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Our cover: Daniel Barnett is pictured in action for the Bay City Buccaneers. Read about the American Football team that calls Corio home on PAGE 7.
Picture: Kim Pigott.



Editor's letter

Welcome to the winter edition of Northerly Aspects. It's hard to believe the year is already past the half-way mark.

In this edition we feature some high achievers, including the two Impetus Award winners from Corio, some activities and groups based in the area that are looking for new members, plus important updates from Barwon Water, the Department of Human Services and the City of Greater Geelong.

The community and neighbourhood houses have, as usual, also included information about the programs, events and courses they are running in term three.

The recognition of Northerly Aspects as an important communication tool continues to grow. We welcome information from local groups so we can help spread the word about what's available. This edition will introduce you to a Corio-based drill and dance club (formerly known as marching girls), a new rock and roll group and Geelong's American Football (gridiron) team, the Bay City Buccaneers.

We hope you find something that interests you.

Jeanette Watt
Editor, on behalf of the Editorial Committee



Len's Quote

"It's not what you've got, but how you use it."

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Corio youths honoured

Two young Corio residents have been recognised in the City of Greater Geelong's 2012 Impetus Youth Awards. Michael Cadman won the Active Achievement Award, while Billy-Jay O'Toole received the Cultural/Arts Award at a gala ceremony hosted by Mayor John Mitchell.

Michael Cadman was described in his award announcement as a champion footballer who was recently selected to play with the Geelong Falcons representative team, taking him one step closer to recognising his dream of playing in the AFL.

"His talent and achievements have

made his Dad incredibly proud and together they struggle through the challenges of meeting the costs and travel associated. This young man's journey is even more significant, as he spent his childhood supporting his mum through the devastating effects of Huntington's disease and sadly lost his mum this Christmas just gone. Michael is a young man who man continues to show dedication, persistence and courage on his path to becoming an AFL superstar."

Billy-Jay O'Toole was held up as a fine example of a contemporary Aboriginal person, someone who actively participates in the arts, an Aboriginal

dancing troupe and recently spoke at the Close the Gap forum.

"This young man actively participates in his culture, expresses himself through artwork and storytelling. His mum is an Aboriginal carer and their home has been a constant source of refuge for many young Aboriginal children in out-of-home care.

"This young man acts as a role model and big brother to these children and strongly demonstrates an ability to 'walk in two worlds', both strong in his culture and his journey into adulthood, which is an important trait of an Aboriginal young person."

City of Greater Geelong Mayor John Mitchell presents Impetus awards to Billy-Jay O'Toole (left) and Michael Cadman.



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Living with asthma

Help is at hand for people living with asthma.

Barwon Health Community Health Nurse Carol Gaw, who is based at Corio Community Health Centre, plays an important role in making sure local residents know what asthma is and how they can manage the condition.

Carol said education is one of the most important factors for living with asthma.

"Everyone with asthma should have an asthma plan," Carol said. "They need to understand what asthma is and know how important it is to take their respiratory/breathing medication, even if they are feeling well. They also need to remember that if they are becoming unwell they should step up their action plan, which they will have discussed with their GP."

Carol works with a broad range of people, mostly adults, to educate and advise about asthma. Many have been referred by their GP or hospital, but they can also self refer.

"The main focus when they come here is to make sure they understand what asthma is, why they need to take their medication and that they are taking it correctly," Carol said. "Asthma research has shown that 80 per cent of people with asthma don't use their medication



Community Health Nurse Carol Gaw helps educate people about living with asthma.

properly, so it's really important to get it right."

For more information or to make an appointment phone Barwon Health

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Shonah's new role

Parent Shonah Friswell feels quite at home at Northern Bay College, which is lucky given the amount of time she's spending there.

Shonah is the College's new School Council President, a role she took on after several years as a parent leader at the Tallis Street campus. The mother of Grade 5 student Dillon and Jesse, who is in Grade 2, Shonah is also a past student of the school and the former Norlane High.

Shonah joined the School Council after spending Dillon's first year of school helping with fundraising at Tallis Street. "I later became vice-president under Kylie Fisher, then president," she said. "Last year I was vice-president of the College under George Taylor and this year took on being president. George is someone I can still call on for support and advice."

In the early days of her presidency, Shonah visited all of the Northern Bay College campuses to introduce herself. She also attends community conversations, held regularly at each campus to feed information to and from parents to School Council.



Shonah Friswell is the new Northern Bay College school council president.

Shonah knows there are challenges for every campus and the college as a whole, but is excited about the future.

"Our kids have some exceptional buildings and opportunities to look forward to. I want the best for the whole Northern Bay College community, not just my children or the students at Tallis Street," she said.

"I'm really proud of the staff and the way they go beyond being just staff - they really care about what's going on in families that might need extra

help. I'm also proud that the college is starting to communicate in words that parents understand."

The time Shonah spends at the school varies from day to day, but she believes she is gaining more than she is giving. "I'm learning so much, picking up new skills and gaining new confidence. I hope I can inspire others to get involved too.

"On top of that, it's important to me that my kids know I care about their learning."

Help yourself to better health

Is your life affected by a long term health condition?

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The course content includes:

- Getting more out of life.
- Solving health related problems.
- Understanding medication usage.
- The benefits of physical activity.
- Managing difficult emotions.

- Managing symptoms e.g. Pain and fatigue.

For inquiries and bookings for the next course at Corio Community Health Centre, phone the Barwon Health Intake information and access service on 1300-715-673.

New dance group

Rock and roll dancing has arrived at The Seaview Club in Lovely Banks.

The Seaview Rockers group was recently formed after dancers Dennis and Sandra Virgona (pictured) started using the venue to practice every Thursday night. They were soon joined by other dancers, and together they formed the Seaview Rockers.

Dennis said other experienced rock and roll dancers are also welcome to join them. They hope to eventually be able to offer classes for beginners.

"Thursday nights are social nights for us to practice what we've learnt in the classes we go to," Dennis said. "We're happy for others to join us."

