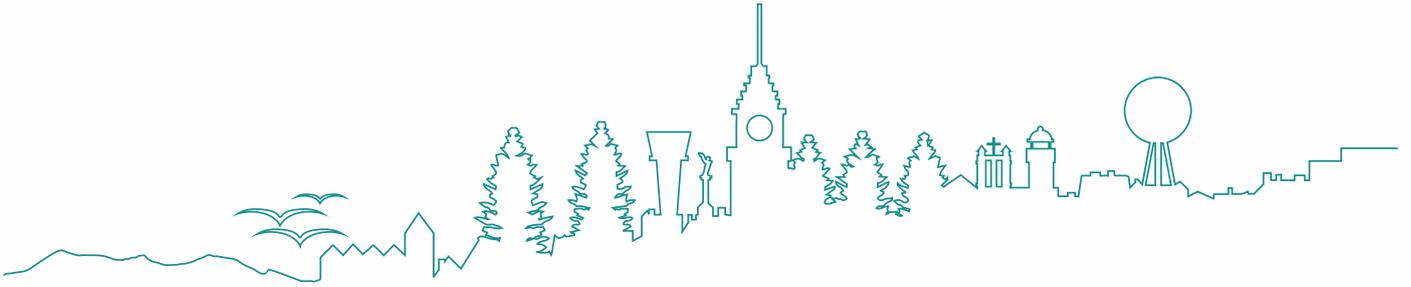


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COUNCIL MEETINGS
December 6, 5.45pm, Reception Room,
25 Liebig Street Warrnambool.
Meeting livestream available at
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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

In my first mayoral column I acknowledge the great honour that it is to be mayor of Warrnambool City Council and I take the opportunity to thank my predecessor, Cr Vicki Jellie, who did such a wonderful job of leading a completely new group of novices and forming them into an effective and responsive Council.

What a dramatic shift we have enjoyed in recent weeks with the opening up of our lifestyles to something approaching our pre-pandemic ways.

Our high vaccination rates have meant that we have been able to gradually enjoy a freedom of movement that has been disrupted by COVID-19 since early 2020.

We're seeing more people out and about and we can expect a great influx of people to our city as we move into the holiday season.

That's something our businesses have been anticipating and keenly preparing for. The scanning of QR codes is now becoming habitual and I have noticed that people almost seem a little proud that



they can display their 'Double-Vaxxed' certificate.

If you or a friend is having trouble accessing your vaccination certificates, the team at the Warrnambool Library is there to help guide people through the process on a smartphone or provide advice on other means available to display your vaccination status. I understand that it doesn't take long and the Library Team are happy to help you with this free service.

Some important community consultation is under way right now: we have a Draft Waste Strategy out for comment and we are also looking at an upgrade or potential sites for a new building for the Warrnambool Art Gallery. Of course, we still have to secure funding for such a project but we want you to have your say. Please go to www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au to find out more. Council really wants your comments, insights and ideas to help inform our decisions and direction.

Cr. Richard Ziegeler, Mayor

WHERE TO FOR THE WAG?

Council wants to hear the Warrnambool community's views about a preferred site for a new Warrnambool Art Gallery (WAG) building.

This important question follows community engagement in April this year when the Warrnambool community was asked to suggest ideas about how WAG should look and function in the future.

Mayor Cr Richard Ziegeler said the move to review WAG's strategic direction was brought about by the challenges now being experienced in the existing building.

"Due to limited space the WAG can show only a small fraction of its permanent collection, it does not have an appropriately sized, purpose-built space for its unique collection of Aboriginal artefacts and art work and nor does the existing building provide scope to generate a reasonable income," Cr Ziegeler said.

"A new building would not only be culturally enriching for the city, it would also allow the WAG to generate income while a revitalised gallery would be an economic driver as it would attract people to Warrnambool."

The feedback from stakeholders including the Aboriginal community, Friends of the Gallery, visitors to the city, educational institutions, social enterprise, business, philanthropists and tourism operators was considered in the strategic planning for the WAG.

After the April consultation a feasibility study was finalised which explored the advantages and disadvantages of a new building for the WAG at either the current Timor Street site or a new site at Cannon Hill.

