

Spring has Sprung

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN WHEN HOME MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS INCREASE AS MOST PLANTS EXPERIENCE FULL GROWTH. THE CITY OF GREATER GEELONG HAVE PROVIDED THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO ASSIST HOME AND LOT OWNERS TO UNDERSTAND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES.

Every November COGG Fire Prevention Officers undertake inspections for grass slashing as we are now in a high fire danger period. These inspections can result in landowners receiving a Fire Prevention Notice due to long grasses on their properties.

VACANT ALLOTMENTS

Owners are responsible for ensuring that grass/weeds on their allotment do not exceed a maximum height of 4" during the bushfire danger period (October to April).

In the case of non-compliance, a warning letter is sent to owner by Council and they are given 2 weeks to mow their grass.

If grass is not mown in 2 week timeframe an infringement notice may be issued (fine amount is \$1,445)

If the owner is still non-compliant Council will send a maintenance company to mow the grass and bill the owner accordingly.

Outside fire danger period (November to March) grass/weeds must be kept maintained at a maximum height of 6" or less. Should the owner not comply the Council will issue a \$300 on the spot fine.

ESTABLISHED HOMES

If weeds/grass exceed a maximum height of 6" a letter will be sent to owners and they may incur an infringement fine of \$300. If a property is not maintained and concerned neighbours complain, an infringement fine of \$300 may apply.

When conducting fire inspections The City of Greater Geelong require grass and weeds to be cut to a maximum height of 100mm (4") and maintained in that condition for the duration of the fire danger period. Failure to comply with a fire prevention notice results in a penalty notice of \$1476.00 as well as costs to clear the property.

Residents can find more information about preparing homes for the fire season from the CFA website
<http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/>

A key safety message from the CFA regarding living on the urban fringe and grassfires.

If you live or work close to grassland in a regional centre, you could be at risk of fire this summer.

- You need to understand your risk and know what to do when a fire starts.
- Grassfires can start and spread quickly, especially on days when the Fire Danger Rating is Severe, Extreme or Code Red. Fire Danger Ratings tell you how dangerous a fire would be if one started. As the ratings increase, so does your risk of fire.
- Talk to the people you live with before summer to make sure you all know what to do when the Fire Danger Rating is Severe, Extreme or Code Red.



NOTE: THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES ARE FOR PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN A ROW OF HOUSES NEAR GRASSLAND ONLY.

- If you live next to grassland and a grassfire starts, move two streets back from the fire to stay safe.
- If you live two or three streets away from grassland and a grassfire starts, stay where you are. Grassfires are unlikely to spread into built up areas.
- Never drive if you can see smoke or fire. Thick smoke will make it hard to see and traffic jams and accidents are likely. You also need to keep the roads clear for emergency services.
- Remember, you won't always receive a warning or be told what to do if a fire starts. It's up to you to be prepared, know what to do and take action.
- Don't try and get a closer look at a grassfire – you will put yourself and others in danger.

Please note the Fire Danger Period 2015/2016 began on 9 November 2015 in both the Surf Coast Shire and City of Greater Geelong. Burning is now prohibited.

For general and membership enquiries for the Brigade, please contact our Connewarre Brigade Captain, Rod Cameron on 5264 1111 or 0448 935 338 or the brigade secretary, connnewcfa@hotmail.com



NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH AT WARRALILY: DO YOU KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS

A safer neighbourhood starts with communication. Break the ice and introduce yourself. Say hello to your Neighbours today.



KEY CRIME PREVENTION TIPS.