Dennis said regular rock and roll dances are held in Colac, Ballarat, Melbourne and Geelong. The Seaview Rockers will host their first dance on Saturday, July 14. The night will feature the band Warm Sands and a display of 1950s cars. It will run from 8pm until midnight. Admission is \$10 and it's bring your own nibbles.

For more information about the dance, or the Seaview Rockers, phone Sandra on 0418-337-215. The Seaview Club is at 335 Bluestone Bridge Road, Lovely Banks.



Hearing voices support

Kardinia Mental Health runs the Hearing Voices support group for people who hear voices or feel things that don't exist. Most people who hear voices are not part of the psychiatric or mental health system.

Kardinia Mental Health has been running the hearing voices support group since April this year. The aim 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.

The group is held every third Wednesday of the month and there is further consultation time available if needed. If you would like to register your interest or obtain more information, please call Chelsea on 5221-7176.

At home in Hendy Street

Hendy Street in Corio is home to Geelong's Gridiron (American Football) team, which is also the reigning Vic Bowl Champion in both seniors and juniors.

The Bay City Buccaneers have called the Corio Community Reserve in Hendy Street home since summer 2010. Club spokesman Layke Rossiello said the club has worked with the Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre and City of Greater Geelong to quickly establish a presence in the area and improve the reserve.

The Bay City Buccaneers was first conceived by a group of friends at a barbecue in 2003. In the early days the group trained at Oberon Primary School in Belmont, then later moved to Deakin University, where the Buccaneers spent their first five seasons until the drought rendered the playing surface unusable.

During two seasons of not having a home, the help of Australian rules teams Geelong Amateur and Newcomb Power meant the club could at least have training sessions to keep it alive.

Against the odds of not to playing home games, the club appointed Garry Wilson as Head Coach and two new coaches, Daniel Noonan (Offence) and Layke Rossiello (Defence). The Buccaneers made their first ever senior finals appearance in 2009 and their first Vic Bowl Appearance in 2010. They continued their on field dominance in 2011 and won their first Senior Vic Bowl Championship in just their 100th game.

Layke said that since moving to Corio the Buccaneers have looked to foster relationships with local schools and community groups.

"We have made appearances at the Going Potty Festival and we are looking to run information sessions with Northern Bay College in the future," he said. "We are trying to help promote education and higher learning with opportunities for our junior players to progress to American colleges. We also hold home games at Corio Community Reserve, which are a great day out for the entire family."

The Buccaneers are hoping to enter two teams in the 2013 season and are looking for sponsors, volunteers, senior and junior (Under 18) players from the Corio community. The club trains every Wednesday at 6.30pm. For more information contact Layke Rossiello, bay_city_buccaneers@hotmail.com or colourtechsales@optusnet.com.au.

The club's website is: www.baycitybuccaneers.com.au

Pictures: Kim Pigott.



Brand new home



It seems quite a while since men's shed members shut the door on their rented premises in North Shore and began planning a new building in partnership with Diversitat.

During that time we met first in a garage on the Diversitat property and then when office space became short moved to an adjacent container. It hasn't been easy with machinery and equipment stored in three places, but members have continued to meet regularly and participate in community projects with the City of Greater Geelong, youth networks and local schools.

A new building at Diversitat's Northern Hub in Arunga Avenue, Norlane is now being used on a shared basis, with each partner having exclusive use on one day and shared use on the remaining three. The men's shed members meet each Wednesday, but are still able to work on projects at other times during the week.

The shed is equipped with woodworking and metalworking equipment and is adjacent to Diversitat's community garden, so there will be plenty to do for members with interests in those areas. The best place to learn how sheds operate is the Australian Men's Shed Association (AMSA) web site. Many men go to sheds just for a cup of coffee and a chat, and they are very welcome to do so.

The building in Arunga Avenue opened for new members on July 4 and you are welcome to come and have a look at what's happening. Ongoing membership will cost \$20 a year. The shed is operated by an annually elected Management Committee – you might be interested in getting involved at that level as well.

Barry Sproull, Secretary



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Leadership program

Eight more residents from Geelong's northern suburbs have joined the Barwon Community Leadership Program.

John Holliday, Morry Anderson, Amanda McGowan, Bruce Warner, Kerry Sanders, Renee Owen, Barb Ryan and Kris Dimovski are members of the 2012 intake of the program. Over the next 10 months they will participate in a range of activities that will help prepare them to take on leadership roles in their community.

This program will broaden their understanding of the issues, opportunities and challenges facing their communities and equip them with the skills to bring about change.

Listening to residents

Corio and Norlane residents have had their say in what they want for the future of their area.

City of Greater Geelong Corio Ward councillor Kylie Fisher said a large number of residents were part of the community consultation process for the Corio Norlane Structure Plan.

The Structure Plan, which is expected to be adopted by the council this month, is a blueprint for the area for the next 20 years. Cr Fisher said the council has already been working on things that were identified during the community consultation process.

Residents said they wanted more trees on nature strips, and Cr Fisher said the council has already allocated money for an Adopt-a-Tree program, where the council will plant trees and residents will receive a care package to help them look after them.

She said Brooks Street in Norlane is the first area to be planted, and there is money in the budget to roll out the program in other areas.

Cr Fisher said residents also said they wanted improved local shopping



Cr Kylie Fisher.

centres, something that is already happening at Labuan Square. "Alkira Avenue is also undergoing works in partnership with Diversitat and the next two identified for improvement are Donnybrook Road and Detroit Crescent," she said.

Other projects include:

- Stead Park: The development of the playground has already been completed. Future tree planting is planned in partnership with the newly-formed Corio Norlane Lions Club. There will also be new paths and toilets.

- Bacchus Marsh Road and Corio Shopping Centre are seen as the hub and heart of the north. There is some funding from the Department of Planning and Community Development for cycle paths, tree planting and seats along Bacchus Marsh Road. Cox Road will also get an injection of trees and greenery.
- There are plans to link the Norlane Water World site to Corio Shopping Centre with paths.
- Centenary Hall is to become an art and cultural area.

