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Our cover: John Holliday, Gary Bruce and Gabrielle McCoy are regular visitors to their local neighbourhood centres. Their reasons for getting involved are varied, but all agree there are a lot of benefits. Read about them on pages 4 and 5.



## EDITOR'S LETTER

Welcome to Edition 28 of Northerly Aspects, which has local neighbourhood and community centres as its focus.

Northerly Aspects exists largely because staff from these centres – Cloverdale, Rosewall and Norlane – joined with local residents and staff from government departments to create a publication that promotes the positive aspects of living in the 3214 postcode area.

In each edition our aim is to highlight people, programs and places that are having a positive impact on their neighbourhood.

Northerly Aspects has grown considerably since its first edition and the editorial committee is proud of the community newsletter it produces four times a year. Community input and feedback is always welcome.

Neighbourhood House Week will be celebrated in May. Why not take the opportunity to call into one or all of the centres in the area? There you will see the wide range of people and programs that help create a true community hub in each area.

Jeanette Watt  
Editor  
On behalf of the Editorial Committee



## LEN'S QUOTE

"Life is for the living."

Northerly Aspects is published quarterly by a voluntary editorial committee comprising community workers and representatives from Cloverdale and Rosewall neighbourhood houses, who employ a part-time editor. Each issue is dependent on income from advertising and sponsorship.

If you would like input into Northerly Aspects, call 0409-368-576 or email [info@northerlyaspects.org.au](mailto:info@northerlyaspects.org.au). Northerly Aspects also has a website – you'll find us at [www.northerlyaspects.org.au](http://www.northerlyaspects.org.au).

# MADISEN HELPS OTHERS

While Madisen Palicko's friends were relaxing over their summer holidays, the energetic eight-year-old was busy washing cars.

The St Francis Xavier Primary School student had spent some time in the Royal Children's Hospital last year, where she saw "heaps of really sick kids".

It was then that Madisen decided she wanted to help improve the lives of sick children by raising money for the Starlight Children's Foundation.

Madisen enlisted her family's support and set to work washing cars. The project gathered momentum when media coverage brought 'customers', while others were attracted through her Dad's work at Ford.

Drysdale Rotary Club supported Madisen too, asking her to present a short speech about her project before donating \$500 to her cause. The Corio ANZ bank branch provided a large novelty cheque and \$500 to further add to the total, while one family paid \$100 to have its car washed

Madisen eventually cleaned 60 cars and raised \$3456. She presented the cheque to the Starlight Children's Foundation's Star Girl at a recent school assembly.

Mum Vickie Gilmore said she was proud of Madisen's achievement, but thinks the family needs a break before taking on another project.

"It was a big project for the holidays," Vickie said. "We might do something like this again in a couple of years."



# FOCUS ON OUR CENTRES

Cloverdale Community Centre's mission is to provide and promote positive, creative community development and, through its activities, create and enhance a sense of place and belonging to everyone in the Cloverdale area.

Cloverdale believes that to achieve a socially sustainable and vibrant community all its activities must be GREEN, HEALTHY, INCLUSIVE, SOCIAL and INSPIRE LIFE-LONG LEARNING.

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre aims to encourage people and the community to develop their own responses to issues and problems which affect their lives and the community. Rosewall also helps reduce the isolation of individuals and groups and supports people in alleviating disadvantage while fostering a sense of community.

The centre values its friendly, informal environment where everyone feels

welcome as well as the diversity, strength and abilities of people who participate in its programs.

Volunteers are always welcome at Neighbourhood Houses. A huge variety of jobs are carried out by dedicated volunteers at every centre every day. For more information on how you can be involved, call in or phone your nearest centre.



## GARY BRUCE

Gary Bruce runs the community kitchen program at Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre. Gary said the community kitchen is a Barwon Health project that teaches people how to fend for themselves in the kitchen.

The group meets weekly to plan, shop for, prepare and eat a range of meals. Gary said members are mostly men who have never had to cook for themselves.



## GABRIELLE MCCOY

Gabrielle McCoy and daughter Veronica are playgroup members at the Cloverdale Community Centre. Gabrielle, who has been going to the playgroup for a little over a year, said it was a good place to meet other mums.

Gabrielle said she plans to spend more time exploring what her neighbourhood house has to offer as her daughter gets older.



## JOHN HOLLIDAY

As chairman of the committee of management at Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre, John Holliday is a well known face around the centre. And if people don't recognise him, he's sure they'll know his blue motor scooter that's often parked out the front.

John is a long time Geelong resident and moved to Norlane about seven years ago. He said he was drawn to Rosewall when he was looking for something to do that was involved with his local community.

"The northern suburbs are one of my passions," he said. "I proudly live in Norlane and can see that there is so much potential in the people just waiting to be developed. Rosewall is a good place for me to be involved."

# COMMUNITY HUBS FOR ALL

Neighbourhood House is a term to describe a range of community owned and managed centres.

Neighbourhood Houses provide activities, programs and services to meet the needs of people in their local communities. They are not-for-profit and combine the efforts of a small number of employees with a team of volunteers and are managed by a voluntary Committee of Management.

Neighbourhood Houses are primarily community development organisations

which encourage and support people to participate and volunteer to build and strengthen their community.

People come to Neighbourhood Houses because they are local, accessible, welcoming, and non-threatening, and because programs are designed to meet community needs.

The 3214 postcode has three Neighbourhood Houses – Cloverdale Community Centre, Norlane Community Centre and Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre.

The Neighbourhood Houses in the north are funded by the state government and the City of Greater Geelong (which owns the buildings). Cloverdale and Rosewall are also Adult Community Education (ACE) providers and run pre-accredited courses for people wishing to learn new skills or return to education and training.

The three Neighbourhood Houses are members of the Barwon Network of Community Houses and the statewide Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres.



# VOLUNTEER FOR ASPIRIN STUDY

Corio and Norlane residents are needed for a study investigating whether daily low dose aspirin can prolong a healthy life and if the benefits outweigh the risks in people over 70. It will determine if aspirin can prevent a heart attack, stroke, dementia, physical decline and some cancers.

The ASPREE study is recruiting over 12,000 healthy people aged 70-plus.

The study will monitor participants over five years and the results will give doctors a better understanding of aspirin's use to help keep older people well and independent.

ASPREE is open to those who are aged 70 or over; haven't had a heart attack or stroke; are not anaemic; are not on Warfarin or Clopidogrel; don't have a bleeding tendency or an allergy to

aspirin; are willing to take a small tablet daily for five years and attend free annual check-ups in Geelong; want to make a significant contribution to the medical care of senior Australians.

If this sounds like you or someone you know, free call 1800-728 -745 for more information or speak to your GP about the ASPREE study. More information about ASPREE is on: [www.aspree.org](http://www.aspree.org)

# PARTNERSHIPS A KEY TO SERVICE

Developing partnerships with residents, service providers and business is the most effective way for Norlane Community Centre to support local residents.

