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Our cover: Tony Venz is a key figure in the revival of Labuan Square. Read more about Tony and Urban Bean on Page 5.



## Editor's letter

Welcome to the term two edition of Northerly Aspects. I hope you will find this edition contains plenty of information about the positive things happening in your neighbourhood.

We are delighted to welcome the Northern Bay College Extended Schools Hub as a new sponsor for 2012.

One of the new projects of the ESH is a Grads of the Past group. They want to create a database of people who went any of the government schools in the 3214 area that existed before Northern Bay College and find out more about what they're up to now. You'll find more information on Page 8 of this edition.

The next edition of Northerly Aspects will be delivered in the July school holidays, so you'll know what programs are available in your area for term three.

If you have any ideas for articles, please let us know. You can email details to [info@northerlyaspects.org.au](mailto:info@northerlyaspects.org.au) or leave your details at Cloverdale Community Centre, phone 5275-4415.

Jeanette Watt  
Editor, on behalf of the Editorial Committee



## Len's Quote

Each day is a challenge. It's up to you to accept or decline.

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).

## A helping hand at school

The Smith Family is helping children from local families to get the most out of their education, so they can create better futures for themselves.

The national charity focuses on supporting the education of disadvantaged children because research shows that education helps break the cycle of disadvantage. It provides support to about 600 Norlane and Corio students.

Through The Smith Family's Learning for Life sponsorship program, children from financially disadvantaged families receive help to provide educational essentials such as uniforms, books, excursions and camps for their children. Sponsorship is paid for by people in the community who want to make a difference and help a child get the most out of their education.

For Amy Walerys, sponsorship from The Smith Family is helping support her



Amy Walerys and her children Abby and Broc.

children Abby and Broc through their schooling at Northern Bay College. Abby, 11, is in Grade 6, while five-year-old Broc is a Prep student.

Amy said sponsorship makes a difference in providing the school essentials and enables her children to participate in excursions and camps.

The Smith Family has two Learning for Life workers, based at Norlane Community Centre, who connect children to programs and opportunities in the local area to support their education.

Abby attends one of the programs, a weekly after-school homework club at Corio Library. Staffed by volunteer tutors, the club allows children from upper primary school to Year 12 to get assistance and encouragement with school work in a relaxed and supportive environment.

For more information about The Smith Family in Norlane and Corio, contact Jacqui on 5275-4087 or Mara on 5275-5416.



## Women's Health and Wellbeing

The Corio Women's Health Clinic runs weekly, and you can see either a nurse or female doctor for the following:

- Pap test.
- Breast Self-Awareness instructions.
- Pregnancy Testing.
- Sexual Health Screening.
- Contraception (including Diaphragm fitting)
- Pregnancy counseling.
- Menopause.
- Sexually transmitted infections.
- Emergency contraception.
- Family planning.

Well Women's Clinics provide the opportunity for women to learn more about their health, so that they can take responsibility for their own health and wellbeing. This is a FREE service at Barwon Health Corio, 2 Gellibrand St, Corio.

### So why are pap tests so important anyway?

In Australia, regular Pap tests (every two years) save more than 1200 women each year from cervical cancer. Cervical cancer is one of the few cancers that can be largely prevented

through screening (Pap tests). Having regular Pap tests is the best way women can protect themselves against cervical cancer - regular Pap tests (every two years) can prevent around 90 per cent of cervical cancers. The early stages of cervical cancer often have no symptoms. The only way to know if there are abnormal cells in the cervix, which may develop into cervical cancer, is to have a Pap test.

For more information or to access the Corio Health Women's Clinic call Barwon Health Information and Access on 1300-715-673.

# Hitting our streets

The Streetsurfer Bus is coming to Norlane every fortnight.

Barwon Youth in partnership with Victoria Police, local philanthropic and community agencies announced the arrival of the Streetsurfer Bus in 2010 which operates around the Geelong and Surf Coast area.

The Streetsurfer Bus is a community initiative, offering young people 14-24 years access to information, referral, social and recreational pursuits within a safe and supportive setting.



Youth workers, community volunteers and police travel to locations where young people gather and provide a supportive outreach service. The bus

visits also provide an opportunity to build positive relationships between young people, youth workers and the police.

The Streetsurfer Bus began Outreach Shifts at Norlane Community Centre on March 13 and is at the centre on Tuesday afternoons from 2-5pm on a fortnightly basis.

For further information contact Deb Barclay at Barwon Youth on 5221-4466.

## CONSUMER AFFAIRS

# Energy advice for residents

Consumer Affairs Victoria has some advice for residents when it comes to shopping around for the best deal for their energy supply.

Director Dr Claire Noone says it is important that consumers can shop around for the best deals but at the same time not feel pressured into taking up an offer.

"Answering the door or phone to an energy marketing salesperson can be daunting and confusing for some people. But understanding your rights can help you get the best deal," Dr Noone said.

When you're dealing with door-to-door and telemarketing salespeople, remember:

- You have up to 10 business days to cool off (change your mind) about an agreement.
- Salespeople must have identification and must immediately leave your premises when you ask them to.
- If a door-to-door salesperson asks to see your energy bill you don't have to provide it.
- The government does not own any energy service providers – claims by salespeople that they represent the government are misleading.

- If you don't want to be contacted by phone salespeople, you can register on the Government's Do Not Call Register at [donotcall.gov.au](http://donotcall.gov.au) or by calling 1300-792-958.
- You can also order a Do Not Knock sticker from [donotknock.org.au](http://donotknock.org.au) if you want to deter door-to-door salespeople.
- The Victoria Government website [yourchoice.vic.gov.au](http://yourchoice.vic.gov.au) offers tips for choosing an energy retailer.

For free advice and assistance from Consumer Affairs Victoria, call in to 65 Gheringhap Street, Geelong or phone 5224-8072.

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## Tony leads the way

Tony Venz is using coffee and food to help restore some life into Labuan Square shopping centre.

Tony works for Urban Seed, a community-based organisation that engages faith, community and culture in order to respond to poverty. Working out of the old Norlane Baptist Church, he heads several community projects including a weekly community meal and a breakfast program.

At Labuan Square, Urban Bean cafe is the organisation's way of trying to inject new energy into a tired, under-used centre. It opened two years ago and is now starting to benefit from the City of Greater Geelong's decision to make it a community development priority.

