

BOROUGH BITES



A job well done by the 1st Queenscliff Sea Scouts Cub Pack. Back: Daphne, Matilda, Leah and Jacquie Johnston (leader). Middle: Tom, Josie, Indigo, Toby, Monty, Indiana. Front: Thomas and Virginia.

Cubs lead the way with Borough clean up event

Members of the 1st Queenscliff Sea Scouts Cub Scouts recently organised and participated in a litter collection event as part of Clean Up Australia.

11 Sea Scout Cubs, plus leaders and parents spent the evening collecting litter from the Borough's foreshores, starting from Lovers Walk and finishing at the Ocean View Car Park. The litter collected was made up of a variety of items that may otherwise have ended up in our waterways, including:

- Aluminum cans, glass and plastic bottles
- Plastic food packaging

- Paper (tissues, napkins, newspapers)
- Cigarette butts
- Metal strapping
- Rusty metal bed frame
- Plastic bags
- Dog poo bags

The Cubs collected two bags of litter and one bag of recyclables at this year's event.

Council congratulates the Cubs, their parents and the Cub group leaders on a job well done.

G21 councils collaborate on funding application for Rural Councils Transformation Program

Following a successful Expression of Interest submitted to the State Government in October 2018 by G21 Councils, Council resolved to move forward with the Rural Councils Transformation Program (RCTP) Business Case Submission at its Ordinary Meeting on Thursday 28 March 2019.

The RCTP is a Victorian State Government initiative that aims to support Councils in finding solutions to their significant financial challenges. The grant application is seeking up to \$5m funding from the State Government and is a joint submission from the five G21 councils – Surf Coast Shire Council, City of Greater Geelong

Council, Colac Otway Shire Council, Golden Plains Shire Council, and the Borough of Queenscliff Council.

The key purpose of the RCTP is to increase operating efficiencies and provide a better service to the community. The RCTP encourages collaboration, sharing and working in partnerships and is an extension of what we are currently doing. What is being proposed is a common approach and framework to asset management systems and practises, capital works program delivery, strategic procurement and regional staff sharing, with the common goal of building capability and sharing delivery.

The State Government will make a decision on the RCTP grant application by 30 June 2019. Should it be successful, the project implementation will be rolled out over a three-year period.

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Wednesday 1 May 2019

Community Grants applications open

Friday 3 to Sunday 5 May 2019

Sacrededge 'Spirituality in diversity'

Weekends from Friday 3 May to Sunday 30 June 2019

Low Light Festival

Saturday 18 May 2019

Annual e-waste drop-off day

Weekends from 11 to 26 May 2019

Queenscliffe Literary Festival

Monday 20 May 2019

Volunteers Recognition Celebration

Friday 28 to Sunday 30 June 2019

Bellarine Lighthouse Film Festival

2019 Council Meetings

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

- Thursday 23 May 2019
- Thursday 20 June 2019
- Thursday 25 July 2019
- Thursday 22 August 2019
- Thursday 19 September 2019
- Thursday 24 October 2019
- Thursday 28 November 2019
- Thursday 19 December 2019

Members of the public are welcome to attend.





Shaun McKearney shows off a Sprout House Farm starter kit

Inaugural Sustainable Living Show leads the way in sustainable living solutions

On Saturday 23 March 2019, more than 500 people attended the inaugural Transition Towns Queenscliffe Sustainable Living Show.

Residents from across the Bellarine and visitors from Melbourne and interstate came together in an effort to learn more about simple ways to incorporate sustainable practices in daily life. Some of the highlights from the day included:

- Members from the Queenscliff and District Men's Shed, who had collected coffee grinds from 17 local cafes to give away, providing advice on how to best use them to improve soils in the garden.
- 'Teabag tag art' in the shape of oversized flowers prepared by the Bellarine Community Health CARE group.
- The highly attended Quick Talks program, which covered topics such as converting an established home into a sustainable home, starting and maintaining a worm farm, keeping bees in your backyard, tiny homes and growing food in tight spaces.
- A showcase of old and new vehicles, including an electric car and a Morris Minor on display.
- Market stallholders selling locally produced honey, beeswax food wraps, indigenous plants, homewares, clothing and more.

The Sustainable Living Show provided a wonderful opportunity for both locals and

visitors to the Borough to gain expert advice and learn more about smart, simple and sustainable living solutions. This event really highlighted the vital message of sustainability and the success of the Sustainable Living Show is testament to the hard work and dedication of the event organisers.

Refugee Week screening of 'Border Politics'

As part of Refugee Week 2019, a screening of the film 'Border Politics' will be held on Saturday 15 June at 3:15pm at the Queenscliff Uniting Church at 85 Hesse Street, Queenscliff.

This feature length documentary follows human rights barrister Julian Burnside AO as he traverses the globe examining harsh treatment meted out to refugees by most Western democracies. Burnside defines humanity with the universally recognised golden rule – 'do unto others as you would have them do unto you' – as a benchmark. He questions whether the West has lost its moral compass by adopting ideas that reject humanity and undermine democracy.