Manager Lou Brazier said the Norlane centre is an important hub for its local community. Staff and the committee of management have been using information gained in community consultation during the eight-year Neighbourhood Renewal project to find the best ways to serve residents.

"At Norlane we don't manage the classes, we provide the venue and access to services. We work with agencies, looking at the needs of groups in the community, and partner with a lot of service providers to bring services here.

"We aim to give our community access to services so they don't have to go into Geelong city – they can access them in their own community."

Important partnerships are with The Smith Family, the Department of

Corrections, Glastonbury, The Mental Health Fellowship, GP Association of Geelong, Northern Futures, The Gordon and local businesses.

Ms Brazier said residents are welcome to not only access services and courses, but also call in for a cuppa and a chat.

Norlane Community Centre is at Windsor Park in Rose Avenue, Norlane. It is open 9am–5pm Monday to Friday and after hours and on weekends when needed. Term 2 programs and services are on pages 27 to 29 in this edition.



## SCOPE MOVES ON TO FLINDERS PEAK SITE

The former Flinders Peak Secondary College site is being put to good use, with disability support service Scope occupying the site. The campus was closed at the end of 2010 when the new Northern Bay P-12 College was created.

Scope region manager Christine Brooks said her organisation will be on the Corio site for the next 18 months while a new facility is being built on its Shannon Park site. Ms Brooks said the former school site became available at just the right time for Scope.

"We decided last September that we would start looking for an alternative temporary site while our new centre was being built," she said. "This was the first one we looked at and it is terrific." Ms Brooks said the Department of Education had been supportive in making the facility available. Some modifications were needed to create new toilet and bathroom facilities, but otherwise the site was ideal.

Scope has relocated all of its administration and therapy staff to



Scope administration co-ordinator Shelley Kelly and region manager Christine Brooks are happy with the temporary site.

the site as well as its day and lifestyle program. Nelson Park School is also running some of its programs on the site.

"We love being here," Ms Brooks said. "It's been helpful for us and the Education Department is happy to have someone here. It's been very easy."

## TRIBUTE TO ARDA DUCK

Staff, students and parents of schools in Geelong's north were saddened by the sudden death of educator Arda Duck as the new school year was beginning.

Ms Duck was the project director of the new multi-campus Northern Bay College.

Principal Fred Clarke said Ms Duck had come into the role two years ago and was the prime mover, with Toni

Burgoyne, in "getting things moving".

"Arda worked hard as a teacher, principal and project leader to make things happen for the kids in the north and to give them every opportunity to shine," he said. "She will be remembered for a long time for her enthusiasm, commitment and desire to make a difference for the young people in Corio and Norlane."

On the first day of the 2011 school year, each campus of the new school released 100 balloons to pay their respects to Arda Duck and to mark the first day of Northern Bay College.

"It is our task now to make the vision Arda had, that was shared by many, a reality," Mr Clarke said.



## DIVERSITAT GOES NORTH

Multicultural services provider Diversitat has moved into the northern suburbs, establishing its new base in Arunga Avenue, Norlane.

Diversitat, a not-for-profit organisation, has been providing community services in Geelong since 1976. It is a welcoming centre for many new Australians and a meeting place for more established cultural and community groups.

The new Diversitat hub is on the site of the old Nissan huts and the Norlane Migrant Hotel, where many new arrivals spent their early days in Australia.

Staff moved into the new purpose-built hub in February. Project manager Bridgette Carey said the new centre includes six training/activity rooms, a computer lab, boardroom, a commercial-style kitchen and office space to house 30 staff members.

Ms Carey said the hub is also home to an impressive community garden where groups are growing all sorts of vegetables, herbs, fruit and flowers. There are also plans for an orchard.

"It's a massive project that's been in the pipeline for more than 10 years," Ms Carey said. "And it doesn't end here. We are already looking at ways to develop the hub in the future so it becomes even more of a centre for all people in the northern suburbs."

The project was funded by the Department of Regional Australia – Regional Development and Local Government, Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations, Victorian Multicultural Commission and the City of Greater Geelong.

The Northern Community Hub is at 25-41 Arunga Avenue, Norlane. Phone 5260-6000.

## Volunteer at Diversitat

Diversitat is always looking for volunteers to help with various projects.

If you can spare even a couple of hours a week, it can make a big difference in the lives of people. For more information phone volunteer co-ordinator Barney Frankland on 5260-6000.

Corio Bay Senior College Family Centre Inc.

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Corio Bay Senior College Family Centre  
3-25 Goldsworthy Rd, (next to the Athletics track)  
For more information phone 5275-6843



# WALKER BECOMES A TUTOR

Maree Smith's first visit to Cloverdale Community Centre was to join the walking group, because she wanted to get some exercise and meet people. She then joined the centre's singing group and has since become a volunteer in the office and creative writing tutor.

Maree is also a published author, writing as Marnie Lester. Her first novel, *The Sapphire's Promise*, took five years to write and is still available through the Strategic Publishing Group. It is about a young girl growing up in the Goulburn Valley region of Victoria.

Maree also recently submitted her second manuscript, a fantasy, which

she has called *Ariel's Charm*.

At Cloverdale, Maree can be found volunteering in the office as well as in the classroom where she is tutor for the creative writing group. She gives advice on grammar and different writing techniques and there is a story on the white board that group members work on together each week.

Maree said discovering Cloverdale Community Centre was a key to her successful move to Geelong about five years ago.

"People need to investigate their local neighbourhood house or community

centre," she said. "Finding Cloverdale is the best thing I have done for myself in years. I now have friends, I have a life."

Maree's creative writing course will run again at Cloverdale in Term 3.



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## GIVING THE COMMUNITY A VOICE THROUGH CHOIRS

Singers from throughout the region are being encouraged to join others making music in the Geelong Sings choir.

In its second year, the group brings together a mix of people including new migrants, the unemployed and people with disabilities - anyone who may be feeling isolated from society.

Tania de Jong AM, who in 2008 founded the With One Voice community choir in Melbourne, said the choir has achieved some incredible outcomes, with members finding a sense of belonging, building networks, learning language and even getting a job through the choirs.

"It is not about being a good singer,

it is very uplifting with world music and world songs," Tania said. "It is also about sharing skills and giving people a pathway to jobs."

The group is led by the young virtuoso pianist, composer and conductor Kym Dillon, who is studying at the Victorian College of the Arts. The choir, supported by the TAC, Barwon Health and Barwon Water among others, is working towards bringing together people from the entire Greater Geelong area.

Places are available in Geelong Sings, which rehearses Monday 5.30pm at the Waterfront Christian Church, 35 Corio St Geelong. For more details, visit [www.creativityaustralia.org.au](http://www.creativityaustralia.org.au) or call 8679 6088.

## HEARING VOICES SUPPORT GROUP

Kardinia Mental Health runs a support group for people who hear voices that don't exist.

The group meets on the third Wednesday of the month, with further consultation time available if needed.

People who hear voices may not be part of the psychiatric or mental health

system. The aim of the support group is not to get rid of the voices completely, but to share experiences of what it is like to live with voices and ways to live a successful life while hearing voices.

