



PROMENADE

COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY

SEPTEMBER 2020

REID OVAL

WORK READY TO START

PLUS

- THE STORY OF OUR STREET ART
- WONDERFUL WALKING ROUTES WITHOUT THE CROWDS
- CHANGING PLACES FACILITY NOW OPEN

CONNECT TO COUNCIL

The Civic Centre at 25 Liebig Street is closed while Stage 3 restrictions are in place. For updates on changes to Council services as a result of COVID-19 go to www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/coronavirus

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday October 5, 5.45pm
Additional Council Meeting

Monday November 9, 5.45pm.
Annual Council Meeting, installation of new Council. Warrnambool Civic Centre

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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

Council recently allocated grants from the 2020-2021 Community Development Fund.

This year's fund was boosted by \$125,000. This acknowledged that because of the pandemic, many clubs and groups had a diminished capacity to carry out fundraising and/or recruit members.

The extra funding was one of a number of measures introduced by Council to help the community through the COVID-19 pandemic.

A total of \$255,000 was allocated to 75 different groups and clubs across categories that included sport and recreation, arts and culture, environment and sustainability and festivals and events.

A wonderful part of the CDF program is that the effort and input of the grant recipients amplifies the value of the projects.

So the \$255,000 will be transformed into projects worth a total of \$877,000.

Congratulations to all the groups and clubs on their initiatives – your efforts contribute enormously to the liveability and appeal of Warrnambool.

On a personal note this is my final Minute with the Mayor.

I love the city and it has been a privilege to hold this position over the past two years.



I would like to thank the community for the support and for the contribution that everyone makes towards making Warrnambool such a great place to live and work.

I would also like to acknowledge the work of Council staff who work tirelessly and professionally, regardless of the political climate, to achieve the objectives this Council set four years ago.

Let's all stay safe and make sure we have a great summer to look forward to.

Best wishes everyone.

Cr. Tony Herbert, Mayor

MINUTE WITH THE YOUTH COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Youth Council's community mental health check-in.

The online survey asked how people were managing to Be Social, Be Playful, Be Kind, Be Yourself, and Just Be with everything that has changed 2020.

139 people aged between 5 – 80 years completed the survey.

Almost 60 per cent of people aged 12-25 reported an increase in stress levels and more than two-thirds of this age group report a reduction in motivation and concentration.

Encouragingly, 85 per cent of 12-15 year olds said that they appreciate their families and how lucky they are to be with them and almost 80 per cent recognise the value of happiness and "know that

I can only control my own choices and decisions".

A mental health checklist with tips shared by survey respondents will be launched for primary and secondary school students during Mental Health Week (10 -18 Oct).

The full findings will be presented in a "Community of Practice" planned for Term Four for those working with young people.

School health and wellbeing teams, educators, and other youth workers are encouraged to register by contacting Warrnambool City Council Youth Development Planner Becky Nevin Berger on rnevinberger@warrnambool.vic.gov.au or 0448 131 200.

ON-GROUND WORK IMMINENT AT REID OVAL

Warrnambool-based firm Fairbrother has been awarded the construction contract for the Reid Oval Redevelopment.

Council voted unanimously at its meeting on September 7 to accept Fairbrother's \$7,377,949 (excluding GST) tender submission.

This major milestone means that demolition and construction work can now begin.

The construction phase includes:

- The redevelopment of the field of play oval, with improved surface, turf, irrigation, drainage, six turf wickets, goal posts, new interchange benches and boundary fencing.
- Provision of oval lighting to 200 lux lighting level, with infrastructure provided to enable upgrade to 300 lux lighting.
- Replacement of existing change room pavilion with new change rooms, social areas, office facilities and associated supporting areas for use during sporting games and community needs.
- Installation of terraced seating in front of new two-storey pavilion.
- Replacement of existing cricket practice nets with new four-lane cricket net compound that can operate as a multipurpose facility.



- Redevelopment of the existing training field (old hockey pitch) with irrigation, surface drainage, and lighting improvement to 50 lux lighting level.
- Associated landscaping and external works.

Following the appointment of project designers in September 2019 who worked with clubs and other stakeholders, the Reid Oval plans were finalised in July 2020.

