



## Community Update Summer 2022

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**Pictured:** Local residents Cheryle, Ruben and Audrey Vanland who made the winning contribution to the Go Goldfields naming competition for the **'Goldfields Community Festival – Connect and Celebrate'**. They are holding Silver Wattle, Manna Gum and Wheat – which each hold local meaning and feature in the festival logo. The festival will be held on Saturday 19 March, 2022 – see page 6 for full details. **Photo credit:** *The Maryborough District Advertiser.*

## Welcome to this Summer edition of our Community Update.

**MAYOR RE-ELECTED:**  
 Congratulations to Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor who in November last year was officially elected as Mayor for the next 12 months.

This is the first edition of Community Update for 2022. Despite some worrying trends with Omicron, everyone is looking forward to a brighter year. Let's make a difference by continuing two things we do so well – being kind and volunteering for our community.

Many volunteer groups do kind things. I find the generosity of the Carisbrook Lions organising a community Christmas lunch each year so inspiring. So many enjoyed that opportunity to celebrate together on Christmas Day. Carisbrook Lions achieved an important landmark – their 40th anniversary – which we cover here.

Kindness can be an individual gesture. A community online Facebook post invited someone to join a family Christmas table – a spare seat was waiting.

In this edition you will read about Michael Bongiorno who was only with us for a short time as a medical student placement, but spent some of that time showing kindness by volunteering to deliver Meals on Wheels.

It is always exciting for those of us on Council to support our hard working volunteers and in this edition we continue to share with you some of the many of the improvements we are making to community halls and facilities primarily through the Commonwealth Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. Some projects in Bealiba, Daisy Hill, Dunolly, Maryborough and Talbot are showcased here.

A number of community organisations shared in funding from Council's Community Grants and the Victorian Government's Community Recovery Grants and we share those details.

It is important we recognise the importance of hard-working volunteers and it was so good to note the well deserved recognition of volunteers on the Moliagul Reserves Committee of Management.

Council had its own special celebration of 20 years Councillor service by Cr Geoff Lovett.

In this edition you will read about so many other exciting transformative projects in our Shire including the redevelopment of the Gallery; Carisbrook Recreation Reserve upgrade and World Heritage Listing of for Central Victorian Goldfields.

We live in a wonderful community with an exciting future. By being kind and through volunteering, we will make that future even brighter.

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 Mayor

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### CELEBRATING 20-YEARS OF SERVICE

Cr Geoff Lovett has been recognised for 20-years of service as a Councillor and will receive the Municipal Association of Victoria 20 Year Service Award. Cr Lovett was first elected to Council in 1997. Over the past 20 years, Cr Lovett has demonstrated a clear vision for a great future for the Shire and a willingness to tackle the real issues and opportunities. Council congratulates Cr Lovett and extends its thanks, gratitude and appreciation for his service to Council and the Central Goldfields community.

# SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

## FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Nineteen local community groups and organisations have shared in more than \$60,000 worth of funding with the allocation of Council's Community Support Grants and the Victorian Government's Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) Community Recovery Grants program – endorsed by Council in December.

### The recipients of 2021 Council's Community Support Grants are:

- Talbot Farmers Market – market revival and beyond, laptop and signage: \$2,412
- Rotary Club of Maryborough – brand refresh for #SayNO2familyviolence: \$2,675
- Maryborough Toy Library – finishing touches to relocation, shelving, iPad, kitchen appliances: \$2,684
- Castlemaine-Maryborough Rail Trail – Better on a Bike – maintenance, repairs and safe riding: \$2,000
- Mill House – End of Year Celebration Lunch and Friday feasting: \$3,011
- Talbot Town Hall Committee – Town Hall Market improvement, laptop, mobile phone and stall markers: \$2,164
- Maryborough VRI Croquet Club – hot water service and water tank: \$3,194
- Carisbrook Football Netball Club – new 1200 litre upright lockable freezer project: \$2,000
- Talbot Senior Citizens – indoor bowls mat, bowls and bowling arm: \$3,615
- Maryborough Netball Association – entertainment and gathering area picnic table: \$2,615
- Dunolly Community House and Mill House – community luncheons: \$3,175
- Dunolly Vehicle Club – club communication equipment, laptop, printer and dongle: \$1,000
- Carisbrook Historical Society – portable book scanner: \$824
- Maryborough Family History – purchase domain name and build website: \$695

### The recipients of the Victorian Government's CASI Community Recovery Grants Program are:

- Committee for Maryborough – Maryborough Community Festival: \$6,000
- Maryborough Netball Association – recruiting new umpires: \$2,960
- Maryborough Volunteer Resource Centre – promotion and marketing materials, laptops, website, uniforms, name badges and signage: \$8,004 (pictured right)
- Mill House – new commercial stove for kitchen: \$9,839
- Talbot Arts and Historical Museum – celebrating our past and our futures – re-opening the Dunach School Building: \$3,542



## GOOD LUCK!

Wishing our youngest residents starting kindergarten, primary school and high school all the best for the year ahead.