Julian Burnside AO will answer questions after the Refugee Week screening of 'Border Politics'

The screening will be followed by a question and answer session with Julian Burnside. Entry is \$15 with all proceeds raised from the event going to Queenscliff Rural Australians for Refugees (QRAR) in support of their work with refugees and asylum seekers. Book your tickets online on the trybooking website at www.trybooking.com/492043.

Refugee Week will take place between 15 June and 22 June 2019. Council works with QRAR, the Queenscliff Uniting Church, St George the Martyr Anglican Church Queenscliff and Trinity Aid for Refugees to plan and run a number of events and activities in the municipality throughout Refugee Week.

Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club secures funding for new clubhouse

Council is very pleased at the recent announcement confirming that the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club (PLSLSC) has been successful in securing Federal Government funding, provided under round three of the Building Better Regions Fund, to rebuild the PLSLSC clubhouse.

Federal Member for Corangamite, the Honourable Sarah Henderson MP, announced the funding for the new clubhouse at the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club on Sunday 3 March 2019. This Federal Government funding will support ongoing training and development and community activities.

The \$650,000 funding provided by the Federal Government acknowledges the value of surf life saving within the local community. By rebuilding the PLSLSC clubhouse, club members and the broader community will enjoy improved facilities and the opportunity to develop a stronger social environment within the new clubhouse.

The Federal Government also provided the Point Lonsdale Surf Life Saving Club with an additional \$10,000 funding under the Stronger Communities Program.

2019 e-waste drop-off day

When: Saturday 18 May 2019 from 9:00am to 2:00pm

Where: Ocean View Car Park in Queenscliff

Borough of Queenscliffe residents and ratepayers are invited to gather up old, broken or unwanted e-waste items such as televisions, computers and computer equipment, printers, cameras and mobile phones and bring them to Council's annual e-waste drop-off event.

For a full list of what can and can't be collected, head over to the E-waste Drop-off page on Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, or call us on 5258 1377.

Message from the Mayor



The Councillors would like to thank our Council officers, community volunteers and members of the RSL for their significant contribution to our three Anzac Day commemorative services held in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale. The three services were a moving acknowledgement of the ongoing contribution of our armed forces and the sacrifices they continue to make. *Lest we forget.*

Council is very pleased to report that we have completed a number of projects during the first half of the 2018–19 financial year.

This includes the completion of 20 new capital and asset renewal projects, including sporting infrastructure improvements at the Queenscliff

Recreation Reserve, construction of a new roundabout at Point Lonsdale Road and Ocean Road to improve traffic flows, and a new pathway on the Bellarine Highway from Nelson Road to the school crossing to improve pedestrian safety and access.

Our achievements are outlined in the Council Plan Quarterly Progress Report, presented at the Ordinary Meeting of Council on Wednesday 24 April 2019. This report reinforces the importance of good working relationships and project partnerships between residents, local community organisations, Council, neighbouring municipalities and other levels of Government.

To learn more about Council's performance to date, we encourage you to visit the 'Ordinary Meetings of Council for 2019' page on our website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, and refer to the Council Plan Quarterly Progress Report in the Ordinary Meeting Agenda for April 2019.

Enclosed with this edition of Borough Bites is information inviting local community groups to submit applications for Council's annual Community Development Grants program.

The Community Grants program aims to encourage and assist community organisations to be actively involved in the community they operate within, empower communities to become stronger and more economically, environmentally and socially sustainable, enhance leadership, and develop a sense of pride, ownership and identity within communities. We strongly encourage eligible groups to submit an application.

Finally, it is wonderful to see our local groups and community organisations leading the way in promoting sustainability practises. Congratulations to the 1st Queenscliff Sea Scouts Cub group on their Borough clean-up efforts and Transition Towns Queenscliffe on the success of the recent Sustainable Living Show.

*Cr Bob Merriman
Mayor, Borough of Queenscliffe*



The Hon. Sarah Henderson MP joined Garry Spry, President of the Queenscliffe Historical Society and Borough of Queenscliffe Councillors and CEO to announce Federal funding for the Queenscliffe Hub

Queenscliffe Hub funding announcement

Council welcomes the recent announcement by Federal Member for Corangamite, the Hon. Sarah Henderson MP, confirming the Borough of Queenscliffe's successful funding application for the Queenscliffe Hub project.

The Federal funding will add to contributions from the State Government's Living Libraries Program and Community Support Fund, along with funding from Council, toward the successful completion of the Queenscliffe Hub.

The Queenscliffe Hub is a project that offers substantial economic and social benefits for our region. It recognises the importance of the Queenscliffe Historical Museum, Queenscliffe Visitor Information Centre and Queenscliff Library in the preservation and promotion of our maritime, military and cultural heritage.

Council looks forward to working with all stakeholders to ensure a great result for the Borough of Queenscliffe community.

Community Grants applications go online

Council is inviting local community groups to submit online applications for the annual Borough of Queenscliffe Community Grants program.

