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MARCH-APRIL 2021

# JOURNEY THROUGH THE NEW LEARNING AND LIBRARY HUB

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TURF GOES IN AT REID OVAL  
HOUSEHOLD GLASS COLLECTION ROLLOUT  
NEW DATE FOR TEDX WARRNAMBOOL



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## COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday, April 6

Monday, May 3

Lighthouse Theatre Studio

## COUNCIL PLAN UPDATE

Council is part-way through the consultation stage for its new four-year Council Plan.

The 2021-2025 Council Plan is a key strategic document which describes Council's strategic objectives and the actions that will be undertaken to achieve those objectives.

The Council Plan is a requirement of the Local Government Act (2020) and is guided by Warrnambool's long term community plan or "vision", Warrnambool 2040.

The process so far has involved an online survey, community listening posts and deliberative engagement workshops.

The feedback from these activities will be collated, reviewed and used to inform a draft Council Plan.

The draft plan will be considered at an open Council meeting where a decision will be made on releasing the draft for public comment.

The community will have a month to review the draft Council Plan. Further feedback received during this process will be used to refine a final version of the plan which will then be considered for adoption at an open Council meeting.

To find out more go to  
[www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/council-plan-2021-2025](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/council-plan-2021-2025)

## MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

This month we had a welcome return to Council meetings with a public gallery.

We'll continue to hold our monthly meetings at the Lighthouse Studio which has the capacity to safely and comfortably accommodate the number of people who would usually attend Council meetings before COVID-19 caused meetings to move online.

We'll continue to provide a livestream option which allows people to see issues debated and decisions made from the comfort of home.

One of the decisions Council made recently was to release for public comment a draft set of Governance Rules. These guide the way in which meetings are structured and conducted.

Among the proposed changes are:

- Bringing 'Public Question Time' up the order of business towards the start of the meeting.
- To accept petitions in an electronic form and bring 'Petitions and Joint Letters' up the order of business towards the start of the meeting.
- Include a requirement for all Council Meetings to be livestreamed where possible.
- Including 'General Business' as a standing item in the order of business of Council Meetings.
- Remove the limit on the number of requests a Councillor can make to extend speaking time.
- Include an option for a specialised meeting of the Council that is specifically for hearing submissions in accordance with section 223 of the Local Government Act 1989.

You can have your say on the Draft Governance Rules at our community engagement website  
[www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au](http://www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au)

At the Your Say website you'll find other plans and projects that Council is seeking community input on so I would encourage everyone who is interested in Warrnambool and its future to check in regularly.

Council continues to work at its new Council Plan, which is being guided by the community vision or long-term plan, Warrnambool 2040.

We have held listening posts, conducted an online survey and by the time this newsletter goes to print we will have held our deliberate engagement workshops with a group of residents that represents the geographic and demographic diversity of our community.

All the feedback and ideas we gather will inform a draft Council Plan that will go out to the community for comment.

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## WARRNAMBOOL LEARNING AND LIBRARY HUB

A video fly-through of the Warrnambool Learning and Library Hub was unveiled recently by Victorian Minister for Skills and Training Gayle Tierney, South West TAFE CEO Mark Fidge and Warrnambool Mayor Cr Vicki Jellie.

The Learning and Library Hub will be a state-of-the-art facility for the whole community, replacing the current Warrnambool Library and the TAFE library.

It will be more than four times larger than the current library and feature study and meeting rooms, exhibition and display areas, a digital media zone, computer areas and a cafe.

The Victorian Government has contributed \$16.3 million towards the project, Warrnambool City Council \$3.12 million and South West TAFE \$830,000.

Through the Victorian Government's Big Build Apprenticeships program South West TAFE construction students will gain real-life industry experience as they help build the \$20.25 million facility, working alongside professional builders, plumbers and electricians. Local apprentices and trainees from SW TAFE will comprise 10 per cent of the construction workforce.

The project is now out to tender with completion expected mid-2022.

**You can view the video on YouTube at [www.youtube.com/c/WarrnamboolCity/videos](https://www.youtube.com/c/WarrnamboolCity/videos)**

## FOURTH RUBBISH BIN ROLLED OUT

In April, Council will start the rollout of glass collection (purple-lidded) bins to all Warrnambool households.

This will complete the four-bin waste management system six years ahead of the Victorian Government deadline.

Separating glass means that a valuable resource can be reused and kept out of landfill. Sending waste to landfill is not a good outcome environmentally and it's also expensive.

