 e-waste drop-off day - Saturday 19 May

Council will hold its annual e-waste drop-off day again this year, at the Ocean View car park in Queenscliff on Saturday 19 May from 9.00am to 2.00pm.

Borough of Queenscliff ratepayers are invited to bring your old, unwanted or broken electronic or electrical equipment to the drop-off day.

Please note that the following items cannot be accepted:

- Household batteries
- Light globes
- Whitegoods including fridges, freezers, ovens / stoves, dryers and washing machines
- Air conditioners
- Smoke detectors

Please remember to remove any batteries from e-waste items. More information is available on the 'E-waste drop-off' page of our website, www.queenscliff.vic.gov.au, but please feel free to call us on 5258 1377 if you have further questions about our e-waste collection event.

Community Grants now open

Council's annual Community Development Grants program is open from Tuesday 1 May 2018 until 4.00pm on Friday 8 June 2018. The Grants program Guidelines and Application Form are available on Council's website, www.queenscliff.vic.gov.au, or from Council's offices at 50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff.

Please contact Shannon Di Lisio, Economic and Community Development Program Leader at info@queenscliff.vic.gov.au or by calling 5258 1377 for further information.

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:

Sacrededg Festival

Friday 4 May, Saturday 5 May, Sunday 6 May.
Check out www.unitingqueenscliff.org.au to find out more about this marvellous, enriching and thought-provoking weekend at the Uniting Church in Queenscliff and book your tickets.

Adobe Spark – Tell Your Story

Thursday 10 May. Learn how to create a digital Exploration Story for the Queenscliff Literary Festival on your iPad at the Queenscliff Library from 2.30pm to 3.30pm. Bring along any photos you wish to include, and find out how to use Adobe Spark to create your story. Participants in this free session will also be invited to share their presentations with an audience on Saturday 26 May.

Local Voices – a Queenscliffe Literary Festival Event

19 May 2018. A conversation with Ian Duckworth (The Rip), Greg Jones (Walk A Crooked Mile), and Col Moyle (Indebted), facilitated by local author Dorothy Johnston at the Point Lonsdale Boardriders Club from 10.00am to 11.00am. Tickets available from www.queenscliffliteraryfestival.com.au or the Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre.

National Reconciliation Week

Saturday 26 May. Queenscliff Reconciliation is holding a National Reconciliation Week event at the Point Lonsdale Primary School from 2.00pm until 4.00pm. Come along and learn about traditional weaving, make a boomerang, enjoy damper from the barbecue and more.

Open mic Sunday Session with ZIGGY at Queenscliff Brewhouse

Sunday 27 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.

Bellarine Lighthouse Films Weekend

Friday 22 June, Saturday 23 June, Sunday 24 June. Bellarine Lighthouse Films teams up with the inaugural Low Light Festival to present their seventh annual films weekend. Don't miss this year's weekend of fine art films, special guests and plenty more festival fun at the Queenscliff Town Hall. 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. Check out www.bellarinelighthousefilms.com.au to find out more.

Low Light Festival

The Low Light Festival is a celebration of winter in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale and will be held over four consecutive weekends from Friday 22 June 2018 to Saturday 14 July 2018.

Over four enchanting weekends, the town's public spaces, galleries, cafes and restaurants will play host to a dazzling array of art, music, film screenings, literary readings and culinary delights.

The enthusiasm and support of our local businesses has resulted in a fantastic program of events curated by artistic director Bonnie Dalton and available to view on the festival website, www.lowlightqueenscliff.com.au.

To stay up-to-date with the festival, receive the latest news and check out the events on offer, follow Low Light on Facebook (www.facebook.com/LowLightQueenscliff) and Instagram ([lowlightq](https://www.instagram.com/lowlightq)) and keep your eyes on the festival website.

Queenscliffe Literary Festival

With keynote speakers John Bell, founder of the Bell Shakespeare Company and acclaimed author Robert Dessaix as its major drawcards, tickets for the 2018 Queenscliffe Literary Festival are selling fast.

The Queenscliffe Literary Festival is staged on weekends throughout May and is a feast of workshops, launches, conversations and presentations.

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

2018 Geelong Small Business Festival

The Borough of Queenscliffe will again play host to a series of events as part of the 2018 Geelong Small Business Festival.

Held throughout the month of August, the Borough will feature key speakers and topics with both morning and evening sessions available.

The festival program will be released on Wednesday 27 June 2018. Copies will be available for download from Council's website or you can contact Council's Tourism and Economic Development Officer on 5258 1377 for further information.

Refugee Week

Refugee Week is an annual celebration of the positive contributions of refugees to Australian society. This year Refugee Week runs from Sunday 17 June to Saturday 23 June. A celebration event will be held in the Borough of Queenscliffe – keep your eyes on Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, for details.

Does your community organisation have an event, workshop or activity that you would like to promote? Please bring a copy of your flyer to Council's offices at 50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff or email a copy to info@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, and we can post your flyer on the Community Noticeboard next to the post office boxes in Point Lonsdale Village.

If you would like to find out more about the Community Noticeboard or Council's online Events calendar, please call us on 5258 1377 or send an email to info@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au and we will be happy to help – and remember, you can also upload your event to Council's online Events calendar at www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au/events.

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.

Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre

Stay up to date with the latest news and event information



Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre

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T. 5258 4843 or 1300 884 843



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