"We need to know how the community feels about where a new WAG building would go if funding were available," Cr Ziegeler said.

"A new building would mean that people could see more of the WAG's permanent collection, there would be a dedicated and appropriately reverent space for Aboriginal art and artefacts and we would also be able to host more visiting exhibitions.

"The value of Warrnambool collection is such that we have to ensure it's secure preservation for generations to come.

"The intention is also for a building that would allow the WAG to generate its own income through an expanded retail outlet, café and space for events."

To find out more and have your say on the WAG, go to www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au



HAVE YOUR SAY ON WASTE

The Draft Waste Strategy 2021-2025 is now out for public comment.

The proposed waste strategy builds on the completed work of the previous 2017-2021 strategy and looks to embrace new methods of waste management with a key focus on waste reduction, reducing waste to landfill, exploration of new technologies and extensive community engagement and education programs.

“Managing waste responsibly is a key

function of council,” Warrnambool Mayor Cr Richard Ziegeler said.

“Here in Warrnambool we moved early to the four-bin system, several years ahead of the deadline set by the Victorian Government.

“The system is working well. We are keeping hundreds of tonnes of material out of landfill, and the glass we’re collecting is being crushed and used in local road building.”

“The draft waste strategy charts the next four years in waste management, which will include container deposit legislation.

“The strategy is another step along the path to zero waste to landfill by 2040,

which is a big challenge but one which the community wants to work towards.

“Education is an important part of the strategy and we propose to work on littering and the impact it has on our waterways. We’ll also encourage pet owners to continue to pick up after their dogs”

Visit www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au to read the Draft Waste Strategy and submit your feedback.

Alternatively, send your submission to:
Draft Waste Strategy, Warrnambool City Council, PO Box 198 Warrnambool VIC 3280

Submissions close on December 1, 2021.

BREAD TAGS FOR WHEELCHAIRS

While some companies have shifted to cardboard bread tags, there’s still a very good way to recycle the plastic ones.

Drop your plastic bread tags off at the Civic Centre at 25 Liebig Street or Bakers Delight Warrnambool CBD and you’ll be supporting Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs.

First, the bread tags are sorted by colour at our school holiday program. The sorting station is set up and kids come and go as they like, taking the opportunity to have some quiet time while helping the environment.

Then, when we have enough, the tags go to South Australia where Transmutation - Reduce, Reuse and Recycle turns them into awesome products like the serving board that Lucy is holding in this photo.

And for every kilogram of bread tags Transmutation uses, they pay Aussie Bread Tags for Wheelchairs, who have so far funded 40 wheelchairs for people in need.

We’re preparing for our next school holiday program now, so if you’ve been collecting bread tags for a while, now is a great time to drop them off.



Jayden and Lucy sorting bread tags at the school holiday program

BIKE SAFETY AT DEAKIN

Council has partnered with Warrnambool Police to promote safe cycling for Deakin's international students.

A session to introduce or re-introduce students to cycling was held earlier this month and covered road safety, bike maintenance and general riding tips.

The session was delivered in tandem by Council's TravelSmart Officer Nicole Wood along with John Keats and Brooke Pollock from the Warrnambool Police.

For students living on campus, especially for international students who either don't have a driver's licence or face delays in getting one, cycling is the most efficient form of transport in many circumstances.

Nursing student Mitchell Mon from the Philippines said that she was looking forward to being able to use the free bikes provided by Deakin for students.

"I think it's easier rather than having a car, especially as a student. Rather than paying insurance and gas and for exercise too and to lose weight," she said.

Commerce student David Jaricha from Zimbabwe said he was keen to pick up the healthy habit of cycling once again.

"It's been a while since I've ridden a bike. I used to ride a lot when I was a teenager," he said.

"I'm just looking to have fun and get some exercise as well."

If you ride a bike and you'd like to be part of a project to encourage more people to ride for exercise, transport or fun, please contact Nicole Wood on nwood@warrnambool.vic.gov.au.

And a reminder to those dusting off their bikes for summer: one of the best things you can do to make eye contact at intersections. It's a two way street- cycle, walk and drive with courtesy and respect.