"We felt the cafe could be a really strong and central community hub," Tony said. "The idea is that it will bring new energy and people into the area."

The cafe is open Tuesday to Friday from 9am until 4pm and is staffed by a paid manager, volunteers and trainees from St Laurence. Much of the work in setting it up has been done by Tony and his wife Sarah, along with Jono Dredge and artist Laura Alice Bracken-Dredge.

Their message to the local community is

to come back to Labuan Square.

"Come and support the businesses in the Square," Tony said. "The reality is that places like Labuan Square suffer because of large supermarkets and shopping centres. But when you're in an area where a lot of people don't have cars, it's important to have places like this to encourage other businesses to come to the area, for them to see it could be viable."

Skil 2 and 5 Fresh Food Shop at the rear of the cafe is also helping to revitalise the area. The shop is open Monday to Friday selling fresh, affordable fruit and vegetables.

A playgroup at Urban Bean, held every second Thursday, is also bringing families to the area. Labuan Square is in Forster Street, Norlane.



Tony Venz serves Libby Elliott in the Urban Bean cafe.

## New Corio craft group

A new friendship and craft group will begin at Corio Christian Centre in May.

The group will meet from 11am to 2pm twice a month at the centre at 154 Purnell Road, Corio.

The sessions will be simple hands-on craft and also time for a Bible think spot and lunch.

The group will meet on May 21 and 28; June 18 and 25; July 16 and 23; August 20 and 27; September 17 and

24; October 15 and 22; and November 19 and 26.

For more information phone Alison, 5243-3177 or email [alisond43@gmail.com](mailto:alisond43@gmail.com).

# Help for parents

Parents of young children are invited to join Bethany's successful Supported Playgroup Program, now underway in the northern suburbs.

Supported Playgroups are located at:

- Northern Bay P-12 College (three playgroups).
- Norlane/North Shore Kindergarten (rostered playgroup).
- Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre (rostered and supported playgroups).
- Bethany (a playgroup specifically for dads).

Bethany's Supported Playgroup Program is designed for parents and

their children (up to five years of age) who would like to meet with other families to share some positive play time with their children, find out about community events and local services, and become more connected with their children's early learning and education services.

The rostered three year old groups are designed for children who will be eligible for four-year-old kindergarten the following year. These groups provide activities especially for three year olds and help parents and children get ready for four-year-old kindergarten.

All of Bethany's playgroups are facilitated by a qualified worker whose

role it is to organise and maintain the playgroup.

For further information about the Supported Playgroups Program phone Bethany on 5278-8122.



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## Service at your doorstep

You may or may not know it, but northern suburbs residents have the state's best regional health service at their doorstep.

Barwon Health's Corio Community Health Centre provides community and home-based services including allied health, community nursing, mental health and dental services, and access to visiting specialists from Geelong Hospital.

The centre also offers education programs to help people learn how to protect themselves against developing illnesses and diseases, as well as improve living conditions for people with chronic health problems, such as diabetes.

Although the centre is a busy place, Northern Area Health Manager Carol Mioduchowski (pictured) believes there are more people in the community who could be benefiting from its services.

"We want to improve access to health services for people in the north," Carol said.



"This includes building partnerships with GPs and making the community aware of the wide range of services available in the area."

As well as wanting more people to access its services in the north, Barwon Health is also asking residents to get involved in planning future services.

"The Barwon Health Consumer Group is a chance for people to have their say about the development of health services in this area and the Geelong

region," Carol said.

"With community involvement, we can have a greater understanding of their needs and expectations."

Anyone interested in joining a consumer group or finding out more about the Corio Community Health Centre can phone 5260-3800 or stop by the centre, located at 2 Gellibrand Street, Corio.

For more information about Barwon Health, visit [www.barwonhealth.org.au](http://www.barwonhealth.org.au).

## Free legal help

The Barwon Community Legal Service provides free legal help for residents dealing with a wide range of issues.

Lawyers from the service can help you avoid getting a bigger debt, getting behind on your rent and extra stress. They can also answer questions about Family Law, Criminal Law, Intervention Orders, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Traffic Offences, Neighbourhood Disputes, Wills and Powers of Attorney and Social Security matters.

A recent example of some helped by the service is Kate (not her real name) who works part-time and lives with her two children in a rented flat.

After her partner left her she became the sole breadwinner for her family. Kate was having trouble juggling her rent and payments on her loans and credit cards and had received a letter of demand from a debt collection agency. A friend suggested Kate contact the Barwon Community Legal Service for free legal help.

A lawyer from Barwon Community Legal Service negotiated both a lower amount owed and, by way of a hardship variation, smaller instalments.

The lawyer also helped Kate gain additional support and appropriate child support payments.

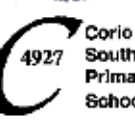
For free independent legal advice call 1300-430-599. For a free telephone interpreter service call 131-450.



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## Calling all 3214 GRADS OF THE PAST

If you attended Corio Primary, Corio South Primary, Corio West Primary, Norlane West Primary, North Shore Primary, Rosewall Primary, Flinders Peak Secondary College, Norlane High School or Corio Bay Senior College we would like to hear from you for our GRADS OF THE PAST program.

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- Forms are available from all Northern Bay College Junior Campuses, the Cloverdale, Rosewall & Norlane Community Centres or email [gradsofthepast@gmail.com](mailto:gradsofthepast@gmail.com)

Visit our facebook page at Grads Of The Past

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# Library fun for all ages

Corio Library is participating in an exciting range of programs for the National Year of Reading 2012.

Geelong Regional Library Corporation (GRLC) recently launched the local campaign in support of the National Year of Reading 2012, which aims to improve community reading and literacy levels.

GRLC Chair Cr Andy Richards said National Year of Reading 2012 is a partnership between government, media, community and corporations to improve reading and literacy rates in Australia through a year-long campaign of events and activities.

GRLC will be supporting National Year of Reading with events for all ages to promote reading and literacy. Activities at Corio library, in Cox Road, include:

- Preschool Storytime, Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10.30-11.15am.
- Babytime Nursery Verses, Wednesdays, 11.30-11.50am.
- Manga Club, first Monday of the month, 5-6pm.
- Bookmark it! (make and decorate your own bookmark, ages 4-plus), April 12, 10.30-11.30am. Bookings essential.
- The Art of the Book, a hands-on workshop to create individual

artist books using recycled books, magazines and other mixed media materials, ages 12-plus. Wednesday, April 11, 2-4pm. Bookings essential.

