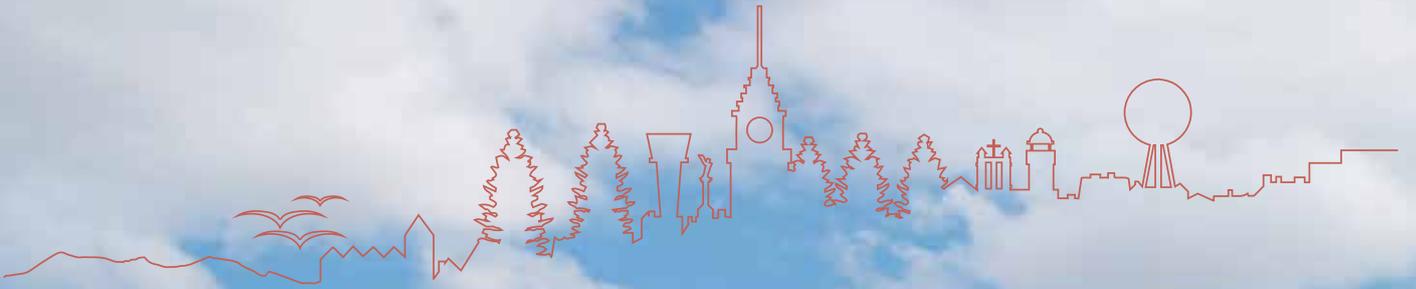


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March 7, April 4, May 2, 5.45pm
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MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

Hello everyone.

As you can see we've made a few changes to the Promenade newsletter to produce it more economically and broaden its reach.

We've moved to a quarterly format and distribution via Australia Post to ensure that all households receive a copy.

Results of the Community Satisfaction Survey, which is conducted across almost all Victorian councils, tell us people would prefer to receive a newsletter via their letterbox.

Moving on to other Council news, we will be engaging with the community as we prepare the 2022-2023 Budget and conduct the annual review of the Council Plan.

I would encourage everyone pose questions and have their say through the process. Please keep an eye on our community engagement website (www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au), on our social media pages and the news for details on how to become involved.

We're really excited to have two major capital works projects under way – Edwards Bridge and the Lake Pertobe



Adventure Playspace - details of which are in this newsletter. We appreciate people's patience during the construction phase.

We're confident that the outcomes of these projects will be worth the wait and will be of considerable benefit to residents and visitors.

Cr. Richard Ziegeler, Mayor

CHASING A GRANT? CONSULT THE FUNDING FINDER

A new tool is available for Warrnambool community groups and businesses that are seeking funding support.

Warrnambool City Council has joined forces with Australia's most powerful grant search engine, Grant Guru, to deliver a free one-stop-shop website - www.warrnambool.grantguru.com.au - for business and community grants.

The website, dubbed the Warrnambool Funding Finder, can be used to find and filter Commonwealth, Victorian and Local Government grants by location, industry and project type.

This site provides a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities and contains advice for finding and applying for grants to maximise chances of receiving much-needed funding.

Warrnambool Mayor Cr Richard Ziegeler said Council was pleased to provide the 'Warrnambool Funding Finder' to all local businesses, community groups, not-for-profits and individuals.

"It's a window into a world of funding opportunities which, for some groups and businesses, might be something they've not considered before," Cr Ziegeler said.

"For organisations that are more experienced at applying for funding this will provide shortcuts to relevant funding streams.

"There are numerous great funding opportunities out there, but the process of finding and applying for grants can be daunting and time-consuming and it can be difficult to know where to start.

"The Warrnambool Funding Finder takes the guess work out of searching for grants and help groups and businesses navigate the process."

Those interested are encouraged to register with Warrnambool Funding Finder to receive email alerts about relevant available grants.

This site provides a comprehensive list of grant and funding opportunities available to you. The free service means you will never miss a grant opportunity again.



A NEW ADVENTURE FOR LAKE PERTOBE

Work has begun on the replacement of the Lake Pertobe Adventure Playspace.

The Lake Pertobe project will create a challenging, exciting playspace with a greater variety of equipment for children to play on, planting that will provide more shade and shelter and additional all-abilities equipment.

The playspace at the south-east corner of Lake Pertobe will include a 9m climbing tower, water play area, swings, a cubby, sand play spaces and agility challenges.

The design emerged from community consultation undertaken over 2017 and 2018 that led to the development of the Lake Pertobe Master Plan.

“Lake Pertobe is a treasured space and created in the 1970s by a visionary Council and Council engineers,” Mayor Cr Richard Ziegeler said.