The turf that will become the Reid Oval playing surface is currently growing at a specialised facility in South Australia and is scheduled to be laid in November/December this year.

The redevelopment is scheduled to be completed in May 2022.

THE STORY OF OUR STREET ART

A new podcast tour is helping to tell the intriguing stories behind some of the city's much-loved street artworks.

The podcast was created by Storytowns – the winner the 2019 start-up business incubator The Ideas Place.

Listeners will join a guided tour with Storytowns podcaster Emily Edge as she undertakes a journey of discovery, visiting the most awe-inspiring, world-class street art in Warrnambool's city centre.

"This guided walking podcast tour reveals the fascinating and unique stories behind the street art found mostly in Warrnambool's CBD," Ms Edge said.

"While you are standing at the works, you will hear directly via the podcast from the artists about their inspiration, techniques, and the meaning behind their work.

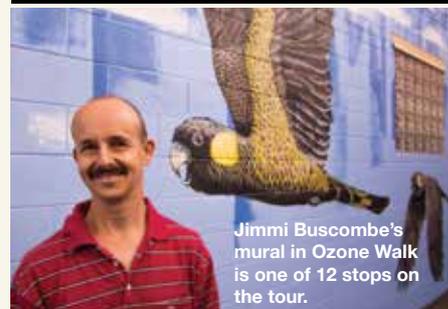
"I have been quite surprised with the fascinating stories that have been revealed, from the indigenous significance of The Ngatanwarr Mural, to the curious story of the painting stolen from Bojangles Pizzeria."

Depending on the level of COVID-19 restrictions in place, the podcast can act as an audio tour as you visit each artwork

in turn. Alternatively, it can still be enjoyed as a regular podcast at home.

The audio tour was made possible by the Warrnambool City Council.

You can find the podcast, along with an accompanying map created by Ella Webb, at storytowns.com.au/art.



ALEXANDER IS PEOPLE'S CHOICE FAVOURITE

17-year-old artist Alexander Annett has won the Archibool Prize.

The Archibool is the "people's choice" component of the Warrnibald Exhibition, where everyone has the chance to vote for their favourite artwork.

Thousands of votes were cast online as well as physically in the Warrnambool Art Gallery prior to the introduction of Stage Three Restrictions.

Alexander's winning portrait was of fellow Warrnambool artist Glenn Morgan. Rachael Maniapoto won second prize with her portrait of Mark Weston.

All funds raised from the exhibition go to fund WDEA's ArtLink program, which allows people of all abilities to make art.

WELCOMING BUSINESS PROGRAM

Council's Welcoming Business Program works with businesses to make it as easy as possible for everyone to use their services and ultimately, attract, serve and retain more customers.

Did you know that about one in five people living in Warrnambool has some form of disability?

This number is even higher when you consider people with temporary disabilities or other special access requirements, such as parents with prams.

Endorsed Welcoming Businesses satisfy a set of minimum standards relating to physical access, communication and customer service.

They are given a sticker to display in their window to help make them easily identifiable to potential customers.



Browns Depot Bakery Owner Nick Brown

Brown's Depot Bakery owner Nick Brown said that as a business owner, failing to make your business accessible for everyone could not only cost you a single sale, but that person's regular business too.

"Especially as a small business you have to cater for everybody. You can't afford to turn anyone away, especially during these times," he said.

"It's about getting people in the door, providing a good service, and getting them to come back."

He said that physical infrastructure such as an entrance ramp, low counters, open floor space and an accessible toilet played a big part, the attitude of staff was also important.

"All our staff work hard not to exclude anyone. It just comes down to customer service. You just try and give all customers good service, whatever they need."

For more information on becoming a Welcoming Business visit www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/welcoming-business

SHINING A LIGHT ON DEMENTIA

September 21-27 is Dementia Action Week.

The Archie Graham Community Centre will light up green to show support for Dementia Action Week.