For more information and to register, phone Chelsea on 5221-7176.

## CENSUS COLLECTOR POSITIONS NOW OPEN

The Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) has launched a state-wide recruitment drive in Victoria with more than 7000 casual jobs created as part of the Census of Population and Housing, to be held on August 9, 2011.

Victoria has 7000 casual Collector positions available for community minded people passionate about contributing to their neighbourhood. The Collector positions are responsible for delivering and collecting approximately 3 million Census forms to Victoria's 2.5 million households in a specified area.

Collectors will be required to work from July 1, 2011 until September 8, 2011 and will be paid between \$1100 and \$2300, depending on their workload. Applications are now open.

To be a Census Collector, a person must be an Australian citizen or a permanent resident of Australia, be at least 18 years old. The ABS provides training for all Census Collectors.

Applications and further information is available online at [www.abs.gov.au/](http://www.abs.gov.au/) recruitment or over the phone on 1800 420 182.

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# COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Corio and Norlane residents are part of a new program aimed at building the capacity of community leaders in underprovided areas.

The Barwon Community Leadership program welcomed its first intake of participants in February. They have begun a 10-month program that will see them hear from a range of experts in a variety of different fields to help better understand the challenges and opportunities facing the region.

The program is a collaboration between the Leaders for Geelong program and Northern Futures and is based on the successful Leaders for Geelong.

Leaders for Geelong Program Director

Jean Paul said the new program was an excellent opportunity to give emerging leaders from different sections of the community an opportunity to play their part in the future of the region.

Participants will learn more about the issues, opportunities and challenges relating to Water and Sustainability, Law and Order, Welfare and Poverty, Transport and Logistics, Arts and Culture and more. They will also form strong relationships and networks with each other and across all sectors of Geelong.



Norlane and Corio residents participating in the program are: Margaret Farrell, Cheryl Irwin, Ron Palmer, Liz Winning, Sandra Anderson, Phil Sanders, Cherie Grigsby, Geraldine Zuniga-Brant, Jan Power, Anne Hill and Corrina O'Toole.



## 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 Kirsten 0437 076 772

Email: [enquiries@corionorlane.org.au](mailto:enquiries@corionorlane.org.au)

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

**Corio Norlane is a 'healthy city'**

## The fOrT

The fOrT is near McDonalds and behind KFC, on the corner of St Georges Road and Princes Hwy - the old tourist information centre. The fOrT is a place where young people can enjoy a fun afternoon totally free - playing Wii, pool, table tennis, guitar, drums, art workshops, cooking, movie marathons, soccer tournaments, theatre, yoga, dance classes, meet new people and make new friends.

The fOrT is for anybody aged 12-25 who wants to come and hang out in a fun and safe place.

The fOrT is open from Monday to Friday 4pm-6pm.

Monday: Food for fOrT - make yummy

food and eat it.

Tuesday: Theatre Group, Gig Group and SKAART Group.

Wednesday: Guitar Lessons (must book in).

Thursday: Music Jam, Primal Beats and Hip Hop.

Friday: Mosaic Art, Chill Out, once a month Skate and Movie Night.

You can access the fOrT's calendar at [www.geelongaustralia.com.au/community/youth](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au/community/youth)

If you have any inquiries you can contact the City of Greater Geelong's Youth Development staff: Jane Ruge on 0457-790-085, Danielle Parker on 5272-4699/0403-580-346 or Luke Gibson on 0488-443-778.

### Editorial Team

Articles for the youth pages were put together by young people in the North.



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## FORTFUL THINKING

fOrTful thinking is looking for new members: If you love acting, set design, script writing, filming, contact Jane on 0457-790-085.

## facebook

To find out about fun stuff for young people aged 12-25yrs, like our new facebook page and you will get regular updates.

[www.facebook.com/TeenActivitiesGeelong](http://www.facebook.com/TeenActivitiesGeelong)

## SKAART

The date is set for late May 2011. If you would like to know more, help out or volunteer at the event, contact Dani on [dparker@geelongcity.vic.gov.au](mailto:dparker@geelongcity.vic.gov.au) or 5272-4699. It is a carnival theme and is looking to be huge and heaps of FUN.

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- Confident to talk with people they don't know.

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If this sounds like you, you are aged between 12-25 and want to try something new, contact Dani on [dparker@geelongcity.vic.gov.au](mailto:dparker@geelongcity.vic.gov.au) or 5272-4699.

## fOrT Human Library

### Glossary of terms

#### Human Library

The Human Library is like a normal library, however, instead of happening in a building they most often happen as a stall at a festival or other community event AND instead of borrowing a 'normal book' you borrow a 'person as a book'.

#### Human Book

The human books in a human library are ordinary people who represent groups who are frequently confronted with prejudices and stereotypes and who are often victims of discrimination or social exclusion.

#### Reader

The 'Reader' is a member of the public who visits a Human Library, is given a catalogue by the Human Library Librarian and chooses a 'Book' to have a conversation with. A Reader can ask questions of their own or questions hinted at by the Human Book.

#### Librarian

The Human Library librarians are there to help you choose a Human Book, that reflects your prejudice. They will have a list (catalogue) for you to choose from.



#### Human Library Card

You will need to fill in some basic details. All your loans will be registered on your card.

#### Human Library Catalogue

A Human Library catalogue lists all the 'Human Books' that you can borrow from your Human Library. Books will have a title followed by a brief (one paragraph) description of the book.



## CYBER SAFETY

A FREE Cyber Safety Session for parents will be held on Monday, May 9, 6.30pm-8pm.

It will be held at The fOrT, corner of St Georges and Melbourne Road, Corio (in behind the KFC).

Nibbles and refreshments available and childcare can be provided.

For inquiries, phone Danielle Parker, 0403-580-346.

## JUDY'S SIMPLE MESSAGE

Judy Blachford is a good example of how community and neighbourhood centres can change lives.

Judy has been a regular at Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre for the past nine years, including time as a volunteer. She discovered the centre after the youngest of her five children started school and she wanted to get into the workforce.

With the hope of working in admin, Judy did a literacy and numeracy course at Rosewall and "did OK" while discovering a new thirst for knowledge. Judy did several short courses before completing the Certificate III in Business Administration at The Gordon.

Judy later worked for the Department of Human Services as a community development worker and in the office at Rosewall before suffering a stroke in late 2007. While her recovery has been difficult, it has included more voluntary work at Rosewall. She was event manager of the Going Potty festival for three years and more recently did catering.

Judy recently started working part-time for Kommercial at its Shell kitchen, but has continued her commitment to Rosewall where she is now a committee of management member.

Judy has a simple message for people in the area: "Get off your backside and get

in to your local neighbourhood centre. Go and see what they have to offer and if the course you want is not there, ask them to run it."



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# RECYCLING PLANT BOOSTS WATER SECURITY



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and Environment

Work has started on the \$94 million Northern Water Plant.

