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COUNCIL MEETINGS

May 3, 5.45pm at the Lighthouse
Theatre. Livestream available at
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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

With the city a hive of activity over the Easter long weekend, and the prospect of a busy May Racing Carnival on the horizon, many local businesses, especially in the accommodation and hospitality sectors, have had a real boost at an important time.

But as we enter the quieter months of the year from a tourism perspective, local businesses need your support more than ever. While the worst of the COVID-19 pandemic is hopefully behind us, businesses are still recovering, so please continue to Get Around Warrnambool by shopping and supporting local businesses wherever you can.

The rollout of household glass bins to all households in the municipality is under way, following a successful trial in 2020.

We know that glass breaking and embedding in cardboard is one of the biggest issues in household recycling, so keeping glass separate makes it easier and more efficient to process recycling.

Glass from our kerbside glass collection will be taken to a local transfer station, crushed, and then used in construction projects around the municipality, which is a great example of a recycling loop in action.

In May and June, households will get a new, larger landfill bin that will be collected



fortnightly. Like your glass bin, you can start using this bin as soon as you get it. On your first collection, put both your new and your old landfill bins out - they can both have rubbish in them. Your old bin will be emptied and taken away, leaving you with a glass, recycling, FOGO and landfill bin, all of which will be collected fortnightly.

By using the new four bin system correctly, we can help the planet while keeping waste management costs low.

If you have any questions, our website is a great resource www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/kerbside-collection or you can call us on 5559 4800.

Cr. Vicki Jellie, Mayor

GLASS BIN ROLLOUT BEGINS

What will happen and what you need to do:

- April 6 – glass bin rollout begins, will take about four weeks to complete
- May 16 – rollout begins of 140-litre rubbish bins to replace smaller 80-litre bins
- Glass bins go out fortnightly with your recyclables bin
- New rubbish bins go out fortnightly with FOGO bins – in the first instance put your new AND your old rubbish bins out.



WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE WAG? JOIN THE CONVERSATION

The Warrnambool Art Gallery is starting a conversation with the community about how the gallery will look and function in the future.

“For some years the gallery and community have wondered about the capacity of the current gallery building to accommodate the extraordinary collection we have,” Warrnambool Mayor Cr Vicki Jellie said.

“As a Council we’re focused on maximizing the value of our assets and operations and this is a project that has potential to provide increased social, cultural and economic benefits.

“Currently the WAG can display only a small percentage of its permanent collection at any one time.

“We are the custodians of a growing collection of Aboriginal artefacts and art work and we need to be able to share this key cultural collection more widely and appropriately.

“We’re also constrained by the spaces we have available for temporary exhibitions and for the community.

“So we’re interested in hearing from the community about how it sees the future of The WAG.

“We’re hoping that it will be a conversation that includes many voices.

“The gallery has many stakeholders, from its loyal Friends of the Gallery through to visitors to the city who come to see regular exhibitions, through to tourism operators who benefit from strong arts and culture activity in Warrnambool.

“We’d really like people to think about how they value the arts, what it brings to our lives and how we can position our city as a place that attaches a high value to arts and cultural heritage.

“The feedback we receive will help inform a business case that we will use to guide our strategic direction.”

The business case is being prepared with the assistance of renowned cultural tourism consulting firm, SMA Tourism.

The community will be provided with a range of opportunities to become involved.

“There will be interviews, face-to-face workshops and an ideas board,” WAG Director Vanessa Gerrans said.

“The business case is a critically important report needed to justify investment in the redevelopment of the WAG, for Council and external funders including the Victorian Government, Commonwealth Government and philanthropists.”

To become involved in the conversation check out the WAG website: www.thewag.com.au



BIG NAMES COMING TO THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE

There’s no place like home, especially when some of Australia’s best musicians will grace the Lighthouse Theatre stage in the next couple of months.

For the first time, legendary Australian band Human Nature has announced a regional tour, with Warrnambool one of the lucky cities to see a two-night stop over, with performances on June 15 and 16.

Performing in a never-before-seen stripped back acoustic tour, they will take the audience on a journey through their extraordinary career as one of Australia’s most loved and globally successful bands of all time.

Another living legend of Australian music, ARIA Hall of Fame Inductee, and multi-award-winning artist Archie Roach, is set to bring his powerful memoir to life on

stage in his show Tell Me Why.

His upcoming tour will share the voices of the joy, pain and hope he found on his path through song; to become the legendary singer-songwriter and storyteller that he is today. With his first show on May 1 sold out, a second on May 14 is now on sale.

