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Our cover: Corio teenager BJ O'Toole has a busy year ahead of him, but the memories of his achievements in 2014 will never be far from his mind. See the full story on PAGE 7.



## Editor's letter

Welcome to Term1 and a new year of Northerly Aspects, your community newsletter.

I hope you're ready for another busy year and looking forward to the opportunities it will present.

Corio teenager BJ O'Toole is making the most of every opportunity with a busy life that includes work, sport and community service. You can read about him on Page 7.

This edition also features some older members of the community who are playing an important role in supporting others in various ways. There's always room for more helpers, so please think about how you might get involved.

On these pages you'll also find details of opportunities for education, training, social groups, art and craft, music, sport and leisure. I hope you find something that interests you as the new year begins.

Our next edition will be delivered in the Term 1 school holidays.

Jeanette Watt  
Editor, on behalf of the Northerly Aspects  
Editorial Committee

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# Members move on

The Norlane branch of Neighbourhood Watch held its last meeting in November, when organisers were unable to find new volunteers to help them.

The group played an important role in crime prevention during its 28 years and will retain a presence through Facebook.

Rob Everett (pictured) was a member of the group for its last nine years and said he was sad to see the end of Neighbourhood Watch in Norlane. He had recently retired when we went along to a meeting and ended up a key member.

**"We've done our best and had some fun. And we've met a lot of good people."**

Each month, Rob and his wife Maureen were kept busy producing and delivering 650 newsletters in their neighbourhood.

In 2010 Rob received an Award of Honour for his work with the group, in particular the role he played in organising 25th birthday celebrations for Geelong Neighbourhood Watch.

Rob said he had gained a lot of satisfaction from his involvement and often received calls from residents needing all sorts of help, including footpath repairs "which we had fixed".

"We've done our best and had some fun," he said. "And we've met a lot of good people."



To keep in touch with Neighbourhood Watch, go to [www.facebook.com/Neighbourhood-Watch-Geelong](http://www.facebook.com/Neighbourhood-Watch-Geelong).

# Have fun with music

Mainly Music is a fun music group for parents and care givers to enjoy together with their young child. Throughout the session, children develop gross and fine motor skills, language, imagination, mathematical and pre-reading skills, as well as socialise with others.

Each mainly music is associated with and is run by volunteers from a local church.

Young children and their care givers join together for a fun 30 minute music session, then afterwards enjoy snacks and refreshments in a relaxed setting.

It is an activity for children from birth to school age. At Norlane Mainly Music there are children attending who range in age from 12 months to four years.

Mainly Music Norlane happens each Tuesday during the school term at Corio-Norlane Uniting Church, 10 Wendover Avenue, Norlane, starting at 10am.

Cost is \$2 per child, up to a maximum of \$5 per family.

For more details contact Dorothy Parkes on 0412-360-760, or drop in on a Tuesday morning.

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DoCare Geelong Co-operative Ltd is a not for profit community-based organisation. Its Volunteer Engagement Manager Karen Williams said programs including home visiting, home library and planned activities and outings are important in enabling people to remain living at home longer. "These programs help older people feel supported and

offer them opportunities to participate in their community," she said.

Les Stinchcombe is one resident who enjoys regular visits from volunteer Brian. They were paired just over 12 months ago and immediately hit it off.

"We've found that we have things in common that we enjoy talking about," Brian said. "And I'm always learning something new from Les."

Brian started volunteering as he

recovered from a serious accident and wasn't yet able to return to work. He now fits in visits to Les with a part-time job and other volunteering roles. Les, who recently celebrated his 80th birthday, said he enjoys the company and friendship. "Brian is a good man to talk to and has broad interests," Les said. "We have a chat and a joke."

For more information about volunteering or receiving a Do Care visitor, contact Karen Williams, 5298-1053 or [karen@docaregeelong.com.au](mailto:karen@docaregeelong.com.au).



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# Visitors making a difference

Community volunteers in Geelong's north are making a difference in the lives of isolated older people from multicultural backgrounds.

Australian Multicultural Community Services, a not-for-profit organisation, provides help at home and other support services to older people, people with disabilities and their carers in Geelong. Its Multicultural Visiting Program enables socially-isolated elderly people to receive free fortnightly visits from a multicultural visitor for friendship and companionship.

In Geelong, 80-year-old Czeslawa Turega enjoys regular visits from volunteer Teresa. Mrs Turega lives independently and is happy knowing there is someone to make sure she's



Volunteer Teresa and Mrs Turega enjoy a chat and cuppa during one of their visits.

doing well.

"It's not easy when you live on your own, sometimes you feel lonely," Mrs Turega said. "Teresa is very friendly and empathetic and never complains about my cake, ha ha. We both like gardening, so a regular inspection of my garden is always done when she comes. I am happy I can share my interests with her. I much appreciate Teresa's companionship".

Teresa said the relationship is rewarding for her too. "Mrs Turega is always looking forward to seeing me; there is always a beautiful cake and a coffee on arrival," she said.

"Mrs Turega loves to share her stories from the past. The elderly are a treasure because they have seen, heard and experienced so much in their lives that they can pass that wisdom onto others."

For more information about the community visitor program, contact Jacek Sokolowski, phone 5275-2088 or email: [jacek.sokolowski@amcservices.org.au](mailto:jacek.sokolowski@amcservices.org.au).

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# New challenges for talented BJ

Corio teenager BJ O'Toole is looking forward to new challenges this year, although the highlights of 2014 will never be far from his mind.

Eighteen-year-old BJ was thrust into the national spotlight as the designer of the football jumper worn by the Geelong Cats in the AFL's Indigenous Round. The design was one of "six or seven" he produced, with the Cats players making the final choice.

BJ said it was a proud time for him and his family. The keen artist also has a growing reputation as a young champion of his local and indigenous communities.

He won an Impetus Youth Award in 2012 for his community and art work. Since then he's achieved his Bronze Medallion and volunteers through Surfing Victoria and Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-Operative for surfing and social events.

BJ said he enjoys being a role model for other young people and draws his inspiration from his mother Corrina and grandfather Norm Eccles, who also work hard for the community.

Cats player Matthew Stokes is another important mentor.



BJ is looking forward to 2015 and the challenges it brings. He will continue to play Senior football for the Corio Football Club and in October started a 12-month traineeship with the TAC.

