



Are You Fire-Ready? *Prepare, Act, Survive!*

Manningham has a unique interface of urban areas surrounded by rural properties and vast natural areas but this poses a higher level of fire risk to our community. Manningham Council is working in partnership with emergency services to ensure the municipality is fire-ready. Keep informed and be vigilant:

- Visit the CFA website: www.cfa.vic.gov.au
- Call the Victorian Bushfire Information Line on 1800 240 667
- Listen to 774 ABC Radio
- Visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/BushfireInformation

Prepare Your Property

Keep grass cut and remove fine fuels (leaf litter, twigs, etc.) Clean gutters, move wood piles away from your home and trim overhanging branches.

Residents living in Warrandyte, Warrandyte South, Wonga Park, Park Orchards and Donvale are eligible for free green waste pick-up vouchers. This service will operate every Sunday until 6 December 2009. For details call 9840 9333.

www.manningham.vic.gov.au

Report Fire Risks

Council undertakes proactive inspections across the municipality to monitor and reduce fire risk. Council also responds to residents' concerns about potential fire hazards on public and private property. Report fire risks to Council on 9840 9333.

Calendar of Local Activities

Sunday 15 November: Fire Preparation stall at Manningham Spring Festival.

Details at www.manningham.vic.gov.au/BushfireInformation

International Day of People with Disabilities

Thursday 3 December, 6.30pm-8.00pm

Manningham Art Gallery, Civic Offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

Manningham Council will be launching Rebecca Maxwell's book entitled "Blind and Busy", which contains the stories of 49 people for whom Braille literacy is an important lifeline.

Bookings essential: 9840 4461 or amber.thorgersen@manningham.vic.gov.au by Wednesday 25 November.

Hearing loop and wheelchair access available.

Manningham Spring Festival

**Sunday 15 November, 12noon - 6.00pm
Free community event at Ruffey Lake Park**

Join the 'Manningham Arts Centre Allstars' on stage at the 2009 Manningham Spring Festival. The festival program will feature performances from all our sensational dance classes. Visit the Arts Centre stall for free kids' activities all day.

Small Business Workshop

**presented by Paul McCarthy
Tuesday 17 November, 9.00am -12noon**

How much business are you missing out on because you or your sales people avoid cold calling for new prospects or following up quotes, sales, past and existing customers by telephone?

Tickets: \$55.00. Bookings: 9851 6474.

Visit www.bizsupport.com.au for details.

Rabbit Action Planning Meeting

Saturday 7 November, from 9.00am

Come along to the Rabbit Action Planning Meeting at Currawong Bush Park.

A free breakfast will be served at 9.00am.
RSVP: 9840 4407.

Manningham Sustainable Homes Program

An Inconvenient Evening with Ella Boyen

Thursday 12 November, 6.45pm – 9.00pm

Civic Offices, 699 Doncaster Road, Doncaster

'An Inconvenient Evening' is the finale of the successful Manningham Sustainable Homes Program designed to give residents the tools and confidence to live healthy sustainable lifestyles in their homes, workplaces and community.

Bookings essential on 9840 4400 or email nigel.philpot@manningham.vic.gov.au

Improving Urban Design for Bushfire Defence

Tuesday 17 November, 6.30pm

Wonga Park Hall, corner of Launders Avenue and Yarra Road. Melways Ref: 24 G11.

Light supper provided

Join Justin Leonard a leading scientist from CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems as we investigate the design of buildings in bushfire prone areas and how to improve their survival rate during extreme bushfire events.

Youth Forum Nominations

Manningham Council is seeking nominations from interested young people to become members of the Manningham Youth Forum. The Youth Forum acts as an Advisory Committee to Council and provides leadership opportunities as well as an environment to raise and discuss community issues.

For Nomination Forms and more information contact Amber Thorgersen on 9840 4461 or email amber.thorgersen@manningham.vic.gov.au

Nominations close Friday 18 December, 5.00pm.

E-News and Twitter

Subscribe to Council's new e-newsletter at www.manningham.vic.gov.au/enews Information on bushfire prevention activities will also be communicated via Twitter - Join today to start receiving Manningham Council's 'tweets'. Visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au and follow the link.

Mullum Mullum Ward Meeting

Thursday 12 November, 7.30pm

Wonga Park Community Hall, Corner Launders Avenue and Yarra Road, Wonga Park. Melways Ref. 24 G11.

The Mullum Mullum Ward Meeting is an opportunity to meet your Councillors, engage with your local community, and have your say on important issues affecting your neighbourhood.

All welcome. Light refreshments will be provided.

Hosted by Cr Meg Downie, Cr David Ellis, and Cr Graeme Macmillan.

RSVP to Jenny Horvath on 0408 289 950 or email jenny.horvath@manningham.vic.gov.au

Manningham Gallery

**Ceramics Victoria 40th Anniversary Exhibition
Now until 31 October**

A national award and exhibition in October will be the focus of this historic occasion at Manningham Gallery.

**John and Betty Exhibition
4 November – 21 November**

Stepping out from the pages of the Victorian School book readers of the '60s and '70s 'John and Betty' form the motivation for this exhibition.

Manningham Gallery, 699 Doncaster Rd, Doncaster
www.manningham.vic.gov.au/gallery

Manningham Arts Centre

**Manningham Artists Studio Tour
Saturday 7 November 2009, 11.00am-4.00pm**

All tickets: \$15.

Gain an insight into the creative process as we visit some professional local artists in their homes and studios. The tour departs from Manningham Gallery. Bookings: 9840 9381/9840 9382