



PROMENADE

.....COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY.....

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GET DOWN TO THE BEACH

PLUS

.....
THE IDEAS PLACE
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
FOGO ROLLOUT



A COSMOPOLITAN CITY BY THE SEA

BETTER ACCESS. LONGER LASTING

In a first for the city, beach access improvements at Worm Bay and the Yacht Club carpark have been constructed using a fibreglass reinforced plastic (FRP) structures instead of traditional timber.

These materials will greatly extend the life of both assets.

A new staircase at Worm Bay links the beach to the promenade and the Worm Bay carpark.

The improved construction techniques use deep screw pile footings to prevent damage to the footings, sandbags to stabilise the dune and new slip resistant composite FRP grating decking.

At the Yacht Club carpark, a new access ramp has been constructed to provide easier beach access for a range of users, including emergency services.

The design of the ramp enables the sand and sea water to form a natural level which means less maintenance is needed.

Warrnambool City Council Director City Infrastructure Scott Cavanagh said that the FRP material was as strong as steel and had a 50 year lifespan.

"It is the first time we have used a treatment like this in Warrnambool, but

it has been implemented successfully in other coastal locations around Australia," he said.

"In the dynamic coastal environment, FRP is a robust and durable material offering asset longevity, lower maintenance costs and efficient installation when compared with timber structures."

The Worm Bay access upgrade was funded by Council and the Victorian Government's Department of Environment, Land, Water & Planning of via a Public Access and Risk Grant.

The Yacht Club carpark access ramp upgrade was funded by Council.



KEEPING YOUR COOL IN THE HEAT

Heat kills more Australians than any natural disaster.

Extreme heat can affect anybody. Heat can cause illnesses such as heat cramps and heat exhaustion which can lead to the life-threatening condition, heatstroke. Heatstroke is fatal in up to 80 per cent of cases.

Those most at risk are older people, young children and people with a medical condition.

Survive the heat this summer with these five simple tips:

- Drink plenty of water
- Never leave anyone in a car
- Stay somewhere cool
- Plan ahead
- Check in on others

If you or someone you know is unwell call NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24 for 24-hour health advice or see your doctor. In an emergency, call 000.



HELP MAKE WARRNAMBOOL MORE "AGE FRIENDLY"

The Warrnambool City Council is keen to find out how seniors get around the city, what activities they like doing and if there was anything that could be done to help them stay active and involved in the community.

Age Friendly Communities Project Officer Rebecca Nevin-Berger said that Warrnambool was aiming to be more "age friendly".

"Warrnambool is a great place to live at any age, but there is always more that can be done, especially for our older residents," she said.

"We want our city to be a place where older people live safely, enjoy good health and stay involved."

Council has received an Age-friendly Communities Grant from Department of Health and Human Services to help implement some of the feedback from the survey, and Ms Nevin-Berger said that there were also opportunities for clubs to get involved with the project.

"There is a club or group for just about everything in Warrnambool," she said.

"In my opinion, people with a lifetime of experience and knowledge make the best club members. If you'd like to attract more seniors to your group, we would love to work with you.

"We're also establishing the Age Friendly Warrnambool Project Reference Group, so if you'd like to go beyond the survey and help lead some of these changes, please get in touch with us."

The survey is available online at www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au Hard copies can be picked up from reception at the Archie Graham Community Centre in Timor Street.

The survey closes February 20.

For more information, or to express your interest in the reference group or as a club, call **5559 4800** or email rnevinberger@warrnambool.vic.gov.au.



RECOGNITION FOR WARRNAMBOOL'S TOP CITIZENS

A community leader who has dedicated countless hours to supporting two of Warrnambool's most loved cultural institutions is the recipient of this year's Citizen of the Year award.

Retired humanities teacher Janet Macdonald has been recognised for her efforts on behalf of the Friends of Botanic Gardens and the Warrnambool Art Gallery.

Ms Macdonald is also president of the Warrnambool and District Historical Society.

"It's a terrific community we live in and there are lots of things you can get involved in," Ms Macdonald said.

"There are plenty of activities for retired people and since retiring I've been working with lots of great people."

Raised at Cooramook, north of Grassmere, Ms Macdonald's teaching career took her to other towns where she would enjoy their public galleries and gardens.

"Coming home to Warrnambool I really appreciated our botanic gardens and art gallery," she said.

"I have a very fervent band of friends who have nominated me for a few awards which I get embarrassed about but I am very honoured."

The Australia Day awards also recognise Caitlin Garner as Young Citizen of the Year, Edward White, Colleen Hughson and Valerie Carter as Local Achievers and the Small Things Festival as Community Event of the Year.