“In the decades since, continual improvements have been made and through the Building Better Regions fund Council has an opportunity to transform the playspace in a way that will help ensure Lake Pertobe remains a wonderful drawcard for residents and visitors over coming decades.”

While work is under way – expected to take six months - the playground area and adjacent barbecues will be fenced off.

The nearby public toilets and Changing Places facility will remain open.

Construction will be done by Landstruct which will use local contractors and materials where possible.

The \$2.9 million Lake Pertobe upgrade is being funded in equal parts by the Australian Government’s Building Better Regions Fund and Warrnambool City Council.

The playground is a component of the upgrade which has so far seen the construction of more all-abilities paths and will include a new toilet block at McGennan Car Park and a walking trail which will acknowledge the environment and culture of the space.

WORK STARTS ON NEW EDWARDS BRIDGE

Edwards Bridge in South Warrnambool is being completely replaced, having reached the end of its serviceable life.

“After undertaking work in recent years to keep the bridge operational in the immediate term, it’s fantastic that the much-needed work on a full replacement of the 19th century structure is about to begin,” Warrnambool City Council Chief Executive Officer Peter Schneider said.

“Closing one of two roads to the foreshore precinct for this length of time is never ideal, but the bridge has to be replaced and the bridge project has been scheduled to avoid the peak summer activity.

“We’ve been in regular contact with nearby residents and businesses as well as emergency services and transport

companies. They are all aware of the closure and have planned accordingly.”

The new bridge will be able to carry heavy vehicles and will have dedicated bike lanes and footpaths on both sides.

The budget for Edwards Bridge is \$4.6 million, with Council having successfully applied for \$2 million in grant funding

via the Australian Government’s Bridges Renewal Program.

The new bridge is expected to be open by the end of September 2022 (weather dependant).

Once complete, the new Edwards Bridge will be expected to be in service into the next century.



RAIL CROSSING RETURNS

The much-needed pedestrian link between Lake Pertobe and the Warrnambool city centre has been restored.

The passive maze crossing over the rail line near Gilles Street was completed in late January.

Council was proud to work closely with the Department of Transport, V/Line and Rail Projects Victoria to help ensure this project was completed.

The \$300,000 passive maze crossing was funded by the Victorian Government.

The Gilles Street crossing site was historically used by pedestrians

to access the waterfront prior to its temporary closure due to safety concerns.

Contractor Sterling Infrastructure was appointed to complete construction of the new crossing and the works have been completed on schedule.

The passive maze crossing will be an interim measure ahead of future Warrnambool Line Upgrade works.

As part of the second stage of this upgrade, the crossing will be activated to allow trains to safely use the train stabling facility being built in the location.

The upgrade will also allow the introduction of modern VLocity trains on the line, which will help boost safety and reliability, and provide more comfortable passenger journeys.



FIRST MATCH PLAYED ON NEW REID OVAL

Nestles and North Warrnambool Eels played out an entertaining draw in the first match on the newly redeveloped Reid Oval.

The clay wicket offered something for batters and bowlers, while the fast outfield kept fielders on their toes.

The grass species used on the oval is Santa Ana Couch – the same variety used at venues such as Adelaide Oval and Ikon Park.

Council staff have undergone extensive specialist training in readiness for the new Reid Oval. This high level of training will help them care for and maintain a facility of regional significance like Reid, as well as use their expertise at other sports grounds in the municipality.

At the time of writing in early February, the new state-of-the-art Reid Oval pavilion was almost finished, with the finishing touches being applied. Around the ground, earthworks were under way in preparation of topsoil and grass seed. The area between the new refreshments booth at the southern end of the existing grandstand, through to the new pavilion, will have turf so it is ready for foot traffic sooner.

And in more positive Reid Oval news, new lights will be installed at the netball courts.

Similar to the perimeter path around the main oval, upgraded lighting for both netball courts was an option to be explored should the project budget allow. Because there have been no unexpected budget overruns, the lighting upgrade is now able to occur.

The upgrade of the lighting to both netball courts provides additional female

participation opportunities at Reid Oval as a regional sporting facility.

The new lights will be rated at 200 lux and will allow for competitive night matches.

Council expects the upgrade to be completed either just prior to, or in the first half, of the netball season.

Lachie O'Neill (left) and Jackson Grundy ahead of the first match on the new Reid Oval



COLLEEN HUGHSON NAMED CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Eco-defender Colleen Hughson is the 2022 Warrnambool Citizen of the Year.

The long-time Warrnambool resident started a movement by not just picking up rubbish on local beaches, but working tirelessly to try and stop it at the source.