At the end of 2021, Go Goldfields joined Maryborough District Health Service in wishing the 2022 Prep students from across the Shire all the best for their start at school this year. They were each gifted a water bottle in a gift bag with some other helpful tools and information.

The Go Goldfields Every Child, Every Chance (ECEC) initiative prioritises a 'Great Start to School' for children and their families. Starting school can be can be daunting. We encourage children and families to seek out the many supports available via their school community and the wider community.

Together, we can continue to create a positive future for the kids of our Shire!

For more information visit [www.gogoldfields.org/everychildeverychance](http://www.gogoldfields.org/everychildeverychance)

*Pictured: Bridget and Patrick, who attended four-year old kindergarten at Californian Gully Kindergarten in 2021, will commence at St Augustines Primary School this year.*

# ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH BEHIND THE SCENES

Whilst the Energy Breakthrough didn't go ahead in 2021 due to the pandemic, work continues for its 30 plus years anniversary event in November this year.

The Energy Breakthrough team is focused on infrastructure upgrades and community opportunities to ensure the event is bigger and better than ever in 2022.

Ongoing site upgrades and improvements to the Princes Park precinct are underway with the EB team working closely with Heritage Victoria.

Improvements to the park area will not only contribute to a better Energy Breakthrough event, but also create a safer and more accessible space, encouraging community and visitors to utilize year-round. Works are currently underway to install site-wide event Wi-Fi ready for this year's event. This is in addition to an increase in drinking water access, additional permanent lighting and electricity points, the installation of CCTV and a state-of-the-art PA system – all funded by the Victorian Government's Building Works Package.

The improvements will help attract further economic investments to the region and will be completed in time to welcome 20,000 visitors back to Maryborough in November, 2022.

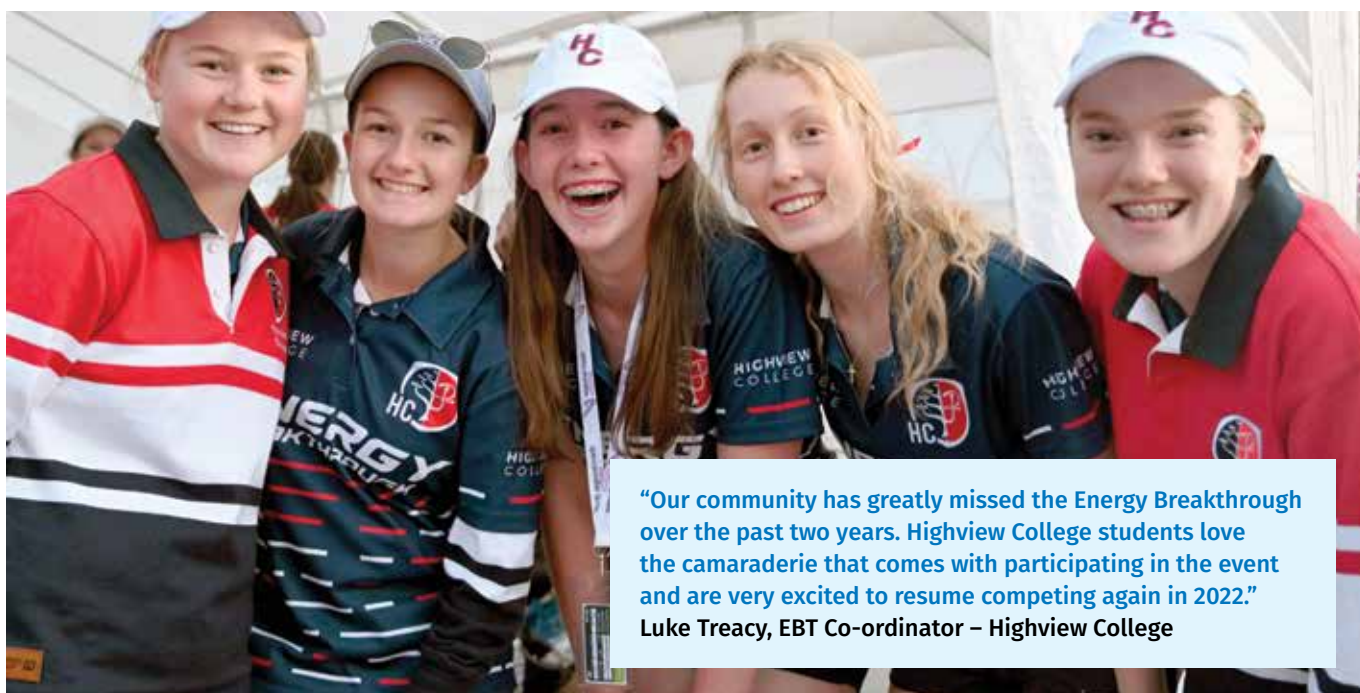
The EB team is also looking forward to working alongside the 50 plus local businesses and community groups that contribute their time and services to the 5-day event. The 2022 event will present further opportunities to businesses and community groups in the region to be part of the event's success, along with taking part in the event's anniversary celebration.