- Lock all doors and windows, including the door from your garage into your house.
- Make it look like someone is home whenever you are out
- Make it harder for burglars to get in without being seen- keep doorways and windows clear
- Bring in your bin and collect mail every day
- Install sensor lighting at all entry points
- Secure valuables in a safe or hidden place
- Only leave a spare key with a trusted neighbour. Never hide them on your property
- Keep all spare keys or car keys in a secure place.
- Ask a trusted neighbour to keep an eye on your house when you are away.
- Report ANY suspicious activity in your Neighbourhood to Police
- To report any information regarding a crime- call Crime stoppers on 1800 333 000
- Geelong Eye Watch - keep up to date on local community safety issues
<https://www.facebook.com/eyewatchgeelong>



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WARRALILY COMMUNITY newsletter

SUMMER 2015



location Did you know Warrality has been designed to ensure the best possible access to the surrounding amenities? We can be at Bancoora Beach in 7 minutes, Geelong City in 10 minutes, and in Melbourne in 1 hour.

community Did you attend a community event or activity during 2015? Maybe you came to the Dogs breakfast or the Live Well Market. Perhaps you participated in one of the 17 weekly community activities we now have. This year our population has grown from 2,000 to 4,000 with 20 families moving in every week.

sustainability Did you know Warrality is an award winning EnviroDevelopment Community? EnviroDevelopment certification is a scientifically based assessment system that awards certification when minimum standards have been significantly exceeded. Warrality has achieved certification in the following areas:



Water: Warrality has incorporated ways to reduce the use of drinking water by more than 20% compared to minimum regulatory compliance. All homes in Warrality are able to:

- Achieve savings of around 20% on water bills compared to the same use in a standard development
- Water gardens, wash window and cars with recycled water- this means Warrality households are not subject to water restrictions

Waste: During home construction and throughout civil works, extensive efforts are made to avoid the generation of waste. Around 60% of unavoidable waste is re-cycled or re-used. This is achieved by:

- Crushing rock onsite and using it for road building
- Ensuring waste minimisation measures are embedded into daily practices of our construction partners.

Community: Warrality has been designed to create a safe, vibrant and cohesive community.

- Our walkways are safe and comfortable for residents to walk between homes, and parks to encourage active lifestyles
- Local residents have many opportunities to provide feedback on development progress and contribute to ongoing development of our community.

ALL ASPECTS OF DESIGN AT WARRALILY HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY CONSIDERED TO ENSURE RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY VALUES ARE MAXIMISED FOR OUR RESIDENTS AND THAT WARRALILY REALLY IS A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, NOW AND IN THE FUTURE

WARRALILY
CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR
2015

DATE: Saturday 12th December
TIME: 4-9pm
LOCATION: The T Park at Warrality Coast, Coastside Drive, Warrality.



WARRALILY CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR 2015

COME & JOIN THE CELEBRATIONS
From 4pm-9pm

- Live Well Market including delicious food vendors
- Performances from local schools
- Free Kids activities for under 12's
- Free Chill-Out Zone for over 12's
- Free Parents and Bubs retreat

From 7pm-9pm

- 'Stampsy' from K-Rock will be MC
- Watch The Deadly Dancers
- See Santa and Geelong Mayor, Darren Lyons arrive by firetruck
- Hear the great voices of Michael Stangel, Andy Pobjoy and Sophie Katos perform as the sun goes down

Like the Warralily Instagram page and upload your families' favourite Christmas photo using the hashtag #warralilyxmas2015. The photo with the most likes by 7.30pm on December 12th 2015 will win a \$500 Warralily Gift Card*

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LOCATION: **The T Park at Warralily Coast, Coastside Drive, Warralily.**

*Terms and conditions apply visit www.warralily.com.au/termsandconditions



Felix the Frog

Hi Kids, Have you ever been to Lake Connnewarre? It's really amazing. It's a huge wetland where thousands and thousands of birds live and visit. Over 150 different kinds of birds live there- WOW.



Some birds live there all the time and others stop there for a while then fly away to another lake across the other side of the world.

" I SAW SOME GREENSHANKS LANDING TODAY ,,"

Lake Connnewarre is very shallow so the Greenshanks can wade around on their long yellow legs looking for their dinner.

Their long beaks help them to reach down into the water to pick up their food.

The Greenshanks fly across the world to get to Lake Connnewarre all the way from North Scotland and Scandinavia, through China and Russia to Indonesia then finally to Lake Connnewarre right next the Warralily.

When they get here they have a big rest and eat up as many insects and little fish as they can. Then in March or April they fly all the way back again where they like to have their babies.