Speaking at the beginning of construction in March, Barwon Water Chairman Roger Lowrey said the plant was a co-operative partnership between government, industry and the water corporation and would deliver multiple, community-wide benefits.

"It represents the start of a new era in water recycling where this valuable resource will play an increasingly important role in water security in the Geelong region," Mr Lowrey said.

"Water recycling will be the catalyst for creating cleaner, greener and more liveable communities and the Northern Water Plant will set the benchmark."

The plant will be located on industrial land off Station Street, Corio, and will be built, owned and operated by Barwon Water.

Expected to be completed late next year, it will treat sewage and trade waste from Geelong's northern suburbs and produce quality recycled water for Shell Geelong Refinery and nearby public sports grounds.

The project is being funded by the Australian Government (\$20 million), Victorian Government (\$9 million), Shell (\$47.5 million) and Barwon Water (\$17.5 million).

Mr Lowrey said the plant would save 5 per cent of Geelong's drinking water, or the equivalent of water used in 10,000 homes every year.



Barwon Water Chairman Roger Lowrey, Federal Member for Corio Richard Marles, State Member for South Barwon Andrew Katos, Shell Geelong Refinery General Manager Mark Schubert and excavator operator Cameron McDowell.

"These savings are crucial as we develop sustainable water sources ahead of population growth and the impacts of climate change.

"The Northern Water Plant will meet projected growth across Geelong's northern suburbs, 'drought proof' selected recreational facilities and avoid costly and disruptive upgrades of the sewerage system through central Geelong.

"It also shows we are totally focused and committed to meeting our environmental responsibilities. The plant will slash treated water discharges into Bass Strait at Black Rock while showcasing the benefits of substituting recycled water for drinking water."

Shell Geelong Refinery General Manager Mark Schubert said Shell was pleased and proud to be involved in freeing up five and a half million litres

of drinking water a day for the benefit of the Geelong region.

"Barwon Water, Shell and the Federal and State Governments have all worked on this project for years and it couldn't have come to fruition without each committing funds and resources.

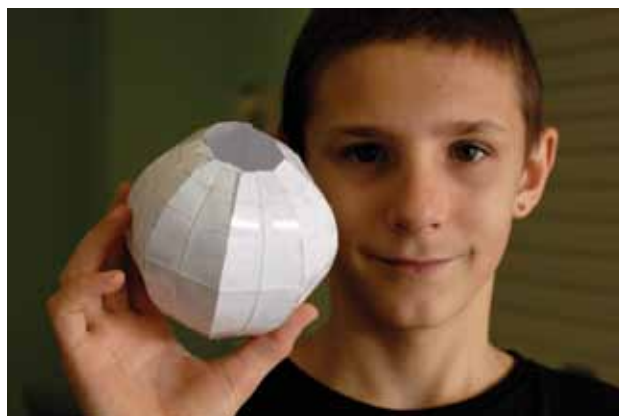
"It's this sort of teamwork that will have such a significant effect in the Geelong community." Mr Schubert said.

The plant is one of Barwon Water's "big ticket" items in a five-year \$900 million investment program. It will create an estimated 150 new jobs during construction.

Federal Member for Corio Richard Marles and State Member for South Barwon Andrew Katos turned the first sod at the project site, which adjoins the Shell complex.

# 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.



Creative: Matt Wilson with one of the Less is Moore marquettes, produced during a program at Cloverdale during the January school holidays.



Happy helper: Cloverdale volunteer Himesha is among the many volunteers at local Neighbourhood Houses. For information about how you can get involved, call in or phone your nearest centre.



Big man: Zac Berryman with the huge sculpture created during the Less is Moore program at Cloverdale Community Centre.



Creative: Young visitors try their hand at some art work during the Going Potty Festival at Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre.





Sing along: Congolese women enjoy some singing during the Women As One dinner at Cloverdale to celebrate International Women's Day.



Young guest: Women of all ages attended the Women As One dinner.



Getting together: Diversitat's Suzanne Cooper and Congolese community's Patricia catch up at the women's dinner.



Fit and balanced: Members of the Fit 'n Balanced exercise group meet at Cloverdale Community Centre every Monday from 9am until 10am. The group, under the guidance of Dee Martin, is an introduction to weight bearing exercises for beginners and older people.



Harvest time: Scope participants, with horticulturalists Katie and Monica, harvest potatoes from Cloverdale Community Centre's nature strip.

## SCOUTS BACK IN NORLANE

Scouts have recently returned to the Norlane hall in Donnybrook Road with the commencement of a Joey Scout Mob.

Eager boys and girls aged six and seven have made pancakes, made and flown kites, had an adventure travelling to outer space, played 'olden day' games like sack race, three-legged race and egg and spoon race, and helped keep Australia beautiful by picking up rubbish on the corner of St Georges and Melbourne Roads.

Joey Scouts introduces children to the challenges of Scouting – the world's oldest and most successful youth program. It aims to raise awareness



of who they are and all that they are able to do but might not know yet; of how they can be caring members of our community and good friends to other people and to the environment.

Cub Scouts, for boys and girls aged

eight, nine and 10 is also getting underway. Cub Scouts make new friends and explore the great Australian outdoors in a safe and friendly environment. Cub Scouts learn new skills while taking part in lots of activities such as camping, hiking and bush-craft.

Scouting also offers adults a unique opportunity to develop a variety of skills in leadership, project management and event planning. Leaders gain a great sense of personal satisfaction seeing young people take on new challenges and build their confidence.

For further information on Scouting telephone Jeanette on 5282-5061.

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# STRENGTH IN COMMUNITY APPROACH

Leading Senior Constable Andrew King has been appointed Geelong's first Community Liaison Officer. Senior Constable King's job is to strengthen links between police and the community.

"There was an identified gap where some people didn't want to come to the police station to report a crime, or when they did, they wanted to tell their story further," he said. "There was also a gap between police and the community."

Senior Constable King will continue to work with Neighbourhood Watch and will track trends associated with elderly people. He is also Geelong's first officer

responsible for multicultural issues.

In his multicultural role, Senior Constable King will work with Diversity as a member of the Settlement Planning Committee. He hopes to create relationships with cultural and ethnic groups new to Geelong, who may have never reported a crime or had the confidence to enter a police station.

"If there are issues identified, my role is to be the liaison and set a plan in place to deal with them," he said. "I am the middle point from the community to police and from police to the community."



To contact Senior Constable King, phone 5225-3261 or email [andrew.s.king@police.vic.gov](mailto:andrew.s.king@police.vic.gov).



## CREATE is taking enrolments **NOW** for the following courses

- Certificate III in Children's Services (Commencing May 2nd)
- Diploma of Children's Services
- Certificate IV in Disability
- Certificate III in Business Administration
- Certificate III in Aged and Home and Community Care
- Certificate III in Education Support (Integration Aide)
- TAE Certificate IV in Training and Assessment
- Senior First Aid & CPR
- Palliative Care (Deliver care services using a palliative approach)

## FREE Aged Care training and job search assistance for people aged 55 years and above

Our courses are delivered with Victoria and Commonwealth Government funding for students who meet the criteria. Students with disabilities are also encouraged to access funded training places. More information can be found at [www.skills.vic.gov.au](http://www.skills.vic.gov.au)



# IT'S MORE THAN JUST A CAPPUCCINO

MatchWorks Corio has had great success with a new barista training course for local job seekers, where participants learn about more than just making a good coffee.