With his honours including the ARIA Hall of Fame, an Order of Australia, 28 Golden Guitar Awards, Australian Roll of Renown induction; alongside over 5 million albums sold and thousands of shows, it’s not hard to understand why 75-year-old John Williamson might be ready to begin ‘Winding Back’. John’s tour ‘Winding Back’ may be the last time fans get to see “True Blue” himself on stage in Warrnambool. His show on May 27 has sold out, and his second show on May 29 is selling fast.

“Whilst 2020 was a very tough year for artists across Australia and the world, we are extraordinarily lucky that we now have the opportunity for such world-renowned talent to tour across our country,” Lighthouse Theatre Manager Xavier Dannock said.

“We don’t know what might happen next, so don’t miss these opportunities for once

in a lifetime experiences, right here on your doorstep, in your community - at an incredibly affordable price.”

For more information about these and other great shows at the Lighthouse Theatre, call 5559 4999 or visit www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

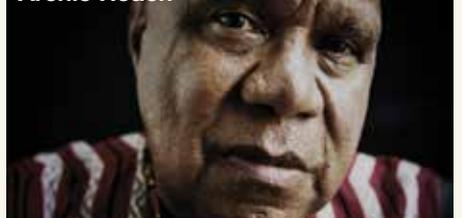
Human Nature



John Williamson



Archie Roach



HELPING REGIONAL AGRIFOOD BUSINESSES REALISE THEIR NEXT GROWTH HORIZON

Agriculture and food businesses with innovative ideas for the future are encouraged to apply for a place in the Agrifood Evolution – Seeds of Growth Program.

Up to 12 business from the Great South Coast will be chosen to take part in the 90 day program to give them the tools they need to scale up their existing business.

AgriFood Evolution has been successfully delivered across Australia over the past four years by industry experts Beanstalk and the Federal Government's Food Innovation Australia Limited.

With generous support from Food Innovation Australia Limited, the Warrnambool City, Moyne, Corangamite, Southern Grampians and Glenelg Shire Councils have worked together to bring AgriFood Evolution to the region, and to make more than \$15,000 worth of mentoring and training available for just \$100 per business.

The Great South Coast is Victoria's largest food and fibre region, producing more than \$2 billion in agricultural output each year.

To find out more and to apply, visit www.agrifoodevolution.thinkific.com/courses/gsc-seedsofgrowth

Applications close on April 25.



SUBSIDISED KINDER FOR THREE-YEAR-OLDS IS ON THE WAY

Warrnambool is getting ready for the arrival of a funded kindergarten program for three-year-olds.

From 2022 the Victorian Government will subsidise a kindergarten program for all three-year-old children in Victoria.

"This is a great step forward in the lifelong learning journey," Warrnambool Mayor Vicki Jellie said.

"While some kinders have been offering a fee-based program for three-year-olds, for the first time will see a subsidised year of play-based learning, led by a teacher, added to Victorian children's education.

"We know how critical early childhood learning is to outcomes in later life so to have the extra year embedded in the kindergarten system and available to every three-year-old is wonderful".

In 2022 all three-year-old children in Victoria will have access to five hours in a kindergarten program led by a teacher. This will increase to 15 hours per week by 2029.

In June 2021 Council will start taking enrolments for five hours of funded three-year-old kinder for the 2022 year across its kindergarten facilities.

"To ensure we provide a three-year-old kindergarten program that meets the community's needs we're seeking input from the community and staff to help determine sites, models and resourcing over the next year," Cr Jellie said.

To have your say on the kindergarten program for three-year-olds go to www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au.

The survey opened on March 30, and closes on April 19.

To learn more about the three-year-old kindergarten program go to www.vic.gov.au/three-year-old-kindergarten-victorians

CITIZEN SCIENTISTS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN BIOQUEST

Take photos, help scientists and score points to get Warrnambool to #1 in the rankings!

If you're not familiar with Questagame, it's similar to Pokemon Go, but you're looking for real plants and wildlife. Plus, the photos you take help working scientists better understand local biodiversity.

So far, players in Warrnambool have identified more than 660 different species of animals, birds, insects, fish and plants.

To participate in the Australian Councils Bioquest and the Wild Warrnambool Bioquest is easy. Simply download the free QuestaGame app for your device, sign up and start submitting your wildlife photographs. Players can also choose to

share their information with national and global biodiversity databases for scientific research including the Atlas of Living Australia, a free online atlas hosted by the CSIRO.

If you don't have or use a mobile phone, don't worry, images and notes can be uploaded directly from a camera to the QuestaGame website.