"Many of these things were already being worked on and it's fantastic to see they match what the community is asking for," Cr Fisher said.

"The community consultation process was lengthy and we had people contributing who had never given feedback before. They were involved in the conversations about the plan, then wrote submissions and gave informal feedback.

"This is a community that didn't think it had a voice but is having a real say in how projects are prioritised. It's building on the strengths of the community."

Not running for Mayor

Cr Kylie Fisher won't be giving up her ward to run for Mayor of the City of Greater Geelong.

Residents will later this year vote for the city's first directly elected mayor. Cr Fisher said running for mayor

would mean she would have to give up the right to be re-elected as a ward councillor. And that's something she's not prepared to do.

"I want to stay in this area. I feel like home in this area, this is my area."

"This ward and getting things finished here is my number one priority. Things like seeing the Structure Plan come to fruition, development of Stead Park and the arts and culture precinct."

Special space for parents

Aboriginal parents are welcome at the new Darrabarrook Koorie Hub at Northern Bay College's Vermont Avenue campus.

Deb Hunniford from Extended Schools Hub – Geelong North and Denise Charles, Koorie Parent and Community Engagement Program co-ordinator, worked together with school principals to establish the dedicated space. The Darrabarrook Koorie Hub has the support of the Local Aboriginal Education Consultative Group and has a number of uses.

Wathaurong's Yerumun Homework Club has been revitalised by the development of a welcoming space for students to focus on homework and learn about



An Aboriginal parent and student work together at Northern Bay College.

Koorie culture. According to Koorie Engagement Support Officer Shamana, up to 20 students are regularly attending with their parents.

Students from all campuses of the College are meeting up with pre-service teachers from Deakin University to receive individual tutoring as part

of the School Centre for Teaching Excellence and the Wannik strategy. Students are also learning about Koorie heritage from their parents and elders from the community. The Koorie workforce from across Geelong is using the Darrabarrook Koorie Hub as a meeting space.

Campus principal Neil Lynch said the Hub has become a 'meeting place' for College Koorie families, students and workforce. "It gives Koorie families from all campuses an opportunity to connect with parents from other campuses as well as College staff in a welcoming room they can call their own," he said.



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 Marsha Uppill 5226-4482 or email marsha.uppill@dhs.vic.gov.au

Website: www.corionorlane.org.au

Corio Norlane is a 'healthy city'

Food Skil celebrates

Food Skil celebrated its first birthday at the end of June, and with the support of residents, organisations, staff and volunteers will continue to operate into 2013.

Food Skil is set to become a Food Cluster comprising of a Biodynamic Market Garden, Community Orchard and retail outlets.

Food Skil already has:

- A weekly market at Cloverdale Community Centre.
- A fruit and vegetable shop in Labuan Square, Norlane, which is supplied with fruit and vegetables bought from a local wholesaler, donated produce and produce bought from local backyard growers.
- Run a Jam Group, that is extremely profitable and run by three volunteers who meet on a Friday afternoon to turn donated fruit or veg into jams and chutneys.

- Run three monthly Food Swaps in Corio and Norlane. Food Skil grew from these and this has built the capacity for the project.

In term three Food Skil will run produce markets at St Thomas Aquinas Primary School and Northern Bay College Hendy St campus once a week, run by a paid member of staff and volunteers. This will be subsidised by Best Start, an initiative of DEECD.

Food Skil is grateful to all of its volunteers and staff for making it the success it has been and will become.



Food Skil activities

Food Swaps: Cloverdale Food Swap, Cloverdale Community Centre, third Saturday of the month; Rosewall Food Swap, Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre, fourth Saturday of the month; Norlane Food Swap, Urban Bean, Labuan Square, Norlane, second Tuesday of the month.

2 & 5 Fresh Food Shop—Labuan Square, Norlane: Monday-Friday 9am-4 pm; Saturday 9.30am-1pm.

2 & 5 Fresh Food Market: Thursday at Cloverdale Community Centre, 167-169 Purnell Rd, Corio.

2 & 5 Fresh Food Market at St Thomas Aquinas, Plume St: Tuesday during term time, 2 pm- 4pm.

2 & 5 Fresh Food Market at Northern Bay College, Hendy St Hall, Hendy St, Corio: Wednesday during term time, 2 pm- 4pm.

Jam Group, Cloverdale Community Centre: Friday 12.30pm-3.30pm.

BATTY BETTY

Use winter to prepare lawns

Winter is usually thought to be the time to put up your feet and have a bit of a lazy time where gardening is concerned, but the fact is that your work now will decide the future of your garden over the next few seasons – if not years.

The stand-out feature of most gardens is a lovely green lawn and the preparation for this starts in winter. The growth of the grass is slowing down and you will need to lift the height of your lawnmower and leave a longer time between mowing.

Your lawn should be raked over to get rid of any leaves or other rubbish which will help to cut down on disease and to aid grass growth. Moss can also grow wherever your lawn is shaded, so aerate these areas with a fork or use strap-on spiked sandals which will fit over your shoes. This will improve the drainage and will also allow any chemicals or fertilizer to penetrate the soil surface.

Your lawn cuttings should be used in the compost as they supply the extra nitrogen needed to keep the heat up.

Keep the lid on your compost bin or cover with soil which will also help retain the heat as an essential part of creating a viable compost.

Your lawn cuttings can also be added to a bucket of water and left for a couple of weeks to ferment (preferably down the bottom of the garden) with the end result of a really great liquid fertilizer for your plants – works really well and is a great deal cheaper than anything you can buy.

Moving with precision

A cosy tin shed in Cheshire Reserve, just off Purnell Road in Corio, is home to Geelong's only drill and dance club.

The Regal Precision Drill and Dance Club has been rehearsing and competing in Australian, State and regional competitions for the last 14 years. The group meets weekly under the guidance of coach Margaret Dudley, to practice precision movements to a wide range of music.

Costumes are also an important part of their preparation for the competition season, which runs from October and culminates in the national championships every April. In 2012 the club won gold in the Senior section and silver in the Juniors.



