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COUNCIL MEETINGS

February 7, 2022, 5.45pm, Reception Room, 25 Liebig Street Warrnambool. Meeting livestream available at www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/ council-meeting

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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

Season's greetings to all.

here's a sense of excitement about this summer that seems a little more "normal"; we're perhaps a little more at ease now that we have such a highly vaccinated community.

It's been encouraging to see so many people getting about on foot in our city centre and along the foreshore.

Summer began with a flurry of activity and events including the Warrnambool Gift, the rodeo and the Wallawar Festival to name just three.

Hopefully it sets the tone for the remainder of summer. We have Beach Fest to look forward to which will offer a host of activities from January 4 to 15. To find out more about the events and attractions in Warrnambool over summer (or any season really) go to www.whatson.warrnambool. vic.gov.au

At our final Council meeting for the year we made some significant decisions.

Among them was the awarding of a tender for the installation of large solar systems on four Council buildings including AquaZone



(135kW), Archie Graham Community Centre (37kW), the Civic Centre (75kW) and Warrnambool Art Gallery (64kW).

These will help Council move its operations towards zero net greenhouse gas emissions.

We were also successful in our application to the Victorian Government for funding to install a public electric vehicle charging station. This will be located at the Visitor Information Centre.

Council also decided to scrap overdue borrowing fees at the library and we simplified the fees and charges at Warrnambool Stadium. We believe these changes will encourage participation at these facilities which have an important role to play in the health and wellbeing of our community.

Best wishes for a happy and safe festive season.

STADIUM GOES **SOLAR**

The Warrnambool Stadium is largely powered by the sun thanks to the RACV.

ouncil and the RACV recently completed a solar installation at the stadium that included battery storage

The project was part of a \$1 million RACV program to install solar systems on community facilities around Victoria.

Venues were chosen based on them also being used as emergency safe places and relief centres during bushfires and other extreme weather events.

"The Warrnambool Stadium was chosen because it is our relief centre during an emergency," Council Chief Executive Officer Peter Schneider said.

"During the St Patrick's Day fires of 2018 the stadium and its staff played a vital role in switching the function of the stadium from sporting venue to relief centre.

"Thanks to this RACV initiative - and some long, sunny days - the solar and battery installation is already powering

the stadium, so along with having an emergency back-up power supply the system is delivering energy savings for ratepayers."

The RACV is installing solar and battery systems in 24 towns across Victoria, each worth about \$40,000 on average. Other locations include Omeo, Tallangatta, Wairewa, Wodonga, Goongerah, Clifton Creek, Yea, Aireys Inlet, Calivil, Anglesea, Heathcote, Dederang, Winchelsea, Hamilton, Harrietville, Hawkesdale, Balmoral and Mirranatwa. Council was also recently advised it had been successful in its application for funding of a public EV charging station.

The \$40,000 grant from the Destination Charging Across Victoria program will help cover the cost of a 50kW charging station to be built at the Visitor Information Centre.

This will help the community move towards its goal for the municipality, contained in Warrnambool 2040, of zero net greenhouse gas emissions.



DATES SET FOR EDWARDS BRIDGE REPLACEMENT

The much-needed replacement of Edwards Bridge in South Warrnambool will begin at the end of the peak summer holiday season.

dwards Bridge will be closed to all vehicles and pedestrians from February 1, 2022 with demolition works commencing shortly after.

The new bridge is expected to open for use by the end of September 2022 (weather dependent).

The new bridge will have dedicated bike lanes and wide pedestrian walkways on both sides, increasing connectivity around

the Warrnambool foreshore precinct.

The total project budget is \$4.6 million, with Council successfully applying for a total of \$2 million in grant funding via the Australian Government's Bridges Renewal Program. Warrnambool Mayor Cr Richard Ziegeler said that replacing Edwards Bridge would be one of Council's biggest infrastructure projects in 2022.

"After more than 120 years, Edwards Bridge has reached the end of its serviceable life," he said.

"We have been in direct contact with nearby residents and businesses as well as emergency services and public transport companies, and they are all aware of the construction schedule."