Visit www.questagame.com to get involved or search for "Questagame" in your app store. Once you're there, search for the Australian Councils Bioquest and the Wild Warrnambool Bioquest.

WARRNAMBOOL LIVEABILITY STUDY

Between May and July 2021 Warrnambool City Council is embarking on an ambitious project to understand what really matters in our community and how our neighbourhoods are performing for you.

The results from our first Liveability Study, being run by an independent research company Place Score, will be used to inform a range of strategies being developed by Council, and will help us track the impact of future investments.

If you would like to be on the email list to be the first to get the invitation to participate please email communityplanning@warrnambool.vic.gov.au with your name and contact email, and Liveability Study in the subject line.

If you would like to participate in the survey but do not have internet access please call our City Assist team on 5559 4800 and they will register your interest to receive a printed survey.



AFL PLEDGES \$250,000 FOR REID OVAL

The AFL has committed \$250,000 for the Reid Oval Redevelopment.

Head of AFL Victoria and AFL legend Brad Scott came to Warrnambool on March 24 to make the announcement.

“Driving in from Melbourne this morning it’s really clear this is a really fast growing region and certainly a really important region for football,” he said.

Reid Oval Project Control Group Chair Cr Debbie Arnott thanked the AFL for its contribution to the project.

“As a city with a population of 35,000 that’s home to not one but two football leagues, it’s fair to say that we love Aussie Rules football,” she said.

“But in recent decades, our love of the game hasn’t been matched with a showcase facility that we can truly be proud of... this is in the process of being rectified.



THIS GIRL CAN

A big thank you to everyone who took part in This Girl Can week in March.

This Girl Can Week is part of the larger This Girl Can – Victoria campaign, which first launched in 2018 and has so far inspired hundreds of thousands of women to get active, right across the state.

In Warrnambool, local clubs and groups hosted free, beginner-friendly events for women from March 22-28. While This Girl Can Week is technically finished, that doesn’t mean that it’s too late to get involved in a new sport or activity.

Visit www.connectwarrnambool.com.au for a list of local clubs and organisations in the region.

If you’re still unsure where to start, our Recreation team can help steer you in the right direction. You can email them at recreation@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

“The Reid Oval Redevelopment has been a long time coming. Our sporting community has made it very clear over a number of years that they want to see Reid Oval return to its rightful place as south-west Victoria’s premier sporting facility.

“I can’t wait for the day when players return to the oval, but until then there’s still a lot to be done, and I’d like to thank all of the tradespeople, contractors and Council staff who are working hard to make this project a reality.”

This funding when pooled with contributions from the Victorian Government (\$7 million), Council (\$3 million), Cricket Victoria (\$200,000) and Reid Oval user groups, has allowed Council to carry out the full scope of the project, including upgrades to the adjacent training oval.

This oval will have the same grass species (Santa Ana Couch) as the main oval, as well as better lighting and new fencing.

In other Reid Oval news, brickwork for the ground floor of the pavilion has been finished, the foundations for the new light towers are in and most noticeably, the 19,000sqm of grass that will form the hallowed ground of Reid Oval is in place.

MELBOURNE TO WARRNAMBOOL IS ON MAY 1

After being postponed in February due to statewide COVID-19 restrictions, the Melbourne to Warrnambool Cycling Classic is scheduled to be back on the road on Saturday May 1.

After assembling an incredible field of competitors, Melbourne to Warrnambool Cycling Classic organisers were left with no choice but to postpone the event less than 24 hours before it was due to commence on

February 13, following the introduction of Stage Four Restrictions.

The new date sees the historic race slot in between other races within the 'Classics season' that form part of the National Road Series, namely the Tour de Brisbane (April 11) and the Grafton to Inverell (May 8).

Also on the cycling agenda for the day will be the popular Port Campbell to Warrnambool Handicap, giving all cyclists the chance to experience the atmosphere of the prestigious event in a more achievable format. Entries in this 76km road race are still open, but be quick! They close on Wednesday April 21.



For more information visit www.melbournetowarrnambool.com.au



COUNCIL TRAINEE WINS AWARD

Congratulations to Meg Reuel, who was announced as the Trainee of the Year at the South West TAFE Outstanding Student Awards on March 30.

Meg spent 2020 as Council's Visitor Economy Trainee, working with the Visitor Information Centre, Flagstaff Hill, and Events teams. She also spent four years on the Warrnambool City Youth Council.

This year, she has begun studying for a degree in International Relations at Flinders University in Adelaide.

Last year Council's 2019 Visitor Economy Trainee Sean O'Keeffe won the same award while our 2018 Trainee Skye Henry Litster was Highly Commended in the Koorie Student of the Year Award the year before.