Margaret is a former marching girl who loves the transition the national federation has made from strictly marching to drill dance. "Marching is still the discipline behind everything we do, but there's a lot more going on now," she said.

Competition is in several sections: Juniors (under 12), Intermediates (under 17), Seniors (12 and over) and Masters (over 30). Teams of up to 20 can

compete and members pay a weekly fee of \$5, plus contribute a levy towards their participation in the national championships.

Member Helen Simeonidis followed her daughter to the club and has competed in the Masters section. She said the club not only provides healthy exercise and fun, it's also a great social activity and a place to make new friends.

Regal Precision Drill and Dance Club is looking for new members in all age groups. No special equipment is needed, just runners, track pants and a black T-shirt.

For more information contact Belinda, phone 5275-6210.

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Politicians tour Northern Water Plant



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Local politicians gained an insight into the Northern Water Plant during a site tour with representatives from Barwon Water, Shell and construction company John Holland in May.

Member for South Barwon Andrew Katos and Member for Western Victoria David Koch enjoyed the chance to visit the site and learn about the project. Both politicians were keen to return and see the plant once it becomes fully operational.

The project has progressed smoothly over the past few months, with bulk earthworks and civil construction complete.

Work on the two off-site pump stations has finished, while all underground services are complete.

The final pieces of mechanical and electrical equipment are being installed. The focus during June was on testing various pieces of equipment before commissioning begins.

Commissioning involves operating the plant to get the treatment process working. This will include introducing wastewater to the plant for the first time.

For more information about the project, please visit www.barwonwater.vic.gov.au or telephone Barwon Water on 1300 656 007.





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Scholarship for student

Northern Futures and The Gordon TAFE Logistic and Transport Certificate II student Jacqueline Maw has been selected for a scholarship for her outstanding work. The scholarship was awarded to Jacqueline by Vic Centre for Advanced Materials Manufacturing at The Gordon TAFE.

The financial scholarship will enable this northern suburbs mother-of-six to return to full time employment and continue her passion for warehousing. Jacqueline hopes to be given the opportunity by one of Northern Futures' Industry partners to complete her Certificate III in Logistics within the workforce.

Grant Sutherland, CEO of The Gordon, congratulated Jacqueline on being awarded the scholarship.



"The scholarship is tremendous recognition for Jacqueline's hard work and commitment to her study," he said. "On behalf of the Gordon I wish her

every success with her career. The Gordon is very proud to work closely with our partners, Northern Futures, and we really value their support."

Thanks from Scope

The following is a message from Christine Brooks, Region Manager for Scope:

"From January 2011 until just recently, Scope was relocated to the former Flinders Peak Secondary College whilst waiting for a new building to be built.

During that time, our involvement in the northern community was one of opportunity for our local families as well as integration for ourselves into the local community. We were able to utilise the services of many local businesses as well as partake in many local activities that were taking place. The vicinity of Corio Village and the fabulous eateries there, together with those surrounding us nearby, were

wonderful for lunch breaks (not so good for the waistlines!)

One of our great weekly events within the community was being a part of the Cloverdale Community Market Day. People who we support were able to sell items including eggs and flowers and be involved with the people who came to the market to purchase goods. It was a wonderful and positive experience for all who participated.

Our involvement with the staff and students at Nelson Park School, years 10-12 was fantastic for everyone. Whilst sharing premises together, we were also able to assist in work experience for students and joining in

a family day put on by the students, enjoying food cooked as part of their VCE. It has certainly been a very happy and rewarding experience and we will miss our involvement with the school and their students. We wish them all the very best in the future.

The support of the local community has been sincerely appreciated and we look forward to the ongoing development of the many relationships we formed during our relocation. We are now fully operational at our new Shannon Park Centre on the corner of Shannon Avenue and Balcombe Road, Newtown – please feel free to call in and check out the new building."

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. Don't forget to include information about when and where it was taken, and who took it.



Cloverdale Community Centre presented a wide range of free activities for all ages to enjoy when it hosted the Cloverdale Autumn Festival.



Kathy, Oh Kler and Belly get busy on the sewing machine at Cloverdale Community Centre.



Members of the new Corio Norlane Lions Club celebrated their Charter lunch recently. The club is already busy with a range of projects.



The 'Big Potato' and some new seating at Windsor Park are the final installations of Norlane Community Centre's Multicultural Garden art piece.

Right: Northern Bay College's five junior campuses held their own NBC'S Got Talent during term two. From dancing to singing, gymnastics, flexibility routines and ballet, more than 200 children participated during the week-long competition, with the winners from each campus participating in a showcase night.



Amber Williams from the Wexford campus belts out a tune.



Ethan Glowaki from the Peacock campus shows his talent.



Stevie Ozog represented the Tallis campus in NBC's Got Talent.



Northern Bay Family Centre Family Fun Play Day was held at the Northern Bay Senior College, Goldsworthy Campus, in May this year. Organiser Helen O'Connor described it as "a beautiful autumn day for local families and children".



Colourful costumes are an important part of competition for Regal Dance and Drill Club members. The club which meets at Cheshire Reserve, just off Purnell Road in Corio.

Housing project making a difference



The Victorian Government's New Norlane initiative is already making a huge difference to dozens of Norlane residents.

Since being announced by Housing Minister Wendy Lovell in November last year, the project has provided brand new three, four and five bedroom homes for 14 local families – and they couldn't be happier.

This \$80 million public and private housing project is one of the largest of its kind ever undertaken in Victoria. The Victorian Government Department of Human Services is partnering with a range of private building companies to build 320 new homes on empty blocks throughout Norlane.

Work is soon to start on 11 more public homes which will provide much-needed housing for smaller families, couples and singles. The building work on these smaller batches of social housing will continue throughout the four-year project to 2015.

A large part of the building program will occur from early 2013 with three soon-to-be announced well-known builders. Starting with the construction of the private home display village on a prominent Princes Highway site, these "volume" builders will construct part of the social housing program along with 160 high-quality affordable homes for private buyers.