For more information and updates on the Energy Breakthrough visit [www.eb.org.au](http://www.eb.org.au) or follow @ebmaryborough on Facebook.



**Pictured:** Central Highland Water's Acting Manager of Customer Services Kylie Paterson, Council's Manager Tourism, Events and Culture Emma Little and Central Goldfields Shire Councillor and Energy Breakthrough Committee Chairperson Liesbeth Long at the launch of the new Choose Tap drinking fountain at Princes Park in 2021.



**"Our community has greatly missed the Energy Breakthrough over the past two years. Highview College students love the camaraderie that comes with participating in the event and are very excited to resume competing again in 2022."**  
Luke Treacy, EBT Co-ordinator – Highview College

# WHAT'S ON



## FEBRUARY

- **Paranormal Adventures Ghost Tour & Dinner at the Railway Station & Tracks Bar** – Friday 18 & Saturday 19 February
- **Messy Play Day, Station Domain** – Saturday 19 February

## MARCH

- **Tours of local Bluestone Heritage of Carisbrook** – Saturday 12 and Sunday 13 March, 10am to 3.30pm
- **Goldfields Community Festival, Phillips Gardens** – Saturday 19 March – see page 6 for full details
- **The Blue Pyrenees Magic Ride hosted by the Maryborough Rotary Club** – Sunday 27 March

For a full calendar of events, including additional information, visit [www.visitmaryborough.com.au](http://www.visitmaryborough.com.au)

\* Please note at the time of this publication going to print all events were proceeding. The information, whilst accurate at the time, does have potential to change. Please keep an eye out in our local papers, the Visit Maryborough website and individual Facebook pages for updates.

## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2021

At the time of this publication going to print our 2022 Australia Day award recipients were yet to be announced. We'll profile our 2022 winners in the Autumn edition.

## PROMOTING YOUR EVENT

Community members wishing to promote their event are encouraged to contact our Central Goldfields Visitor Information team to have their event listed in their social media promotions. Call 1800 356 511 or email [visitorinfo@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:visitorinfo@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

## PLANNING AN EVENT?

If you are planning an event in the Central Goldfields Shire and require event permits or guidance, please contact Council's Events Volunteer Development Officer Alisha Chadwick on 5461 0637 or email [alishac@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:alishac@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au) or visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/planninganevent](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/planninganevent)



## BOUNCING BACK!

Our four Bounce Back events held in December were a huge success. More than 70 people participated in the four-week event series which featured Yoga, Fitness, Tai Chi and Music.

The events were held to celebrate the return to community activities and were funded by the Victorian Government's CASI initiative.



## TAKING A STAND AGAINST GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

We were proud to be part of a collective of community groups, organisations and service providers who joined together to take a stand against gender-based violence as part of 16 Days of Activism in the Central Goldfields.

Around 17 events were held around the Shire during November and December to raise awareness and strengthen local interventions against gender-based violence.

Thank you to everyone who participated and congratulations to all community agencies involved in organising events.



## CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS

**A new and improved Christmas display helped spread cheer across our Shire during December.**

Additional investment saw some new decorations installed across Maryborough, Dunolly, Carisbrook, Talbot, Majorca and Bealiba.



# Goldfields

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL



*Connect and Celebrate*

**SATURDAY 19 MARCH 2022, 10AM – 3PM**  
**PHILLIPS GARDENS, MARYBOROUGH**

A Free and Fun new Festival for the Central Goldfields Shire with Music, Art, Games, Rides, Information and Activities for Community Connection and Celebration!



Committee for  
**Maryborough**  
Connected > Active > Progressive



[WWW.GOGOLDFIELDS.ORG/GOLDFIELDSCOMMUNITYFESTIVAL](http://WWW.GOGOLDFIELDS.ORG/GOLDFIELDSCOMMUNITYFESTIVAL)

# INVOLVING OUR COMMUNITY IN DECISION-MAKING



## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who has continued to provide feedback and input into a range of key Council documents.

The following items were adopted by Council over the past few months:

- Inclusive: Central Goldfields Shire Disability Plan 2022-2027
- Princes Park Grandstand and Conservation Management Plan
- Domestic Animal Management Plan 2021-2025
- Waterway Management Plan for Carisbrook
- Industrial Land Supply and Demand Assessment and Strategy

The following documents are in development following community feedback:

- 'Get on ya Scooter' Strategy and Action Plan
- Phillips Gardens Landscape Plan
- Road Management Plan
- Maryborough Recreation Reserve Master Plans

For more information about these documents, and for future engagement opportunities, visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

*Pictured: Community vibe consultant Wendy Holland, community member Sal, Maryborough Ward Councillor Gerard Murphy and Council's Manager Community Services Veronica Hutcheson launching the development of the 'Get on ya Scooter' Strategy and Action Plan.*

## CLIMATE ACTION WORK CONTINUES

In November, local climate action leaders and organisations came together to discuss climate action in the Central Goldfields. Council's climate action work has been progressing well and is now at the stage where draft priority areas have emerged through the work of the project consultants – climate science experts NDEVR Environmental – and the Climate Action Collaboration.