THE EARLY BIRD GETS THE CHOCOLATE EGG

Tickets for Flagstaff Hill's annual Easter celebration are now on sale, with big savings on offer for early bird ticket purchasers.

Day on the Hill will include live music, pub and food stalls, farm animals, face painting, kids craft activities and cannon firing on Easter Sunday, April 21.

It's also home to probably the region's largest egg hunt, with 10,000 Cadbury eggs to be found.

Flagstaff Hill Village Activation Coordinator Nicky Suter encouraged people to pre-purchase their tickets to avoid queuing up on the day.

"We had 800 people lining up on the day last year," she said.

"Easter is about relaxing and having fun, not about waiting in line.

"Book between now and April 1 to save 20 per cent on tickets.

179 NEW FREE ALL DAY PARKING SPACES

It could be a case of new year, new and better regular parking space for some people.

One of Warrnambool's largest car parking upgrades in years has been completed.

The newly expanded Warrnambool train station carpark provides 179 additional free all day spaces.

The works, which also include new CCTV cameras and lighting upgrades, were funded by the Victorian Government's Road and Rail Minor Works Program.

Warrnambool City Council Mayor Tony Herbert said that as well as providing a better service to V/Line customers, the upgraded car park will give more choices to all CBD visitors.

"This is the largest single increase to Warrnambool's parking stocks in quite a while," he said.

"This site has been identified previously as being an excellent location to provide a large number of new parking spaces, and it's terrific to see the works completed.

"As the regional capital for more than 120,000 people, Warrnambool has an important role to play as a centre for transport. People using the Warrnambool train service to travel to Melbourne can feel more confident leaving their car parked for extended periods of time.

"With its close proximity to South West TAFE and the planned new library and learning hub, this carpark is great news for students too as well as CBD workers more generally."

The carpark can be accessed off Merri Street near Gilles Street or at the train station.

"You can also become a Flagstaff Hill member which includes unlimited entry all year, including Day on the Hill and New Year's Eve on the Hill."

For more information and to purchase tickets or memberships, visit www.flagstaffhill.com



YOU MIGHT BE GETTING A CALL

Over February and March your household may receive a call from an independent market research agency, National Field Services.

This company has been commissioned to conduct a community satisfaction survey on behalf of Warrnambool City Council.

Similar surveys will be undertaken across Victorian councils in the coming months.

The survey has been designed to assess Council's performance across a range of measures to identify ways to provide

improvement or more effective service delivery to residents.

The survey will involve about 400 interviews conducted among a representative sample of residents.

Key outcomes of the surveys are made available at www.knowyourcouncil.vic.gov.au

We appreciate you taking the time to assist National Field Services with your valuable feedback.

Please be assured that your details and individual responses are confidential. Only the overall results are shared with the Council.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the Council's City Assist team on **5559 4800**.

FOGO ROLLOUT FAST TRACKED

All Warrnambool households are expected to receive a fortnightly Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) kerbside collection by July 2019.

A \$300,000 grant from the Victorian Government has allowed the planned rollout of FOGO in Warrnambool to be fast tracked.

FOGO allows food and garden waste to be processed separately from rubbish, which costs less money and is better for the environment.

Households receive a green-lidded wheelie bin that is collected fortnightly as well as a kitchen caddy and compostable liners to collect their FOGO material.

Warrnambool City Council Mayor Tony Herbert said that he was looking forward to seeing the bins in use throughout the municipality.

"This is great support from the Victorian Government to help fund an important project that will significantly reduce the amount of waste going to landfill," he said.

"There's a lot of excitement in the community about the FOGO collection.