Council will be in further communication with residents and businesses across the summer before construction begins in February.



UPGRADED CAR PARK REOPENS FOR SUMMER

Council has reopened the upgraded Lake Pertobe Car Park.

The new Lake Pertobe car park offers 126 parking spaces, including four disabled parking spaces, along with improved access to nearby features of Lake Pertobe including barbecues, the playground and Changing Places facility.

The car park was redeveloped with funding of \$425,000 from the Commonwealth Government's Local Roads Community Infrastructure program and \$75,000 from Council.

The works were identified in the Lake Pertobe Master Plan.

Warrnambool Mayor Cr Richard Ziegeler said the project was finished on time and on budget.

"We've reconstructed and strengthened the car park pavement, formalised the parking areas and added pedestrian pathways, creating a safer environment for both road users and pedestrians," Cr Ziegeler said.

"The work was delivered by local firm, Duggan Civil, and we acknowledge the support of the Commonwealth Government in getting the project off the ground."

Another local organisation, CSE Group, completed the design work.

Member for Wannon Dan Tehan visited the project site in May this year and said then that accelerating priority projects like Lake Pertobe improvements supported jobs, construction businesses and economic growth in Warrnambool, and bolstered the resilience of local road networks.



WORK BEGINS FOR NEW DRAINAGE TRUCK

A new jet/vac truck is helping the Warrnambool City Council clear a significant drainage maintenance backlog, while allowing staff to quickly respond to blockages in the event of heavy rain.

he vehicle is equipped with a high-pressure water hose that breaks up debris up to 100m along the drainage pipe, while a second hose acts as a vacuum, sucking the material into the truck.

In its first few months of operation, Council's drainage team is averaging 18 cubic metres, or 25 tonnes of debris cleared from the stormwater system each month.

In previous years, drains were cleaned by hand. In more recent times, Council would employ a contractor to use a jet/vac truck.

Warrnambool City Council CEO Peter Schneider said that the new truck was a great investment in the city's drainage system. "We no longer need to hire contractors to clean our drainage pits and stormwater pipes, so this truck will well and truly pay for itself over its lifespan," he said.

"Without the need to rely on contractors, if we receive a report of a blocked drain, our staff can respond much more quickly. And in the event of a flood, we are not reliant on the availability of an external company.

"Now that the truck is up and running, our staff are working hard to clear the maintenance backlog that has built up over time, and I'd like to thank our drainage team for their continued efforts.

"Depending on the type of drain, the team are now

cleaning 50 to 60 drains a week. Back when things were done by hand, one drain could take all day."

After debris is sucked into the truck, it is taken to the municipal depot where it is drained, sorted, sifted and where possible, recycled.



NEW LIFE FOR OLD DERBY ST BUS STOP

A new mural at a decommissioned Derby Street bus shelter is part of the Warrnambool City Council's Let's Get Neighbourly program, and has the goal of bringing neighbours closer together. It's only just been finished, but it already seems to be working its magic.

eakin University PhD student Thiru Somasundara moved to Warrnambool two years ago.

COVID-19 has had an impact on the social connections of most people, but for the Sri Lankan student who didn't know anybody in the city, it was especially tough.

"I was so lonely and upset and I couldn't connect with anybody in the neighbourhood," he said.

"This is my second year in Australia and Warrnambool and I didn't have many friends."

He heard about the Let's Get Neighbourly program hosted by Council, and decided to get involved. Through workshops and mentoring, the program guided participants through the process of introducing themselves to their neighbours, and potentially forming new neighbourhood groups.

"I couldn't build my relationships gradually and properly with people at university or at other places because of all the lockdowns." he said.

"At the Let's Get Neighbourly program, I got advice on how to approach neighbours. This is entirely a new world for me.



"I think I learnt a lot, and it helped me to have positive interactions with my neighbours.

"I know my neighbours now, and I feel like I've been accepted."

The project culminated in a public mural, with Thiru the lucky participant selected to have the artwork created in his neighbourhood.

Warrnambool CEO Peter Schneider said that there was often more to public art than meets the eye.