For more information visit:

[www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/climateactioncollaboration](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/climateactioncollaboration)

*Pictured: Councillor and Climate Action Collaboration member Liesbeth Long with fellow Climate Action Collaboration members Adrian Masterman-Smith and Tony Macer and Council's Sustainability Officer Julia Walsh. Photo credit: The Maryborough District Advertiser.*



## WORLD HERITAGE LISTING

We're proud to be part of an unprecedented partnership of 13 Central Victorian councils and regional tourism body Victorian Goldfields Tourism Executive seeking World Heritage listing for the Central Victorian Goldfields.

In December, Central Goldfields Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor joined regional Mayors in Clunes – along with Co-Patron The Hon Denis Napthine AO to advocate to the Victorian Government for funding to progress the bid.

The event was a great opportunity to celebrate the Bid and welcome its countless benefits to our Shire and region.

For more information, visit [www.goldfieldsworldheritage.com.au](http://www.goldfieldsworldheritage.com.au) or follow the Goldfields Heritage Bid Facebook page for updates.





## NEW FOOTPATHS

Thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program five new footpaths are now complete in Maryborough:

- Napier Street from Derby Road to Clark Street – 50 metres (pictured)
- Hollyrood Street from Gladstone Street to Park Road – 450 metres
- Cross Street from Burke Street to Napier Street – 105 metres
- Goldsmith Street from Kars Street to Inkerman Street – 230 metres
- Park Road from the Golf Course to Gardiner Court – 340 metres

The footpath along Derby Road, from Rinaldi Drive to Lean Street, will also be renewed in January, 2022 – as part of Council's Footpath Renewal program.

## ROAD UPGRADES

The following projects are now complete/or nearing completion:

- Goldsmith Street, Maryborough – funded by Council
- Gillies Street – jointly funded by Council and Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program
- Pascoe Avenue – funded by Council

**A \$500,000 upgrade to Nightingale Street, Maryborough will commence in 2022 and is funded by the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery Program.**



## DERBY ROAD UPGRADE

Stage Two of the Derby Road beautification project is now complete. Works included a new water saving irrigation system and the planting of 24 new Japanese Elm trees along the median strip. Gravel was also laid at the nature strip closest to the Goldfields Reservoir. The project was delivered by Council's Parks and Gardens team and funded as part of Council's 2021/22 Budget.

*Pictured: Council's Team Leader Town Pride Wayne Pritchard, Team Leader Parks and Gardens Russell Le Tisser, Councillor Geoff Lovett and Coordinator Parks and Open Spaces Brenton Hull.*

## AROUND THE SHIRE

### UPGRADES TO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE

Thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program the following projects have been delivered or are underway:

#### Timor/Bowenvale

- Upgrade to Timor Hall toilets complete

#### Adelaide Lead

- Upgrade of existing switchboard and rewiring of Community Hall

#### Bung Bong

- Upgrade to access road to cemetery complete

#### Bet Bet

- Construction of a shelter with concrete floor at Betley Hall
- Township signage



## MOLIAGUL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

In November, DELWP Loddon Mallee presented five community volunteers with a Certificate of Recognition for serving a combined 171 years on the Moliagul Reserves Committee of Management.

The committee of 11 manages the public hall and three reserves, including the oval and cricket ground. The hall is well used for meetings, weddings, memorial services, celebrations, get-togethers and fundraising events. Congratulations!



# CARISBROOK NEWS

## CARISBROOK LEEVE

Council has received \$1.2 million for Stage Four of the Levee project, after a joint agreement between the Federal and Stage Government has been finalised.

Council will also contribute \$600,000 to the project, with the tender to be advertised by Council in February.

Stage Four is the final stage of the project and includes the construction of the Levee south of the Pyrenees Highway.

## TOWN HALL

Roof maintenance works at the Carisbrook Town Hall are now complete. The project was made possible thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding program.

**Congratulations** to the Carisbrook Lions on their 40-year anniversary. What a proud achievement of community service over such a long period. Well done!

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATION

The next Carisbrook Community Conversation will be held in February. For more information and to register visit: [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/communityconversations](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/communityconversations)

## RECREATION RESERVE

The Recreation Reserve upgrade project continues to make progress. Stage One and Two of the project are now complete with work underway on stage three, which includes: female friendly player change rooms and amenities; female friendly umpire change rooms and amenities; first aid room; multi-purpose room for events and meetings; office; and accessible toilet.