The traineeship will involve working for four-month stints with different teams in the TAC and he hopes the opportunity will lead to a permanent position.



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### How is safety managed at the site?

The Terminals Safety Case details how it manages the risks associated with its operations at Geelong. It states how employees, materials and equipment are managed so the facility operates safely.

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**Don McKenzie**, Operations Manager

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Terminals has stored a range of chemicals over time and it currently stores:

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### Community grants

Terminals has a community grants program for not-for-profit Groups in North Geelong. More information is available at: [www.terminalspl.com.au/community](http://www.terminalspl.com.au/community)



# Time to get active

Leisure Networks will conduct a program at Cloverdale Community Centre aimed at getting adults involved in physical activity.

Active Adults is a physical activity program based in parks. Individuals are supported by qualified instructors to help build self-esteem, motivation, confidence and the skills to exercise regularly.

The sessions cater for all abilities and offer a wide range of fun activities. Links are made to local community organisations to encourage ongoing and increased participation in physical activity.

Who can be involved? Anyone 18-plus years who could benefit from making



positive lifestyle changes. All fitness levels and abilities are welcome.

The eight-week program starts on Monday, February 2 at 11am at Cloverdale Community Centre and each session will run for one hour.

Activities will include pole walking, park games, frisbee, croquet and yoga. For more information phone Anna Brown at Leisure Networks, 5224-9138, or e-mail [anna@leisurenetworks.org](mailto:anna@leisurenetworks.org).

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# Dedicated to changing lives

Sharyn Faulkner goes to work each day with a purpose – to change the lives of those from the most disadvantaged circumstances. It is this dedication for which she was awarded the prestigious Karingal Employee Award at the organisation's 2014 Annual General Meeting.

The Corio MatchWorks Employment Consultant's caring and empathetic approach to each of her clients has seen many of the most underprivileged job seekers from the Corio area find ongoing employment against the odds.

Her colleagues describe her as a 'mother hen' to her clients. While many of us take for granted the opportunity we have to participate in education and paid work, Sharyn appreciates the struggle faced by some and aims to make their lives better.

Her hard work and dedication with one particular client, Rabby, was recognised when he was named a national finalist in the 2014 NESA Achiever of the Year Awards. Sharyn worked with Rabby, a 38-year-old Iraqi refugee with very limited English and confidence, to overcome his barriers, establish direction and develop the job search skills he needed to find his ideal job. She supported Rabby every step of the way and still keeps in touch now that he is working.

People like Rabby have a bright future because of the extra care, time and effort that Sharyn dedicates; going above and beyond to ensure her disadvantaged clients have an opportunity to work and support their families.



Karingal CEO Daryl Starkey with Karingal's Employee Award winner for 2014, Sharyn Faulkner.

Karingal's Employee Award for 2014, coupled with the excellent result Sharyn achieves with her clients, is a testament to her dedication to changing people's lives.

# Festival fun at Rosewall

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre's Going Potty Festival will be held on Saturday, March 7.

This year, the festival has an artistic director whose job is to design and organise the event. They will contact community groups and encourage/facilitate them to participate.

There will be more performances, hands-on workshops and local groups featured, as well as the annual family fun day. If you would like to have a chat about how you can join in, contact Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre on 5275-7409, or email [admin@rosewall.org.au](mailto:admin@rosewall.org.au).

Going Potty Festival organisers would love to hear from groups and

individuals who would like to perform, run a workshop, volunteer or participate in any way at all.

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre will be adding a second major event to the calendar in 2015. On the evening of Friday, November 6 the Rosewall Art and Craft Night Market and Art Exhibition will feature stalls, food and music as well work for sale by students from the centre's art and craft classes, groups, and local artists. This is a great opportunity to show off the artistic talent in this community and kick back with family and friends before the Christmas rush.

The pottery program is in full swing, and art classes are also running on Thursdays. The teacher, Julian, has been

demonstrating drawing and painting techniques, including amazing portraits. For more information contact the centre on 5275-7409.



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# Lions making their mark

The Lions Club of Corio Norlane is continuing to find new ways to serve its community.

The club was founded in April 2012 and quickly got to work, starting with a breakfast club one day a week for senior students at the Goldsworthy Campus of Northern Bay College, which is continuing.

The club also arranged for a grant and purchased new books for five prep grades, numerous kindergartens and early learning centres in the 3214 area. It has also been able to source funding to supply computers to 80 families and hopes to give away many more.

Shoppers at ALDI in Corio may have noticed the Lions Club members there cooking a barbecue on the first Saturday of each month. They have also supported a trivia night to raise money for an orphanage in Cambodia which is financially supported by Norlane resident Helen McLean. Club secretary Richard Walter said this will continue to be an annual event for members.

In 2014 the Lions Club hosted Harmony Day at Northern Bay College. They also supported students at North Geelong Secondary College by creating mock interviews for VCAL students.

"The club has raised and donated more than \$6000 to local groups and



Australian charities," Richard said. "And we are always looking for new projects to be part of."

For more information contact Richard Walter, phone 0402-409-895 or email [richardw2058@gmail.com](mailto:richardw2058@gmail.com). You can also visit the club's facebook page at [www.facebook.com/pages/Lions-Club-of-Corio-Norlane/631091730271378](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Lions-Club-of-Corio-Norlane/631091730271378).



Lions Club member Richard Walter presents computers to Northern Bay College.



## Open Doors



Come and share in a free morning tea at

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# Holiday program at the fOrt

School holiday fun in the north will centre on the fOrT, with a wide range of activities planned until school resumes for Term 1.

There will be drop-in sessions and trips to places including the Adventure Park and Ocean Grove beach. At the fOrT, young people aged 12 to 25 years can also enjoy a skate session and drop in when the skate ramps are at the centre on January 28.

There are girls-only sessions and outings for multi cultural boys, as well as games activities.

All activities are free but booking and permission is required for some. For more information contact the City of Greater Geelong Youth Development Unit, phone 5274-9074, or drop in to the fOrT.



# Fun and games at Simonds Stadium

Leisure Networks hosts school holiday fun every term break with its Totally Sport program at Simonds Stadium, home of the Geelong Cats.

The three-day total sport program is for children in Grades 3 to 6 and is delivered at Simonds Stadium by

experienced, quality coaches. The program includes a tour of the stadium and Cats players' rooms and a number of sports clinics.