Training company Doppio or Nothing has run three barista courses in recent months out of MatchWorks Corio, with eight to 10 people attending each course.

While many participants have had great success in finding work after the course, with at least half finding a job, it is the change in the job seeker that is most worthwhile.

"Most job seekers come into the course expecting to just learn 'how to make coffee', but they come away with a whole lot more," says trainer Stewart Clark. "They also learn about presentation skills, customer service, teamwork, motivation and confidence."

The course introduces participants into real life work situations. Participants are required to design a café, look at the equipment they would need, menus, work clothes and then analyse any problems that may arise.

"The course gives each participant a chance to work as a team and have

a look at their individual strengths and challenges. Even though each participant walks away with a certificate at the end of the course, it's not about the piece of paper so much as about the outcomes for each participant - how they learn about themselves in different situations and how they deal with issues," Stewart said.

For further information on how MatchWorks Corio can help you find a job phone 5275-8212.

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# Cloverdale Community Centre

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Office Hours: 9am-3:30pm Monday to Friday

## GREEN FOCUS FOR SPECIAL WEEK

Neighbourhood House Week will be celebrated in early May and Cloverdale Community Centre will join the fun, with a range of activities highlighting the centre's focus on sustainable living.

With the theme of Think Green Act Green Eat Green, Cloverdale will host a range of free and fun activities to help you become a green hero in your community and celebrate the work of neighbourhood houses in sustainable living.

Activities during the week will include:

May 9: Green Babies (times to be arranged).

May 11: Green Seniors Herb Gardening (9am-noon).

May 13: Green Cooking and Preserving (9am-noon).

For more information, call Cloverdale Community Centre on 5275-4415.



## Plant Meet and Eat

Cloverdale Community Centre's Plant celebration of food, culture and the environment, Plant Meet and Eat, will be held at the centre on Saturday, May 28 from 11am until 3pm.

It will be a day of free fun activities including art and craft, African

drumming, delicious food (including bush tucker), music, henna tattooing, gardening activities, information and resources and much more.

Call the centre, phone 5275-4415, for more information.



Saturday, May 28

# CLOVERDALE PROGRAMS



For further course information call 03 5275 4415

## ARTS AND CULTURE

### Craft at Cloverdale

If you enjoy painting, needlework, quilting, paper making or any form of art or craft, this is the group for you! Meet other creative people and exchange ideas.

When: 1-3pm.

Wednesdays from April 27.

Cost: Gold coin.

## COMPUTER COURSES

### Computers for the Terrified



If you are terrified of breaking your computer, this is for you. Learn to use Windows, word processing, file management, internet and email.

When: 9.30am-noon.

Mondays from May 2 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$90 includes manual.

USB memory sticks available for purchase.

Tutor: Maree Gabriel.

### Beginner Computers



Use Windows, word processing, file management, internet and email.

When: 9.30am-noon.

Tuesdays from May 3 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$90 includes manual.

USB memory sticks available for purchase.

Tutor: Maree Gabriel.

### Introduction to Computers



Learn to use Windows, word processing, file management, internet and email.

When: 9.30am-noon

Wednesdays from May 4 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$90 includes manual.

USB memory sticks available for purchase.

Tutor: Maree Gabriel.

### Introduction to Computers – The Next Step



For those who have completed an introductory course. Learn MS Word including Tables, plus Excel, PowerPoint, safe internet use and maintaining your computer.

When: 12.30-3pm.

Thursdays from April 28 for 10 weeks.

Cost: \$90 includes manual.

USB memory sticks available for purchase.

Tutor: Maree Gabriel.

### Introduction to Life Online

Experience life online by learning how to use the internet to find services, use email, internet banking, eBay and a range of social media such as Facebook, Twitter and Skype.

When: 9.30am-noon for 7 weeks.

Fridays from May 6.

Cost: \$90.

Tutor: Maree Gabriel.

### Computer Culture



Basic computer and internet use for people from refugee or non-English speaking backgrounds living in the northern suburbs. Develop confidence in using computers, email, social networking, blogging plus job search skills.

When: 2-4.30pm for 8 weeks.

Tuesdays from May 3.

Cost: Gold coin.

Tutor: David Gravalin.

## GENERAL INTEREST

### Cloverdale Over 45s

A social group for older people who enjoy outings, gardening, meals and craft sessions as well as trips away.

When: Noon-3pm.

Wednesdays from April 27.

Cost: Varies according to activities.

### Cloverdale Singers

Join a group of people passionate about singing and eager to learn new songs. Enjoy the uplifting experience of singing together. All welcome.

When: 1-2.30pm.

Tuesdays from May 3.

Cost: Gold coin.

Singing leader: Lucy Jones.

### Neighbourhood House Week A week of being green

Learn to live a more sustainable, holistic life! Grow food in your own garden, and enjoy a range of workshops that will teach you to embrace the 'reduce, reuse, recycle' principle.

May 9: Green Babies.

May 11 All About Herbs (9am-noon).

May 13 Green Cooking and Preserving.

Cost: Gold coin.

For details call 5275-4415.

### The Edible Garden



Learn edible, no-dig and organic gardening techniques, sustainable gardening that is seasonally sensitive and water efficient. Suitable for the beginner or established gardeners.

Call to register.

Cost: \$5 per session.

## ClovaBlitz 2

Planting a Food Forest

Plant up the Cloverdale food forest and learn about "no dig" gardening, guild planting, hot composting, and growing fruit trees and edible natives and perennials.

Work with permaculturalist Monica Winston and horticulturalist Katie Gillett and discover the pleasures and benefits of getting your hands dirty. Lunch provided.

When: 10am – noon

Sunday May 15

Free. Call 5275 4415 to register.

## Introduction to Digital Photography

Want to learn digital photography, develop pre and post production skills, use digital imaging software like Photoshop Elements, upload images to Flickr or Facebook or publish your own photobook? Or maybe just how to get the best out of your digital camera? Call 5275 4415 to register your interest.

## Reframing Community Learning – learn local, learn for life

Cloverdale is developing an exciting new program to develop people's digital literacies, creativity and sustainability skills and support and encourage an interest in learning and training. The project is a Community Learning Partnership with Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre, Diversitat, Northern Geelong Rental Housing Co-op and Transition Consulting and will start in Term 2 ... so stay tuned and watch this space.

## HEALTH AND WELL BEING

### Cloverdale Cruisers – Walking Group

Walking is an easy and accessible way to stay physically active and get to know your neighbourhood. It is suitable for all, including mums with prams and people with pooches. Supported by the Heart Foundation Walking.

When: 9.40 – 10.40am.

Thursdays from April 28.