- Anime Movie Screening, a screening of Bleach 3 – Fade to Black to celebrate Youth Week. Parental permission required. Friday, April 20, 5.30-7.30pm. Bookings essential.
- Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, Thursday, May 24, 11.15am-Noon. Gold coin donation – all proceeds to The Cancer Council. Bookings essential.
- National Simultaneous Storytime, Wednesday, May 23, 11-11.30am. Join in to read Nick Bland's The Very Cranky Bear at the same time as thousands of other Australians. Bookings essential.
- Book chat, Wednesday, May 23, 2-3pm. Chat about the books you have been reading, hear recommendations and meet new people.

You can learn more about these events by visiting the library, or through the quarterly events and programs brochure and on the library website: [www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au](http://www.geelonglibraries.vic.gov.au).

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## Developing new skills

A free family playgroup at the Northern Bay College Family Centre is helping children develop their co-ordination and physical skills.

The Monday morning playgroup runs from 10am until noon and includes an art activity, singing and story time and morning snack, followed by a Junior Gymbies session.

Gymnastics instructor Amanda Rodgers runs the session, which works on improving the children's balance, hand-eye co-ordination, basic shapes, crawling and rolling.

Amanda's circuit is designed to be fun for the children and their parents, who

are encouraged to join in.

The structured playgroup group is fun, informal and free.

The Family Centre also runs a playgroup every Thursday from 10am until noon during school term. It also offers pre and post natal information for young parents as well as family support. A Karen playgroup is held on Fridays from 10am until noon.

For more information call into the Northern Bay College Family Centre, 3-25 Goldsworthy Road (next to the athletics centre) or phone 5275-6843.



Gymnastics instructor Amanda Rodgers helps Gypsi on the balance beam.

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# Times of change in the North

The Gordon is supporting a generation of change for the northern suburbs of Geelong.

As part of the Northern Futures Project, The Gordon has been working to improve education and job skills, help engage young people and break cycles of unemployment.

The Gordon's commitment to bridge the gap between the Corio/Norlane area and wider Geelong communities, has resulted in a number of initiatives to increase access for northern suburbs residents.

As such, selected courses have been delivered locally at the Norlane Community Centre and in-class mentors provided at The Gordon's city campus. Daily transport was also organised for a group of 10 local youth experiencing a three week taste of construction at The Gordon's East Campus. During this time, the students got to try their hand at carpentry, cabinet making, bricklaying, painting and plastering.

The positive outcomes of the project have clearly been rewarding but teachers at The Gordon say the best part of the project has been the transformation of the students from start to finish.



"This group of students, initially somewhat insecure and negative in attitude, became eager to learn and now appear to be empowered and confident to enter the workforce."



## College concert band

The Performing Arts are alive and well at Northern Bay College, with children from Prep to Year 12 having the opportunity to take part in different areas.

More than 100 children from the junior campuses participated in local events recently, including the Going Potty Festival at Rosewall Community Centre and at the launch of the Blokes' Day Out at Labuan Square.

The newest and most exciting project of the Performing Arts Group is the new Northern Bay College Concert Band. With each of the six campuses of NBC now having an instrumental teacher at their campus one day a week, this has

given the Grade 5 and 6 students at the junior campuses and the Year 9 to 12s the opportunity to learn a musical instrument.

Northern Bay is moving away from the traditional instruments of guitar and piano and towards band instruments such as the flute, clarinet, saxophone, oboe, tuba, trumpet and percussion.

College performing arts teacher Amanda Baulch said: "Learning a musical instrument is the most valuable gift we can give a child. Playing a band instrument is a wonderful skill which will help increase memory and reasoning capacity, develop time management skills, improve

concentration, develop creativity, improve self expression and develop social and team skills.

"It is wonderful that we have this opportunity to provide an instrumental program, in school time, as we continue to provide a variety of exciting programs and opportunities and experiences for our students at Northern Bay College."



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

## Arthritis support group

A new support group has been formed for Geelong people living with arthritis.

Arthritis Support Geelong was formed to provide a forum for people living with a musculoskeletal health condition to discuss their needs and seek information about their condition and services available in Geelong.

Spokesperson Janine Fisher said: "We are supported by Arthritis Victoria and will be working with them to bring programs to Geelong as demands are identified."

The group meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7pm. Janine said while it is sometimes hard to get out in the evening the group is trying to include working-age individuals who have not been

able to make it to meetings during the day.

"At each meeting we will have a guest speaker relevant to people living with a chronic health condition and updates on information, programs, training sessions and conferences," she said. "Time is also allocated to friendly, informal conversations with a cup of tea or coffee."

Janine said carers are also welcome to the meetings, which are held at Highton Recreation Hall, on the corner of Barrabool Road and Montague Street in Highton. Meetings will be held on May 3, June 7 and July 5 at 7pm.

For more information contact Janine Fisher 0415-282-130 or [janinef@aapt.net.au](mailto:janinef@aapt.net.au).

# Northern Water Plant update



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Construction of the \$94 million Northern Water Plant is progressing well, with 70 per cent of the project completed at the end of February.

The facility is taking shape, with earthworks and structures mostly finished. Attention has now turned to mechanical and electrical fit-out inside the buildings.

Installation of the water treatment and Class A recycling equipment has started. Most of the components have been manufactured in Australia but some specialist items are being transported from Germany by ship.

Commissioning the plant will begin once construction has been completed and all systems have been checked and

tested. It is expected this will happen in June or July.

For more information about the project, please visit [www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au](http://www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au) or telephone Barwon Water on 1300-656-007.



# Help to find the right job

Looking for work is more than just finding an ad in the paper or online, sending off an application and hoping for the best.

If you are a person looking for work it's important to make sure your resume and skills are up-to-date. You might also need some help with an application letter and coaching for an interview. You'd probably also appreciate someone to provide good career advice and overcome any hurdles that are getting in the way of you finding work.

For the staff at MatchWorks Corio these things are important in helping clients find the right job, not just any job.