"While making an area more beautiful with public art is reason enough to do it, there are so many other benefits," he said.

"This project is a way to help people re-engage with each other, rekindling those neighbourhood connections or starting new ones.

"In the good times, and in the not so good times, knowing your neighbours and being part of a neighbourhood can be so important.

"As a city, we're proud of our street art and I'm looking forward to more great creations in the future."



GREEN UP YOUR ACT

As part of the Green Futures Now program, tote bags full of environmentally-friendly products are available for free.

Supported by the Warrnambool City Council, Green Futures Now is a youth led leadership program for people who care about the environment.

The free bags include beeswax wraps, bamboo straws, cardboard-stemmed cotton buds, vegetables seeds, badges, shampoo bars and information about how to live a cleaner, greener life.

"This is a way for us to give to sustainably inclined people from 12-25, to fuel their passion and hopefully drive them to bigger actions," said Green Futures Now member Joe Johnstone.

Fellow members behind the project include Grace Cosgriff-Camm, Maiya Steele, Tully Farrington, Rainer Shaw and Zoran Hunter.

For a chance to win one of 27 bags, visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/
GreenFuturesNow and describe your dream Green Future if all of us helped to make it a reality.

TV SHOW FINDS OUT WHAT'S UP IN WARRNAMBOOL

It was great to have Macca and the team from What's Up Downunder in Warrnambool in November.

acca and his team spent a week in Warrnambool filming not one but two episodes of their popular lifestyle caravan and camping show.

Here they are on location at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village Warrnambool, and they took the time to check out plenty of other great local attractions too.

The Warrnambool episodes will be broadcast to a national audience on Channel 10 around Easter 2022.



STUNNING NEW ARTWORK FOR WAG FACADE

The Warrnambool Art Gallery (WAG) facade has been completely transformed by Ash Keating and about 80 fire extinguishers filled with paint.

he artist began his "Sunset Response" piece on Tuesday November 30 as part of the gallery's Wallawar Festival, which ran until December 5.

As well as Ash's large-scale artwork, the festival included a range of exhibitions, performances and talks.

WAG Director Vanessa Gerrans said that

the bright colours fit in perfectly with the festival, with Wallawar the Peek Woorung word for "glow".

"It's an important part of art making that there is risk taking and that your perspective is bold and that you can invite the community to be a part of that," she said. "It's certainly going to generate a buzz and bring a fun, positive vibe to the gallery over summer."

She said that the gallery facade was scheduled to be repainted in the coming months, which presented the opportunity for an ambitious artwork before then.



NGATOOK COLLECTIVE HAS DESIGNS ON THE FUTURE

Over the past year members of the Ngatook Collective, a project designed to engage and immerse Aboriginal girls from Warrnambool, Heywood, Colac and Terang in First Nations' culture whilst developing life-long and practical skills, have been busy creating designs to feature on clothing and accessories.

The end result of the project, which was made possible with a \$50,000 Victorian Government grant, is a creative product range of more than

sixty items including bags, hats, t-shirts, jewellery, lunchboxes, ceramic vases and plates.

Each item showcases an individual cultural journey that was supported by local Maar Nation Aboriginal mentors and industry professionals.

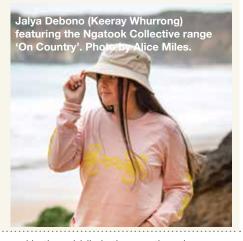
Warrnambool Mayor Cr Richard Ziegeler acknowledged the support of the Victorian Government and said the success of the Ngatook Project provided an inspiring example to indigenous and non-indigenous people

"The program was designed by Indigenous female Elders and artists for the younger Aboriginal generation and this has been critical to its success," Cr Ziegeler said.

"Congratulations to all the participants who, along with being guided in a creative sense,

have also received an excellent grounding in getting a business up and running."

WAG has a strong relationship with the local Aboriginal communities and has worked collaboratively with local Elders and artists to deliver exhibitions, programs and education sessions.