The rollout of the glass collection service follows a successful trial in 2019 involving 3,000 Warrnambool households.

The rollout of the purple-lidded bins will begin on April 6, the Tuesday after the Easter break. The distribution of the 13,000 bins will be done over a month.

Once residents have their purple-lidded glass bin it can be used immediately - please take lids off first and recycle these.

The purple-lidded glass bins will be collected fortnightly and they go out with the yellow-lidded recyclables bin.

The other significant change will be the rollout of larger 140-litre rubbish (red-lidded) bins. This will start from May 16 and will also take about month.

The new larger bin can be used immediately and will go out fortnightly with the FOGO (food organics, garden organics) bin.

When you put your new rubbish bin out for collection, also put out your smaller 80-litre rubbish bin - it's OK if it has rubbish in it.

The small bin will be taken away and recycled leaving your 140-litre bin as each household's sole rubbish bin.

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.



## FREE PARKING EXTENDED

Free parking until 11am in the 2P spaces in the Ozone, Parkers and Cramond & Dickson car parks has been extended until June 30.

At its March meeting, Council voted to extend the free parking initiative in three off-street car parks.

A strategic parking plan is being developed, which is expected to be presented to Council within the coming months.

Shoppers and visitors to the city centre can also take advantage of existing free parking in several city centre locations including Banyan Street, Merri Street and the 179-bay car park at the Warrnambool Railway Station.

## DISABILITY PARKING PERMIT PROCESS STREAMLINED

From March 22, applying for or renewing a Disability Parking Permit will become a much simpler and more consistent process.

The process of applying for Disability Parking Permits is now managed by VicRoads rather than the Warrnambool City Council.

This change has been made to help keep things consistent across all Councils and to better align with the Australian Disability Parking Permit Scheme.

Applications and renewals can now be done online. You will then receive a reference number which you take to your GP or occupational therapist, who then completes their section online before submitting the application for approval.

### Other benefits include:

- Making sure the eligibility criteria for a permit is consistent across Victoria
- Allowing occupational therapists to complete assessments, in addition to GPs
- Increasing the permit length from three years to five years for individuals
- Providing temporary permits for 6, 12 or 24 months

If you don't have access to the internet or a mobile phone, paper forms are available, but the process will just take a bit longer.

**For more information on the changes and how to renew your permit, visit [www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/accessible-parking-permits](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/accessible-parking-permits)**

**Council staff are also able to help you with your renewal, or answer any questions you may have.**

**You can call us on 5559 4800 during business hours.**

## MERRIVALE DRIVE TO BE MADE SAFER FOR EVERYONE

Merrivale Drive will be made safer for residents including school children and cyclists with new road works now under way.

Under the \$373,000 project, funded through the Victorian Government's Safe Travel in Local Streets program, enhancements to Merrivale Drive will include a raised pedestrian crossing at Merrivale Primary School, pedestrian refuges, coloured cycling lanes and a number of traffic calming measures.

"In 2019 Council went to the Merrivale community to ask people what they thought could be done to enhance safety for all road and footpath users along Merrivale Drive," Warrnambool Mayor Cr Vicki Jellie said.

"A number of ideas were put forward and we're pleased to be in a position now to deliver the key elements from that collaborative process.

"It's a growing area with lots of people, including school-aged children, moving about on foot and on bikes.

"At the same time it is the key road for vehicle access in and out of Merrivale."

Several recommended pedestrian crossing points will be established with footpaths providing all abilities access and pedestrian refuges in the middle of the road which will also serve to have a calming effect on traffic.

The existing crossing at the school will be moved temporarily while the original crossing is raised to become a "wombat" crossing.

Other intersections will be modified to direct motorists in a way that will enhance their east and west view of Merrivale Drive.

Slip lanes will be removed creating safer road crossings for pedestrians and safer conditions for residents along Merrivale Drive.

With favourable weather the project is expected to be finished by the end of April.

Traffic will be managed around the works.

## TURF GOES IN AT REID OVAL

Installation of the turf that will soon form the hallowed ground of Warrnambool’s premier sporting facility took place this month.

Reid Oval has joined venues such as Adelaide Oval, Junction Oval and Ikon Park in using Santa Ana Couch grass.

The turf has been growing at a specialist facility in South Australia for more than a year ahead of its transport to Warrnambool.

The areas that will eventually become the goal squares at either end of the ground have reinforced turf that is especially hard-wearing.