The cost is \$50 per day or \$140 for all three days and the program runs from 8.30am until 4pm each day. Morning

and afternoon tea is supplied, but participants need to bring their own lunch.

For more information, contact Michael at Leisure Networks, phone 5224-9140 or email [michael@leisurenetworks.org](mailto:michael@leisurenetworks.org).

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# More milestones for New Norlane

New Norlane wishes you a safe and enjoyable festive season and a happy and prosperous 2015.

The New Norlane project had a particularly big 2014, reaching the

milestone of more than 200 new homes built or under construction. This means we have an even bigger year ahead in 2015 as we aim to complete all 320 new social and private homes across the suburb.

For more information on the project and community events go to: [www.newnorlane.vic.gov.au](http://www.newnorlane.vic.gov.au)

## Norlane Moonlit Cinema returns in 2015

Norlane's very own outdoor cinema event is set to return in summer 2015 after the success of last year's event.

To be held at the re-vamped Evans Reserve on Friday, February 6, New Norlane presents another family-friendly evening of food, fun and cinema with the screening of *How to Train Your Dragon 2*, a PG-rated Dreamworks animation with Australia's own Cate Blanchett.

Hosted by the Corio Bay Cricket and Sports Club, entry is by gold coin donation with proceeds going to the

Geelong Children's Hospital.

Food and drinks will be available from the club, who are opening the canteen and sparking up the barbecue for the ever-popular sausage sizzle. Social memberships and club apparel will also be available as well as special prizes to be raffled off on the night.

Activities for all the family kick off from 6.30pm with screening starting at 8.45pm (after sundown).

Remember:

\* It gets cold in the evening, so don't

forget to bring warm clothes, pillows and blankets.

\* The Norlane Moonlit Cinema is a family-friendly event – no alcohol or smoking allowed.

We look forward to seeing you for the 2015 Norlane Moonlit Cinema – this time at Evans Reserve.

To learn more about New Norlane, please contact John or Peter on 5178-2012, email [new.norlane@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:new.norlane@dhs.vic.gov.au) or visit 61 Yooringa Avenue, Norlane. [www.newnorlane.vic.gov.au](http://www.newnorlane.vic.gov.au)



The 2014 Norlane Moonlit Cinema was enjoyed by: (L to R) Colin and Tom Pugg; the Smale family; the Webb family.

# Happy snappers

Do you have photos of people getting out and about in the Corio Norlane area? Northerly Aspects wants to promote the many positive activities of residents in the area. If you have a photo you'd like considered for the next edition, email it to [info@northerlyaspects.org.au](mailto:info@northerlyaspects.org.au). Don't forget to include information about when and where it was taken, and who took it.



Eh Paw proudly shows her handmade bag at Cloverdale Community Centre.



A musical soiree was held at Cloverdale Community Centre during Seniors' Week. Visitors to the centre enjoyed toe-tapping performances and the chance to sing along.



Daphne and Faye examining ceramic sculptures at the Rosewall Art Show.



Certificate 3 in Aged, Home and Community Care course, enjoying a lunch break in the Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre Café.



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# Norman Lane Heritage Walk

The self-guided walk around the significant parts of the Norman Lane Heritage Precinct (in Norlane) was launched during Seniors Week, in October 2014.

Pictured at the launch were, from left, Michael Lane (nephew), Michael Reed

(grandson), Cr Kylie Fisher and Heather Makin (niece).

To download the walk brochure: <http://Geelong Australia/Leisure/trails and paths/Knowing Your Place/3214 Norman Lane Heritage Walk>.



## Save the date: Sustainable Living Festival Geelong, February 8-28

As part of the statewide Sustainable Living Festival, Geelong will host more than 80 different activities during February and into March to encourage and inspire people to lead a more sustainable lifestyle.

Costa Georgiadis from ABC Gardening will be back in town to inspire school kids and fantastic keynote speakers from The Sustainable Table and 'Take 3' will be on hand to discuss how we can actively protect our environment.

Friday, February 20 until Sunday, February 22: 10am-4pm, 'The Big Weekend at GPAC' with partners Geelong Sustainability and The Gordon. A jam-packed weekend of activities at GPAC, where there will be something for everyone.

Saturday, February 28: Catch up with Costa.



- Discovery at the Botanical Gardens and the 'Sprout' program for kids.
- Launch of the Matthew Flinders Secondary School Community Garden conversion and bamboo building workshop.
- The Living Well Market and 'Plant your own salad bowl' kids' activity at Warralilly.
- 'Food for thought' at the Geelong College Permaculture Garden.
- Sustainable Hook and Vine Festival at Torquay.
- The Pot 'n Pan local foods celebration at Boom Gallery.

For more information on the statewide Sustainable Living Festival go to [www.slf.org.au](http://www.slf.org.au) and for a calendar of local Geelong events go to [www.futureproofinggeelong.com](http://www.futureproofinggeelong.com)

## Has your old lounge suite had its day?

For a limited time you can drop off your old lounge suite and pay only \$20 per lounge suite. This is a saving of more than 50 per cent.

The offer is only available at the Drysdale and Geelong Resource Recovery Centres and ends at 4.15pm on Saturday, February 28. It is for domestic quantities only.

## Norlane's (new) Child and Family Centre

The Norlane Child and Family Centre, located in Windsor Park, will open its doors to the children and families of the Norlane community in late January.

The kindergarten children will have the opportunity to be the first group of children to play with all the new equipment and toys, supported by Hannah Van Ingen, the newly-appointed kindergarten teacher.

Kerrie, the resident maternal and child health nurse, will have set up her new rooms ready for all the babies and young children to start arriving in late January.

The Little Gerberas Playgroup kicks off in February, with access to a whole range of new equipment and indoor/outdoor play spaces.

The School Holiday Program will make the move across to the centre ready for the Term 1 holidays. Children will enjoy cooking, art and craft, dramatic play, games and much, much more.

The new building boasts a beautiful sensory garden and outdoor decked area, where the community can sit and take time to enjoy life. The community will also enjoy the benefits of having a large community room that can be

used by many different groups and organisations.

The City's goal for the new centre is to have a local venue where families can access services, build on their parenting skills, ask questions, provide support for others and have a place they can connect with each other.

For all inquiries, please call 5272-4444 or email [norlanecfc@geelongcity.vic.gov.au](mailto:norlanecfc@geelongcity.vic.gov.au).