John Keats, Mitchell Mon, Brooke Pollock, David Jaricha and Nicole Wood

WHEN THE RUBBER (AND GLASS AND PLASTIC) HITS THE ROAD

Recycled glass, rubber and plastic are being used as part of the Warrnambool City Council's upcoming Road Rehabilitation Program.

Locally recycled glass has been used successfully in Warrnambool since 2020, with road rehabilitation sites this year to also include recycled plastic from old car parts as well as rubber from about 440 old tyres in the asphalt and sprayed seal wearing courses.

Approximately 2km of roads will be rehabilitated over the five week program, which began on October 25.

Roads include Bromfield Street (Botanic – Donovans), Rooneys Road (Braithwaite – Raglan), Hopetoun Road (Macpherson – Crawley) and Walsh Road (Railway – Braithwaite).

The works include full pavement rehabilitation with foamed bitumen stabilisation of the crushed rock base layer and a new asphalt overlay.

Warrnambool Mayor Cr Vicki Jellie said that like many Councils in Australia, Warrnambool was looking at new and innovative ways to reduce their environmental impact by finding new uses for old materials.

A different treatment is being used on each road. All will use approved and certified products that meet Council's quality assurance requirements, and Council will be monitoring all four roads going forward to see which treatments works best for local conditions.



Road rehabilitation work under way on Rooneys Road

DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR POOL AND SPA CERTIFICATIONS

Victorians now have more time to get their pool and spa safety barriers inspected and certified as compliant, with the Victorian Government acknowledging the challenges imposed by the coronavirus pandemic.

Minister for Planning Richard Wynne extended the deadline for owners to lodge certificates of pool and spa barrier compliance with their local council, in recognition of the limited opportunity for building inspectors to visit homes during the pandemic.

The first certificate lodgement deadline will be extended from 1 November 2021 to 1 June 2022, with subsequent lodgement deadlines also moved back to June 2023 and June 2024 respectively.

In December 2019 the Government amended the Building Regulations to introduce new requirements to improve

the safety of private swimming pools and spas. The regulations include requirements for owners to register their swimming pools and spas with their local council.

Owners must also have a registered building surveyor or inspector certify the continuing compliance of their safety barrier every four years.

Drowning is the most common cause of preventable death for young children and in Victoria most fatal drownings of young children occur in backyard swimming pools.

For more information visit www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/swimming-pools-and-spas

BACK WITH A BANG ON NYE

Warrnambool's New Year's Eve fireworks are back on.

After a once year hiatus due to COVID-19, the traditional New Year's Eve fireworks display will return to Warrnambool's foreshore.

"This is great news for locals and visitors to Warrnambool," Warrnambool Mayor Cr Richard Ziegeler said.

"They are a great attraction for everyone and we will once again have them at Lady Bay which means that everyone can enjoy the spectacle with so many great vantage points around the city.

"The fireworks are a brilliant sight over Lady Bay and one of the features that visitors look forward to over summer.

"They contribute to us being a great family destination.

"By the end of the year, fireworks as an outdoor public event are permitted under the COVID recovery roadmap.

"Warrnambool has already topped 90 per cent fully vaccinated and Victoria is soon to reach that mark so we can offer the fireworks with a degree of confidence."

The fireworks will be made of biodegradable materials and were allocated funding in Council's annual events budget.

Owners of pets who react to fireworks are encouraged to keep their pets indoors on New Year's Eve.

There will be a child-friendly fireworks show starting at twilight followed by a second round of fireworks at midnight.

Great viewing points include Lady Bay foreshore, Lake Pertobe, Cannon Hill, Flagstaff Hill and sections of Merri Street footpath.



END OF AN ERA FOR MAREMMA PROJECT

Warrnambool's beloved penguin protector, Tula, has passed away at the age of 13.

Tula's passing comes five months after that of her sister and fellow Maremma guardian dog Eudy.

The pair were the first dogs specially trained to protect Warrnambool's Little Penguin Colony on Middle Island – a project that has achieved global recognition and was even the inspiration for the feature film Oddball, starring Shane Jacobson.