ARTWORKS EXPLORE THEME OF CONNECTION

The "Strong Spirits" exhibition is now on display at the Archie Graham Community Centre.

he works were created by indigenous and non-indigenous people from the Clontarf and Kalay academies, as well as the Kirrae Health Service and Brophy Family and Youth Services.

Working with artist Sherry Johnstone, young people spent five weeks creating artworks linked to the theme of connection.

"We had a brainstorming session around connection," program organiser Lily Bourke from Bethany Community Support said. "Connection with self, with each other, country, community and culture."

Student Durrell Proctor said that there were multiple messages within his artwork.

"The stars shine like everyone can shine in their own ways,

the snake is my totem and in the middle is the meeting place. The boomerangs are in different colours to show even if you're different colours you're still Aboriginal," he said.

"There's also kangaroo and emu footprints to show moving forward."

The exhibition will be on display into the New Year.





UNCLE LOCKY WINS STATE AWARD

Uncle Locky Eccles has won the 2021 Victorian Senior of the Year Award in the Healthy and Active Living Category.

Arrnambool Mayor Cr Richard Ziegeler was among those to congratulate Uncle Locky at a ceremony on December 5, describing his achievements as "staggering."

"Many people have just one career over a lifetime, Uncle Locky has had several – sometimes simultaneously," Cr Ziegeler said.

"But it's the reawakening of Aboriginal languages that is perhaps Uncle Locky's finest achievement.

"Our community is so much better for the work you have done, you are a deserving winner of the Victorian award and we're all extremely proud of your achievements."

Trevor Hearfield and Eileen Johnstone were both nominated for a Senior of the Year award.

Trevor enables a large number of people to make a commitment to walking regularly for health and to feel a sense of belonging. He is part of five walking groups in Warrnambool that involve more than 75 men and women from all walks of life, all abilities and a broad range of ages.

Eileen is the Salvation Army Thrift Shop's longest serving volunteer, having worked there for 28 years. She has also been a member of Sing Australia and Silver Notes, singing at aged care facilities and community events.

BEAT THE HEAT AT ARCHIE

The Archie Graham Community Centre is a nice place to connect with others and keep cool.

n days of extreme heat, Archie is a great place to keep safe and cool in the air-conditioning, so come in, have a cup of tea or coffee and a chat.

Newspapers will be available or feel free to bring a book or your IT device to use the free WiFi.

Bookings are not required for the dining room, however please note that Archie will be closed from 12pm on December 24 and will re-open on January 4.

ROTARY HELPING YOU RAISE MONEY FOR YOUR CLUB

Local clubs and not-for-profit groups are invited to join the Golden Community Raffle.

The Rotary Club of Warrnambool Central is paying for the prizes, the raffle registration and the printing of the ticket books, with local clubs and groups keeping all of the proceeds from the raffle tickets they sell.

The raffle has been held each year for more than 25 years and has raised over \$400,000 to assist local community groups during that time.

Books of 20 tickets each are available from Darrian Office Choice.

For further enquiries please contact Darrian Office Choice on **5562 8022** or Bob McMillan on **0419 115 845**.

GENTLEMEN 2 RAISES FUNDS, OPENS MINDS

What does it mean to be a gentle man?

s part of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, 12 artists created works exploring the theme of the GentleMAN, raising money for Emma House.

GentleMEN 2 follows the highly successful inaugural event held in 2019.

Contributing artists included Jimmi Buscombe, Abbey Drinkell, Ricky Schembri, Kylie Fowler, James McClear, Jeffrey Vizon, Lynn Goldstraw, Oriel Glennen, James Chapman, Rowan Drake, Emma Stenhouse and Jimmy Boxer.

Attendees at the event held on December 4 were able to watch artworks taking form before their eyes, before bidding in the silent auction.

The event was organised by Warrnambool East Primary School in conjunction with Warrnambool City Council, Brophy Respectful Relationships as well as Women's Health and Wellbeing Barwon South West.

GentleMEN 2 was a great success, not only raising awareness of gender-based violence issues that impact upon our local community but also showcasing the talent and generosity of the artists who took part.