MatchWorks staff can provide you with personal assistance - free of charge.

They will take the time to sit down and listen to what you need. They'll also support you as you start that new job, and help you keep it.

MatchWorks specialises in helping people with a disability. Staff can also help people find part-time work to fit in with their child care needs, while mature workers are assisted in the transition back into the workforce. They can also provide specialist help for people who've recently been made redundant.

## Employers, are you looking for staff?

MatchWorks helps hundreds of small, medium and large businesses find good, reliable staff each year. It has hundreds

of ready-to-work job seekers available - skilled, semi-skilled and entry level. Their skills may include customer service, forklift driving, labouring, factory work and administration.

MatchWorks is committed to building a long-term relationship with employers and providing them with the right people for their business. Staff screen jobseekers before they are referred to employers to ensure they have the right skills and personal qualities for the workplace.

## Partners

MatchWorks Corio is also involved in partnerships with other agencies that assist people looking for work, including Northern Futures. MatchWorks staff often refer clients to the courses conducted by Northern Futures knowing they will also receive training and the support and encouragement they need to find a sustainable job.

## More information

For more information about MatchWorks and its services, call in to Shop 88 (upstairs) at Corio Shopping Centre, phone 5275-8212 or visit [www.matchworks.com.au](http://www.matchworks.com.au).

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# 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.



The Northern Bay College choir entertained at the Going Potty Festival at Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre.



Activities entertained visitors of all ages at the Going Potty Festival at Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre.



Families enjoy activities at Corio library as part of the National Year of Reading program.



Participants in the Mum's The Word program at Cloverdale Community Centre enjoy a range of creative and challenging arts and technology based activities.





Northern Bay College Wexford campus staff farewelled their maintenance man, Peter Duncan, who recently retired. The staff and students wished Peter and his wife Sylvia all the best for the next stage of their life, when Peter is planning to play a lot of golf.



Norlane Community Centre held its inaugural International Women's Day breakfast on March 8. The focus of the celebrations for International Women's Day ranged from celebrations of respect, appreciation and love towards women to a celebration for women's economic, political and social achievements. The breakfast was attended by women and children, who live, volunteer or work in the Norlane area.



Cloverdale Community Centre's Noise Scavengers get together to make music and perform at various events.



Cloverdale Community Centre and Diversitat combined to present the Women As One dinner as part of International Women's Day celebrations.

## Make your own compost

Well, as you prepare your garden for the winter season, autumn will give you plenty of leaves and other stuff for your compost bin/heap ready to be dug in for spring plantings.

It's easy to make compost, even if you don't have a bin or heap. Just place the leaves in a heavy duty black garbage bag and add two shovelfuls of garden soil and about the same amount of manure or about half a cup of nitrogen rich fertilizer. Add enough water to just moisten the leaves.

Tie the top and punch a few holes in it to allow for air circulation. Put it in some place out of the way and it should be ready to put on the garden in 6 to 8 weeks. No mess and no smell – just terrific for your new plantings later in the year.

By making your own compost you save yourself a bundle in fertilizers and soil conditioners.

One of the beauties of autumn/winter is sweet peas. The traditional time to plant is St Patrick's Day (March 17), but

you have a lot of leeway with this date as long as the soil is still warm and you can usually plant until the end of April. You get a wonderful show of colour and perfume for so little effort. They are wonderful in a vase on the days you can't get outside if the weather is bad.

This is also 'tidy up' time – those geraniums and pelargoniums that are now finished flowering and getting a bit straggly need to be cut back to give you new growth in a short time and lots of lovely new flowers later on in the year.

Bugs are also very busy at this time of the year – particularly white cabbage moth whose small green caterpillars ruin your cabbages, cauliflowers, broccoli and brussels sprouts. Treat with vegetable dust on a regular basis to ensure that they don't continue their life cycle back to more moths.

Citrus plants can also be infected by citrus leaf miner, which leaves a squiggly silver trail and pattern on the leaves which are left distorted and disfigured.



Cut off any badly affected leaves and spray with white oil, which will also have a secondary effect in controlling any scale on the plant. Repeat spraying every two weeks. You need to give the plant a good feed before winter to ensure a good crop later on.

It's time to plan your bulbs for spring flowering and to work out the colour scheme you wish to see when they flower and also whether you want flowers with fragrance.

Only buy firm, healthy-looking specimens and you are ready to plant by the end of May or early June. Last but not least – refrigerate your tulip bulbs if you haven't bought pre-chilled bulbs.



# Affordable fresh food

The 2 + 5 Fresh Food Shop at Labuan Square in Norlane is growing in popularity.

The shop is staffed by volunteers on behalf of Food Skil and offers affordable, fresh fruit and vegetables. Residents can become members and receive a discount every time they shop there.

The shop is open Monday to Friday from 9am until 4pm and on Saturday

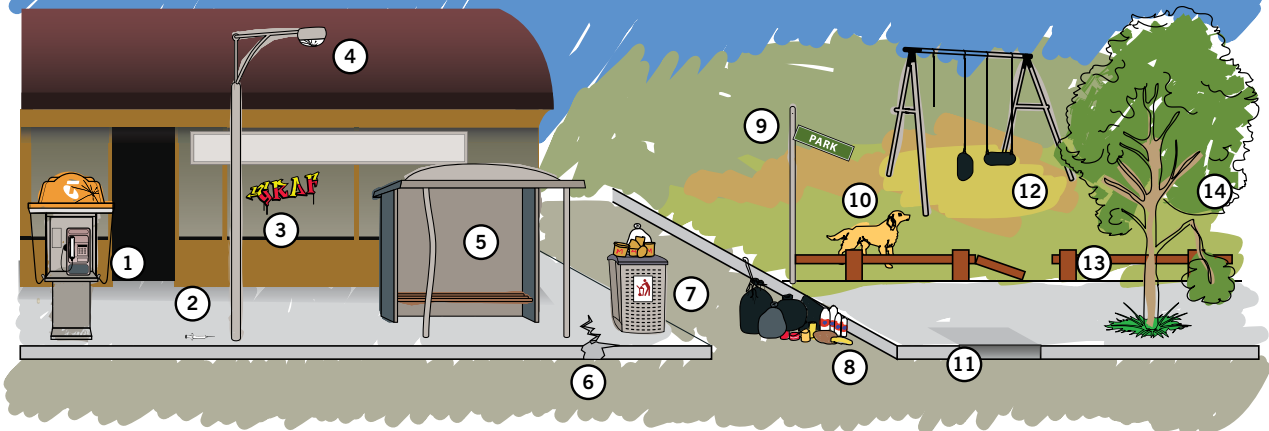
from 9.30am until 1pm. A fresh food market is also held at Cloverdale Community Centre every Thursday.