While Oddball only spent weeks on the island, Tula retired in 2019, having spent eight seasons as the lead guardian.

She remained active in retirement, spending time with the younger dogs, and was an integral part of their training.

Middle Island Penguin Project Dog Handler, Dr Trish Corbett said that Tula was the matriarch of the project and would be deeply missed.

"Tula was the lead guardian. She was always the first to jump up and bark if there was a threat," she said.

"Tula, together with Eudy, also did an amazing job in training the new generation of guardians.

"Even after she retired to the 'farm', she

continued to protect the chickens and train the younger dogs. You couldn't tell her not to work. She lived for it."

Dr Corbett said that Tula had previously had two cruciate ligament surgeries and arthritis.

"She was old and it was her time," she said.

Warrnambool Mayor Cr Richard Ziegeler thanked Tula for everything she has done.

"With the sad passing of Tula, it's the end of an era for one of the world's most innovative conservation projects," he said.

"It's a poignant after note to the recent death of Eudy, Tula's sister.

"The Maremmas are iconic in Warrnambool. Part of the main entrance sign for the city depicts penguins in front of Middle Island under the watchful eye of a Maremma dog and the Middle Island Penguin Project is something that fills the people of Warrnambool with a lot of pride."

Tula's ashes will be scattered along with her sister Eudy's on Middle Island.

To learn more about the Middle Island Maremma Penguin Project visit www.warrnamboolpenguins.com.au.

SUPPORT LOCAL THIS SPARKLE SEASON

Sparkle season is upon us, so Get Around Warrnambool and kick off your Christmas shopping with a bang on November 26.

Stacks of amazing Black Friday specials, late night shopping in the CBD and Gateway Plaza and live street performers.

The lights on the Norfolk Pine at the Civic Green will be turned on as well, officially starting Christmas season in Warrnambool.

So whether it's Christmas shopping, dinner with friends and family or just treating yourself, support local and let's celebrate Warrnambool with a little bit of sparkle.



WAG FACADE TO TAKE ON A NEW GLOW

The Warrnambool Art Gallery will take on a vibrancy and glow in the coming weeks, when Ballarat artist Ash Keating turns the Liebig Street entrance into a conversation of colour that reflects the sometimes gentle, sometimes intense palette of sunsets in the South West region of Victoria.

Ash's work on the Gallery façade is part of the Wallawar Festival that will be held at WAG from November 26 to December 5. Wallawar is a Peek Woorong word for glow.

"Ash Keating's action painting Sunset Response will be a dynamic experience as he uses fire extinguishers filled with paint to spray the entrance to the Gallery with colour over five days from 29 November and recreate some of those seemingly impossible colours of the skies and atmospherics of the South West," Warrnambool Art Gallery Director Vanessa Gerrans said.

Ash is well known for his large scale works in public places including Green Square at RMIT and the billboard at the National Gallery of Victoria. For the better part of the past decade, he has been using fire hydrants full of paint to create his splash art works that layer colour rapidly over large surfaces in a spectacular way.

He said that using fire extinguishers allows him to create a large scale abstract expressionist style that has a lot of gravity and pull as the paint descends the surface of the wall. He balances the paint using fire extinguishers filled with water.

"It is about creating immersive painting that reflects the spectacle of nature that we all enjoy but then bringing it into painting. It is quite spontaneous and because it is large scale it is a bit like action painting," he said.

Ash's large scale facade painting takes place from Monday 29 November (painting times will be weather-dependent). Those who would like to watch him at work, should keep an eye on the Gallery.

For more information about other events included in the Wallawar Festival visit www.thewag.com.au



LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE READY TO LAUNCH 2022 SEASON

After two COVID-disrupted years, the Lighthouse Theatre is preparing to launch one of its most eagerly anticipated theatre seasons ever.

Let's Celebrate Together will be held on December 9, giving audience members the first glimpse at the host of big shows coming to the Lighthouse Theatre in 2022.

The night will be filled with experiences

we've missed the most – surrounded by friends, enjoying a relaxed refreshment whilst watching our imaginations and experiences come to life on stage.

The event will also include a performance by virtuoso violinist Roy Theaker and his dynamic six-piece band.