Other award winners are TEDxWarrnambool, which is the Warrnambool Event of the Year while Garry Price has won a Local Achiever Award.

Colleen leads Beach Patrol 3280-3284, and along with a team of fellow volunteers, she was instrumental in the banning of plastic stemmed cotton buds in Victoria and New South Wales.

Long-time visitors to the beaches west of Thunder Point can also attest to the tangible difference Beach Patrol has made in recent years.

Colleen was also recognised at the 2019 Warrnambool Australia Day Awards as a Local Achiever.

Ms Hughson said that while she had won the award, she was accepting it on behalf of everyone who helped make their local beaches and coastline better places.

"It's an absolute honour to be recognised for something that I really enjoy doing and something that I'm really passionate about," she said.

"It's a wonderful opportunity to raise awareness about the issue of marine litter along our coastline and I also see it as an opportunity to thank all the volunteers that are part of Beach Patrol. Thank you to my husband and kid too."

Ms Hughson said that the first time she visited a beach with the sole purpose of picking up rubbish was in August 2017 when she saw cotton buds on Shelly Beach, and things had grown from there.

"I was walking along and seeing all these sticks and I thought 'this is terrible, someone should do something about this' and as I was walking home I thought 'hang on, I could go back with a bag and pick them up'," she said.

"It was a bit of a wake up and I haven't looked back since then."

Colleen and her fellow Beach Patrollers catalogue all of the rubbish they find using the free Litter Stopper app.

"The great thing about that data is that it's fed directly to the State Government so that they can see and quantify the litter problems we have in Victoria and can start looking at the issues to address," she said.

"There are a lot of people that clean up rubbish all the time, and that goes undocumented.

"Litter Stopper is a very user-friendly app to use. It's not just for beaches. If you're cleaning up on your street or in your school, you can log it there as well."

She said that one of the group's proudest achievements was



successfully lobbying the Victorian Government to ban plastic stemmed cotton buds.

"The reason we ended up helping to get cotton buds banned in Victoria, and New South Wales too, is because we had that data," Ms Hughson said.

"We've done over 500 clean ups on Shelly Beach and collected 27,000 cotton buds.

"The cotton buds continue to wash up, but we know that now the ban is in, in the future, no more plastic stemmed cotton buds will be getting into the ocean."

And while COVID-19 put a stop to Beach Patrol's monthly group beach cleans, everyone continued their good work

independently on beaches from Nullawarre to Discovery Bay, with a combined 400 clean-ups and 2.5 tonnes of rubbish logged in Litter Stopper in 2021 alone.

"Coming to the ocean, getting that fresh air and doing something that has a purpose was a great remedy after a pretty difficult time for many people," Ms Hughson said.

Colleen was officially recognised alongside other Warrnambool Australia Day Award recipients at an official ceremony at the Lighthouse Theatre on January 26.

The event also saw new Australian citizens welcomed, as well as live music from the Warrnambool City Band and Pyper Templeton & Dylan Patterson.



ANNUAL FREE CHEMICAL DROP-OFF

Take advantage of this once a year opportunity to rid your home of unwanted household chemicals for free.

The next Detox Your Home event in Warrnambool will take place on Saturday March 5, 2022 from 8am-12pm at the South-West Victorian Livestock Exchange, 81-91 Caramut Road.

Funded through the Sustainability Fund and organised by Sustainability Victoria in partnership with Warrnambool City

Council, the Detox Your Home program helps residents dispose of their old and unwanted chemicals in an environmentally responsible way.

Residents are encouraged to register online before they arrive.

To register and for a full list of accepted items, visit www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/detox-your-home

Paint, batteries, fluorescent tubes and CFLs are no longer accepted at the mobile event as they are accepted year round at the permanent facility at Cleanaway (Statewide Recycling), 355 Koroit St.

BIGGEST SEASON EVER AT THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE

The highly anticipated 2022 Lighthouse Theatre Season is finally here!

Enjoying the magic of theatre is unique to each of us. We all attend for different reasons, and each walk away with a different experience and memory of every performance.

Lighthouse Theatre Service Manager Xavier Dannock said in 2022, it's all about coming together and celebrating all the good things, and celebrating the fact that life is better when it's live and in person. "2022 marks our tenth

anniversary as Lighthouse Theatre, and with that I am excited to announce the launch of our largest and best season yet with 20 main stage productions, five morning music productions, and six education and family productions," Mr Dannock said.

"There is a great mix of performance genres, from classical and contemporary music, drama, opera, dance, cabaret, and circus.

"With such a broad range of shows, there truly is a show for everyone, and I expect to see many new faces enjoying live theatre performances at the Lighthouse Theatre."