Instead of hosting information sessions at the centre, webinars have been developed by Dementia Australia for both people living with dementia and their carers or support people. To find an event go to www.dementia.org.au/education/online-webinars

You can also register to become a Dementia Friend and help make Warrnambool more dementia-friendly. Visit www.dementiafriendly.org.au/get-involved/register

If you have a diagnosis of dementia and would like to have some input into how we become more dementia friendly at Archie, please contact Clare Vaughan on **5559 4920** or email cvaughan@warrnambool.vic.gov.au.

CHANGING PLACES FACILITY OPENS AT LAKE PERTOBE

Warrnambool's first "Changing Places" facility is now open.

Changing Places facilities provide a bathroom facility to better cater for people with a range of additional needs.

The facility is located at Lake Pertobe and includes an adult-sized change table, a ceiling hoist, a peninsular toilet, a privacy screen as well as more open floor space than a traditional accessible toilet.

Due to its location near the beach, the Warrnambool Changing Places facility also has a shower and an extra-wide door to allow for beach wheelchair access.

Warrnambool Mayor Tony Herbert said that the new bathroom would make it easier for people of all abilities to enjoy a day on the Warrnambool foreshore.

"With the Lake Pertobe playground, the walking trails, barbecue areas, the beach and the promenade, this is such a vibrant area of Warrnambool where you can easily fill in an entire day," he said.

"This facility makes it much easier for families and people with complex needs to spend more time in this space and really enjoy something that a lot of people might take for granted – a fun family outing at Lake Pertobe – without having to worry about toilet facilities."

The Warrnambool Changing Places facility is located next to the existing public toilets in Lake Pertobe, opposite the surf club.

The \$286,420 facility was funded by the Council and the Victorian Government.

For more information, including obtaining an access key which works for all Changing Places facilities in Victoria, visit www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/changing-places.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR POOL OR SPA?

Under new Victorian rules, all pools and spas need to be registered by November 1, 2020.

In an effort to prevent drownings of young children in home pools and spas, The Victorian Government has introduced new safety standards.

Under the new safety standards all pool and spa owners are required to:

1. Register their pool or spa with their local council by November 1, 2020 or within 30 days of completion if the installation is under construction at this date.
2. Follow the mandatory certification regime, which involves organising an inspection by a private building surveyor or inspector every four years, obtaining a certificate of compliance and lodging it with council.

Visit www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools-and-spas to find out more.

TAKE THE PATH LESS TRAVELLED

While COVID-19 has placed a lot of restrictions on our lives, one activity still enjoyed by many is walking.

Walking is perhaps the most accessible form of exercise and it's a pastime that has proved incredibly popular over recent months.

Warrnambool has no shortage of great places to enjoy a walk, but none are more popular than the Promenade.

With its amazing ocean views, it's rightly considered one of the jewels in the city's crown, but with social distancing encouraged wherever possible, you might like to consider an alternate route, especially during busy times like weekends and warm days.

Viaduct Road to Thunder Point or Shelly Beach

With arguably even better views than the popular Promenade, this walk shows you Warrnambool's rugged side – rock pools, hidden coves, jagged cliffs and pounding waves.

Lake Pertobe

While the playground is famous, the walking tracks scattered amongst the 35 hectares of Lake Pertobe aren't as well utilised. Council is installing 750m of new concrete paths over the coming months to create new walking loops, but there's still plenty of great routes to enjoy now.

Lake Gilliar Cliff Walk

A favourite for photographers and accomplished surfers, head to the end of Buckleys Road in Allansford and walk east to find yourself cliffside of the roaring Southern Ocean. Take care and don't stray from the track.

Visit Warrnambool has published a list of 10 walks to explore in the South West.

Head to www.visitwarrnambool.com.au to see the full list.



POINTING YOU IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

Installation of a new series of wayfinding signs for pedestrians and cyclists in Warrnambool is now complete.

Visitors and residents will benefit from 16 new signs placed strategically along key walking and cycling routes across the city, including the foreshore and around Lake Pertobe.

Eight of the signs provide directions while the remaining signs feature maps that align with major landmarks so the viewer can quickly orientate themselves.

Saputo Dairy Australia (SDA) helped to cover the cost of the signage, with sponsorship of \$25,000 provided through its Legacy Program.

"We have an ongoing commitment to support the communities where we operate, including Warrnambool and its surrounding regions," said Gerard Lourey, SDA's Director Operations.