This partnering approach and shared investment is a key part of the project that aims to revitalise and breathe new

life into Norlane. Building more than 320 homes in Norlane over the next three years will also boost Geelong's economy and provide training and employment for locals.

New Norlane is one of a number of initiatives the Victorian Government has undertaken to improve the services and opportunities available to residents in the Norlane area.

Local Member for Western Victoria David Koch MLC represented Minister Lovell in recently opening the Geelong Work and Learning Centre. Established to better support local people into work and training opportunities, Mr Koch was joined by key community members and staff at the Norlane Community Centre to celebrate this ground-breaking initiative, which is operated by Northern Futures in partnership with the Brotherhood of St Laurence.

The New Norlane local project team is linking with the Geelong Work and Learning Centre to explore opportunities for participants to contribute to the housing project.

Norlane locals also know Mr Koch as the Chair of the New Norlane Community Advisory Committee. The committee was established to ensure that local views are heard and taken into account over the course of the New Norlane project. The New Norlane Community Advisory Committee consists of local residents as well as key representatives from business, government and community services.

New Norlane is building for the future of the area. It is generating investment and creating opportunities for the long-term prosperity of Geelong's north.

For more information on New Norlane you can:

- Access the webpage www.dhs.vic.gov.au/about-the-department/plans,-programs-and-projects/projects-and-initiatives/housing-and-accommodation/norlane-regeneration-project
- Send an Email: new.norlane@dhs.vic.gov.au
- Telephone: 5278 2012 or;
- Visit: Community Contact Point, 61 Yooronga Avenue Norlane.





Norlane Community Centre

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

Neighbourhood House Week

As part of Neighbourhood House Week we celebrated the 26 years Norlane Neighbourhood House/Centre has been in existence with the theme 'Mud Bricks to Mortar, 1986-2012'.

The Association of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres members' survey in 2011 discovered: "The success of Neighbourhood Houses and Learning Centres is due to the importance placed on the needs of people and the support given to them within an environment that is informal, encouraging and non-threatening.

Neighbourhood Houses are uniquely welcoming, affordable and inclusive places which reduce isolation and improve people's health and well being.

Neighbourhood Houses provide a role in building people's confidence to return to work, further their education through inclusive practices in life skills, language & literacy and the provision of volunteering opportunities, mentoring and support."

Norlane Community Centre has a reputation for accomplishing all of these objectives successfully after consulting with the community and identifying the community's needs and aspiration.



Norlane Community Centre Board member Justin Giddings cuts the cake for the centre's 26th birthday celebration.

Munch 'n' Crunch

Munch 'n' Crunch, the catering service of Encompass Community Services, continues to provide delicious and healthy gourmet food, while also being a hospitality training venue for Encompass.

MNC has a new and exciting menu, available on the Encompass website www.encompass-cs.org.au. A special 10 per cent discount is given to Norlane

Community Centre partners. For inquiries, call 5274-2242. Monday to Friday, 8am to 3.30pm.

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. Tuesday and Fridays, 9am to Noon. Inquiries 5275-8124.

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.

Photocopying, laminating and faxes

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

The Big Potato a symbol

The Big Potato is a multicultural symbol in the Community Garden at Norlane Community Centre.

The Big Potato and new seating has come to Windsor Park as the final piece of the centre's Multicultural Garden art piece.

Artist Mark Trinham, after consultation with the users of the garden, noticed that the potato was a vegetable that most nationalities identified with. People from different cultural backgrounds wrote potato in their language in chalk and Mark chiselled it into the wood. This resulted in the big potato becoming a multicultural symbol in our community garden.

"I really enjoyed the day; there was a lot of happiness going around. The students are all such humble and kind-hearted people that I'm sure have endured much change and hardship in their lives," Mark said.



GROUPS AND SERVICES AT NCC

Busy Bees

Monday, 11.30am–1.30pm. Cost \$2 per family. Contact Rachel on 5282-6740 for more information.

Advanced Tai Chi

For those who have had previous experience of Tai Chi. Classes held Tuesday, 10-11.30am.

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 mediums invited. 9am-1pm, cost \$4.

Crochet Group

This group meets to exchange ideas and have a friendly cup of tea and a chat. Cost \$1. 1-3pm Thursday.



On Monday and Friday, the ATAPS (Access to Allied Psychological Services) program provides free short term psychological interventions to people from a disadvantaged background in the Corio and Norlane areas, who have been referred by a GP. For more information phone the Barwon Medicare Local on 5229-1922.

Craft and Friendship

Come and enjoy afternoon tea and a laugh with a group of talented people and share your craft ideas. Cost \$1. Friday 1-3pm.

Computers

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

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.

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.

Mud brick mystery

Did you help make mud bricks that were to be used to build the Norlane Neighbourhood House?

Do you know what happened to the bricks?

The recent Neighbourhood House Week celebrations at Norlane had a theme of 'Mud bricks to Mortar' and included a display that showed local community members making mud bricks.

Norlane Neighbourhood House's Liz Winning said many people who saw the display told her they'd been involved

in making mud bricks, but never knew what happened to the finished product.

Liz said the project had been a great community involvement at the time, with workshops co-ordinated by staff from Deakin University.

"We'd love to hear from anyone who knows what happened to the bricks, which in the end weren't used in building the centre," Liz said.

Anyone with information can contact Liz at Norlane Neighbourhood House, phone 5275-8124.



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 provide 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 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, 9am-4.30pm.



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

They can assist jobseekers to access relevant training including White Card, Forklift Licenses, First Aid and OH&S training, which can make all the difference when looking for work.

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

Employment Consultant Barbara Ryan is available 9am to 5pm, Monday-Friday.

For appointments and information call Barbara 0418-834-364 (new number).

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
- Those seeking a stepping stone to higher level qualifications

Course will offer:

- Small class sizes to maximise 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 to Allison, 0437-561-791.

Community orchards in Norlane

The City of Greater Geelong, together with Food Skil (who have opened the fresh food shop at Labuan Square) are trialling two Community Orchards in Norlane:

1. Pettit Crescent Neighbourhood Park.
2. Labuan Square Shopping Centre.

Why an Orchard?