The ensemble will take you on a journey through the world of music, featuring exciting takes on all your favourite rock, pop, funky disco, movie and classical crossover songs in a show that is thoughtfully weaved around recollections, observations and anecdotes of Roy's life in the crazy world of music. He's even shared the stage with Hugh Jackman!

Tickets are only \$5 each – so be quick before they sell out! Bookings can be made at www.lighthouse theatre.com.au or 5559 4999.



CELEBRAGE

The Celebrage Seniors Festival is an event to honour seniors in Warrnambool.

This month-long festival includes an array of events, activities and entertainment for all seniors.

All events are free to attend, but numbers are limited. To book your place at the Celebrage Launch contact Archie at 5559 4920. For events held at the Library call 5559 4990.

Celebrage Launch December 5, 1pm-5pm Warrnambool Art Gallery

Join Bernie Opperman and others for a live music concert of beautiful music played for your listening pleasure. Local nominees for the Victorian Senior of the Year Award for 2021 will be introduced and their community contributions acknowledged and celebrated.

Then from 3pm, dress in your best golden, glowing attire and dance-off with Zumba, Swing and Line-dancing groups.

Connecting Through Social Media 9.30am-11am Warrnambool Library

Book in for a computer information session with library staff aimed at getting you up and running on social media.

Grandparents Storytime December 8, 10am-11am Warrnambool Library

Suitable for 3 – 6 year olds and their special “older person”. Enjoy listening to a dedicated storytelling session followed by a creative activity.

Exploring our Past - FJ Stories December 9, 2pm-3pm

Warrnambool Library

The Fletcher Jones – Stories from our Community Project reps will be in the library to share some of the stories and history of “FJs” and its ongoing relationship with the community.

Learn How to Edit Photos December 13, 9.30am-10.30am

Warrnambool Library

All those holiday photos building up on your digital device? Our Computer Connected support staff can help you get the best out of your photos and to get them slideshow ready.

Lifestyle and Learning - Warrnambool Community Garden

December 14, 2pm-3pm Warrnambool Library

The Warrnambool Community Garden is not only a space for growing and sharing food, but also for social and community activities and for networking and friendship. Learn about what goes on at the Garden, and how you can be involved.

Inter-Generational Board Game Night

December 17, 5pm-6pm Warrnambool Library

Family members, neighbours, friends, come along in your competing age groups – kids, parents, grandparents, for a fun evening of inter-generational competition.

PHYLLIS STILL AT HOME AT 105, WITH A LITTLE HELP

The South West Coast’s oldest enrolled voter still lives in her own home, with the support of her family and Council’s Home and Community Care services.



Phyllis Hartley celebrates her 105th birthday with her daughter-in-law Pat Hartley and respite carer Jeanette Brooks

Phyllis Hartley was born in Woolsthorpe in 1916, was a child during the Spanish Flu pandemic, worked at the Warrnambool Woollen Mills to support the World War II effort and is still going strong despite the restrictions COVID-19 has placed on everyone.

Respite carer Jeanette Brooks said that she has been seeing Phyllis on a weekly basis for 16 years, and while COVID-19 changed their visits for a time, she was still able to see Phyllis weekly even throughout the height of the pandemic.

“It put a stop to me taking her out every Tuesday, but I could still help,” she said.

“16 years is the longest time I’ve looked after anyone, and Phyll says I’m not allowed to retire yet!”

Phyllis also receives a fortnightly visit from Council’s Home Care service, which helps with household jobs and cleaning.

“I wouldn’t get by without a little bit of help,” she said.

“If the service is there, you take advantage of it.”

And the secret to living to 105?

“Walk a lot, eat all your vegetables and mind your own business and you won’t get into any trouble.”

To find out more about Council services to help you or a loved one continue to live independently at home visit www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/home-and-community-services or call 5559 4800.



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All Abilities Multi-Sport Event November 21, 11am-1pm Warrnambool Stadium

The All Abilities Multi-Sport Come & Try Day South West, will be a one stop shop for People with a Disability and there families to come and try some sports that are available in the South West and find out more information about how they can participate going forward.