"Through our Legacy Program, Saputo sponsors projects that can meaningfully improve the wellbeing of local communities through investment in sport and health facilities that offer a healthier lifestyle for families."

FITFEST - STAY IN AND WORK OUT

Is "getting more exercise" high up on your Lockdown 2.0 to-do list?

FitFest brings together free workout videos from Warrnambool fitness professionals so you can try a few different exercises at home and see what works for you.

We all know the importance of exercise for your physical health, but now more than ever, it's vitally important to look after your mental health too.

There are different sessions available to suit people of different fitness levels, but if this is your first time exercising for a while, we'd recommend you touch base with your GP first.

Thank you to the following businesses for providing exercise videos: AquaZone, CrossFit, Kimberly Erin/True Spirit Yoga, Hiit Nation, Lyndo's Boxing, Adrenalin Martial Arts, Snap Warrnambool, Momentum Fitness, Bridget and Yoshi at Pause Warrnambool, Great Ocean Healing Centre Yoga, Michelle Steere, Ultimate Performance & Rehab

FitFest is presented by Get Around Warrnambool. Watch the videos at www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/fitfest.

WILD WARRNAMBOOL BIOQUEST IS BACK

As a new Wild Warrnambool Bioquest gets under way, we announce the winners of the 2019-2020 event.

Congratulations to the Henriksen family, who won the first Wild Warrnambool Bioquest with an impressive 31,183 points.

Throughout the course of the game 499 different plant and animal species were recorded by all players.

The Bioquest is a citizen scientist game in which players photograph and document native plants and animals in and around Warrnambool.

Warrnambool City Council collaborated with nature mapping game, QuestaGame to deliver the Wild Warrnambool Bioquest.

Depending in the latest COVID-19 advice at the time you are reading this, you can either take photos in your backyard, or venture out into nature to see what you can find.

The current Bioquest will run until August 12, 2021.

Visit www.questagame.com/warrnambool to join the game.

CENTRALISED BOTTLE BANK FOR ALL WARRNAMBOOL RESIDENTS

All Warrnambool residents can now deposit household glass waste at Statewide Recycling for free.

This one-stop service has replaced the bottle banks we currently have at several locations around Warrnambool.

“The bottle banks were regularly overflowing and it was difficult – and costly – to keep up with the demand,” Warrnambool Mayor Tony Herbert said.

“Council has negotiated a fair arrangement with Statewide which means that residents can drop their glass off at their Koroit Street depot opposite the dog park, with the cost already covered by the annual waste management charge.

“This arrangement will help reduce glass contamination of our recyclable material while we continue to roll out our separate glass collection service across the whole of Warrnambool.

“The kerbside glass collection service will go city-wide early next year after the successful glass collection trial involving about 3,400 households earlier this year.

“And road works just a couple of months ago in Walsh Road included a significant component of recycled glass.

“The efforts people are making to sort their household waste brings about a huge environmental benefit and also allowed Council to cut the 2020-2021 waste management charge.

“It’s a great example of the “small actions, big difference” mantra of our long-term community plan, Warrnambool 2040.”



CIRCULAR ECONOMY IN ACTION AT FLORENCE COLLINS

The new bins at Florence Collins Childcare Centre were made in Victoria from 100% recycled materials.

Materials used to manufacture the bins include plastics with a Resin Code of 4 (soft plastics, like plastic bags) and 5 (yoghurt, margarine, takeaway containers etc).

While Resin Code 4 items can be recycled at many supermarkets, Resin Code 5 items can go in your household recycling bin in Warrnambool.

The bins were made by Source Separation Systems using machines repurposed from the Australian automotive industry.

And when these bins eventually reach the end of their useful life, they themselves can be recycled and the process starts again.

It’s a great example of the “circular economy” where items are used and re-used as much as possible.



Kia, Clancy, Maisy, Rueben and Harriet are happy with their new bins

FULLY RENOVATED FLORENCE COLLINS REOPENS

Warrnambool’s longest-running childcare service is now home to brand-new facilities following an extensive renovation.

The Kepler Street facility underwent a full renovation following its closure in May 2019 to repair significant damage caused by a slow water leak.