The project is jointly funded by the Victorian Government and Council. For more information visit: [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/carisbrookrecreationreserve](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/carisbrookrecreationreserve)



*Pictured: Local children with Council's Recreation Coordinator Jen Dyer, Council's Manager Infrastructure Amber Robinson and Carisbrook Recreation Reserve Netball Manager Carlene Dowie at the upgraded netball courts, delivered as part of stage one of the project.*

# DAISY HILL NEWS

## DAISY HILL UPGRADE

Thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program a package of upgrade works were completed in November, 2021:

- Installation of CFA firefighting 37,500L water tank
- Roof insulation at Daisy Hill Community Centre
- New playground fencing and gate
- CCTV at the Daisy Hill Community Centre
- Storage shed at the Daisy Hill Community Centre
- Shade sail at playground
- Garden supplies for landscaping
- Concrete path and concrete garden surrounds

Thank you to the Daisy Hill Community Centre Committee for their support and assistance with the works.



*Pictured L to R: Daisy Hill Community Centre President Laurie Nichols, Secretary Bill Robinson and Maryborough Fire Brigade Captain Darryl Wagstaff.*

# BEALIBA NEWS

## UPGRADE WORKS

New play equipment and shade sails were installed at the playground during January and were made possible thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

The \$380,000 upgrade to Main Street in Bealiba is expected to commence in March and is funded by the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery Program.

## BEALIBA PRIMARY SCHOOL FUNDING

Exciting news for local students and families, with the Victorian Government announcing \$105,000 funding for the Bealiba Primary School:

- \$65,000 for high priority maintenance works on the school's Shelter in Place building
- \$5,000 for external surface re-varnishing, fascia repainting and seating replacement; and
- \$35,000 for roof maintenance

# TALBOT NEWS

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Thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program the Market Square Renewal project has been delivered:

- Three new shade umbrellas
- New oven at Community Hub-London House

Replacement of the existing Town Hall toilets is next to come in the project.

The Victorian Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package has also delivered new timber seating structures and tree landscaping at the precinct.

Congratulations to the Talbot Action Inc. which has led this project and advocated for the funding.

## TALBOT GETS ACTIVE!

It's fantastic to see the new outdoor exercise equipment at Pioneer Park in Talbot being enjoyed by locals of all ages.

Funded by the Victorian Government's Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative, the \$150,000 new equipment is supporting locals to keep active and connected. It features a cardio bike, stretch station, body pulls and push up equipment, chest and leg press and elliptical trainer.

Residents Helen and Lindsay use the gym equipment 2 to 3 times a week. "It's a very peaceful spot and the equipment is easy to use. After a long period of no social interaction, it's been great to chat to others using the equipment."

*This story uses a quote from a story Regional Development Victoria published in December.*



## FEELING THIRSTY?

Thanks to a partnership with Central Highlands Water, visitors to Talbot's outdoor exercise equipment can now keep hydrated with the installation of a new drinking fountain.

Thanks to the Federal Government's STAND program, Wi-Fi internet over NBN satellite has been installed at the Talbot ANA Hall. The funding program was introduced to ensure communities have access to information and can communicate with friends and family at key buildings during times of emergency.

**Road upgrade:** A \$670,000 upgrade to Rowe Street and Prince Alfred Street will be carried out January/February. The project is fully funded by Council.

# DUNOLLY NEWS

## DUNOLLY UPGRADES

A new shade sail was installed at the Dunolly Outdoor Pool just in time for the outdoor pool season. The project was made possible thanks to the Federal Government's Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

**Other upgrade projects still planned to be carried out include:**

- Fence to be installed around Gordon Gardens playground
- New wayfinding signage

Well done to Dunolly and District Incorporated for organising the Dunolly Unlocked street festival event in December. The event was funded through Council's Community Grants program and was a wonderful success.

Thanks to the Federal Government's STAND program, Wi-Fi internet over NBN satellite has been installed at the Dunolly Bowling Club. The funding program was introduced to ensure communities have access to information and can communicate with friends and family at key buildings during times of emergency.



## SUPPORTING DUNOLLY'S BUSINESS COMMUNITY

Thank you to all the local businesses who participated in our outdoor retail pilot project over December and January.

Funded as part of the Victorian Government's COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation Fund, the project was delivered to support local businesses to recover from the pandemic. Local goods were displayed in handcrafted carts to help showcase the local traders and makers.

Special thanks to the Dunolly Traders Incorporated for their support in delivering the project in tight timeframes.

### The Dunolly Kindergarten now has a new roof.

The project was completed in December and was jointly funded by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and Council.

Council welcomed Minister for Local Government Shaune Leane to Dunolly in January to officially open the Library facility.

# FOR ART LOVERS

## COMING UP AT THE GALLERY

### Paint your own masterpiece in one evening!

Wednesday 23 February, 5.30 to 7.30pm

Maryborough Resource Centre Atrium  
(Corner Nolan and Alma Streets)

Local artists will give you tips on how to paint your own version of a Claude Monet, an Andy Warhol painting or a still life. \$25 per person (ages 18+, no prior art making experience required to participate). This is a fundraising event to support new acquisitions for the Gallery.