Warrnambool Showgrounds Rodeo Saturday December 4, 3.30pm - 11pm Warrnambool Showgrounds

Saddle on up and break out the chaps for the 1st Warrnambool Showgrounds Rodeo.

Tickets at [events.humanitix.com/warrnambool-showgrounds-ryansgroup-rodeo](https://www.events.humanitix.com/warrnambool-showgrounds-ryansgroup-rodeo)

Celebrate Launch Sunday December 5, 1pm-5pm Warrnambool Art Gallery

While things are a little bit different this year, we're still proud to be able to present the Celebrate Festival – a range of activities and events for older residents. Find more details about the launch event inside this magazine, and for full event details check out the latest edition of the Archie Newsletter at www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/archie-newsletter or call the Archie Graham Centre on 5559 4920.

Warrnambool Christmas Markets Sunday December 5, 12 and 19, 9am-1pm Civic Green

A terrific range of fabulous stalls with loads of amazing Christmas gift ideas and foods.

Home Care Packages - Everything you Need to Know Thursday 9 December 2.30pm-4pm

Learn more about choosing providers, understanding fees and making the most of your package. Free webinar run by Elder Rights Advocacy.

To learn more, and to book your spot www.era.asn.au/about-us/news/events

Shear Madness - 24 Hour Shear-a-thon Friday December 10 - Saturday December 11 Warrnambool Showgrounds

Three super shearers will go head to head for the title of 'most sheep shawn'. Along

with their dedicated family, support crew and committee the boys will be shearing to raise funds and awareness for Autism.

WHAT'S ON AT THE WARRNAMBOOL LIBRARY

Country Women's Association November 23, 10am

Come along to hear how CWA Victoria operates in the South West District, the groups and their projects in our local area.

Steven Conte – The Tolstoy Estate November 25, 6.30pm

Critically acclaimed and award-winning author Steven Conte will discuss his celebrated novel The Tolstoy Estate, recently shortlisted for the 2021 The Age Book of the Year award.

Welcome to Warrnambool Session November 26, 2pm-3pm

An information session for newcomers interested to hear what Warrnambool has to offer.

Multicultural Women's Circle December 7, 2pm

A welcoming group for migrant women of all nationalities. A place for women to come together, connect, and share experiences.

Paul Jennings – Untwisted: The Story of my Life December 9, 6.30pm

Join us for an evening in conversation with much-loved Australian author Paul Jennings. We'll discuss his recent autobiography Untwisted: The story of my life and revisit his iconic series Round the Twist.

Warrnambool and District Bee Keeping Group December 11, 1pm

Come along and hear from some passionate apiarists who can let you in on the world of bees and honey.

All About Hycel with Ailiche Goddard-Clegg December 16, 6.30pm

Located at Deakin University's Warrnambool campus, Hycel is a regional hub of hydrogen expertise. Hycel is developing hydrogen technologies for transport and gas industries and supporting education and social licence initiatives.

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE

Fusion Dance Academy 2021 Showcase November 20, 7pm

Gone with the Wind A Live Radio Play November 24, 11am

Dance Studio 101 Destination Unknown Friday November 26, 6pm and November 27, 2pm

The Robins School of Dancing We're Back So Let the Party Begin November 27, 6.30pm and November 28, 1.30pm

Lighthouse Theatre Launch Let's Celebrate Together December 9, 6.30pm

Uniting for Eloise Gala Ball December 11, 6.30pm

Christmas with Silvie Paladino and the Melbourne Opera Orchestra December 12, 3pm

Jade Hurley Does Christmas December 15, 11am

WHAT'S ON AT THE WAG

Wallawar Festival November 26 - December 5

Warrnambool has always been a centre for ideas and in spite of the need to stay home we are seeing a rise in innovative ways to reach out, think differently, and fill our days with colour and meaning. We are bringing you a range of ideas and inspirations for you to connect with the creativity and innovation in our region.

Black & Gold From the WAG Collection Until January 30

CARRION ORIGINS Justin Shoulder Until January 22

Pakayn marree weerrath (bone, stone, string) Women's Tools Dr Vicki Couzens Until June 12