Free.

### Fit n Balanced

An introduction to weight bearing exercises for beginners or older people.

When: 9-10am.

Mondays from May 2 for 9 weeks.

Cost: \$45 per term or \$6 per session.

Tutor: Dee Martin.

### Fitness for New Mums

Have you recently had a baby? This is a fitness class for new mums of all fitness levels where you and baby work together.

Call to register.

Cost: \$45 per term or \$6 per session.

Tutor: Dee Martin.

### Yoga

Invigorates your body and soul in our multi-level class. Bring a mat and blanket.

When: 7-8pm.

Thursdays from April 28 for 9 weeks.

Cost: \$78 per term or \$10 per session.

Tutor: Saphirra.

## PARENTS AND CHILDREN

### Cloverdale Community Playgroups

Do you have a toddler or pre-schooler? Would you like to get together with other parents or carers of young children? Then why not come along to our friendly playgroup?

When: 10am-noon.

Monday and Thursday from May 2.

Cost: Gold coin plus \$5 annual registration per family.

### Baha'i Children Classes

Teaches moral as well as spiritual lessons with the aid of arts, crafts, stories and music. All children welcome regardless of cultural or religious backgrounds.

When 4-5pm.

Tuesdays from May 3.

## YOUNG PEOPLE

### Girls Express

An arts-based after school hours activity program for girls aged 10 to 14

When: 4-6pm.

Wednesdays from May 4 for 8 weeks

Free.



[www.cloverdalecommunitycentre.com](http://www.cloverdalecommunitycentre.com)



# Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre

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Office hours: 9am-3pm Monday to Friday

## ROSEWALL HELPING RECOVERY

Pancake Day at Rosewall saw 65 people enjoy good company, yummy pancakes and a chance to plant fruit trees and veggies in the community garden.

In January 2011 the Rosewall Early Learning Centre, next door to the Neighbourhood Centre, was destroyed by a deliberately lit fire. The site has now been cleaned and has been looking very barren.

Since the fire, potato boxes have been added to the empty site to breathe new life into the area while we await the building of the new kinder and early learning centre.

Different groups from within the Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre including the Rosewall Playgroups, Community Kitchen and Rosewall gardeners have adopted a potato box.

If you are interested in gardening or if you would like to learn how to



grow your own veggies we have many opportunities for you to become involved at Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre. This could be volunteering in the garden or undertaking a workshop

to learn how to grow your own veggies.

Please contact Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre, phone 5275-7409, for more information.

## Join the fun at Rosewall

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre will host activities during May that will celebrate the efforts of volunteers and fundraise for a worthy cause.

On Wednesday, May 11 at 12.30pm, a Community Lunch will be held as part of National Volunteers Week

celebrations. All are welcome, but please RSVP to the centre by Monday, May 9.

The Mad Hatters Tea Party will be held at the centre on Thursday, May 26 at 10.30am. There will be prizes for the best decorated hat, most original hat, best handmade hat and more. Cost is a \$2 donation to the Cancer Council.

The Rosewall Early Learning Centre

– Playgroup will also celebrate the Mad Hatters Day on May 26, from 9.30 until 11am. Bring along or make a hat to celebrate Australia's Biggest Morning Tea.

All playgroup proceeds will be donated to the Cancer Council.

For more information phone Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre, 5275-7409.



# ROSEWALL PROGRAMS



For further course information call 03 5275 7409

## COMPUTER COURSES

### Introduction to Computers

Learn about Windows, MS Word, internet and email. No prior knowledge required. A maximum of 8 students.

When: 9.15-12.15pm.

Mondays from May 9 for 7 weeks.

Cost: \$90 Includes manual and USB.

### Word Processing

Produce simple word documents. Improve your computer skills using MS Word.

When: 12.30-3.30pm

Mondays from May 9 for 7 weeks.

Cost: \$90 Includes USB.

### The Computer Help Club

Your drop in place when you have computer questions. Get the most out of your computer and programs.

When: 10am-12pm.

Fridays from May 6.

Cost: \$5 per week.

### Mac Self Help Group

BYO Mac computer and learn from others within this group.

When: 12- 3pm.

Fridays from April 29.

Cost: \$5 per week.

### Photo Editing

Your drop in place when you have questions on how to organise, correct and edit your digital photos.

When: 1-3pm Fridays from May 6.

Cost: \$5 per week.



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## EMPLOYMENT

### Returning to Study or Work

This program is designed for those who would like help in developing skills and a pathway to employment or further study. Trainers recognise that for many, this may be their first time back in the classroom for many years.

Includes:

- Identifying talents and skills
- Goal setting
- Planning for work
- Planning and organising
- Resumes and cover letters
- Interview skills
- Creating Pathways to study or employment

When: 9.30am-12.30pm, Tuesdays from May 10 for 6 weeks.

Cost: \$50

### HLTA301B—Apply First Aid

(Previously known as Level 2)

Learn how to initiate a first aid response, provide basic life support and manage the situation until the arrival of medical/advanced assistance.

When: 9am-5pm.

Thursday and Friday April 28 and 29.

Cost: \$160.

RTO - National First Aid

### Certificate III in Aged Care

Learn the skills to provide care to residents in aged care facilities such as nursing homes, hostels and supported residential services. Includes

- Level 2 First Aid
- Safe Food Handling

When: 9am-3pm Tuesdays and

Wednesdays from July for 19 weeks. No classes will be held during the school



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holidays.

Cost: \$560 subject to Skills Victoria funding eligibility.

Full Cost \$740.

RTO - Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre

### Certificate III in Children's Services

Learn the skills needed to work as a childcare assistant in a long day care , family day care, vacation care or kinder setting.

Includes

- Level 2 First Aid
- Safe Food Handling

When: 9am-3pm Mondays and Thursdays from July for 20 weeks. No classes will be held during the school holidays.

Cost: \$605 subject to Skills Victoria funding eligibility.

Full Cost \$895.

RTO - Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre

### Introduction to Horticulture

Grow your own Food.

Low cost easy methods on how to grow your own food. Come with experience or none at all. The first 1/2 hour is spent in the classroom and the rest of the class will be working in the garden. Wear old clothes and strong shoes.

When: 10am-Noon, Saturdays from May 7 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$30 or \$5 per week.

## Introduction to Office Administration

An introduction to the knowledge and skills required to work in an office as well as preparation for employment.

Includes:

- Basic computer operations
- Keyboard skills
- Using business equipment
- Communication skills
- Time management
- Organisational skills

When: 9.30am-3pm, Thursdays from May 5 for 6 weeks.

Cost: \$200 Concession \$105 Includes manual and USB.

## GENERAL INTEREST

### Pottery

Geelong Potters meet at the Centre. New Members are welcome.

Materials are available for purchase.

When: 11am-3pm, Tuesdays from May 3.

Cost: \$2.

### Over 50's

This group meet together to share lunch, play games, go on outings and have lots of fun.

When: Noon-3pm, Fridays from April 29.

Cost: Gold coin donation.