### Meet the design team behind our Gallery redevelopment project

Wednesday 9 March, 5.30 to 7.30pm

Railway Café and Tracks Bar, Maryborough Railway Station

Join Anna Nervegna and Toby Reed from Nervegna Reed Architecture to learn more about the design philosophies and approach that have informed the transformation of the 1861 Old Fire Station into a contemporary art museum.

For more information, and to register, visit [www.linktr.ee/CGArtGallery](http://www.linktr.ee/CGArtGallery) or call **5461 6600** or email [cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

In a fantastic partnership between Central Goldfields Art Gallery and Ararat Gallery TAMA, the *Golden Textures Art Quilt* exhibition is currently on loan and on exhibition at the Ararat Gallery until 27 February 2022.

## GALLERY REDEVELOPMENT

In December, Colbrico Pty Ltd (trading as Searle Bros) was awarded the contract for the construction works associated with the Central Goldfields Art Gallery redevelopment.

The project is jointly funded with \$1.7 million from the Victorian Government Regional Infrastructure Fund and Tourism Infrastructure Investment Fund and \$273,000 from Council's 2021/22 Budget.

For more information visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/gallery](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/gallery)

## GALLERY COLLECTION NOW ACCESSIBLE ONLINE

Over 100 artworks from Central Goldfields Art Gallery can now be viewed online on Google Arts & Culture by people around the world, due to a new partnership between Google and the Gallery.

Central Goldfields Art Gallery is the latest Australian partner to join more than 2,000 cultural institutions from over 80 countries across the globe, bringing important works from regional Victoria online, for the world to explore and enjoy.

In just a few clicks, users can explore, in high resolution, more than 100 significant works by Australian artists.

"Council is proud that its public art collection will now join other public art collections around the world such as the National Gallery of Victoria and the Museum of Modern Art New York, and be shared around the world via Google Arts & Culture." – **Councillor Geoff Lovett**

"It's a privilege to work with Central Goldfields Art Gallery and to showcase regional Victoria to the world on Google Arts & Culture. From landscapes to award-winning textile arts, this collection tells incredible stories of those living on Dja Dja Wurrung Country as well as those travelling through the region – there is so much for Australian and international audiences to explore." – **Lucy Schwartz, Program Manager at Google Arts & Culture.**



# FOR LIBRARY LOVERS

## A FRESH NEW LOOK

The Maryborough Regional Library re-opened in January with a fresh new look!

The \$145,000 upgrade – funded through the Victorian Government's Living Libraries Grant program – has delivered a new modernised circulation desk, flexible shelving, fresh paint and new carpet.

For the latest news and information from the Maryborough Regional Library team follow the Facebook page [@MBLibVIC](https://www.facebook.com/MBLibVIC) and Instagram [@mblvic](https://www.instagram.com/mblvic)



# KEEPING ACTIVE



## NEW ADVISORY GROUP

A group of local walking and cycling enthusiasts, key organisations and government departments are working together to improve walking and cycling opportunities in the Shire.

Council's new Walking and Cycling Advisory Group met for the first time in December and will provide strategic advice to Council on the implementation of recommendations in the Central Goldfields Walking and Cycling Strategy 2017-2026.

Chaired by Cr Grace La Vella – also an avid cyclist – the group includes representation from Sports Focus, Sport and Recreation Victoria, Department of Transport, Parks Victoria, Committee for Maryborough and Victoria Police.

**Front left:** Council's Community Partnerships Manager Kym Murphy, Bronwen Haywood – Committee for Maryborough, Donna Clusker – Department of Transport, Cr Grace La Vella, Council's Recreation Coordinator Jen Dyer, Diane Daniell – Community Representative, Janice Simpson – Community Representative.

**Back left:** Lachlan Cullum – Parks Victoria, Bronson Gulliver – Parks Victoria, Council's Recreation Officer Ben Robertson, Jesse Sherwood – Sport and Recreation Victoria, Council's Manager Infrastructure Amber Robinson.

**Photo credit:** The Maryborough District Advertiser.

## SKATE AND SCOOTER PARK

We know our community have been looking forward to the construction of a new Skate and Scooter Park in Maryborough.

Detailed planning for the project has taken longer than anticipated but is almost complete. In late December, we were pleased to receive the Heritage Victoria permit.

Due to the planning delays, we've had to reschedule construction of the new facility which will now commence August 2022 with completion in late October, 2022.

We understand this delay will cause disappointment to our local community, particularly our local young people who have been involved with the design process.

The \$643,260 project is funded by the Victorian Government, Council and the Avoca Co-operative and Community Enterprise Foundation (in partnership with the Maryborough Lions Club) Foundation.

The facility will be constructed by Grind Projects who were appointed following a public tender process. They have years of experience in the design and construction of skate and scooter parks.

Council remains committed to delivering this exciting facility for our community.