Residents have told us, through participation in many local forums, that having nicer parks and gardens and more neighbourhood trees will improve the look and feel of their neighbourhood. In addition, people often say access to fresh, nutritious and affordable food is a difficulty faced by many people.

Although these projects may not solve all food insecurity problems, it is hoped that people, the community and our children will benefit from learning about 'growing our own food', maybe even start their own backyard gardens; enjoying the fruit harvest and coming along and digging, harvesting and working together as a community. The orchards should also be a nice relaxing destination place for local people to

walk to, rather than walk through.

Keep your eye out for notices about Orchard Community Gatherings. For further information please call Cathy Walker City of Greater Geelong on 5275-8683, email cwalker1@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or pop into 2 + 5 Fresh Food at Labuan Square and chat to Katie or the team.



Community Arts and Festivals

The 2012-2013 round of the Community Arts and Festivals Grants Program is now open, with submissions accepted from Monday, July 2. This suite of grants supports arts and cultural projects and events initiated and managed by not-for-profit, incorporated organisations. Available grants in this program include:

- Community Arts (Arts Project)
- Community Arts (Biennial)
- Community Festivals (One Off)
- Community Festivals (Development)

Two grants are also available all year around, subject to availability of funds:

- Community Arts Quick Response
- Community Arts Professional

Development (Available to individuals)

Please note that the 2012/2013 Grant Round will be fully delivered online. All applications must be entered manually at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/community/arts. Online applications will be received until midnight Tuesday, July 31. There will be no extensions for late submission. Assistance is available for the online process.

Submission requirements

It is an essential requirement for all applicants to discuss their application with the Arts & Culture Department before submitting their application. To book an interview, call Justyn Rowe on 5272-4703.



The City of Greater Geelong has recently made streetscape improvements at Alkira Avenue Shopping Centre.

Did you know that ...

White goods such as fridges, ovens, dryers and dishwashers can be dropped off for free at the Geelong Resource Recovery Centres in Douro Street, North Geelong.

Alternatively, contact a metal dealer who will come and collect it from your home. They usually collect it for free.



Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre

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

E-mail: admin@rosewallinc.org.au and training@rosewallinc.org.au

Web: www.rosewallneighbourhoodcentre.com Office hours: 9am-3pm Monday to Friday

Step on board the Steetsurfer bus



The Streetsurfer bus is at Rosewall every three weeks, on a Friday between 3pm and 5pm.

The bus has been decked out with heaps of cool stuff, including computers (with access to the internet), four wide screen TVs, two play stations, a Nintendo Wii system and a DVD player and a (big) stereo system.

There are also areas to chill out and chat to the youth workers who run the bus when it's out on the streets.

And don't forget the built in barbecue which cooks up some mean snags and onions for free for any youths who come past the bus.



Rosewall Open Day

The Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre Open Day is on Tuesday, July 17 from noon until 2pm.

Free activities will include:

- Free lunch of soup and a roll.
- Pottery workshop.
- Patchwork display.
- Craft activities.
- Computer demonstrations including internet and Skype.
- Playing with iPads.



Dates to remember

- Open day: Tuesday, July 17, noon-2pm.
- Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9am-3pm, Hendy Street Hall is open.
- Saturday, July 28, Rosewall Food Swap, 9.30 am.
- Saturday, August 25, Rosewall Food Swap, 9.30 am.
- Friday, August 31, Gourmet café, \$5.
- Friday, September 14, Community Lunch \$7.50 Bookings essential.

Rosewall Training Café

The cafe is open Tuesday to Thursday from 9.30am until 1.30pm and offers eat in or takeaway low cost meals, coffee and cake.

Catering is also available. Please contact Carolyn for further information on catering options and pricing.

COMPUTER COURSES

Introduction to Computers

Mondays 9.15am-12.15pm. For 7 weeks, starting August 20.

Wednesdays 12.30-3 pm. For 7 weeks, starting August 22.

Cost: \$90 or Concession \$50.

Intermediate Computers

Mondays 12.30-3pm. For 8 weeks, starting July 30.

Cost: \$90.

Apple Mac Self Help Group

Fridays Noon-3pm.

Cost: \$5 per week.

Photo Editing

Fridays 1-3pm.

Cost: \$5 per week.

Introduction to Computers for Seniors

A learn at your own pace class for seniors who are interested in keeping up with their children/grandchildren or just finding out what a computer can do. Includes internet, email and Skype.

Wednesdays 9.15am-12.15pm. For 7 weeks, starting August 22.

Cost: \$90 or Concession \$50.

Computer Help Club

Fridays 10am-Noon.

Cost: \$5 per week.



GENERAL INTEREST

Barwon Health Community Kitchen @ Rosewall

A group of people who come together to cook, socialise and enjoy good food.

Food is taken home to enjoy later.

Mondays Noon-2pm.

Contact Suzanne Harman, Barwon Health, phone 5246-8306 for more information.

Girls Aloud

If you're a girl aged between 10 and 16 years you could be a part of 'Girls Aloud'. Activities include: cooking, photography, craft, art, painting and jewellery making.

When: 4-5.30pm. Tuesdays during the school term.

Free.

Patchwork

Wednesdays 9.30-11.30 am or

Thursdays 7-9pm.

For 8 weeks from July 25 or 26.

Cost: \$60.

Sit and stitch

Tuesdays 12.30-2.30 pm.

Cost: \$2 per week.

Come and Create - Scrapbooking and Craft Making

Would you like to meet new people?

Like to get out of the house?

Join Clare at Hendy Street Hall for scrapbooking and craft.

Thursdays 1.30-3pm.

For 8 weeks from July 26.

Cost: Gold coin donation. Materials and afternoon tea provided.

Strength training

Tuesdays 8.30-9.30am.

Cost: \$6 per week.

Strength training for older adults

Tuesdays 9.30-10.30 am.

Cost: \$6 per week.