## Family fun at Corio Shopping Centre

The City of Greater Geelong's Supported Playgroups and events team recently enjoyed running successful activities for children and families at Corio Shopping Centre.

A range of boxes, papers, ribbons, string, glue, textas, masking tape and natural odds and ends were used to make all sorts of interesting constructions. Such fun and learning can be enjoyed with junk and thrown away bits and pieces from around the home without any cost to families.

Supported Playgroups' presence at Corio Shopping Centre will continue in 2015 on a more regular basis, when a permanent weekly playgroup is set up in Term 1.



To find out more, look out for the playgroup at Corio Shopping Centre,

call Sue Ellis at City of Greater Geelong on 5272-4781.

# A good time for gardening

A day in the garden is just the thing to get you fit again after the stress and strain of Christmas.

Time spent out in the sunshine (make sure you have sunscreen and a hat for protection) ensures your good health and helps with vitamin D absorption and the prevention of many other problems.

As the warmer part of the season unfolds in the new year, you must keep your eyes open for plants suffering from heat stress, which is shown by wilting or brown leaves and new shoots dying back.

The best time to water is early morning, which gives your plants moisture to draw on during the day, and will encourage the establishment of deeper roots which are insulated against the heat by the soil. Sensitive plants should be covered with shadecloth, held up by garden stakes or wire, to allow air to circulate to prevent disease.

This is the time to weed, feed and mulch the garden. Keep weeds under control while they are still small – they are easy to remove, will not seed and spread and the removal of such will not disturb the roots of your plants. Vegetables need liquid feeds every two weeks – make sure you use the appropriate fertilizer for each type.



Mulching saves time in many ways as it prevents weeds from getting established, helps to regulate the temperature of the soil and it also saves on water loss due to evaporation.

Roses, particularly icebergs, need a light trim to ensure another flush of flowers in autumn. They need a good feed to ensure they are prolific in the months to come. Black spot can also be a problem when the weather is humid, so keep an eye open.

There are still many flowers and vegetables that may be planted out at this time of year.

Marigolds are an old favourite, ranging from 15 centimetres to a metre in height. The larger species having balls of bright gold or orange, while the smaller ones have yellow and brown flowers. They are all very striking and have the added benefit of repelling thrip and other bugs, particularly if planted amongst tomato plants. Just watch out for snails when the plants

are small.

Violas look lovely when planted under larger plants or in pots for winter colour. There are many varieties ranging from white/cream/yellow to dark purples. They make a beautiful display when mass planted – they flower between 6 to 8 weeks after planting. Other flowers to consider are alyssum, cineraria, cornflower stock and verbena, all of which will brighten your garden during the gloomy winter months.

February/March is the time to plant your spring flowering bulbs, giving them plenty of time to be established.

Vegetables to be planted at the end of this quarter include beans, beetroot, brussels sprouts, carrots, lettuce, onion, peas and silverbeet, as well as broad beans for winter harvesting.

A small housekeeping tip is to ensure that any fruit which drops from your trees is disposed of carefully, along with falling leaves. These will harbour all sorts of bugs and diseases if left to rot on the ground – put them in the compost bin (if you have one) or into the garden waste council bin.



*Betty*



**Mainly Music**

**happening on Tuesdays**

Fun, interactive music session for young children and their parents/caregivers.

**Corio-Norlane Uniting Church, Wendover Ave Norlane - 10.00 am Tuesday**

during School terms - \$2.00 per child

contact Dorothy 52825461 or 0412360760





# Norlane Community Centre

Rose Avenue, Norlane. Phone 5275-8124.  
E-mail: [admin@norlanecc.com.au](mailto:admin@norlanecc.com.au)  
Office Hours: 9am-5pm Monday to Friday

## Bruce takes the chair

At the recent annual general meeting of the Norlane Community Centre, Bruce Warner was unanimously elected as Chairperson of the Board of Management.

Bruce (pictured) was born in Geelong and has lived in the Norlane/Corio area since birth. He has been involved with the Norlane Community Centre on and off over many years, and has assisted with the creation and management of the web site.

Bruce has volunteered at reception and taken over the administration role when Liz has been unavailable or on holidays. He is also a graduate of the 2012 Barwon Community Leadership Program.



Bruce has enjoyed being involved with a number of community organisations where he has also held the position of chairperson. These include Norlane/Corio Tenants Association, Barwon Regional Housing Council, Barwon Glenelg Regional Tenants Association

and director at Housing Support Works. Bruce is passionate about his community and believes that the challenges faced by migrants, refugees and the disadvantaged are where our support is essential to provide the needs for the wellbeing of the community.

## Women's Luncheon

Norlane Community Centre will host a free International Women's Day Luncheon on March 5, for women from the 3214 postcode area.

The lunch will be held at the Gateway Hotel from noon until 2pm and spaces are limited, so you must book with Liz, phone 5275-8124.

The theme of the day will be End Men's Violence Against Women. The aim of the project is to make violence against women and girls an issue of the past.

The event will raise local community awareness about the issue and offer preventable solutions/strategies to combat men's violence against women.

## Office space

The Norlane Community Centre Inc. currently has office space to hire.

The office would be suitable for any organisation working with clients in the local community.

The successful applicant must be able to work with other services located within the centre and be complementary to the needs of the northern suburbs.

For more information phone Lou on (03) 5275-8124 between 9am and 5pm

[www.norlanecommunitycenter.com.au](http://www.norlanecommunitycenter.com.au)

# PROGRAMS AND GROUPS AT NORLANE

## Tai Chi for all abilities

Classes are held every Tuesday from 10am-11.30am for beginners and those who have had previous experience of Tai Chi. Wear comfortable clothing and flat shoes. The group also maintains garden beds to grow its own vegetables, which are shared amongst the group.

Contact Monika on 5281-7175 or Maureen 5275-3939.

## Tuesday Art Group

Would you like to paint in a friendly, comfortable self-help group? Come and join us every Tuesday from 9am until 1pm and have a cuppa. All mediums invited and the cost is \$4.

The art group members also have a garden plot for growing their own vegetables.

## Craft and friendship

Come and enjoy afternoon tea and a laugh with a group of talented people of all ages, every Friday from 1pm-2pm. This is an opportunity to share your craft ideas or learn something new. Bring your own materials. Cost \$1.