A local greenshank bird

If you visit Lake Connnewarre you might see some Greenshanks. Its' fun to take a picnic and explore the Lake at Tait's Point. Tell Mum and Dad to turn off Barwon Heads Rd onto Lake Rd, and turn left at Staceys Rd to find Tait's Point. I hope you have a great time at Lake Connnewarre and please say hello to the Greenshanks for me! **Bye for now from your friend Felix the Frog**

P.S. I heard about the Warralily Christmas Spectacular. Are you going? Keep an eye out for me- I love Christmas parties!

WATCH THIS SPACE
Coming Soon

The **Warralily Adventure Map** - a guide for families on all that Warralily has to offer for children

The **Warralily Community Safety and Security Info Pack**- all the information you need to increase security at your place

THE TEAM AT WARRALILY ARE HARD AT WORK PLANNING A SERIES OF AWESOME SUMMER EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES - WATCH YOUR LETTERBOX AND KEEP AN EYE ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION

ACCESS Surf Coast Oceans and Trails
ENABLING PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY TO ACCESS SANDY BEACHES, OCEAN AND TRAILS IN THE SURF COAST SHIRE

Beach Wheelchair and Trail Rider Wheelchair FREE HIRE

Sandstone beach wheelchair Available from Geelong at Waves 1/15, East St, Torquay VIC 3208 Ph: 1800-132-041 www.geelongwaves.com.au	TrailRider AB-Torquay wheelchair Available from Surf Coast Shire Sports & Recreation Centre 77 Beach Road, Torquay VIC 3208 Ph: 03-5261-1404 www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au
Aussie beach wheelchair Available from YMCA Angelsea Recreation Camp 1255 Great Ocean Road, Angelsea VIC 3229 Ph: 03-52641512	Hippocampe beach wheelchair Available from YMCA Angelsea Recreation Camp 1255 Great Ocean Road, Angelsea VIC 3229 Ph: 03-52641512

PLEASE PICK UP AFTER YOUR PET



THIS IS A REMINDER TO ANYONE WHO HAS EVER TAKEN THEIR DOG FOR A WALK AND BEEN CAUGHT WITHOUT A BAG TO PICK UP AFTER THEM?

Besides being embarrassing, unsightly and smelly, animal waste can be hazardous to the health of our children who play in the community and other pets. One of the most common forms of disease transmission between dogs is through faecal matter. It can also affect the water quality of our wetland.

It is important to remember to immediately clean up after your pet. Make sure you have a bag with you to pick up waste and then dispose of it properly- your pet and their faeces are your responsibility.

The only thing worse than picking up after your own dog is having to clean up after someone else's dog! By cleaning up after your dog, you can contribute not only to the beautification of our community, but also towards the elimination of one of the most irritating nuisances in our community.

Thankyou for your cooperation!



13 YEAR OLD LOCAL BOY RIDES TO VICTORY IN THE 1876 MELBOURNE CUP

DID YOU KNOW?

Amazing facts about the Connnewarre district since European settlement

1840 The Tait family were the first white family to live permanently in the district

1853 "Earl of Charlemont" shipwrecked at Bancoora beach with 450 survivors

1854 The first roads were built

John Stewart purchased land on Stewart Rd

1856 Three story flour mill along Armstrong Creek established by John Armstrong

1853 Licensee, George Dodds operated the 'Yarborough Inn' on the south eastern corners of Torquay and Stewarts Roads

1862 Connnewarre Cricket club established adjacent to the Yarborough Inn

1876 Thirteen year old Connnewarre school student, Peter St Albans rode the winner of the Melbourne Cup, Briseis.

1912 Geelong to Blackrock sewer main commenced

Connnewarre won the Freshwater Creek football association Premiership

1930 Geelong radio station 3GL heard at Connnewarre for the first time

1942 Connnewarre Fire brigade formed

1942 Air raid trenches dug in the Connnewarre school yard

1956 Television reception introduced

1972 Reticulated water supply installed

1993 Connnewarre Primary school closed

2010 Development at Warralily commenced