### Patchwork

A class for beginner and intermediate students with an experienced tutor to guide you.

A material list is available.

When: 9.30-11.30am, Wednesdays from May 4 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$60 plus materials.

### Sit & Stitch

A friendly group that meets weekly to work on their own projects and share ideas and inspiration.

When: 12.30-2.30pm Tuesdays from May 3.

Cost: \$2 per week.

### Strength Training

A fun and relaxed class for all ages.

When: 8.30-9.30am, Tuesdays from May 3.

Cost: \$5 per week.

### Strength Training For Older Adults

A class for older adults based on the No Falls Program.

When: 9.30-10.30am, Tuesdays from May 3.

Cost: \$5 per week.

## HOSPITALITY

### Certificate II in Hospitality SIT20207

Gain skills to work in the Hospitality industry. Includes:

- Follow Workplace Hygiene Procedures
- RSA
- Espresso Coffee
- Sandwich making
- Customer service
- Communication skills

When: 9.30am-3pm, Thursdays and Fridays from May 12 for 18 weeks.

No classes during the school holidays. Cost: \$200 (includes \$95 amenities and text books) subject to Skills Victoria funding eligibility.

Full Cost \$500.

RTO - CREATE Geelong

### Gourmet Cooking @ Rosewall

Find your hidden master chef. Dale is offering six cooking classes with new food and cooking techniques every week.

When: 9.30am-3pm, Fridays from August 5 for 6 weeks.

Cost: \$150 Concession \$90.

### Espresso Coffee

Cappuccino, short black or café latte? Learn how to use an espresso coffee machine.

When: Noon-3pm, Friday from May 20.

Cost: \$ 80.

### Follow Workplace Hygiene Procedures SITXOHS002

Are you interested in working in Hospitality? This qualification is required by law when working with food.

When: 9.30am-3pm, Thursday and Friday May 12 and 13.

Cost: \$75.

RTO - CREATE Geelong

### Responsible Service of Alcohol SITHFAB009

This course is accredited by Liquor Licensing Victoria.

When: 9.30am-12.30pm, Thursday, June 2.

Cost: \$70.

RTO - CREATE Geelong

## PARENTS AND CHILDREN

### Rosewall 3 year old Rostered Playgroup

When: Noon- 2pm, Thursdays during the school term at Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre.

Cost: \$5 per week.

Registration fee: \$25, Concession \$15.

Ages: 3 year olds.

BYO: Lunch or snack for child.

Please contact Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre, phone 5275-7409, for more information.





# 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

## GARDEN ART PIECE

The garden art piece was launched at Norlane Community Centre at the RUOK Day on October 7, 2010 to highlight the therapeutic value of gardening and art to one's health and well being.

This piece of art was designed by gardeners and local residents.

Meanwhile, the Norlane Community Fruit, Herb and Vegetable Garden is self managed by residents of all ages, cultures and abilities.

Gardeners grow fresh healthy vegetables for their own use. If you are interested in your own veggie patch, contact Liz on 5275-8124.



### Anger Management Group Program

The Anger Management Group Program held its first meeting on March 30 and aims to:

- Develop an understanding of anger and related emotions and the impact of these on the individuals lifestyle
- Explore the process of change
- Increase knowledge of alternative coping strategies

For further information contact Veronica Knox, phone 5222-6690 or Sharon Hocking, phone 5279-2754.



## HEALTH AND WELL BEING

**The Better Outcomes in Mental Health Program** provides services for youth, culturally diverse people and low income people in the Norlane, Corio area. It is for young people aged between 12 and 25 who are referred by their GP and is available Monday or Friday from 9-5 pm.

For more information contact Lyndy Telfer on 5229-1922.

**Bayside Active Adults** provides a range of exercise classes and other activities for Older Adults every

Monday. 10.30-11.30am For more Information phone Lesia Dunn, 5200-0146.

**Advanced Tai Chi** is for people with previous experience. Classes are held on Tuesday 10-11.30am.

**Yoga** is really about creating balance in the body through developing both strength and flexibility. Join us Tuesday afternoon, 1.30pm-3pm. For further details contact 5244-1130.

## EDUCATION AND TRAINING



### Language Literacy and Numeracy Program

This is an ideal program for:

- Jobseekers;
- Parents returning to work;
- Program for registered jobseekers;
- People from cultural and linguistically diverse backgrounds;
- Those seeking a stepping stone to higher level qualifications;

The course will offer:

- Small class sizes to maximize learning;
- Flexible Program – it can be for one term or one year, depending on your needs; work at your own pace in a welcoming environment.

Inquiries: Garry, 0403-641-962.

## ANOTHER GREAT SERVICE DELIVERED LOCALLY

Ostara/My Recruitment is pleased to be joining the many services being delivered out of Norlane Community Centre, providing local support to residents in the Norlane area.

Its consultants have extensive knowledge and experience in a range of industries. From manufacturing and warehousing to agriculture and hospitality, Ostara/My Recruitment consultants can offer advice and support on a variety of employment opportunities. They can help jobseekers access relevant training including White Card, Forklift Licences, First Aid and OH&S training that can make all the difference when looking for work in their local area.

The service is available to anyone who may be concerned about their mental health. Ostara/My Recruitment understands that anxiety and depression are some of the most common issues that jobseekers face; they understand these concerns and have the resources to support people to achieve their goals.

Employment Consultant Sean Hill will be available 9am-5pm every Monday and Tuesday for appointments and information. Please call Sean on 0418-179-368.

### Art and craft

The **Tuesday Morning Art Group** is a self-help group who come together on Tuesdays, 9am-1pm. All mediums invited. Cost \$4.50.

The **Crochet Group** is a friendly group who meet to exchange techniques and have a cuppa and a chat on Thursdays from 1-3pm. Cost \$1.

**Craft and Friendship** is a chance to come along and enjoy afternoon tea and a laugh with a group of talented people and share craft ideas on Fridays, 1-3pm. Cost \$1.



# Playgroup at Norlane

Norlane Community Centre is home to several weekly playgroups.

The Ankle Bitters Playgroup consists of a group of parents meeting to support one another while their children interact with other children in a friendly and safe environment.

It is held every Monday 9.30-11am. The cost is \$2 per family.

Busy Bees Playgroup is where local parents and children meet with the support of the Glastonbury PLAY and CAP programs in a friendly atmosphere.

The group meets on Tuesdays, 11.30am-1.30pm. Cost \$2 per family. For more information on the Glastonbury



programs phone Trina on 5222-6911.

The All Abilities Playgroup is where parents and children of all abilities come together to play and learn

together on Fridays from 1-3pm. For inquiries contact Bethany on 5278-8122.

## THE SMITH FAMILY IN NORLANE



The Smith Family provides educational support to approximately 600 Norlane and Corio students and their families through financial sponsorship, literacy programs, learning clubs and career based mentoring.

The Smith Family regularly offers a free short course in Financial Literacy for adults, which also provides an opportunity to attain a Certificate I in Financial Services.