## Norlane Community Fruit, Herb and Vegetable Garden

Norlane Community Fruit, Herb and Vegetable Garden is self-managed by residents of all ages, cultures and abilities, to grow fresh healthy fruit and vegetables for their own use.

If you are interested in your own veggie patch, contact Liz on 5275-8124.

## Tool Pool

Need to mow the lawn but can't afford the cost of a mower or hiring someone? Become a member of NCC Tool Pool and hire a lawnmower for a \$5 yearly Tool Pool membership and \$5 mower

hire fee. There are some hand tools and wheelbarrows that are free to borrow. The Tool Pool operates on Tuesday and Friday from 9am to noon. Inquiries 5275-8124.

## Computers

Computers are available for community use at Norlane Community Centre.

Community use is free for one hour on Friday and \$2 per hour at other times, unless computer classes are being held. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## Photocopying, laminating and faxes

Norlane Community Centre staff can photocopy, laminate or send faxes for a minimum cost.

# Anzac Centenary

The Norlane Community Centre Craft and Friendship Group members are busily making knitted and crocheted poppies as a tribute to Australian men and women who have served in all wars, conflicts and peacekeeping operations over more than a century.

The poppies will be displayed either at Norlane Community Centre or the Norlane RSL. More details will be in the next issue of the Northerly Aspects.





## Northern Futures Work and Learning Centre

Northern Futures is running four courses:

1. Logistical Supply Chain Course.
2. Getting Ahead Program.
3. Certificate 3 in Aged Care, Home and Community Services.

4. Business Administration Course.

For further details phone 0437-655-360 or email:  
[helen.northernfutures@gmail.com](mailto:helen.northernfutures@gmail.com).



Munch 'n' Crunch

## Munch 'n' Crunch

Munch 'n' Crunch Catering (MnC) provides healthy, gourmet food to customers, while being a hospitality training venue for Encompass Community Services participants.

Munch 'n' Crunch is committed to tailoring their products and services to the needs of their customers. They understand that every function is different and that people may have

special dietary needs. Visit their website to find out more on [www.encompass-cs.org.au/mnc](http://www.encompass-cs.org.au/mnc).

To place an order or to discuss your specific requirements, please call one of their friendly staff members on 5274-2242, or email them on [mnc@encompass-cs.org.au](mailto:mnc@encompass-cs.org.au). Munch 'n' Crunch is open Monday to Friday from 8am-2pm.



## Barwon Medicare Local

The Barwon Medicare Local program provides free, short-term mental health counselling to people who have been referred by their GP.

Priority is given to people who are Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander,

refugee, children under 12, or people on a low income.

For more information phone Barwon Medicare Local on 5229-1922.  
[www.barwonml.com.au](http://www.barwonml.com.au)



## Support in job search

New Horizons, in partnership with Ostara, and with the support of Commonwealth funding, offers job seekers extensive, specialised support to find and maintain employment, preferably in their local area.

The service can assist jobseekers to access relevant training including White Card, Forklift Licenses, First Aid and

OH&S training, which can make all the difference when looking for work.

It is available to anyone who may be concerned about their mental health.

Employment Consultant Barbara Ryan will be available 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday. For appointments and information call Barbara 0418-834-364.

## 2013 LEARN LOCAL LEGEND

## Open Mic the place to be

Open Mic at Cloverdale has become the place to be on a Friday night. The next session will be held on Friday, March 20 at 7pm.

This next evening of outstanding performances will be to celebrate the International Day of Happiness. Call Liz on 5275-4415 to book your slot. Musos, comics, performance artists, singers and bands all welcome. An unmissable evening.

Gold coin donation.



### The Year of the Green Wooden Sheep

Friday, February 13 at 7pm.

Celebrate the start of the Year of the Sheep with an evening of film, lanterns and food (and maybe a sheep or two).

For people aged 16-plus.

Gold coin donation.

### Women as One

Friday, March 6 at 6pm.

International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress, to call for change and to celebrate the courage and determination of the women who changed history.

It is also an occasion to review how far women have come in their struggle for equality, peace and development and

an opportunity to unite, network and mobilise for meaningful change.

Cloverdale will be hosting a dinner for women from the northern suburbs to celebrate International Women's Day and build community connections. Numbers are limited, so this is an invitation-only event.

### Sustainable Living Month at Cloverdale

At Cloverdale, staff and volunteers do their best to reduce waste and recycle. In February they will make an extra effort to reuse items, reduce waste and recycle with the centre's compost bays and Bokashi in full use.

For the month of February please help by avoiding excess packaging and

throwaway plastics and put all your food scraps (including teabags) in the Bokashi.

For information about courses and programs at Cloverdale Community Centre, see the Learn Local information on pages 26 and 27.

Follow us on:





### CREATIVE TUESDAYS

#### Cloverdale Singers

An acapella group meeting weekly, with a repertoire including folk, gospel, rounds, ballads and part songs. If you enjoy singing and are looking for a challenge, join the singers every Tuesday afternoon.

When: 12-1.30pm, Tuesdays from February 3.

\$3 per session.

#### Guitar for Beginners

Learn guitar with Liz. Includes basic theory and practice of chord changes, scales, strumming and picking.

When: 3-5.30pm, Tuesdays from February 3

Cost: \$15 per session.



#### Community Kitchen

Cook, share, socialise!

Learn and share your knowledge of cooking, meet new people in a relaxed and friendly environment.

When: 5-8pm, Tuesdays from February 3.

Cost: \$7 (price may vary).

#### My Garage Made Easy NEW

Learn to maintain your car with a professional mechanic. Everything from what tools you need, changing a tyre, performing an oil change, simple fixes and general performance and safety.

When: 6.30-9pm, Tuesdays from February 17.

Cost: \$95 for 4 weeks.

Plus Introduction to Songwriting (see the Learn Local information on Page 27).

### GENERAL INTEREST

#### Cloverdale Food Swap

Swap vegies, fruits and plants, preserves, cakes and other produce. Reduce your food miles and join us for coffee and cake. All welcome.

When: January 17, February 21 and March 21, 9.30-11am.

#### Cloverdale Painters

Draw and paint in a friendly group. Exchange ideas, develop your techniques and use a range of materials.

When: 1-3pm, Wednesdays from January 28.

Cost: \$2 per session

#### Ukulele Players

Learn to play the cutest instrument on the planet. Practice strumming techniques, chord changes and learn new songs every week.