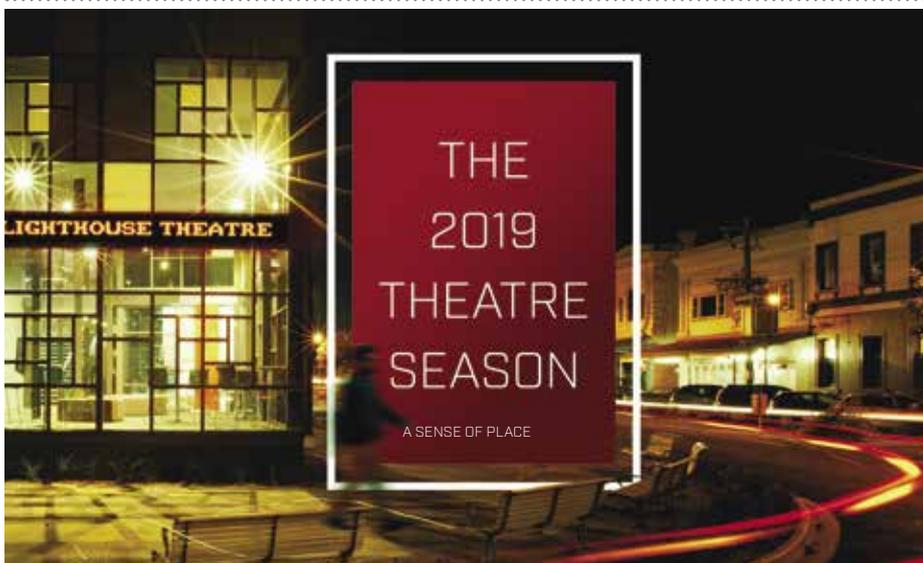
"One of the most common questions I receive from residents is "when will I get a FOGO bin at my house" so I'm very pleased that we now have more surety around the rollout schedule."

FOGO sees organic material from Warrnambool households collected and turned into compost rather than going into landfill.

Approximately 45 per cent of material in the average household rubbish bin is FOGO material.

Diverting FOGO from Warrnambool's garbage bins has the potential to reduce the city's greenhouse gas emissions by 4000 tonnes of CO₂e (carbon dioxide equivalent) annually. This equates to removing 857 cars off the road every year.

Residents that haven't already been contacted will receive a letter in the coming months fully explaining how FOGO works and indicating when their collection will start.



LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE SEASON BEGINS

The Lighthouse Theatre's 2019 Theatre Season is off to a great start with the songs and times of Sam Cooke 'A Change is Gonna Come' on February 8 at 8pm.

From the same producer that brought the sell-out smash hit 'Tapestry' with Vika Bull and Debra Byrne in 2018, this new show pays homage to one of the greatest song writers of all time: Sam Cooke.

The performance intertwines theatre with musical performance in a spell binding way and the story is told by none other than ARIA-award winning artist Gary Pinto. Gary is well known from his time in CDB, as well as the vocal director on X-Factor and brings new life to Sam's legacy.

Another great show to put in the calendar is former Australian Crawl front-man James Reyne's A Crawl to Now. Returning to Warrnambool after last year's success, James is joined by Josh Owen on guitar, and it will feature songs selected from over twenty albums including 'The Boys Light Up', 'Reckless', 'Beautiful People', 'Lakeside', 'Daughters Of The Northern Coast', 'Fall Of Rome', 'Hammerhead', 'Motor's Too Fast' and 'Slave'.

Tickets for both performances are available at www.lighthouse theatre.com.au, by calling **5559 4999** or by visiting the box office.

For more information about FOGO, visit www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/FOGO.

A NEW HOME FOR PETANQUE IN WARRNAMBOOL

Warrnambool's first official petanque facility has officially opened on Pertobe Road.



Similar to lawn bowls and bocce, petanque sees teams score points by throwing their boules as close as possible to a target jack.

The playing area, known as a piste, was constructed from recycled plastic. The piste has a sandstone base with a layer of quartz on the surface.

Warrnambool City Council Mayor Tony Herbert said that petanque was a great game that everyone can play.

"Petanque is a fun, social game with no expensive equipment required," he said.

"There aren't too many sports that grandparents can play with grandkids, and I think this shows that petanque as much as anything is a game that people of all ages and athletic abilities can get involved in and enjoy together."

An informal group has been playing regularly in Warrnambool since 2016, with member Alan Pritchard saying that he was very happy with the new facilities.

"It's a magnificent piste. I've played on pistes all around the place and overseas and this is really good," he said.

"Up at Halls Gap, before I moved to Warrnambool, we used to run two tournaments a year getting up to 90 players from Victoria and interstate. I'm not sure if that will happen here, but now we've got somewhere to start.

"The visibility of the piste here will help grow the game. I think when people see what's happening, hopefully they'll want to get involved."

WHAT'S YOUR BOLD BUSINESS IDEA?

Fletcher Jones isn't a name that necessarily comes to mind when the term "start-up" is used, but Gareth Colliton, of the newly formed Ideas Place, says he is a prime example.

"The approach that Fletcher Jones took with his business translates very well to today's start up space," he said.

"It was 101 years ago that he had the good idea to sell trousers off the shelf rather than made to order, forever changing the way we purchase our pants!

"Fletcher Jones not only influenced the way we buy clothing but he changed the fabric of Warrnambool forever.

"From Nobel Prize winners John Eccles to fashion icon Lisa Gorman, Warrnambool continues produce incredible people with fantastic ideas."