The 2022 Theatre Season also brings a new focus on

works that hopes to bring our diverse community together; including Indigenous focused performances like Saltbush, and LGBTI focused performances in Become The One, as well as works that tackle mainstream issues such as family and domestic violence in the studio performance of King of Pigs.

This year's season will also see increased accessibility for patrons, with three performances being accompanied with live Auslan interpretation.

"To coincide with our 2022 theme of Celebrating Together, it was only fitting that we increase our accessibility to our shows," Mr Dannock said.

"Become The One, Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow, and our family and education show of 13-Storey Treehouse will all be accompanied with live Auslan interpretation."

As well as having shows that challenge the social norms of what a performance is, Lighthouse Theatre will also welcome back some big name performances, such as Opera Australia returning with one of the opera classics, Rossini's

The Barber of Seville; Bell Shakespeare will also be back in 2022 with one of their best known works The Comedy of Errors.

Shake & Stir Theatre Co will also be returning with a performance that will set your mind alight with Jane Eyre, filled with significant pyrotechnic effects.

As well as many other well-known musical stars such as Denis Walter, John Bell & Simon Tedechi, Lior and Roman Rudnytsky who will take to the Steinway.

"Anyone can sign up to our membership program, with two different tiers to ensure it is affordable for all, or if you select four or more theatre season shows upfront, membership is free," Mr Dannock said.

"Our membership program comes with a number of great deals, such as discounted tickets, suppers, meet and greets, deferred payment, 5% off bar purchases, and pre-sale bookings to get the best seats in the house."

For full details visit www.lighthousetheatre.com.au



Lighthouse Theatre Service Manager Xavier Dannock

LIBRARY SCORES GRANT FROM CRICKET FUNDRAISER

The Warrnambool Library will use a grant from fundraising program National Backyard Cricket to help deliver its English as Another Language (EAL) program.

Warrnambool Library was one of 54 libraries across Australia to receive a grant last year through National Backyard Cricket, a fundraising initiative established by national charity, The LBW Trust.

"The National Backyard Cricket day was an opportunity for families and communities across Australia to come together and have fun playing our iconic game after an extremely challenging 12 months, while supporting an important cause at the same time," The LBW Trust chair David Vaux said.

"We are so thrilled we can support local libraries as we know they have a powerful impact on learning and life outcomes."

National Backyard Cricket raises funds for education projects in libraries across Australia and overseas tertiary education.

The funds were the result of the inaugural National Backyard Cricket program held last summer with retailer Harvey Norman providing matching funds.

There were 125 games of backyard cricket played during the National Backyard Cricket campaign, with over 320 donors helping to raise more than \$125,000. The events were supported by cricketing royalty including; Justin Langer, Alex Blackwell, Ryan Carters, Russel Arnold, Alyssa Healy, Ed Cowan and Michael Holding.

Warrnambool Mayor Cr Richard Ziegeler said with the aid of the grant the Library had sponsored the latest edition of a migrant settlement guide, produced by local volunteer Wei-Lin Mai, for new Warrnambool residents which would be used to support the EAL program.

The library is also offering dual language storytime readings and hosting English conversation circles.

"The \$1500 grant from the LBW Trust is being put to good use by our Library which, as our city grows, is catering to a more culturally and linguistically diverse community," Cr Ziegeler said.

The library grant-making process was managed by Friends of Libraries Australia, a national non-profit that represents the 12 million Australians who are members of their local public libraries.

Anyone interested in volunteering with the English conversation circle at the Warrnambool Library can contact the library on 5559 4990 or library@warrnambool.vic.gov.au



WORK TO START ON BOAT RAMP

Council has awarded the contract for construction of a new Port of Warrnambool boat ramp to Bridgewater Marine.

Bridgewater Marine was the sole submitter to the tender process. Bridgewater Marine's offer to upgrade the boat ramp at a cost of \$1.892 million was accepted at the February 7 meeting of Council.

The work will involve replacing the two-lane concrete boat ramp surface, which is in poor condition.

The new ramp surface will feature grooved concrete slabs designed to provide a safer facility for residents and visitors wishing to launch and retrieve boats.

Ageing wooden jetties on the south and north sides of the ramp will also be replaced with more functional modern jetties that will enable boat tie-up points and better protection within the harbour.

Improvements will also be made to the rock revetments at the boat ramp.



The works are part of Council's Safer Launching and Breakwater Stabilisation project that included detailed design studies to upgrade the boat ramp and local port infrastructure, including the breakwater.

These critical boat ramp works are the first in a staged process of upgrading facilities at Warrnambool, including how best to deal with wave surge at the ramp.