Mara and Jacqui are The Smith Family Learning for Life workers in the Norlane Corio community and are based at the

[www.northerlyaspects.org.au](http://www.northerlyaspects.org.au)

Norlane Community Centre. If you are interested in programs and courses offered by The Smith Family, please contact Jacqui, 5275-4087, or Mara, 5275-5416.

## COMPUTERS

Community usage is free for 1 hour on Friday; other times \$2 per hour unless computer classes are being held. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

## TOOL POOL

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

The Tool Pool operates Tuesday and Fridays, 9am to noon. Ride on mower is not for hire. Inquiries 5275-8124.

## SELF HELP GROUPS

**Narcotics Anonymous** meetings are held for those trying to cease drug addiction in a supportive environment on Mondays, 7-8pm. For more details contact John (04) 2020-7820.

**HIPPY** (Home Instruction for Parents of Pre-school Youngsters) meets on Tuesdays, 12.30-3pm. For details phone 5222-6911.

## SAFETY

**Neighbourhood Watch** meetings are held on the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm for local residents interested in crime and safety in the local community. For more information phone Rob on 5275-3939.

# CORIO/NORLANE STRUCTURE PLAN



At a meeting in late February, City of Greater Geelong councillors voted to support the preparation of a Structure Plan for Corio and Norlane.

Planning Portfolio Cr Rod Macdonald explained that development of the Structure Plan will be a joint exercise between the City of Greater Geelong and the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD). "We're working closely with State Government to ensure the Structure Plan fits within the broader Corio Norlane Urban Renewal Project," he said.

"The plan will provide direction about key development sites including Corio Village and excess school sites resulting from the Corio Norlane Education

Regeneration Project," Cr Macdonald said.

Cr Cameron Granger represents the Windermere Ward, which takes in parts of Corio, and says the area has much potential. "The Corio Norlane area has the potential to be a high demand economic and residential location due to proximity to the Geelong CBD, Avalon Airport, Geelong Port, road and rail links to Melbourne and affordable housing," Cr Granger said.

Corio Ward Cr Kylie Fisher commended the community's involvement.

"We've had some great community consultations that have fed into the development of the background report and Structure Plan. I encourage people

to stay involved and be part of the process, it's so important," Cr Fisher said.

"The background report is almost complete and this identifies the issues and opportunities facing Corio and Norlane. We will publish it on our website. The Structure Plan will build on this and map future land use, linking planning decisions to the overall goal of improving the liveability of the north."

A series of design workshops will be held during April and May. The draft Corio/Norlane Structure Plan should be ready for consideration by the council by July.

For more information phone Jane Thomas, 5272-4800 or 0438-561-288.

## COMMUNITY PROMOTION SIGNS

Are you a community group organising an event?

Did you know that you may be eligible to advertise your community event on the City of Greater Geelong's Community Promotion Signs. There are 23 Community Promotion Sign locations in Geelong.

For just \$67 you can advertise on five sites for up to four weeks before the date of your event.

Want to find out more?

Go to [www.geelongaustralia.com.au](http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au) and search for Community Signs or phone the Customer Service Centre on 5272-5272.



## DISCOVERING PLAY

PLAY is a program run by Glastonbury Child and Family Services that encourages families to provide the most stimulating home environment possible for their children.

Shell Geelong Refinery Communications Advisor, Jessica Marriner, said Shell has been the principal supporter of PLAY in the northern suburbs for the past two years.

"Shell's social investment program aims to empower communities by linking with organisations to deliver long-term projects with a focus on building capacity in the area of education," Jessica said.

"PLAY fits this objective well - not only is it fun, it strengthens parent-child



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PLAY Coordinator, Beth Kershaw, said PLAY is structured around the school term and parents are encouraged to participate.

"Some parents who have completed the PLAY program receive training to become a paid mentor and this may lead to other training and employment opportunities," Beth said.

Glastonbury Child and Family Services can be contacted on phone 5222-6911.

## MAJOR BITUMEN INVESTMENT FOR GEELONG REFINERY

Shell Geelong Refinery recently announced a \$20million investment in its bitumen manufacturing facility, including four new hot bitumen tanks and a new road gantry for loading trucks.

Geelong Refinery general manager, Mark Schubert, said the facility would shore up the positions of the 20 workers at the existing plant. It will also help Shell supply additional bitumen for road reconstruction efforts in north-west Victoria following recent flood damage that is expected to last for a number of years.

"This investment will be great for Geelong, both in terms of short-term construction jobs and underpinning existing bitumen manufacturing jobs," Mark said.

As well as expanding Shell's bitumen capacity, the upgrade will support local manufacture of specialty products such as Shell's Multiphalte range - the leading product for Australian airport runway surfacing. This product was recently used on both Adelaide and Melbourne airport upgrades.



Up to 20 jobs have been secured at Shell Geelong Refinery due to upgrades to a \$20million investment in its bitumen manufacturing complex.

# CELEBRITY CHEF REFEREES SHELL MASTER CAKE CHALLENGE

One of Australia's leading chefs, Luke Mangan, presided over a battle of epic proportions as part of the official launch of Shell Geelong Refinery's new cafe.

The cafe is managed by Kommercial Café - a division of Karingal, which provides opportunities and access for people with disabilities.

Shell Geelong Refinery general manager Mark Schubert, Karingal chief executive officer Daryl Starkey and City of Greater Geelong acting mayor Cr Cameron Granger, pitted their artistic and culinary skills against each other in the ultimate cake decorating challenge and offered their creations to a panel of judges comprising Luke Mangan and Kommercial Café employees.

Karingal's Daryl Starkey said the competition was a fun way to launch the refinery's new cafe and highlighted

the friendly and inclusive atmosphere of Kommercial's newest venture.

"We are enormously proud of how the Kommercial Café team is operating at the refinery and we sincerely thank Shell for giving us the opportunity to prove yet again we can provide a quality service," said Daryl.

Refinery general manager Mark Schubert said the appointment of Kommercial and the cafe refurbishment have been welcomed warmly by the refinery.

"Shell has always admired Karingal's philosophy that all people should be treated with respect and have the opportunity to live as valued members of their community," Mark said.

Cr Cameron Granger commended Shell and Kommercial on the new business venture.

"This is a fantastic initiative that serves a business need while at the same time supporting local people with disabilities. I encourage other businesses - large and small - to investigate how Kommercial might be able to assist them," Cr Granger said.

Along with managing his award-winning restaurants both in Australia and abroad, Luke Mangan, is an ardent supporter of various charities, devoting both his time and expertise to raise money. He is intimately aware of the employment opportunities Kommercial Café provides, with his niece being a long-term employee.

"I am extremely supportive of Kommercial, particularly the empowerment they give to people with disabilities through their employment and mentoring program," Luke said

Shell Refinery general manager Mark Schubert scored a perfect 10 from the judges for his cake creation. Pictured (from left) Vicki Jones, Kommercial Café, Refinery general manager Mark Schubert, Celebrity chef Luke Mangan and Emma Mangan, Kommercial Café.