Pottery

Tuesdays and Wednesdays 11am-3pm.

Cost: \$3.50 per session.

Over 50s

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 & interviews

Thursdays 9.30am-3pm.

For 4 weeks, starting August 23.

Cost: \$50.

Certificate III Children's Services CHC30708

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9am-3pm.

For 20 weeks from Wednesday, July 25.

Compulsory Information Session on Wednesday, July 18, 10am-11am.

Cost: \$895 or concession \$605.

(subject to Skills Victoria funding eligibility)

RTO: Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre

**Certificate III Aged & Home and Community Care
CHC30208 & CHC3038**

Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 9am-3pm.
For 24 weeks from Tuesday, July 24.
Compulsory Information Session on Tuesday, July 17, 10-11am.
Cost: \$990 or concession \$610.
(subject to Skills Victoria funding eligibility)
RTO: Ocean Grove Neighbourhood Centre

HLTFA301B—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-4pm, Thursday and Friday, August 30 and 31.
Cost: \$180.



HOSPITALITY

Espresso Coffee Making

Friday, August 3, 9.30am-12.30pm.
Cost: \$60.

**Workplace Hygiene Procedures
SITXOHS002**

Thursday, August 9, 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 August 2, 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 playgroup information.

Services at Rosewall

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre offers the following services:

- Photocopying – black and white, colour.
- Book binding.
- Laminating.
- Faxing.
- Free internet (conditions apply).
- Hall/room hire.

Coming soon

2 & 5 Fresh Food Market at the Hendy Street Hall, Wednesdays 2pm-4pm during the school term. A variety of affordable fresh fruit and vegetables will be available. Please contact Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre for further information and the commencement date.

New email addresses

Rosewall Neighbourhood Centre has new email addresses.
You can contact us on: training@rosewallinc.org.au or admin@rosewallinc.org.au





Tracy Bull from BacLinks, Carl Hansen who was a participant in the program, and Sue Gladwell from MatchWorks.

Men get the chance to ‘Work It’

Around 20 unemployed Geelong men aged 16-25 were involved in an intensive six-day program in June to assist in building their self esteem and improve their chances of gaining employment. The program, titled ‘Work It’, is unique because it specifically addresses self-esteem, health and appearance amongst men: topics often reserved for women specific programs.

Organised by local employment services provider MatchWorks, in partnership with BacLinks, the program was developed to suit the learning styles of the young male participants, and addresses several topics that are of importance to many young men. Activities are hands-on and include adventure-based learning outdoors.

“At MatchWorks we assist many people who are experiencing significant challenges in their lives, and sometimes it’s not as simple as whether they

have a job or not,” MatchWorks Acting General Manager Mark McCoy said. “For this reason, we decided to run a program that addresses some of their broader barriers to employment, such as learning to make a healthy lunch, presentation skills in a workplace and the importance of keeping fit.”

The program, conducted over two weeks, enabled participants to hear from the Victoria Police, Ford who presented on working in a factory environment, Headspace, and learn about plastering and cabinet making careers from the Gordon.

Participants also participated in a number of sessions hosted by You Can Too Fitness and learnt about the value of exercise, the importance of healthy food, travelled to the supermarket and shopped for a healthy lunch. They also had haircuts and ‘makeovers’ from students at the Gordon, and were kitted

out with new work-appropriate clothes donated by the Geelong community.

Mr McCoy said MatchWorks hopes the program will make a real difference to confidence levels of the young men and assist them in their pursuit of employment.

The six-day program was supported by several local Geelong businesses and community organisations, including the Gordon, Ford, Victoria Police, Headspace, You Can Too Fitness, Weight Works, Victoria Centrelink, and Karingal KABLE.

‘Work It’ was held in partnership with BacLinks, an initiative of Karingal which educates, supports and creates opportunities for business and community to engage with each other for mutual benefits. For more information visit www.baclinks.org.au.



Cloverdale Community Centre

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

E-mail: cloverdale@datafast.net.au Web: www.cloverdalecommunitycentre.org.au

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

Cloverdale Autumn Festival

Cloverdale's annual festival was a celebration of food, culture and sustainability. Mural and paste up workshops, live music from fluere and Izzy Losi, African drumming, plus gardening and cultural activities, damper making, Iranian food and Sudanese coffee made for a wonderful fun filled day.



Ceridwyn shows her story telling skills.



Farzad serves kebabs.

Free Events

Living in the Digital Age

An exciting series of sessions exploring the world of information and communication technologies. Expand your horizons and develop new skills. No experience necessary.

Topics include:

- Facebook basics, Blogging for beginners, Tweeting and Twitter.

- Getting started with Skype, Ipads and tablets.
- The internet for health and wellbeing, craft on the internet.
- Writing online and creating a personal homepage.
- Making a short film for Youtube.
- Digital storytelling.

When: 1.30-4pm. Third Saturday of the month from July 21. A free program.

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. Third Saturday of the month, 9-10.30am from July 21.

Follow us on:



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 July 23 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$90 includes manual and amenities.

Tutor: Maree Gabriel.

Developing Computers – The Next Step

Take the next step in unlocking all that is possible on a computer! For those who have completed an introductory course. Learn Microsoft Word including tables, plus Excel, PowerPoint, safe internet use and maintaining your computer.

When: 9.30am-noon.

Tuesdays from July 17 for 10 weeks.

Tutor: Maree Gabriel.

Cost: \$115 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.

Tuesdays from July 24 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$90 includes manual and amenities.

Tutor: Maree Gabriel.

Evening Computers

Develop your computer skills for work and/or enjoyment. Improve your word processing and internet skills, write your resume, upload your digital photos

and learn about i-pads.

When: 7-9.30pm.

Tuesdays from July 24.

Cost: \$90 includes manual and amenities.

Bookings essential.

VISUAL AND DIGITAL ARTS

Make and Create NEW!

A free creative and challenging arts and technology based program for people of all backgrounds and abilities. Develop self-confidence, explore your creative side and learn new skills using the internet, photography and photo printing, i-pads, flip video, etc. Children welcome. Lunch provided.