## NEED A PLACE TO COOL OFF?

Cool off at one of our outdoor pools in Maryborough, Talbot and Dunolly. For opening times and days, including prices, visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/outdoorpools](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/outdoorpools)

**Keep an eye out on the Maryborough Sports & Leisure Centre Facebook page for updates.**

# MEET THE TEAM... CUSTOMER SERVICE



If you call or visit our Customer Service Centre at 22 Nolan Street in Maryborough, the chances are you might recognise one of the friendly faces pictured above.

Our Customer Service team includes Sharon, Helen, Angela, Anne, Joyce and Jaqui – together their combined local government experience is more than 70 years.

The team are passionate about their roles and the service they provide, assisting all customers with their enquiries. They also practice patience and empathy for those who may need some additional assistance with their enquiry.

### A typical day

Our wonderful Customer Service team answers more than 2,300 calls per month, that's about 550 calls per week or a bit over 100 calls per day, and they always do it with a smile!

They also support customers and visitors in person at the Customer Service Centre in Nolan Street serving anywhere from 20 to 50 customers per day!

### How may I help you?

Typical enquiries include questions about rates and properties, local laws, compliance and animal requests, building and planning enquiries and service requests relating to roads, trees and footpaths. Have questions about your bins, not sure which day your collection is? Like to start a new green waste service? Got a broken lid? We're happy to help with any question you might have or assist with forms either in person or online.

### Local knowledge

Our friendly team has a vast knowledge about our local community and surrounding towns, the different events, works and strategies that are happening, and can often answer questions that might not fall into your typical general enquiries.

### CONTACT US

Our Customer Service Centre is located at 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough and is open for cashier payments, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm, and contactable by phone and email between 8.30am and 5pm.

📞 5461 0610

✉️ [mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

### HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM TO COUNCIL

**Lodge a request or report a problem to us quickly and easily via:**

- **Phone:** Call our Customer Service Team on 5461 0610
- **Email:** [mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)
- **Online:** [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/reportaproblem](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/reportaproblem)

# WASTE AND RECYCLING IN THE CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS

To create a more sustainable and consistent approach to waste across the state, the Victorian Government has introduced state-wide changes to our waste and recycling system.

This means, this year, Council will commence a process to move towards four streams of waste.

This will start with communication and engagement with our community – no changes to the way you waste and recycle this year – these will commence in 2023.

## What will happen in 2023?

In 2023 we will start a process that will see your waste and recycling placed into four streams:

- Garbage
- Recycling (no glass)
- Glass
- Organics

To avoid an increase in costs for our residents, we won't be introducing additional household bins.

Instead, we will offer additional drop off bays for household organics (food and garden) and glass at our existing transfer stations.

We'll also introduce additional glass drop-off points around the Shire. During the year, we'll be inviting your input on the best place to put these – so watch this space.

## What do I need to do?

Nothing! Continue to waste and recycle as you do now. Glass can continue to be placed into the yellow lid bin. We'll provide you with plenty of notice of where to take your glass in 2023.

## What about my Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) bin?

Fortunately, we've been operating with a FOGO system for many years now which puts us ahead of many other councils. The FOGO service will remain an optional service for our residents.

## Where can I stay informed?

- Read our Community Update magazine throughout the year.
- Keep an eye on Council's Facebook page
- We have also introduced a dedicated page on our website to answer any questions you might have and keep our community updated [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/waste](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/waste)
- If you have a question email it to [mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)



# CELEBRATING OUR ACHIEVEMENTS

Whilst the 2020-2021 financial year was a difficult year, Council continued to provide more than 40 services to our community.

Received by Councillors at the December Council Meeting, the 2020-2021 Annual Report provides a detailed overview of Council's services, performance, governance and finances during the 2020-2021 financial year.

The 'quick statistics' section of the Report provides a snapshot of the fantastic work that has been undertaken by Council across various areas.

## L2P program

- **9** learner drivers achieved their P Plates
- **300** driving hours logged by learner drivers
- **6** active volunteer driver mentors

## Children's Services

- **167** families cared for every week
- **37** educators
- **720** hours of three and four-year-old kindergarten
- **3** Family Day Care educators caring for 42 families
- **7** Supported Playgroup sessions per week
- **9** Supported Playgroup home visits per week

## Maternal Child Health

- **118** babies born
- **53** families experienced the birth of their first baby
- **993** Key Age and Stage consultations completed

## Community Care

- **10,583** hours of home care
- **5,474** hours of personal care
- **1,465** hours of respite
- **9,187** meals on wheels delivered
- **1,741** hours of property maintenance
- **4,096** hours of planned activity group – social support
- **1,344** clients received services

## Library

- **32,941** library collection item loans
- **1,312** average visitors every month
- **2,675** new titles added
- **112** programs attended by 892 children and adults
- **966** Outreach Service visits
- **46** Home library visits