You can find the 2 + 5 Fresh Food Shop on facebook (search for food skil).

Pictured are volunteers Melva Wise, Helen Smith and Elizabeth Jelcic at the 2 + 5 Fresh Food Shop.



## WHO TO CALL TO GET IT FIXED?



<p><b>1 Broken or Damaged Phone Box</b> Telstra - 13 2999</p> <p><b>2 Needles and Syringes*</b> Victorian Syringe Disposal Helpline 1800 552 355 (24 hours) Free call from a landline</p> <p><b>3 Graffiti / Tagging</b> 24hr Graffiti Hotline 5272 4319</p> <p><b>4 Broken Street Light</b> Powercor - 13 2412 (24 hours)</p>	<p><b>CITY OF GREATER GEELONG - 5272 5272</b></p> <p><b>5 Damaged Bus Stop</b></p> <p><b>6 Broken Footpath or Gutter</b></p> <p><b>7 Overflowing Rubbish Bin</b></p> <p><b>8 Dumped Rubbish</b></p> <p><b>9 Damaged or Missing Street Signs</b></p> <p><b>10 Stray Animals</b></p> <p><b>11 Blocked Drain</b></p> <p><b>12 Broken Playground Equipment</b></p> <p><b>13 Broken Barriers</b></p> <p><b>14 Damaged Trees</b></p>	<p><b>CONTACT US</b></p> <p>Phone: 5272 5272</p> <p>Email: <a href="mailto:contactus@geelongcity.vic.gov.au">contactus@geelongcity.vic.gov.au</a></p> <p>Fax: 5272 4277</p> <p>Web: <a href="http://www.geelongaustralia.com.au">www.geelongaustralia.com.au</a></p> <p>Post: PO BOX 104 GEELONG VIC 3220</p> <p>TTY: 5272 4973</p>
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\* Needles and syringes found on public land can be reported to the City of Greater Geelong on 5272 4550.



# WOMEN SWIMMING PROGRAM

## WHAT TO BRING:

- Bathers
- Towel
- Fun & Humour

## WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Swimming
- Aqua Aerobics
- Use of Spa and Sauna

## WHEN:

Sunday 29 January 2012  
(15 week program)

## WHERE:

Waterworld  
Cnr Melbourne & Cox Roads, Norlane

## TIME:

Sunday, 7.15pm-9.15pm

## COST:

\$5 per adult per session  
(16 years and over)

## PLEASE NOTE:

- No Creams, oils or body lotions are to be used, these will damage the water chemistry
- Women are to wear suitable bathing attire
- Participants must abide by City of Greater Geelong Aquatic Regulations

## FURTHER INFORMATION:

Veema Mooniapah  
5272 4840

Lyn Johnstone  
5272 4353

[WWW.SSL.GEELONGAUSTRALIA.COM.AU](http://WWW.SSL.GEELONGAUSTRALIA.COM.AU)

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# Cloverdale Community Centre

167-169 Purnell Road Corio, VIC 3214. Phone: 03 5275 4415

E-mail: [cloverdale@datafast.net.au](mailto:cloverdale@datafast.net.au) Web: [www.cloverdalecommunitycentre.com](http://www.cloverdalecommunitycentre.com)

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

## New singing leader for Cloverdale

Cloverdale Singers have welcomed Ceridwyn Gordon as their new singing leader.

Ceridwyn (pictured) replaces Lucy Jones, who led the singers for more than three years. Lucy has moved on to study conservation and land management, but is hopefully still singing.

Ceridwyn comes from a drama and music background, having sung with a variety of groups. She is a qualified secondary teacher and has worked at primary and kinder level, working within the arts. She has been with the team leading 'Singing for Fun', a community singing group in Bellbrae,

for the past eight years. At Bellbrae, the singing model is based on Fay White's community 'Nosh' model, where participants sing for 45 minutes, share food for half an hour then sing for a further 45 minutes.

Ceridwyn worked with Lucy at the Geelong Youth Choir last year, has a special interest in community ventures and has worked on community festivals on the Surf Coast, in Melbourne and in her homeland New Zealand.

Cloverdale is delighted to have Ceridwyn on board and leading our singers onto new paths and directions.



## Free Events

### Cloverdale Food Swap

Swap your garden produce and home cooking at our monthly food swap. Enjoy homemade cakes, freshly brewed coffee and discover the diversity of Corio's home gardening community. Cloverdale Food Swap is held on the third Saturday of the month, from 9am until 10.30am.

### Neighbourhood House Week

Help us celebrate Neighbourhood House Week with a host of free activities for people of all ages. From jam making to digital photography, veggie growing to art and craft, Neighbourhood House Week has something for everyone. It will be held from May 7 to 11, with activities between 9am and 3pm. Check out our Facebook page and blog ([3214cloverdale.wordpress.com](http://3214cloverdale.wordpress.com)) for details.

### Plant Meet and Eat

Cloverdale's winter celebration returns with live music, art, food, exhibitions, eco friendly activities and guaranteed fun for people of all ages. It will be held on Saturday, May 26 from 11am until 3pm.



# CLOVERDALE PROGRAMS



For further course information call 03 5275 4415

## COMPUTER COURSES

### Getting Started with Computers

For absolute beginners. Learn how to use a PC or laptop using Windows 2007, word processing, managing your files and what email and the internet is all about.

When: 9.30am-noon, Mondays from April 23 for 8 weeks or Thursdays from April 26 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$90 includes manual and amenities.

### Introduction to Life Online

Learn to use the internet to find services, use internet banking, eBay and social media applications.

When: 12.30-3pm, Thursdays April 26 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$90 includes manual and amenities.

### Evening Computers

Increase your basic skills, knowledge and confidence in using computers for word processing, spreadsheets, email and internet plus learn how to effectively use mobile technologies such as i-pads, smart phones and digital video and photography.