To help you catch up on all the cinema time you've missed, Warrnambool's free summer outdoor movies will all be double-features!

The pop-up outdoor cinema is a Warrnambool tradition for many, but if this is your first time, you're in for a real treat. Bring your camping chairs, picnic blanket and movie snacks, find a spot on the grass and relax while watching a movie with family and friends.

With the double-feature format, you can watch one film or both, and there's no need to pre-register – come and go as you please!

The movies are free to attend, but it's a requirement that all attendees show proof of double COVID-19 vaccination.

The big screen will be set up on the grass at Lake Pertobe for five of the six sessions, with the January 8 screening to be held at Jubilee Park / Wurrumbit Birrng Yaar in Woodford.

Before and in between the movies, there will be a bunch of fun activities to get involved in ranging from giant kite displays to drum circles and dance sessions with DJ McClelland (who supported Cher on her most recent Australian tour).

Wednesday January 5

4.30pm – Girls Can't Surf (M) 6pm – Namatjira Project (M)

Thursday January 6

4pm – Happy Feet (G) 6pm – Rams (PG)

Saturday January 8 – Jubilee Park / Wurrumbit Birrng Yaar, Woodford

4pm - Peter Rabbit 2 (G)

6pm - Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG)

Wednesday January 12

4pm - The Sandlot (PG)

6pm - Hunt for the Wilder People (PG)

Thursday January 13

3.30pm – Mary Poppins Returns (G) 6.30pm – In The Heights (PG)

Saturday January 15

4pm - Peter Rabbit 2 (G)

6pm - Space Jam: A New Legacy (PG)

NO TIME LIKE THE PRESENT

A decade on from its purchase at auction, the Carmichael Watch remains one of Flagstaff Hill's most important treasures.

The Carmichael Watch was saved from the sea when discovered on the body of Mrs Rebecca Carmichael from Dublin and handed to Eva Carmichael, one of only two survivors of the fatal wreck of the Loch Ard on June 1, 1878.

In 2011, Eva's grandson Robert Townsend put the watch up for auction.

Funding for the watch's purchase came from the National Cultural Heritage Account, six local trusts and one anonymous citizen. It is now on permanent display at Flagstaff Hill.



The watch, together with the Loch Ard Peacock, make up the two most significant shipwreck artefacts in Australia.

You can learn more about the peacock, the watch and thousands of other artefacts at Australia's largest and most awarded Maritime Heritage Precinct.

Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village is open daily.



GET TO KNOW WARRNAMBOOL'S PENGUIN PROTECTORS

Do you want to learn about Warrnambool's little penguin colony and the importance of protecting them?

he Middle Island Project is excited to introduce 'Penguin Protectors Warrnambool', a fun and engaging educational experience.

You will learn about how this world first project uses Maremma guardian dogs to look after the little penguins on Middle Island in Warrnambool.

At the conclusion of the experience, you will have the opportunity to pose for a photo (socially distanced) with one of the Maremma dogs.

All funds from the experience go directly towards the care of the Middle Island Maremma dogs and the conservation of the little penguins.

Penguin Protectors Warrnambool will run during these summer school holidays.

To book, visit www.warrnamboolpenguins.com.au or visit the

Warrnambool Visitor Information Centre at Flagstaff Hill.



BEACHFEST

New Year's Eve Fireworks Friday December 31, 9.30pm and midnight, Foreshore precinct

Come down and watch the Warrnambool Fireworks launched from the Warrnambool Breakwater. For the best viewing visit the main beach with ample parking available along Pertobe Road.

Artist in Residence: Sinead

Murphy Wednesday January 5 – Saturday January 15, Lake Pertobe

Pop by and chat to our artist in residence, Sinead Murphy, whilse she creates some beautiful public art on a shipping container.

Drum Circle for All

Thursday January 6, 2pm - 4pm Lake Pertobe

Humans are the only species on earth who can spontaneously join together in rhythm

& there are few activities more infectious that beating out grooves with new friends. Facilitated by Tom Richardson, Music Director of the Find Your Voice All-Abilities Choir

The Nature Bus – Fairies and

Saturday January 8, 3pm - 4pm Jubilee Park / Wurrumbit Birrng Yaar,

Join us as we gather elements and a tiny world of Bush Fairies & Elves. You can take your Bush Fairy or Elf home with you!