We are very pleased to provide an online application process, developed in response to feedback from the community, for our 2019 Community Grants program.

In addition to the online process, application forms can be downloaded from Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, or picked up from Council's offices at 50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff, completed, and returned:

- By email to info@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au;
- By mail to PO Box 93, Queenscliff, Victoria, 3225; or
- In person at Council's offices.

Council invites applications for the Community Grants program from Wednesday 1 May 2019 until 4:00pm on Friday 7 June 2019.

In 2018 Council awarded over \$19,000 of grant funding to a range of local organisations. We are proud to support these organisations that play such an important role in our community.

Grants are available to not-for-profit community groups or organisations with the capacity to match the grant amount on a dollar for dollar basis, either in cash and / or through in-kind labour and materials. Only one grant application per organisation can be accepted.

Eligible projects must be managed through a legal entity such as an incorporated association, be of benefit to Borough of Queenscliffe residents, commence after 1 July 2019 and

be completed by 30 June 2020. Projects with multiple components are permitted.

More detailed information can be found in the Grant Program Guidelines, available on Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, and from Council's offices at 50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff.

QEDAC Expressions of Interest

Council invites members of the community to submit expressions of interest for two new industry and/or skills-based members to join the Queenscliffe Economic Development Advisory Committee (QEDAC).

Expressions of interest are invited until 4:00pm on Friday 10 May 2019 and can be submitted:

- Via an online application form available on the Economic Development Advisory Committee page of Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au;
- By email to info@queenscliffe.vic.gov.au;
- By mail to PO Box 53, Queenscliff, Victoria, 3225; or
- In person at Council's offices at 50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff.

The primary responsibility of QEDAC members is to provide strategic advice to Council on opportunities and issues related to economic development in the Borough of Queenscliffe.

All relevant documentation is available on the Economic Development Advisory Committee page of Council's website, www.queenscliffe.vic.gov.au, and from Council's offices at 50 Learmonth Street, Queenscliff.

To request a copy of the QEDAC Expression of Interest form and/or Terms of Reference, and for any further information about the QEDAC expression of interest application process, please contact Council's Customer Service team on 03 5258 1377.

LOW LIGHT

2019 Low Light Festival

The Low Light Festival, a celebration of winter in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale, will be held from Friday 3 May 2019 to Sunday 30 June 2019.

Over nine enchanting weekends, our public spaces, galleries, cafés and restaurants will host a dazzling array of art, music, film screenings, literary readings and culinary delights.

The enthusiasm and support of local businesses has resulted in another fantastic program of events, once again curated by the Queenscliff Music Festival directors. The program will shortly be available to view on the Low Light website, www.lowlightqueenscliff.com.au.

Subscribe to the Festival newsletter at www.lowlightqueenscliff.com.au to receive the latest news and stay up to date with what's on during Low Light, and remember to, follow Low Light on Facebook (www.facebook.com/LowLightQueenscliff) and Instagram ([lowlightq](https://www.instagram.com/lowlightq)).

What's on?

Check out Council's online events calendar at www.queenscliff.vic.gov.au/events for a comprehensive list of upcoming events and activities in the Borough of Queenscliff.

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Queenscliff Literary Festival

Over three weekends from Saturday 11 May 2019 to Sunday 26 May 2019, the Queenscliff Literary Festival (QLF) will celebrate the work of Australian writers and artists with a varied and inspiring schedule of events in Queenscliff and Point Lonsdale.

In its fifth year, the Queenscliff Literary Festival presents 'Inside Out', another bumper program of panels, conversations with keynote speakers, poetry, performance, and a dinner celebrating the lives and cuisine of Mirka and Georges Mora.

There will also be workshops for writers and artists and a free kids' program held in primary schools, day care and kindergartens in the Borough of Queenscliff.

With a list of visiting writers that reads like a who's who of Australian literary talent, tickets for the 2019 Queenscliff Literary Festival are selling fast. Follow the QLF on Facebook @queenscliffliteraryfestival and visit the QLF website, www.queenscliffliteraryfestival.com.au, to secure your seat at events featuring legends such as Helen Garner, Richard Fidler, Sarah Ferguson, Michael Robotham, Alice Pung, Heather Morris, Michael Veitch, William McInnes, Meshel Laurie, Peter Phelps, Rosalie Ham and many others.

Please note that the Kerry O'Brien in conversation with Maxine McKew event on Saturday 11 May 2019 has sold out, however you can add your name to a waiting list on the QLF website.



Alice Pung will present 'Home' with Rick Morton at the QLF on Saturday 18 May 2019.



Helen Garner and Richard Fidler will discuss 'Finding the Story' at the QLF on Saturday 26 May.



Kerry O'Brien in conversation with Maxine McKew has sold out.

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@queenscliff.vic.gov.au, and we can post your flyer on the Community Noticeboard next to the post office boxes in Point Lonsdale Village.

Local markets

Point Lonsdale Market

Second 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 on 5258 4843 or 1300 884 843 for assistance.

Queenscliff Visitor Information Centre

Stay up to date with the latest news and event information



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