When: 7-9.30pm, Tuesdays or Thursdays from April 24 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$90 includes manual and amenities.

## VISUAL AND DIGITAL ARTS

### Creative Writing

Develop your creative writing skills, get assistance with your special writing project or develop your writing in a supportive learning environment with our tutor, who is a published writer.

When: Mondays from April 23 for 8 weeks, 10am-12.30pm; Tuesdays from April 24 for 8 weeks, 6-8.30pm.

Cost: \$90 includes amenities.

### Mum [i]s the Word

Free creative and challenging arts and technology based activities for mothers of all backgrounds and abilities. Develop self-confidence, explore your creative side and learn new skills. Children welcome.

When: Noon to 3pm, Thursdays from April 26.

FREE for Mums.

### Cloverdale Art Group

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

When: 1-3pm, Wednesdays from April 18.

Cost: \$2 per session.

### Craft Card Making

Learn to make beautiful cards for family, friends and those special occasions using different materials and techniques. No experience necessary.

When: 10am-noon, Tuesdays May 29 and June 26.

Cost: \$5 per session.

## HEALTH AND WELL BEING

### Yoga

Incorporate your body and soul in our multi-level class and discover the benefits of yoga. Bring a mat and blanket.

When: 7-8pm, Thursdays from April 19 for 11 weeks.

Cost: \$100 for 11 weeks or \$10 per session.

### Walking Group - Cloverdale Cruisers

Walk the neighbourhood with our friendly walking group. Physical activity and socialising have never been such fun. Walking is one of the best things you can do and it's free.

When: 9.40 -10.40am, Fridays from April 20 for 11 weeks.

Free.



# CLOVERDALE PROGRAMS



For further course information call 03 5275 4415

## PARENTS AND CHILDREN

### Cloverdale Community Playgroups

Cloverdale Playgroups are back. Parent run groups for parents/carers of young children under five. A great way for parents and their under fives to play, meet and interact.

When: 10am–noon, Mondays and Thursdays from April 16.

Cost: \$2 per session plus \$5 annual registration.

## YOUNG PEOPLE

### Girls Express

After school hours activities for girls aged 10 to 14. Arts-based and social activities in a creative and friendly setting.

When: 4–6pm, Wednesdays from May 2 for 8 weeks.

Free to girls from Corio and Norlane.



## GENERAL INTEREST

### The Edible Garden

Learn edible, no-dig and organic gardening techniques and the principles of sustainable gardening. Find out how to be water-wise and grow food according to the seasons.

Suitable for beginner and established gardeners.

When: 10am–12.30pm, Fridays from April 27 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$90 per term or \$12 per session.

### Speaking & Listening

A fun and creative way to improve your English language, workplace and interpersonal skills. Practice and improve your pronunciation and enhance your confidence in speaking and listening. Participants will make their own digital story.

When: 6–9pm, Fridays from April 27 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$50 per term.

### Cloverdale Over 45s

A social activity group for older adults who enjoy outings, gardening, meals and craft sessions.

When: Noon–3pm, Wednesdays from April 18.

Cost varies depending on activity.

### Cloverdale Singers

Find your voice and experience the joy of singing in a group. A vibrant and dynamic group of singers who meet weekly. New members always welcome. No experience necessary, just a desire to be creative and expressive.

When: 1–2.30pm, Tuesdays from April 17.

Cost: \$2 per session.

### Talking Indigenous Plants

A discussion group for people interested in the indigenous plants of Geelong and the Barwon South West. Join gardeners, growers and environmentalists with a passion for plants and cups of tea.

When: 7–9pm, every second Wednesday from April 25.

### Cloverdale on Youtube

Check out Cloverdale Community Centre videos on YouTube and become a fan of our Facebook page. And if you have an idea for a webfilm idea, please give us a call.

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



# Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre

36 Sharland Road (PO Box 120), Corio, VIC 3214. Phone 03 5275 7409  
E-mail: [rosenc@ncable.net.au](mailto:rosenc@ncable.net.au) Web: [www.rosewallneighbourhoodcentre.com](http://www.rosewallneighbourhoodcentre.com)  
Office hours: 9am-3pm Monday to Friday

## Reuse, Recycle and Redesign



Do you have clothes that no longer fit or do you want to repair your favourite piece of clothing? Do you or a family member need a costume?

Reuse, Recycle and Redesign is a new class with Cate that will help you re-use, re-cycle and re-design your clothes. Sewing machines are available.

The class will be held on Mondays from 1-3pm from April 23. The cost will be \$10 per week.



### School Holiday Program

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre will hold school holiday activities on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday April 10, 11 and 12 from 10am until noon.

There will be a range of free activities for primary school aged children. Bookings are essential as places are strictly limited.

### Food Swap

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre Food Swap is held on the fourth Saturday of the month from 9.30am.

At the food swap, you put some home grown food on the swap table and take whatever you think is a fair exchange. As well as food, people can bring herbs, seeds, eggs, plants and homemade jam and preserves. All remaining food is available for purchase from 10.30am.

### Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre @ Henty Street Hall

Have you called in to see Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre at Henty Street Hall yet?

We are open from 9am until 3pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

A number of classes, including Introduction to Computers and Return to Work or Study, are held at Henty Street.



# ROSEWALL PROGRAMS

For further course information call 03 5275 7409



Interested in trying pottery? There are groups meeting at Rosewall on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 11am until 3pm. The cost is \$5 per session.

## COMPUTER COURSES

### Introduction to Computers

Mondays 9.15am-12.15pm or  
Wednesdays Noon-3pm.

For 7 weeks starting April 23 or May 2.

Cost: \$90 or Concession \$50.

### Intermediate Computers

Wednesdays 9.15-11.45am.

For 8 weeks starting May 2.

Cost: \$90.

### Apple Mac Self Help Group

Fridays Noon-3pm.

Cost: \$5 per week.

### Computer Help Club

Fridays 10am-Noon.

Cost: \$5 per week.

## GENERAL INTEREST

### Printmaking

A series of 'taster' workshops for those who have always wanted to explore the printmaking processes.

Thursdays 9.30am-12.30pm or

Thursdays 6-9pm.

For 6 weeks from May 3.

Cost: \$100 includes materials.