When: Noon to 3pm for 8 weeks.

Thursdays from July 26.

Cost: Free.

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 July 18.

Cost: \$2 per session.

Photography 101 NEW!

Learn to take great photographs, get the best out of your digital camera and learn how to look after those precious images.

When: 7-9.30pm.

Tuesdays from July 24 for 6 weeks.

Cost: \$7 per session.

Bookings essential.

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

Yoga

Invigorate 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 July 19 for 10 weeks.

Cost: \$90 for the term or \$10 per session.

Tai Chi NEW!!

Tai Chi is gentle exercise that reduces stress and improves balance, strength, flexibility and confidence. Wear flat soled shoes and comfortable clothing.

When: 9.30-10.30am, Mondays from July 16 for 10 weeks.

Cost \$5 per session.

Facilitated by Jan Power and Eddie Walpole.

PARENTS AND CHILDREN

Pre-school Music with Ceridwyn NEW!

A fun musical learning environment for pre-school aged children and their parents. Not only great fun but also a place to meet other parents and socialise children in a non-threatening environment.

When: 11am-noon.

Tuesdays from July 24.

Cost \$5 per session.

Booking essential as places are limited.

Cloverdale Playgroups

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 from July 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 July 25 for 8 weeks.

Free to girls from Corio and Norlane.

Noise Scavengers

Corio's teen sound ensemble will be back in October, recording a CD and performing at Courthouse Arts.

Young people aged 12 and over are always welcome.

October 4-6.

Call Sue for more info on 5275-4415 and stay tuned to our Facebook page.

GENERAL INTEREST

Creative Writing NEW!

Explore a range of writing styles in this exciting course. Engage with writers who have industry experience, whether it is song writing, poetry, script writing or children's story telling. Get assistance with your special writing project and develop your writing in a supportive learning environment.

When: 9.30am-noon.

Wednesdays from July 25 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$90 includes amenities.

Speaking & Listening NEW!

Improve your conversational English in a relaxed and social environment. Enjoy activities and outings that will encourage relevant and topical conversation.

When: 1pm-3pm (plus outings by arrangement).

Fridays from July 27 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$50 per term.

Sewing NEW!

Develop your sewing skills, learn to use a sewing machine, and meet with a friendly group of sewers. Monday mornings throughout the term beginning with cushion making. Sewing machines provided or bring your own.

When: 9.30am -noon.

Mondays from July 23.

Cost: \$5 per session.

Cloverdale Over 45s

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

When: Noon-3pm.

Wednesdays from July 18.

Cost varies depending on activity.

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 July 27 for 8 weeks.

Cost: \$72 per term or \$10 per session.

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.

When: 1-2.30pm.

Tuesdays from July 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 a friendly group of people with a passion for plants and the environment.

When: 7-9pm.

First and third Thursdays of the month from July 19.

Guitar for Beginners NEW!

No previous experience required, just a guitar! Cover basic theory and practice including chords, scales, strumming and picking.

When: 4.30-5.30pm, Thursdays from July 19.

Cost: \$72 for 6 weeks.



Lions take on projects

The newly-formed Lions Club of Corio Norlane has taken on a number of projects in its first year of operation.

The club celebrated its incorporation at a Charter Lunch in April, with 27 members committed to serving the community. Inaugural president Richard Walter said other prospective members are welcome to come along for a look-see.

The club holds its meetings at the Shell Club in Purnell Road, Corio. A Business meeting is held at 6.30pm on the second Tuesday of the month; a Dinner meeting is held at 6.30pm on the third Tuesday of the month.



Cr Kylie Fisher joins Lions Club president Richard Walter at the Charter lunch.

The club is already involved in several projects, including providing computers to families and creating a native garden at Stead Park for all the community to enjoy.

The club has also embarked on an ambitious project to collect clean blankets and back packs during the winter months for those in Geelong who need a little more support. K-mart at Corio will provide a collection point for blankets to be dropped off; the Bank of Melbourne at Corio Shopping Centre will provide a point for back packs to be dropped off.

The Lions Club will collect the items and deliver them to the Salvation Army Connect in Belmont, for distribution to those in need.

For more information about the club and its activities, phone Richard Walter on 0402-409-895.

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Also covering parts of Batesford, Bell Park, North Geelong and Werribee.



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john.eren@parliament.vic.gov.au or visit me on Facebook**

Literacy support

Richard Walter, President of the Lions Club of Corio Norlane, accepts a cheque from Shell Senior Buyer Matthew Hudson as part of the Shell Geelong Refinery's Employee Community Grants Committee.

The grants committee donated \$2500 to the Lions Club for the Lions Literacy project. With the help of the ARDOCH network, the Lions Club will provide books to approximately 80 prep students in the northern suburbs.



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.**



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

Grants for community projects

Shell Geelong Refinery's Employee Community Grants Committee would like to thank all the organisations who submitted grant applications earlier this year.

Members of the committee were impressed by the breadth of activities taking place in the northern suburbs.

The committee is pleased to announce it has awarded \$22,500 to eight programs including:

- Diversitat – World Voice.
- Northern Bay P-12 College – Ignite.
- Bluebird Foundation Inc. – Kinder: ready or not?
- North Geelong Secondary College – Alpine Leadership Camp.

- Corio Norlane Lions Club – Lions Literacy, Victorian Vietnam Veterans Geelong and District Association – Education and Community Resource Centre.
- Northern Bay P-12 College – Science Maths Technology Club.
- Bethany Community Support – In Safe Hands.

Forms to apply for a Shell Employee Community Grant can be downloaded from the refinery's website and submitted at any time during the year. The second funding round closes October 31, 2012.



Shell Communications Advisor Jessica Marriner, little "Hayley", Northern Bay Family Centre Co-ordinator Helen O'Connor and Bluebird Foundation Secretary Bron Lawson (on guitar). The refinery's grants committee donated \$4550 towards the Kinder: Ready or Not? program, which is designed to help prepare children from the 3214 postcode for four-year old kindergarten.