When: 10am-noon, Thursdays from January 29.

Cost: \$5 per session.

#### Talking About Indigenous Plants

For people interested in the indigenous plants of Geelong and the Barwon South West.

When: 7-9pm, Third Thursday of the month.

\$2 per session.

### HEALTH AND WELLBEING

#### Tai Chi

Learn Tai Chi to reduce stress and improve your balance, strength, flexibility and confidence.

When: 9.30-10.30am, Mondays from February 2.

\$5 per session.

#### Yoga

Invigorate your body and soul in our multi-level class and discover the benefits of yoga. Improve your strength, flexibility and health. Mats provided.

When: 7-8pm, Thursdays from January 29 for 5 weeks.

\$50 or \$12 per session.

### CHILDREN AND PARENTS

#### Playgroups

A friendly playgroup for children and their parents/carers. New parents always welcome.

When: 9.45-11.15am on Wednesdays from January 28,

1-3pm on Thursdays from January 29. \$2 per session.

### COMMUNITY ARTS

#### Open Mic Night

A performance event in the north celebrating the International Day of Happiness.

When: 7pm on Friday, March 20.

Cost: Gold coin.



## Learn Local Courses @ Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre and Cloverdale Community Centre



"2013 Learn Local Legends"

### Job seeker help

Have you been retrenched? Do you want to get a job? Don't know where to start? There are so many organisations who want to help you get a job - but which one is the right one for you?

A group of organisations have got together to develop a service that will help job seekers get started. The working title is 'Engagement Point Service', but it hasn't got a final name yet - suggestions are welcome.

#### What will it do?

- Put you in touch with careers advisors and organisations that are seeking to address the needs of unemployed workers in Geelong.
- Provide independent help to find the course that is right for you.

#### Where is this service?

The service will operate from community places such as Neighbourhood Houses, Community Centres or libraries. It

will be free and open to anyone who wants to get a job. You just walk in and ask about it.

The trial will start about April/May 2015 at Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre and other community based locations. Call 5275-7409 for further information

#### Who's developing it?

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre, the Workforce Development Centre (WDC), Geelong Local Learning and Employment Network (GLEN), Department of Education (Adult Community and Further Education) and the Barwon Network of Neighbourhood Houses are developing this service together.

These major organisations are taking a regional approach to addressing the unemployment issues in Geelong. They believe that if all organisations work together at different levels, then job seekers of Geelong will have a much better chance of getting into the workforce and building Geelong's future together.



| PROGRAM  | Starting | Day                    | Time        | Cost     | Conc  | Centre     |
|--|----------|------------------------|-------------|----------|-------|------------|
| <b>Computers</b>   |          |                        |             |          |       |            |
| Communicating with Digital Devices (10 weeks)  | 28-Jan   | Tuesday                | 9.30am-12pm | \$270    | \$110 | Cloverdale |
| Computer Help - answers to your questions.   | 6-Feb    | Friday                 | 9.30am-12pm | \$5/week | N/A   | Rosewall   |
| Developing Computers - the next step (10 weeks)                                      | 30-Jan   | Friday                 | 12.30-3pm   | \$220    | \$115 | Cloverdale |
| Getting Started with Computers (8 weeks)   | 30-Jan   | Friday                 | 9.30am-12pm | \$180    | \$90  | Cloverdale |
| Intel Learn Easy Steps (10 weeks)  | 2-Feb    | Monday                 | 12.30-3pm   | \$220    | \$115 | Cloverdale |
| Intel Learn Easy Steps (10 weeks)  | 3-Feb    | Tuesday                | Evening     | \$220    | \$115 | Cloverdale |
| Intel Learn Easy Steps (10 weeks)  | 4-Feb    | Wednesday              | 9.30am-12pm | \$220    | \$115 | Cloverdale |
| Computers for ESL Learners - Intel Easy Steps (8 weeks)                              |          | TBA                    | TBA         | \$120    | \$50  | Rosewall   |
| Introduction to Computers - Intel Easy Steps (8 weeks)                               | 3-Feb    | Tuesday                | 9.30am-12pm | \$120    | \$90  | Rosewall   |
| Intermediate Computers - Intel Easy Steps(8 weeks)                                   | 3-Feb    | Tuesday                | 12.30-3pm   | \$120    | \$90  | Rosewall   |
| <b>Employment</b>  |          |                        |             |          |       |            |
| Conversational English (8 weeks)   | 4-Feb    | Wednesday              | 10am-12pm   | \$200    | \$50  | Rosewall   |
| English for Living (Speaking and Listening)  | Jan-30   | Tue/Wed                | pm          | \$220    | \$50  | Cloverdale |
| Café Skills (8 weeks)  | 6-Feb    | Friday + 1<br>Thursday | all day     | \$200    | \$140 | Rosewall   |
| Cooking Master Classes (7 weeks)   | 13-Feb   | Friday                 | 9.30am-3pm  | \$210    | \$120 | Rosewall   |
| Food Handlers, Front of House & Coffee,(3 days - 6th, 12th & 13th Feb )              | 6-Feb    | Friday                 | 9.30am-3pm  | \$200    | \$140 | Rosewall   |
| Espresso Coffee  | 13-Feb   | Friday                 | 9am-3pm     | \$60     | \$60  | Rosewall   |
| Food Handlers - 1 day  | 6-Feb    | Friday                 | 9am-3pm     | \$80     | \$70  | Rosewall   |
| Food Supervisor's Certificate 1 day  | TBA      | TBA                    | TBA         | TBA      | TBA   | Rosewall   |
| Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) 1 day   | TBA      | TBA                    | TBA         | TBA      | TBA   | Rosewall   |
| Exploring Career and Training Options (Community Service & Health Industries)        | March    | 3 days                 | 9am-3pm     | \$120    | \$70  | Rosewall   |
| Return to Work and Study (6 weeks)   | 10-Feb   | Tuesday                | 9.30am-12pm | \$120    | \$70  | Rosewall   |
| Certificate III Aged, Home & Community Care*   | Feb      | Tues - Wed             | 9am-3pm     | \$800    | \$516 | Rosewall   |
| Apply First Aid (Level 2) HLFTA311A  | Feb      | TBA                    | 9am-4pm     | TBA      | TBA   | Rosewall   |
| Certificate III Business Administration (2 days per week for 12 weeks)*              | Feb      | 2 days per<br>week     | TBA         | \$850    | \$326 | Rosewall   |
| Preparing to Perform - Using creativity to build employability (8 weeks)             | 4-Feb    | Friday                 | 11.30am-2pm | \$210    | \$90  | Cloverdale |
| Volunteering Pathways - Working towards employment                                   | Flexible | 20 hours               | Flexible    | FREE     | FREE  | Cloverdale |
| Volunteering Pathways - Obtain a work Skills Passport and resume while volunteering. | Flexible | 20 hours               | Flexible    | FREE     | FREE  | Rosewall   |
| <b>Art &amp; Design</b>  |          |                        |             |          |       |            |
| Introduction to Songwriting (8 weeks)  | 3-Feb    | Tuesday                | Evening     | \$195    | \$80  | Cloverdale |
| Patchwork(8 weeks)   | 5-Feb    | Thurs                  | 7-9pm       | \$80     | N/A   | Rosewall   |
| Pottery - Hand Building Ceramic Skills (8 weeks)                                     | 4-Feb    | Wed                    | 12-3pm      | \$120    | N/A   | Rosewall   |
| Pottery - Hand Building Ceramic Skills (8 weeks)                                     | 5-Feb    | Thursday               | 6-9pm       | \$120    | N/A   | Rosewall   |
| Textiles and Design (10 weeks)   | 30-Jan   | Friday                 | 12.30-3pm   | \$290    | \$110 | Cloverdale |
| Creative Tuesdays - Exploring Arts/Music Business                                    | Feb      | Tuesday                | Evening     | TBA      | TBA   | Cloverdale |