The Ideas Place will fittingly be launched at the Fletcher Jones Factory on February 7 at 5.30pm, with guest speaker Quiksilver Global Creative Director Simon Buttonshaw.

The event will also shine a light on three of the region's newest entrepreneurial fashionistas, Alexis Steere from Albeco, Erin Grigg from Always and Belinda Pitt from Cat Street.

Mr Colliton said that everyone has at least one good idea for a new invention or business and that the difficult part is recognising its potential and taking the first steps to bring it to life.

"If you've already got your good idea, congratulations, that's probably the hardest part done," he said.

"We are here to help you go from being someone with a good idea to being the founder of your very own start-up business."

The government-backed initiative includes a series of events and workshops with local and national experts in the business start-up space.

"If you have a great idea, this is a low-stress, supportive way to dip your toe and see if it's something you want to pursue."

Funded by LaunchVic, the Ideas Place is a Warrnambool City Council initiative in partnership with Runway, the Moyne and Corangamite Shire Councils, Deakin University, South West TAFE and the Food and Fibre Council.

For more information visit www.theideasplace.com.au



THE LOWDOWN ON BOILING DOWN ROAD

Boiling Down Road in the city's east is undergoing a major upgrade.

Warrnambool City Council Director City Infrastructure Scott Cavanagh said the 1.2km section of road was due for an upgrade.

"The volume of traffic using the road has greatly increased since the completion of the Horne Road and Aberline Road redevelopments.

"Over the coming years, Boiling Down Road will become an even more important connection for people looking to access the Horne Road business park and thousands of new residential properties in the city's north-east."

Boiling Down Road is closed, with the exception of local traffic, for the duration of the two-month works schedule.

Regional Roads Victoria, a division of VicRoads, has provided \$675,000 towards the project which will allow for two lanes of traffic between Gateway Road and Horne Road.

Council will contribute \$175,000 to complete the project.



Boiling Down Road by numbers

1. The road is being widened from an average 4.5m wide seal and gravel shoulders to a 10m wide seal which includes two 3.5m wide lanes and sealed 1.5m shoulders.
2. Total road construction area is 11,660sqm
3. Works include 2,300m of new table drains and approximately 160m of drainage pipes
4. Rehabilitation of 16 driveway crossovers
5. Using latest cement stabilisation techniques in the top layer (1,400 cubic meters)
6. Up to 70 per cent of works being carried out by Council and local contractors
7. Over 1000 cubic metres of on-site material will be recycled/reused during construction

FIRST OFF-GRID SOLAR SYSTEM GOES LIVE

A storage building in the Ozone car park has become the Warrnambool City Council's first off-grid solar powered site.

The building is used as a work station and storage facility by Council's street cleaning and parks and gardens teams.

The solar panels on the roof are capable of generating 4.32kW of power fed into two batteries with a combined storage capacity of 7kWh.

Building Services Officer John Medley said that the decision to use solar panels and battery storage was made for both

financial and environmental reasons.

"We were looking to install dedicated power at the building so we could make better use of the space," he said.

"It's rare that we have a building without its own power source, so we took the opportunity to look at all the options, and an off-grid solar system made the most sense.

"The batteries can power the building for about two or three days without any sun, and there's always the option to plug in a generator for periods if we really needed to.

"Solar and battery technology has reached a point where it is not only great for the environment, it is commercially sound too.

"Being able to use this space will save our workers a lot of time as they won't need to drive all the way out to the depot to pick up equipment. If they're working in the CBD, it can be stored here."

The system was supplied and installed by Leahy's Electrical.



DETOX YOUR HOME

Do you have unwanted household chemicals cluttering up your garage or shed?

Detox your Home is your once a year chance to dispose of a wide range of chemicals responsibly and free of charge. Detox Your Home will take place on Saturday March 2 at the South West Victorian Livestock Exchange on Caramut Road, Warrnambool.

Items can be dropped off between 9am and 3pm. There's no need to register, just show up on the day.

For a full list of accepted items, visit sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome

MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

Last month I spoke to a couple holidaying from Echuca who were looking to buy a home in Warrnambool.

They loved the city and were keen to escape the 40-degree summer days of northern Victoria.

On another occasion, parents with young children holidaying from Melbourne commented to me that they gave their children more freedom to roam, wander and explore in Warrnambool than they would in the capital city.

And some locals looking after their grandchildren observed there were different activities on offer every day and many of these great activities were free. These encounters were a reminder to me of how beautiful and liveable our city is and how lucky we are.