The cricket wicket makes use of washed turf installed on a clay soil base. In front of the interchange benches, synthetic turf has been installed.

March also sees work begin on the foundations for the new light towers as well as brickwork on the new pavilion, with the slab for the second storey to follow.

The Reid Oval Redevelopment is supported by the Victorian Government. The project is currently on track to be completed by the end of the year.



## THIS GIRL CAN WEEK IS BACK!

Two major barriers identified in preventing women trying new activities or getting involved in sport are a fear of being judged, or not being fit enough to start.

This Girl Can Week is a dedicated time when physical activity providers, clubs, gyms, facilities and organisations can offer fun, beginner-friendly and come-and-try events for women in their area.

The week, running from March 22-28, is all about encouraging more women to give physical activity a go or return to exercise after a break.

This Girl Can – Victoria celebrates and supports Victorian women to embrace physical activity in a way that suits them.

Whether it’s a little or a lot, what matters is getting some movement into your day.

Visit [www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au)

or the **CONNECT Warrnambool Facebook page** for more information about local events and activities you can get involved in.



Image: Rob Gunstone

## ATHLETES FLOCK TO WARRNAMBOOL IN THEIR THOUSANDS

Warrnambool played host to a busy Labour Day long weekend of sport, with about 6000 people involved across four major events.

After being rained out mid-event in January, the Warrnambool Gift joined the Surf Life Saving Victoria Junior Championships, the Lawn Tennis Open and the Seaside Volleyball Tournament in a bumper sporting schedule.

Speaking ahead of the weekend, Warrnambool Mayor Cr Vicki Jellie said that it was great news for event participants as well as for local businesses and the wider community that the events were able to go ahead.

“Our Labour Day sporting events were just about the last large-scale events held in 2020 before COVID-19 disrupted our lives in so many ways, so I’m incredibly pleased to be able to welcome everyone back to Warrnambool in 2021,” she said.

“Our city has built a strong reputation over many years as a family-friendly destination and the perfect venue for sporting carnivals.

“As we come off the back of a very busy summer for Warrnambool, major events like these come at an important time as local businesses continue their COVID-19 recovery.

“While Council is proud to support a wide array of events each year, these would not be possible without the hard work of our local clubs, associations and volunteers, so I’d like to thank them for all that they do.”



## DRAFT WILD COAST LANDSCAPE MASTER PLAN

A draft master plan to help protect and enhance Warrnambool's Wild Coast has been released for public comment.

At its March meeting Council voted to release the Draft Wild Coast Landscape Master Plan, developed after consultation with the community last year.

The purpose of the master plan is to help identify, protect and enhance the environmental and cultural heritage values of Warrnambool's Wild Coast, a 230ha area that stretches about 3km from the western edge of the Warrnambool Golf Club to the western boundary of the Warrnambool municipality.

**To have your say on the draft plan go to  
[www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au](http://www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au)  
 The survey closes on March 30, 2020.**

## COMMUNITY ENERGY PROJECT A FIRST FOR THE SOUTH WEST

The South West's first community energy project has been officially switched on at Warrnambool Community Garden.

The 6.6kW photovoltaic installation on the roof of the garden's Hub building came about through a partnership between the South West Community Energy (SWCE), the Community Garden and Warrnambool City Council.

"Power from the solar system will be used to reduce electricity costs and carbon emissions from the Garden's activities - including their exciting new quarry redevelopment," SWCE representative Murray Dancey said.

Council contributed \$3,000 to the \$8,000 project through its Community Development Fund.

SWCE, is a not-for-profit community run group, that facilitates the uptake of new community-owned renewable energy systems, thereby reducing carbon emissions and putting the brakes on climate-change.



Warrnambool Community Garden is a common ground where people come together in a spirit of mutual support and friendship to grow, learn, produce and share.

## COLLECTING BREAD TAGS?

If you've been collecting bread tags to recycle, drop them off at the Civic Centre at 25 Liebig Street and they can all go in one trip.

A number of local schools, businesses and organisations, including Council, have been encouraging people to drop off their bread tags so that they can be recycled.

After a few years of collecting, we are now ready to send our bread tag haul off to be processed, and we want to amass as many as we can. Tags will be used to create new items such as bowls and pens by Robe-based company Transmutation.

To make it as easy as possible to recycle the bread tags, they need to be colour sorted.

If you can sort your own tags by colour, you have until April 30 to bring them to the Civic Centre to add them to our bulk load.