## Central Goldfields Art Gallery

- **1,205** page visits to Gallery page on Council's website
- **745** e-newsletter subscribers
- **305** participants in education program
- **2,519** visitors to the Gallery
- **9** exhibitions (three online)
- Full collection audited, digitised and valued
- One acquisition – Suzanne Lyle 'Crown of Thorns' winner of the 2021 Golden Textures exhibition

## Municipal Emergency Management

- Assistance provided to other councils for storm related damage
- **20** Pandemic Working Group meetings held
- **14** Pandemic Relief & Recovery meetings held
- **Over 2,200** disposal and **400** reusable masks delivered to community groups for distribution to vulnerable members of the community

## Waste

- **2,228** tonnes of waste collected
- **1,166** tonnes of recyclables collected
- **656** tonnes of green waste collected

## Local Laws

- Dogs registered – **2,191**
- Cats registered – **683**
- Animals rehomed – **42**
- Animals returned to owner – **147**

## Central Goldfields Tourism

- **53** tourism contacts per day on average \*(based on the days the VIC was open)
- **13,114** tourism contacts, including emails and phone calls
- **6,558** in-person visits to Visitor Information Centre
- Of these **30%** were from Melbourne, **61%** from regional Victoria, **9%** from interstate

## Building

- **212** Building Permits issued
- **172** Private Surveyor Permits issued
- **40** Surveyor Permits issued

## Planning

- **134** Planning Permits received
- **164** Planning Permit decisions made

## Immunisation

- **714** immunisations administered by Maternal and Child Health for children aged between 0 and 6 years.

## Youth Programs

- **7** Teenage Holiday Programs, including online videos, with a recorded **245** engagements from young people.
- **40** young people received wellness packs during COVID restriction periods
- **17** young people engaged with community engagement surveys and policy feedback processes
- **5** young people involved in Engage! volunteering

For more detail, and to read the full version of the Annual Report, visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/annualreport2021](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/annualreport2021)

## THANK YOU!

Thank you to Michael Bongiorno who last year spent six months volunteering with us to help deliver our Meals on Wheels service.

A 22-year-old medical student, Michael joined us a volunteer when he was temporarily staying in Maryborough to complete his rounds at Maryborough District Health Service as part of his Monash University Medical degree.

We're always looking for volunteers of all ages to help deliver our valued Meals on Wheels service to our local community.

If you're interested in getting involved in volunteering, please contact our Events Volunteer Development Officer Alisha Chadwick on 5461 0637.



## SMALL BUSINESS ENERGY SAVER PROGRAM

Council is partnering with the Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance (CVGA) to support small businesses in the Central Goldfields to reduce their running costs and greenhouse gas emissions through the Victorian Government's Small Business Energy Saver Program.

Funded by Sustainability Victoria, this is a fantastic opportunity for small businesses to receive up to \$2,000 to install energy-efficient business equipment at their workplace.

CVGA support officers will visit Carisbrook, Maryborough and Dunolly on Tuesday 15 February. To book in for a free on-site chat visit [cvga.org.au/business](http://cvga.org.au/business) or alternatively phone support is available by calling 1300 845 280.



## JOIN OUR TEAM

**Have you ever considered joining our team?**

Central Goldfields Shire Council is a great place to work.

If you are passionate about delivering great customer service, working for a progressive and innovative Council, and making a difference to your local community then consider a career with us!

For more information, including current job opportunities visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentvacancies](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentvacancies)

## ARE YOU DUE FOR YOUR BOOSTER?

In January, Maryborough District Health Service re-opened the Community Vaccination Hub on Burns Street to support the continued roll-out of the COVID-19 vaccination program.

The clinic is located inside the Central Goldfields Shire Community Hub at the Railway Station Precinct, just near the Old Technical College.

Contact the health service on 5461 0300 between 8.30am and 5pm Monday to Friday to make an appointment.

If you are seeking a first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, contact your local GP, pharmacy or larger vaccination centre in Ballarat or Bendigo. Some pharmacies and state-run centres provide walk-ins.


Council is proud to partner with Maryborough District Health Service to deliver the local COVID-19 vaccination program at the hub.


Visit [mdhs.vic.gov.au/covid](http://mdhs.vic.gov.au/covid) for more information on how to make an appointment. For more information about COVID-19 vaccines and eligibility visit [coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine](http://coronavirus.vic.gov.au/vaccine)

## Keep-up-to-date with Council news, projects and announcements via:

 [www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields](http://www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields)

 [www.twitter.com/CG\\_Shire](http://www.twitter.com/CG_Shire)

 [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au)  
and [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

 Central Goldfields Shire Council

- Read our full-page Community News advertisement in *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday
- Listen in to CEO Lucy Roffey's weekly radio interview on Gold Central Victoria every Wednesday at 8.10am.

## We'd love to hear your feedback on this publication.

**Did you read it, was it worthwhile?**

**Is there a story or information you'd like to see included in an upcoming edition?**

Please send your feedback to [media@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:media@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)



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