### Art For Me

Finding your creativity through:

- Using different art styles.
- Meditation.
- Discovering your 'self'.

Thursdays 1.30-3pm for 10 weeks from April 26.

Cost: Gold coin donation.

### Patchwork

Wednesdays 9.30-11.30am or Thursdays 7-9pm.

For 8 weeks from May 2 or 3.

Cost: \$60.

### Reuse, Recycle and Redesign

Do you have clothes that no longer fit?  
Do you need to repair your favorite piece of clothing?

Do you need a costume?

This new class with Cate will help you re-use, re-cycle and re-design your clothes.

Sewing machines are available.

Mondays 1-3pm from April 23.

Cost: \$10 per week

### Sit and Stitch

Tuesdays 12.30-2.30pm.

Cost: \$2 per week.

### Strength Training

Tuesdays 8.30-9.30am.

Cost: \$5 per week.

### Strength Training For Older Adults

Tuesdays 9.30-10.30 am.

Cost: \$5 per week.

### Pottery

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 11am-3pm.

Cost: \$5 per session.

### Over 50's

Join in the fun with activities and outings

Fridays Noon-3pm.

Cost: \$2 per week.

## EMPLOYMENT

### Returning to Work or Study

Includes:

- Identifying talents and skills.
- Goal setting.
- Creating pathways.
- Resumes and interviews.

Thursdays 9.30am-3pm.

For 4 weeks starting May 3 or June 7.

Cost: \$50.

### Certificate III Children's Services

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9am-3pm.

For 20 weeks from July.

Cost: \$895 or concession \$605 .

(subject to Skills Victoria funding eligibility)

RTO: Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre.

### Certificate III Aged & Home and Community Care

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9am-3pm.

For 24 weeks from July.

Cost: \$990 or concession \$610.

(subject to Skills Victoria funding eligibility)

RTO: Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre.

## HOSPITALITY

### Espresso Coffee Making

Friday, May 4 from 9.30am-12.30pm.

Cost: \$60

### Workplace Hygiene Procedures

SITXOHS002

Thursday, May 3, 9am-4pm.

Cost: \$90 Concession \$70.

RTO: Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre

## Café Skills

Includes:

- Workplace hygiene.
- Espresso Coffee.
- Food preparation.
- Customer service.
- Communication skills.
- Money handling.

Thursdays and Fridays 9.30am-3pm, from May 3, for 7 weeks.

Cost: \$140.

## PARENTS & CHILDREN

### Rosewall 3-year-old Rostered Playgroup

When: Noon-2pm, Thursdays during the school term.

Cost: \$5 per week.

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

Ages: 3 year olds.

BYO: Lunch or snack for child.

### Playgroup @ Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre

When: 9.30-11am, Thursdays during the school term.

Cost: \$2 and a piece of fruit to share.

Please contact @Rosewall

Neighbourhood Centre on phone 5275-7409 or Bethany phone 5278-8122 for more information.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesdays and Thursdays: 9am-3pm, Hendy Street Hall open.

Thursday, April 19 at 3.30pm: Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre Annual General Meeting.

Thursday, May 24: Biggest Morning Tea at 10.30am. \$5 donation.

Thursday, May 31: Gourmet Sandwiches \$5.

Friday, June 15: Community Lunch, \$7.50. Bookings essential.





# 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

## Faces of the reception desk

"The generosity of your time is the most valuable gift you can give." - Sara Henderson

Your first contact on entering the Norlane Community Centre is the reception desk, which is manned by friendly knowledgeable volunteers.

Two of these volunteers are Bruce Warner and Kris Dimovski (pictured) on reception. They are both participants in the 2012 Barwon Community Leadership Program.

Photo Norlane Reception - run as big as possible.



## Where do you find NCC?

Norlane Community Centre, formerly known as Norlane Neighbourhood House, is situated in Windsor Park alongside the RSL and across from the North Shore Community Sports Club. Refer to the map and look for the smiley face.



## GROUPS AND SERVICES AT NCC

### Computers

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

### Photocopying, laminating and faxes

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

### Neighbourhood Watch

These meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm for local residents interested in crime and safety in the community. Contact Rob on 5275-3939 for more details.

### Busy Bees Playgroup

Monday 11.30am-1.30pm.

This is where a group of local parents and children meet in a friendly and safe environment. Bring a piece of fruit to share for morning tea. Cost \$2 per family.

### Advanced Tai Chi

Tuesday 10-11.30am

This class is for those who have had previous experience of Tai Chi. All you need to wear is comfortable clothes and shoes. Cost \$2.50.



# NORLANE PROGRAMS

For further course information call 03 5275 8124

*'There can be no other occupation like gardening in which, if you were to creep up behind someone at their work, you would find them smiling.'*

- Mirabel Osler.

## Gardening at Norlane

Norlane Community Centre is home to a thriving community garden, where groups and individuals maintain plots containing a huge range of plants. The centre is also lucky to have the 'Three Gardening Amigos' - Bill Polwarth, George Perisic and Bill Montgomery - who volunteer to maintain the gardens and lawns in immaculate condition.

Bill, George and Bill help other members in the community garden with advice and also run the Tool Pool on Tuesday and Friday mornings.



Bill Polwarth, George Perisic, Bill Montgomery volunteer to maintain the gardens at Norlane Community Centre.

### 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 \$5. There are some hand tools and wheelbarrows that are free to borrow.

The Tool Pool is open on Tuesdays and Fridays, 9am to noon. Please note that the ride on mower is not for hire. Inquiries 5275-8124.

### Community Garden

Norlane Community Fruit, Herb and Vegetable Garden is self-managed by residents of all ages, cultures and abilities, to grow fresh healthy vegetables for their own use. If you are interested in your own veggie patch, contact Liz on 5275-8124.

### Munch 'n' Crunch catering

Munch 'n' Crunch (MnC), a business arm which operates under the Encompass Community Services umbrella, has recently relocated to the Norlane Community Centre. Munch 'n' Crunch provides delicious and healthy gourmet food, whilst being a hospitality training venue for Encompass Community Services clients with disabilities. View their new and exciting catering menu visit [www.encompass-cs.org.au](http://www.encompass-cs.org.au).

Tasty seasonal jams and relishes will also be available soon. A special 10 per cent discount is given to Norlane Community Centre.