Work on the ramp will start in coming weeks and be completed by the end of August this year.

The upgrades have been funded by a \$3.5 million allocation from the Victorian Government through Better Boating Victoria.

COVID-19 VACCINATIONS FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-11

COVID-19 vaccines are available to everyone aged 5 years and over in Australia.

Children aged 5 to 11 can receive the Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine. They will receive a smaller dose of vaccine created

specifically for their age group.

By vaccinating your children, you can:

- Reduce the spread of COVID-19
- Protect them from getting sick from COVID-19
- Keep schools open, so children can have more face-to-face learning and playtime with their friends.

The recommended schedule for vaccination in this age group is

2 doses, 8 weeks apart.

Vaccines can be administered at your GP clinic or the Warrnambool Vaccination Centre in Bayside Plaza (former Sam's Warehouse).

For more information and to book a vaccination, contact your GP or visit southwesthealthcare.com.au/home/covid-19-information/



COVID-19 RESOURCES IN YOUR LANGUAGE

The Victorian Government has COVID-19 information and resources available in 56 languages.

Anyone who needs an interpreter can call the COVID-19 hotline 1800 675 398 and press zero (0).

Visit www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/translations to view COVID-19 resources in the following languages.

Amharic - አማርኛ	Hakka - 客家话	Portuguese - Português
Arabic - العربية	Hazaragi - هزاره کی	Punjabi - ਪੰਜਾਬੀ
Assyrian - ܐܪܡܝܝܬܐ	Hindi - हिन्दी	Rohingya - Rohingya
Bengali - বাংলা	Indonesian - Bahasa Indonesia	Russian - русский язык
Bosnian - Bosanski	Italian - Italiano	Samoan - Gagana Samoa
Burmese - မြန်မာ	Japanese - 日本語	Serbian - Српски
Chin - Hakha Chin	Karen - ကညီကျိ	Sinhalese - සිංහල
Chinese - Simplified and Traditional - 简体中文 - 繁體中文	Khmer - ខ្មែរ	Somali - Soomaali
Cook Islands Maori (Rarotongan) - Kuki Airani Maori	Korean - 한국어	Spanish - Español
Croatian - Hrvatski	Macedonian - Македонски	Swahili - Kiswahili
Dari - دری	Malay - Bahasa Melayu	Tamil - தமிழ்
Dinka - Thuɔŋjäŋ	Malayalam - മലയാളം	Thai - ภาษาไทย
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Fijian - Vosa Vakaviti	Niuean - Gagahau Niue	Turkish - Türkçe
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Greek - Ελληνικά	Pashto - پښتو	Zomi - Zomi
Gujarati - ગુજરાતી	Polish - Polski	

Alex Lahey



Maddie Jackway



Snakes Don't Need Keys



The Smith Street Band



BIG NAMES HAND-PICK LOCAL ACTS FOR WARRNAMBOOL GIG

When she performed a cover of Alex Lahey's "I Haven't Been Taking Care of Myself" with friend and future band-mate Jemima McCoy as part of a school music assessment, sharing the stage with the modern pop-punk icon seemed like an improbable dream for Laura Hickey.

And despite her band Snakes Don't Need Keys as well as local singer/songwriter Maddie Jackway being hand-picked by Lahey and fellow headliners The Smith Street Band to open for them in Warrnambool on March 4, she said she'd still be pinching herself on the big night to make sure it was real.

"It's very exciting to be playing with such a

cool line up – people that we've seen play live before and really look up to," she said.

"They picked us and wanted us to play with them – it's so cool to think that they've listened to us and like us."

As part of the Push All-Ages event at the Warrnambool Showgrounds, a competition was held to select two South West support acts, with the headliners listening to all entries and choosing their two favourites.

Maddie Jackway echoed Laura's excitement at being chosen to share the stage with such huge acts.

"It's really hard to believe and I don't think it's sunk in yet," she said.

"I'm excited to share my music with a large group of people and it's a great opportunity."

Laura said that fellow Snakes Don't Need Keys members Jemima McCoy, Millie Quarrell and Jordy Hickey were all very eager to hit the stage in front of an audience.

"It's really addictive when you're up there and everyone is jamming out, having a dance, it's really fun and we've missed it a lot so it's good to get back into it."

The Push All-Ages Tour is delivered as a part of On The Road Again - a Victorian Government initiative to bring live music back across the state, and in partnership with triple j Unearthed, Vanessa, JMC Academy, MoshTix and the Warrnambool City Youth Council.

Tickets are \$20 (plus booking fee) and are available at www.thepush.com.au/events/



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