Please avoid using single-use plastic to sort your tags. If you're not able to sort your tags, please drop them off by April 1 so we have time to get them sorted.

## LET'S STRAIN OUR DRAINS

Council is working with marine debris reduction organisation Tangaroa Blue to trial an innovative solution to keep waste out of the ocean.

Heavy-duty, mesh baskets have been installed in 10 storm water drains (five in the CBD, five in the industrial estate) to capture rubbish, organic debris and sediment, allowing only water past.

Every eight weeks, the baskets, called "Drain Buddies" will be emptied and their contents analysed.

Tangaroa Blue operates under the principle of: "if all we do is clean-up, that's all we'll ever do".

With this in mind, the data collected from the audits along with an analysis report will be presented at an open community forum to assist in the development of local source reduction plans that aim to mitigate the types of litter documented.

A similar project in Mackay QLD saw 13 Drain Buddies prevent 6000 pieces of rubbish from entering the storm water system over a six month period.

# NEW DATE SET FOR TEDx WARRNAMBOOL

The eyes of the global TEDx community will be on the South West, with TEDxWarrnambool set to be held on May 28.

TEDxWarrnambool was originally scheduled for April 3, 2020, but restrictions introduced to slow the spread of COVID-19 in March meant it had to be postponed.

All six speakers from the original line-up have been retained, and both the venue for the event itself and the official live-stream site are able to accommodate 100 socially-distanced audience members each.

In order to keep events intimate, TEDx events of this scale are capped at 100 attendees at each site, so no audience places have been lost due to COVID-safe event requirements.

TED is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to “ideas worth spreading” in the form of short, powerful talks published for free online.

TEDx events are local, self-organised events that aim to spark conversations both within communities and globally.



Anyone no longer able to attend is entitled to a full refund, and all ticket holders have been contacted with information about this.

After the TEDxWarrnambool event is held, the videos will be published on the TEDx Talks Youtube Channel in the following months.

**For more information about the speakers, visit [www.tedxwarrnambool.com](http://www.tedxwarrnambool.com)**

**Warrnambool City Council is the principal partner of the event.**



## THIRD EDITION OF PLANTS OF THE GREAT SOUTH WEST

A third edition of Plants of the Great South West, the definitive guide to indigenous plants of our region, has been released.

The book is predominantly the work of Warrnambool author and member of the Warrnambool region group of the Australian Plants Society, Kevin Sparrow.

The new addition features 122 additional plants, updated species names, an updated map, commentary on plants which were traditional foods for Aboriginal people and a foreword by Kirrae Whurrong man Brett Clarke.

Among the most intriguing of the plants included in the new edition is the Elbow Orchid, the flower of which is bent at right angles and which attracts a particular species of wasp. Mr Sparrow praised the work of editor Jodie Honan who was heavily involved in the revised edition.

“There is hardly a page in this Jodie has not had some influence on,” he said.

Of the 1032 species described in the book, 165 are considered endangered.

The book, a handy companion for those walking through South West nature reserves or looking to add indigenous plants to household gardens, is available at local bookshops.

## WHAT IS WRAD?

WRAD (Warrnambool Region Alcohol and Drug Centre) has operated in the South West for over 30 years but not everyone knows about the services they offer.

WRAD provides a bulk-billed general medical service with five doctors for all members of the community along with skilled clinicians who deliver alcohol and drug rehabilitation services.

The list of programs includes

- Counselling for problems associated with alcohol and other drugs
- Supported Accommodation

- Diversion from courts
- Sliding doors non-residential AOD rehab program. - a highly respected evidenced based program
- Youth outreach worker
- Brief Intervention Program delivered within general medical practices in the region
- Dual Diagnosis – for people with co-occurring mental illness and substance use
- Overdose prevention education and support
- Family and friends support and counselling
- Mutual aid groups for people with addiction in SMART recovery and mutual aid groups for families and friends of someone with a substance use problem

**If you or a loved one are concerned about substance use please call Australian Community Support Organisation (ACSO) on 1300 022 760 to get a referral to WRAD or visit [www.wrad.org.au](http://www.wrad.org.au)**

**SAFETY  
REQUIREMENTS ARE  
NOW IN PLACE**

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



Fever



Runny nose



Sore throat



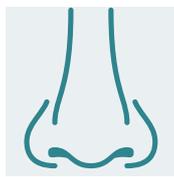
Cough



Chills



Shortness  
of breath



Loss of sense  
of smell or taste

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