January 8 and 15, 10.30am Lake Pertobe (near mini-golf)

Come along and enjoy Yoga in the great outdoors. Expect to walk away feeling rejuvenated and ready for your day.

The Nature Bus – Clay Creatures and Creations Wednesday January 12, 2pm - 4pm

Come and get creative with clay and make your very own nature inspired clay creature

Mr McClelland's BeachFest Dance Party

Thursday January 13, 5pm - 6.30pm **Lake Pertobe**

Join Mr McClelland for a fun dance party in Lake Pertobe in between our pop-up musical: movie sessions. Fun for the whole family.

Go Fly a Kite Saturday January 15, 2pm – 4pm Lake Pertobe

Join Jo and Ricky Baker, professional kite flyers and world kite flying champions and help them colour the sky with some amazing creations.

Give the Gift of Reading **Until December 20**

Warrnambool Library and the Fletcher Jones Family Foundation are reviving the Fletcher Jones tradition of Christmas book-giving at that began in Warrnambool many decades ago. New books suitable for a child from 0 - 18 years old can be delivered to the Warrnambool Library by December 20. Please leave gifts unwrapped. Used books cannot be accepted. The Fletcher Jones Family Foundation will donate a book for every book donated by the community and provide additional books.

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE

Christmas Spectacular Warrnambool Extreme Life Church Sunday December 19, 11am

Shrek the Musical

Holiday Actors January 8, 12, 13, 14 and 15, 7.30pm. January 9 and 15, 1.30pm

Sing-a-long-a Sound of Music Hosted by Hans Saturday January 22, 7.15pm

Cats

Holiday Actors and Warrnambool Theatre Company January 23, 24, 25, 28 and 29, 7.30pm. January 29 and 30, 1.30pm

John Williamson

Winding Back Tuesday February 8 and Wednesday February 9, 7.30pm

WHAT'S ON AT THE WAG

Black and Gold Until January 30

CARRION ORIGINS

Justin Shoulder **Until January 16**

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

Canopy Until May 29

Annette Iggulden **Until June 5**

Hole-in-One Competition Sunday December 26 - Wednesday January 26

Viaduct Road, next to the skate park

The Rotary Club of Warrnambool East Hole in One fundraiser is now a major Warrnambool summer attraction and provides hours of enjoyment for holidaymakers and locals alike. Score a hole in one for your chance to win a car!

Warrnambool Tri Club Aquathon Monday December 27, 5pm - 7pm Start in front of Pavilion Cafe

A perfect event to tackle as an individual, or to do as a team! Online per-registration

warrnambooltriclub.teamapp.com

Christmas Tree Recycling Monday December 27 - Sunday January 30

Warrnambool Community Garden, corner of Grieve and Derby streets.

Drop your old Christmas tree off for free to be mulched and used in the community garden. No other green waste will be accepted.

Paper Tiger Catamaran Australian Championships

Thursday December 30 - Sunday January 2, Lady Bay

See some of the best catamaran racers from across Australia compete for national titles.

Warrnambool Model Railway Exhibition

Saturday January 8, 10am - 5pm and Sunday January 9, 10am - 4pm St Joseph's Primary School

For more information contact Lindsay Bamford on 0448 605 211

Second Hand Book Sale

Saturday January 8, 10am - 4pm and Sunday January 9, 10am - 2pm 86 Kepler Street

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Warrnambool, peruse hundreds of second hand books in great condition, ranging from travel, educational, children's, adult fiction, history, sports and more.

The Bool Music and Wine Sunday January 16, 11am - 6pm Warrnambool Racecourse

Relax on the racecourse lawn for the day, entertained by five Australian bands and musicians with wines from the Grampians, Henty and Coonawarra districts. Tickets: \$70. To book visit www.trybooking.com/ events/landing/828995