\* Subject to meeting funding criteria



# Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre

36 Sharland Road (PO Box 120), Corio, VIC 3214. Phone 03 5275 7409

E-mail: [admin@rosewallinc.org.au](mailto:admin@rosewallinc.org.au) and [training@rosewallinc.org.au](mailto:training@rosewallinc.org.au)

Web: [www.rosewallinc.org.au](http://www.rosewallinc.org.au) Office hours: 9am-3pm Monday to Friday

## Need help with reading, writing or maths?

There are several options for you at Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre:

- Number 36.
- Individual help.
- Learn in a class.
- Learn English.

Call the centre for more information  
5275 7409



Number 36 is for adults and children who want help with reading, writing and maths.

Help with homework

Listen to children reading

Help to fill out forms, write letters & more

**When:** Mondays and Thursdays

3.30pm-5pm during the school term.



**Rosewall "Going Potty" Festival**  
**Saturday March 7th, 2015**  
**at**  
**Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre**  
**36 Sharland Rd. Corio**

5275 7409  
[www.rosewallinc.org.au](http://www.rosewallinc.org.au)

GEELONG

## Cooking Master Classes

### Espresso Coffee Making

The perfect crema. February 13, 9.30am-3pm. Cost \$60.

### Salads

Fresh, and full of vitality. February 20, 9.30am-3pm. Cost \$30.

### Tasty Vegetarian Dishes

Learn how to use different ingredients. February 27, 9.30am-3pm. Cost \$30.

### Spanish Quisine

Paella, Spanish tortilla and Spanish deserts. March 6,

9.30am-3pm. Cost \$30.

### Gluten Free Cooking

March 13, 9.30am-3pm. Cost \$30.

### Easter Breads

Traditional celebration foods March 20, 9.30am-3pm. Cost \$30.

### Cooking with Fish

Succulent fish dishes to perfection March 27 9.30am-3pm. Cost \$30.

## Dates to remember

January 29: Open Day 10am-1pm.

January 29: Playgroup begins.

February 2: Classes begin.

February 3: Café Opens.

February 17-19: Pancakes

and Chinese Week in the cafe.

March 7: Rosewall 'Going Potty' Festival

March 17-19: St Patrick's Day and Irish Week in the cafe.

See Page 27 for our list of courses

**ART & DESIGN**

**ART @ ROSEWALL**



Drawing and painting for well-being, open class.  
 Phone Julian at Pathways, 5229-8295, to discuss further details.  
 When: Thursdays, 10am-noon during the school term.  
 Cost: \$5 per week.

**POTTERY – HANDBUILDING CERAMICS**

*Day class*

A class for those new to pottery wanting to learn the basic skills.  
 When: Wednesdays, 12.30-3pm, for 8 weeks  
 Starting: February 4.  
 Cost: \$200, includes materials and firing.

**POTTERY – HANDBUILDING CERAMICS**

*Night class*

A class for those new to pottery wanting to learn the basic skills.  
 When: Thursdays, 6pm-9pm for 8 weeks.  
 Starting: February 5.  
 Cost: \$200, includes materials and firing.

**POTTERY OPEN STUDIO FOR EXPERIENCED POTTERS**

When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9am-3pm.  
 Starting: January 27.  
 Cost: \$5, pay as you go.

**SEWING MADE EASY**

In this class you can learn the basics of sewing (garment construction, alterations, remake clothes in another style).

When: Wednesdays, 9.30-noon for 8 weeks.

Starting: February 4.  
 Cost: \$240 or Concession \$120.

**PATCHWORK**

When: Thursdays, 7pm-9pm for 10 weeks.  
 Starting: February 5.  
 Cost: \$80 (sewing machine hire available, \$20 per term).

**HEALTH & WELL BEING ACTIVITIES**

**STRENGTH TRAINING**

Open class, start the day strong!  
 When: Tuesdays 8.30am-9.30am.  
 Starting: February 3.  
 Cost: \$6 per week, pay as you go.

**ACTIVE ADULTS – FIT & BALANCE**

An exercise class for older adults.  
 When: Tuesdays 9.30am-10.30 am.  
 Starting: February 3.  
 Cost: \$6 per week, pay as you go.

**FAMILIES AND KIDS**



**PLAYGROUP at ROSEWALL NEIGHBOURHOOD CENTRE**

Open playgroup for children 0-5 years old, co-ordinated by Bethany Early Connections Program.  
 Fun singing, games, craft and play.  
 When: Thursdays, 9.30am-noon during the school term.  
 Cost: Gold coin donation and a piece of fruit to share.

**STREET SURFER BUS**

At Rosewall Neighborhood Centre  
 When: 2pm-5pm every second Tuesday, thanks to Barwon Youth.