As a Council we acknowledge that not everything is perfect and we are working on areas of our city that need attention but I have appreciated the observations by others of how great our city and its people are. Being positive about our City, celebrating what we have, but working hard to address our shortfalls is the space this council is pursuing with purpose. We've a big year of planning ahead and



some really exciting major projects coming up.

The upgrade of Reid Oval recognises the large role that sport plays in the life of many Warrnambool residents.

The new library and learning centre, to be situated at South West TAFE, will help address issues around education attainment and encourage lifelong learning for all and will contribute to Warrnambool building its reputation as an "Education City". We're the smallest city in Australia with both a TAFE and a university.

Warrnambool City Council is proud to continue to support these major and world class educational facilities for our city and region and for the education of our children.

There's plenty to look forward to and be proud of.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS
Monday, February 4
5.45pm
Warrnambool Civic Centre, 25 Liebig St

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WARRNAMBOOL RESIDENTS ARE BEING ENCOURAGED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON COUNCIL RATES AND SERVICES.

Council has opened an online survey which asks residents to evaluate Council services, whether funding shortfalls should be covered through a rate increase or whether they would prefer to see services cut.

The survey follows on from a commitment made by Council in December to consult with the community about a possible rate rise above the cap imposed by the Victorian Government.

The survey asks people to think about the value they place on Council services, everything from building roads and footpaths to care for the elderly and frail.

It then asks people to think about whether they value the service enough to pay a little more to cover any funding shortfall.

It also asks whether people would prefer to see services cut, rather than try to cover budget shortfalls. A print version of the survey is available at the Civic Centre, 25 Liebig Street.

Survey responses will be accepted up to 5pm, February 9.

The next stage of the consultation will include a workshop, to be held on February 23, at which a panel of up to 60 community members will consider the findings from the survey.

Council will use the findings of the consultation to inform a decision on whether to apply to the Essential Services Commission for a variation to the rate cap, recently announced at 2.5 per cent by the Minister for Local Government Adem Somjurek.

To complete the survey go to
www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au



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WUNTA FIESTA

Friday February 1 – Sunday February 3

Wunta is back with all of your favourite events from jazz in the gardens, movies under the stars and more.

www.wuntafiesta.org.au

SOUTH WEST BOTTLE AND COLLECTABLES CLUB

ANNUAL SHOW AND SALE

Saturday February 2, 9.30am – 5pm

and February 3, 9am – 2pm

Warrnambool Showgrounds

Displays of antique bottles and collectables plus a large number of trading tables.

For more information call Rex on 0448 841 672.

WARRNAMBOOL SKATE COMPETITION

Sunday February 3, 11am – 4pm

Warrnambool Skate Park

Either compete in or watch skate, scooter or BMX competitions for various age groups.

The Skate Park League competitions are community based grass-roots events focused on embracing skate park culture and bringing the community together.

www.skateparkleagues.com

COMMUNITY GARDEN MARKET

Every Wednesday, 3-7pm

Warrnambool Community Garden, corner of Grieve St and Grafton Rd

Browse fresh local produce and sustainable products.

For more information, including stallholder enquiries, contact cggardenmarket@gmail.com

ARCHIE ACTIVITIES FOR 2019

Friday February 8, 11.30am – 12.45pm

Archie Graham Community Centre

Come along and learn about the highlights from 2018 at Archie followed by an overview of plans for 2019. Comments and ideas from those in attendance will be added to the mix for 2019.

Please RSVP for catering purposes by calling 5559 4920.

WARRNAMBOOL RELAY FOR LIFE

Friday February 8, 6.30pm – Saturday February 9, 1pm

Deakin University

Celebrate survivors, remember lost loved ones and fight back against cancer.

The day is like a mini festival with live entertainment, activities for all ages and food vendors.

www.relayforlife.org.au



MELBOURNE TO WARRNAMBOOL CYCLING CLASSIC

Saturday February 16

Race finishes on Raglan Pde near Liebig St

The race will showcase a new route in 2019. Beginning at Avalon Airport, riders will then head towards the Great Ocean Road before eventually finishing on Raglan Parade in Warrnambool - 262 kilometres later.

www.melbournetowarrnambool.com.au

YACHT CLUB REGATTA

Saturday February 23 – Sunday

February 24

Lady Bay

Enjoy competitive sailing from some of the region's best crews.

www.facebook.com/WarrnamboolYachtClub

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE

A CHANGE IS GONNA COME SAM COOKE

February 8, 8pm

JAMES REYNE

A Crawl to Now

February 9, 7.30pm

WARRNAMBOOL AND MOYNE YOUTH ACHIEVER AWARDS

February 13, 7.15pm