For more information phone or Fax 5274-2242, Monday to Friday from 8.30pm until 3.30pm.



Kate and Christy from Encompass pick herbs and vegetables from the community garden to be used in the kitchen by Munch 'n' Crunch.

# NORLANE PROGRAMS



For further course information call 03 5275 8124

## Art, craft and friendship

### Craft and friendship

Come and enjoy afternoon tea and a laugh with a group of talented people. Bring along your own materials or projects to do and share your craft ideas with the members of the group. Some members have been attending the class for 17 years. The group meets on Fridays from 1pm until 3pm. The cost is \$1.



Some of the craft and friendship group members have been attending the class for 17 years.

### Tuesday art group

Would you like to paint in a friendly, comfortable self help group? Come and join us every Tuesday and have a cuppa. All art medians invited. The group meets between 9am and 1pm. The cost is \$4.

### Crochet group

This self help group meets every Thursday from 1pm until 3pm to exchange ideas and have a friendly cup of tea and a chat. The cost is \$1.

### 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

### BRACE Education and Training & Employment

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.



*everyone's family*

Corio community and are based at the 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.

- Those seeking a stepping stone to higher level qualifications.

The course will offer:

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

Inquiries: Allison, phone 0437-561-791.

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

## Shell donates to Food Skil

Twice yearly, Shell's Employee Community Grants Committee donates thousands of dollars to northern suburbs projects.

Last year the refinery awarded about \$45,000 to local initiatives. This included Food Skil Inc, a social enterprise created by Workskil Inc. that, when fully established, will provide education, employment and volunteering opportunities in the horticulture, hospitality and retail sectors.

Did you know?

- Shell's Employee Community Grants are allocated twice per year (March and October).
- Shell funds not-for-profit organisations (primarily in the northern suburbs).
- Organisations can apply for a grant worth up to \$5000.
- Programs must have an education focus or objective.
- Further information and application forms are available on our website.

Workskil's Community Engagement Co-ordinator Susan Tattersall met Shell Engineer and Community Grants Committee representative, Andrew Worthing, at Food Skil's new 2 & 5 Fresh Food Shop in Labuan Square (Norlane) to receive a \$5000 Shell grant.



### 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'**

# Trainees help restore Corio ecology

Eight indigenous and non-indigenous trainees from Geelong's northern suburbs graduated from the Limeburners Link program with a Certificate in Conservation and Land Management.

Limeburners Link graduate, Colin McGee, said he was grateful for the opportunity to participate in the program, which has led to employment with Greening Australia Victoria, working in Bushland Management.

"The training I received has been put to good use - employment at Greening Australia has been a very rewarding experience," Colin said.

Limeburners Link is an initiative of Shell, Greening Australia Victoria and the

City of Greater Geelong that provides training for local residents and aims to raise awareness and enhance the natural environment of Limeburners Bay, an estuary on the shores of Corio Bay.

As the co-ordinator of the program, Danny Reddan from Greening Australia Victoria said the holistic nature of Limeburners Link was exciting.

"Through Limeburners Link we are building capacity and providing pathways for the community into further training and employment, while achieving on ground outcomes in ecological restoration," said Danny.

"It is also an opportunity for people to re-engage with their community and

the natural environment," he said.

Mark Schubert, general manager of Shell's Geelong refinery said Limeburners Link aligns closely with the company's commitment to support projects with an education focus or objective.

"On behalf of the refinery we'd like to congratulate the graduate trainees for their dedication and commitment to the Limeburners Link program and we wish them future success," said Mr Schubert.

"Shell has supported Limeburners Link for the past six years and we are pleased our local community has had the opportunity to learn from renowned environment experts and contributed to the restoration of the site," he said.



Back row, from left: Ben Galpin, Jeanette Spittle (CoGG), Wilma Trew, Sophie Kovac, Jason Tournier, Danny Reddan (Greening Australia Victoria), Geoff Caddy (Shell). Front row, from left: John Razen, Mellissa Walters, Gary Topp (Greening Australia Victoria), Colin McGee, David Tournier.

# Support for community leaders

Shell is pleased to announce its sponsorship of the Committee for Geelong Barwon Community Leaders (BCL) program. This unique program is aimed at enhancing and developing the leadership capacity of residents in Geelong's underprivileged communities.

Shell's sponsorship will provide additional skills-based training to supplement core modules. These sessions will cover a variety of topics including governance and finance training, as well as a variety of personal development courses.

Speaking at the launch of the 2012 participant intake, the refinery's General Manager, Mark Schubert, said he strongly believed in the program's aim and vision.

"The strength of the Barwon Community Leaders program is that it builds the capacity of residents, helping them grow and develop into leaders and empowering them as individuals to help create a vibrant community," said Mark.

"Some people may have leadership qualities but true leadership isn't about genetics or your socio-economic background. Leaders are made. And they're made by receiving the right training, guidance and the opportunity to apply this knowledge," he said.

For further information on the BCL program, visit [www.committeeforgeelong.com.au/\\_barwon-community.asp](http://www.committeeforgeelong.com.au/_barwon-community.asp)



Shell has announced a three-year sponsorship of the Committee for Geelong Barwon Community Leaders program. Pictured are the 2012 program participants at the recent launch event.



Shell's Refinery General Manager, Mark Schubert, pictured with Program Coordinator Barwon Community Leadership Program, Annabel Newnham.

Shell's fridge magnet explains the refinery sirens and has its Issues and Emergency Hotline number displayed **1800 651 818**.

If you would like to **order a magnet**, please contact the refinery's communication department through [geelongrefinery-au@shell.com](mailto:geelongrefinery-au@shell.com).

**WHAT'S THAT NOISE?**  
Shell's safety system consists of a number of sirens, intended for on-site personnel only.  
If a siren sounds, this does not mean the community needs to take action.  
**Our sirens are tested every Tuesday at 9am.**  
If you hear a siren at any other time and want to find out more, call:  
**1800 651 818**  
If an event occurs and you need to act, emergency services will broadcast on **local radio stations.**  
If there are no messages on local radio, or if not instructed by the police or emergency services, the community does not need to take action.  
**Emergencies and Issues:**  
**1800 651 818**  
[www.shell.com.au/geelong](http://www.shell.com.au/geelong)