The building is jointly owned and managed by South West TAFE and Warrnambool City Council, who worked with insurers to carry out the repairs.

Warrnambool City Council Manager Children’s and Family Services Tina McLeod said that everyone was excited to be in the new facility after spending about a year at the Children’s Services Complex at Swan Reserve.

“The building looks absolutely incredible, and I’d like to thank everyone involved in helping to create this modern facility,” she said.

“The silver lining of having to close the building for the urgent and extensive repairs is that almost everything, from the lights in the ceiling to the floors and even the toys, is brand new.”

For more information about Florence Collins and Council’s other childcare centres, visit www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/centre-based-child-care

PUSH FOR MORE LOCAL FOSTER CARERS

Former Victorian Premier Dr Denis Napthine AO is leading a regional campaign to boost the number of foster carers across Wimmera and South West Victoria.

The “Share Your Care” campaign aims to recruit new families and individuals to support children in their own communities who need a place to stay.

Dr Napthine, who was a long-term foster carer with wife Peggy, is calling on people from all walks of life to consider foster care.

“It takes a village to raise a child and we as a community have really got to be prepared to look after all the children from our community if they can’t safely stay with their own family,” Dr Napthine said.

“My wife and I were foster carers for 15 years. We were long term carers but there is also the option of short-term and medium-term care.

“It’s so rewarding for you as an individual and for your whole family. To see that child safe, secure.”

People wanting to find out more can go to www.shareyourcare.net.au.

UPSCALED FISH CLEANING TABLES NEAR COMPLETION

The new fish cleaning table at the Port of Warrnambool is almost finished.

Improved fish cleaning facilities were identified as a high priority item in the Port of Warrnambool Master Plan as it aims to help ease congestion at the boat ramp where the existing fish cleaning tables are located.

The project includes relocation of the facilities, sewer extensions, a parking area and water connections.

The new location of the fish cleaning facilities also aims to minimise the fish waste being thrown into the ocean.



MAKING LAKE PERTOBE MORE WALKABLE

About 750m of new concrete path is being built at Lake Pertobe.

A third of the path has been finished, including a new footpath along the southern side of Lake Pertobe, linking the existing pedestrian crossings on Pertobe Road.

New paths will also create new walking loops within the precinct, encouraging more people to walk around the lakes.

Improving linkages in Lake Pertobe is a high priority of the major Lake Pertobe redevelopment, a project which will also see the construction of a brand-new adventure playground.

All of the footpath work is being carried out by Council's municipal works team.



SEALING SPRING FLAT ROAD

Spring Flat Road in Bushfield is being widened and sealed.

This road forms part of the boundary with the Moyne Shire, with Council partnering with Moyne on the section between the Hopkins Highway and Wiggs Lane.

With a recent major upgrade of Wiggs Lane recently complete as well, more than 3km of previously gravel roads in the city's north will be sealed for the first time.

BEACH ACCESS UPGRADED

Two more beach access points are set for an upgrade.

In line with the recently revamped access points at Worm Bay and Moyjil/Point Ritchie, long-lasting fibre reinforced plastic will be used to replace the existing timber structures at McGennans and Surfside.

Importantly, the staircases will now have new concrete paths leading from the Promenade, replacing the existing sand and timber paths.

The \$225,000 project is funded by Council and the Department of Land, Environment, Water and Planning.

WANGOOM ROAD UPGRADE UNDER WAY

Works to make Wangoom Road safer for everyone, especially cyclists, began earlier this month.

The Wangoom Road upgrade will include widening and sealing the road shoulders between Horne

and Aberline roads as well as new streetlights and turning lanes at the Aberline Road intersection.

The project is a partnership between Regional Roads Victoria and the Warrnambool City and Moyne Shire councils.

Rodgers Construction was awarded the project tender.

There will be intermittent lane closures in place and some disruptions to traffic while the works are under way.

The project is expected to be completed in about six months.

GET TESTED IF YOU'VE GOT THESE SYMPTOMS



Fever



Runny nose



Sore throat



Cough



Chills
or sweats



Shortness
of breath



Loss of sense
of smell or taste

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