**GROUPS AT ROSEWALL**

**OVER 50s**

Join in the fun with activities and outings  
 When: Noon-3pm Fridays.  
 Cost: \$2.  
 Contact Ronnie 0418-653-309.

**TOWN: Take Off Weight Naturally**

When: 8.45am-10.45am Mondays, ongoing.  
 Contact: Geraldine 5298-2275.  
 Martial Arts  
 Contact: Phil Zdybel, 0418-513-981.

**GROUPS AT HENDY ST HALL**

**Active Adults**

Contact: Lesia, 5200-0146.

**Corio Kyokushin Karate Club**

Contact: Scott, 0418-335-355.

**Cloverdale Calisthenics College**

Contact: Mandy, 0418-559-241.

**GKR Karate**

Contact: Luke, 0450-011-654.

**Northside International Christian Church**

Contact: Stephen, 0405-104-610.

**Geelong Buccaneers Grid Iron Club**

Contact: Layke, 0433-298-278.

# Out of this world

Students from Northern Bay College's 6-8 Learning Communities have become published authors.

The students officially launched their book, *Journey to Mysterious Sagitarus*, to parents, teachers and community members at Corio Library.

The book was published by Kids' Own Publishing and made possible by funding from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development's Strategic Partnerships Program. The students, from different campuses, held regular sessions while they worked with illustrators and authors to create their fun book.



College principal Fred Clarke congratulated the students, who

celebrated the launch by reading the story to guests.



Do you want to get involved in your community?

Are you interested in what is happening in Corio Norlane?

Do you want to find out more and possibly be involved in discussions about future programs, projects and other initiatives?

Interested?

To find out more call Amanda Miggins, 5226-4792 or email [Amanda.Miggins@dhs.vic.gov.au](mailto:Amanda.Miggins@dhs.vic.gov.au)

Website: [www.corionorlane.org.au](http://www.corionorlane.org.au)

Corio Norlane is a 'healthy city'

# Mums embrace Northern Bay Guarantee

Brianna Finley is a young resident of Geelong's northern suburbs who is determined to carve out a successful future for herself and her children, Taytem, 3, and Kamali, 9 months.

Brianna is one of a group of young single parents being given up to two years of personal development, mentoring and training in a supportive environment known as the Northern Bay Guarantee project. In return for successful course completion, the project promises to result in a job or fully-funded higher education at Deakin University or The Gordon.

The Guarantee is a joint project of Viva Energy Australia's Geelong Refinery, Northern Bay College, Northern Futures, The Gordon and Deakin University. Viva Energy has contributed \$300,000 with an additional \$30,000 provided through

the Flexible Funding Pool of Federal Department of Employment.

"The Guarantee is not about providing a free ride, but creating sustained change and opportunities that otherwise would not have been possible," Northern Bay College principal Fred Clarke said.

Every participant is given help to develop an Education Pathway plan and join in personal and career counselling, work experience, fully-funded pre-employment courses, connection to employers and new networks, free accredited training through The Gordon, job placement or special access into higher education through Deakin University or The Gordon.

Ms Finley, who started the program July last year, said she was beginning to set goals for the future, and develop

intentions for the present. "The penny is really dropping", she said.

Being part of the Northern Bay Guarantee was an opportunity to become a better person, and a better mother, she said. "My life was a topsy-turvy chaotic mess for a while, and I could have stayed broken, but I am choosing to get up," she said. "I want to give my kids everything I can, and if I'm able to get what I want out of life it can only help them. "

If you are aged 15 to 25 and living in Corio or Norlane and would like to find out how to become involved in the Northern Bay Guarantee, please telephone Sam Williams on 5224-9700 or [williams.samantha.s@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:williams.samantha.s@edumail.vic.gov.au).

## Community grants help local community

A program focused on connecting two generations through school volunteering is just one of the recipients of the Viva Energy Employee Community Grants.

The Lucky Learners program will recruit, train and connect up to 20 retirees as weekly volunteers to support the needs of young people in local schools across the northern suburbs of Geelong.

The committee was again very impressed with the quality of applications and is pleased to provide support to the following programs:

- Multiple Sclerosis Limited - Health and Wellness program.

- Lions Club of Corio Norlane - Support disadvantaged children to camp.
- Hamlyn Banks Primary School - Provide teaching reference aides.
- Kempe - Read the Play program.
- The Northern Bay Guarantee Project - Support in child care assistance.
- Timehelp - School Volunteer Program Inc.
- St Thomas Aquinas Primary School - Build a Passive Play Area.
- North Geelong Secondary College - VCAL skills builder.

Twice yearly, on behalf of the refinery, the Employee Community Grants

Committee donates thousands of dollars to a host of projects that benefit the northern suburbs. The Geelong Refinery has been doing this since 2007, clocking up more than a quarter of a million dollars in donations to the local community.

Community organisations, schools or kindergartens assisting people living in the northern suburbs can apply for grants (maximum is \$5000) for projects that have an educational focus or objective. Applications open again for round one in March 2015. Visit the refinery's website to see if your organisation is eligible for a grant. [www.vivaenergy.com.au/about-us](http://www.vivaenergy.com.au/about-us)

# Investment in manufacturing

*A message from Guy Hackwell, Acting Refinery Manager, Viva Energy Australia:*

Viva Energy Australia was proud to announce late last year that it will invest \$150million over the next two years on major maintenance turnarounds at Geelong Refinery, to further improve its reliability and efficiency.

We believe the refinery can play an important role in Australia's energy future and we intend to do everything we can to help the refinery be profitable and continue to be an important part of Geelong's economy.

The refinery employs 450 employees, hundreds of contractors and contributes close to AUD \$200 million to the local Geelong economy. It has also been an important part of the Northern suburbs for 60-years and therefore Viva Energy will continue to provide support for local initiatives that that build capacity within the community where it can.

We have also hired apprentices in Geelong, including a number of individuals who previously worked at Alcoa. A number of graduates will also shortly begin a four-year program with us that will introduce them to many elements of our business including

our extensive retail network, as well as our bulk fuels, bitumen, chemicals and lubricants businesses.

The Northern Suburbs Guarantee program is something that we are particularly proud to support and, in this issue of the Northerly Aspects, you can read more about the impact and results that it is achieving.

This year will no doubt be filled with any number of exciting events. We look forward to keeping you up to date with these and likewise, if you have anything that you wish to raise, please ensure that you contact us.