Each year, Council works with South West TAFE to provide a range of Traineeships in different areas. So if you or someone you know is interested in combining a qualification with a year of practical work, keep an eye out for when applications open each year, usually around October.

BANG FOR BUCK - FIREWORKS FUNDING USED FOR NEW OFF-PEAK EVENTS

Money from Warrnambool's cancelled New Year's Eve fireworks display is being redirected to fund new community events and aid in the COVID-19 recovery of the local economy.

Applications for the Activate Warrnambool Grants are now open, with small to medium events able to apply for up to \$5000 while large festivals and events can apply for up to \$10,000.

Events can be held between May and November 2021, with the aim of encouraging more visitors to Warrnambool, increasing local spending and creating memorable experiences for locals.

The \$77,000 program is part of Council's COVID-19 support program, and includes the \$22,000 originally earmarked for the city's 2020/2021 New Year's Eve fireworks display.

Warrnambool Mayor Cr Vicki Jellie said that Council was committed to supporting a broad calendar of events, especially during the quieter months of the year.

"Spending data shows that last summer was even busier than the one before, which is just what our local businesses needed after a devastating 2020 for so many," Cr Jellie said.

"We still have Easter and the May Racing Carnival to come, but the off-peak time to follow will be really tough for a lot of businesses, especially with Federal support programs like JobKeeper coming to an end.

"As well as helping the local economy and attracting visitors, a diverse and

vibrant events calendar is just as important for locals and the liveability of our city.

"If you've got an idea for a great new event for the city, and you've got the passion and the skills to make it happen, we want to hear from you.

"We saw with events last year like the Solstice Searching neon sculpture tour that a simple concept, executed well, can be very successful."

Applications close on Monday April 19.

For more information, eligibility criteria, and to apply, visit www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/activate-warrnambool



Activate
WARRNAMBOOL

Event Funding Program

TIMOR STREET BUILDING FACADES RECEIVING A FACELIFT

Warrnambool City Council and Powercor have joined forces to help restore first floor building facades along Timor Street.

Powercor has made temporary changes to the city's power network to facilitate safe restoration and painting works on the buildings, many of which date from the 19th century.

The work began on March 31 with a Powercor crew installing a complex series of network changes that will transfer power supply from high voltage cables outside Timor Street's shop fronts, to the surrounding low-voltage network.

Council has contributed \$40,000 towards the cost of the power diversion.

Power will be re-routed for 90 days, allowing businesses to keep the lights on and painters to access the buildings and restore them to their former glory.

Warrnambool Mayor Cr Vicki Jellie said Council was pleased to support the business and building owners along Timor Street.

"We know that many have been wanting



to carry out maintenance on their buildings and this collaboration with Powercor removes the obstacle that prevented this from happening," Cr Jellie said.

"Importantly, pedestrian access to businesses will be maintained while the work is carried out."

Painters and other maintenance workers had previously been unable to access the upper floor of buildings in Timor Street due to the close proximity of high voltage powerlines and strict "No-Go Zones" set by Energy Safe Victoria.

No-Go Zones are minimum distances that contractors and equipment must keep from power infrastructure, which includes

cranes, excavators, concrete pumpers, scissor lifts and scaffolding.

Painting will take place on Timor Street between Kepler and Liebig streets, with some very short outages for individual buildings, to allow painters to access the area immediately surrounding each businesses' connection point.

These outages will be coordinated with each business to ensure they take place at a time that suits them.

Once the project is complete, Powercor will remove the temporary high voltage isolators and re-route power back through the network in its normal configuration, with no impact to the power supply.



WANGOOM ROAD WORKS COMPLETE

Major works to make Wangoom Road safer for everyone, especially cyclists, have been finished.

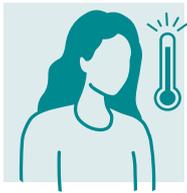
Wangoom Road has been widened between Aberline and Horne roads and the shoulders have been sealed, creating new bike lanes.

The Wangoom/Aberline/Wiggs intersection has also been upgraded with new turning lanes and lighting.

The works were funded by Regional Roads Victoria, the Warrnambool City Council and the Moyne Shire Council.

SAFETY
REQUIREMENTS ARE
NOW IN PLACE

**At first sign of any of these symptoms,
get tested then stay home.**



Fever



Runny nose



Sore throat



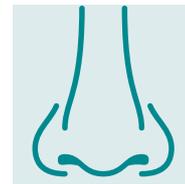
Cough



Chills



Shortness
of breath



Loss of sense
of smell or taste

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STAY OPEN

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