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Youth broadcast their views

Being a young person can sometimes come with the impression your opinion doesn't count.

But Warrnambool City Council's Youth In2 Council program is set to change all of that.

The youth-engagement initiative has recently celebrated its first milestone with the production of a short film.

The Youth In2 Council committee, made up of young people from across the community, partnered with ABC Open South West to produce the question-and-answer style documentary which explores young people's perception of Council.

Youth In2 Council co-ordinator Chelsey Reis said the video reflected the findings of the group's recent survey.

A total of 140 people aged between 12 and 25 completed the survey which revealed a demand for more youth leadership-training opportunities and increased opportunities to access and interact with Council.

Ms Reis said the survey measured awareness of Council business, participation of youth in decision making and preferred methods of consultation and involvement.

"Results from the survey indicated that while young people are frequent users of Council facilities, attend many Council run or supported events and participate in areas including Fun4Kids and Youth Achievers, Nearly a quarter of those who completed the survey aren't sure what Council does and only 8 per cent have contributed to a new or revised Council plan or strategy.

"As part of the project, the committee produced a short film which was screened to Council staff. The film has proved to be a powerful tool in communicating youth awareness of Council and how young people would like to be more involved in having a say and being active in Council business in the future."

Other ideas put forward by young people included a 'youth booth' for festivals and events, new options for volunteering or work experience and a youth magazine.

Some of the recommendations will be trialled by Council in the coming months, including guidance for Council staff on youth engagement and participation.

To view the Yi2C video head to www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au and click on the Youth In2 Council Project tab under My Community/Youth Development.



Filming the Youth In2 Council videos

Grass isn't always greener

So you've spent your Sunday morning mowing the lawns, trimming the edges and getting your yard looking the neatest on the street.

Thinking you're doing your bit for the environment, you save the lawn clippings from the bin and spread them out on the nature strip, or the neighbour's, or perhaps a reserve nearby, right?

Wrong.

Disposing of green waste on nature strips and public land is considered littering and you could be fined \$244.

Green waste discarded in open areas can end up in waterways causing algal blooms and lowering water quality.

It can also lead to the spread of invasive weeds in our sensitive coastal environment and cause blockages in the stormwater drainage system.

So, what should you do with green waste?

- Grass clippings can be stored in a compost bin to make fertilizer for your garden.
- Use a mulching lawnmower and the clippings stay on your lawn
- Arrange green waste collection, or
- Take it to your local transfer station

So next time you pull out the Victa, plan ahead to make sure the grass is greener on your side of the fence!

Organisers and supporters of the festival - Graeme McMahon, Vicki Askew Thornton, Tanya Egan, Lindy Watson and Richard Montgomery



Festival focuses on business strength

South-West businesses are preparing to bounce back stronger, smarter and more successful than ever before after the inaugural 2012 Business Festival .

Warrnambool City and Moyne Shire councils have joined forces with Commerce Warrnambool and local businesses as well as training and media organisations to present the festival.

The month-long event will feature more than 20 workshops, seminars and networking functions aimed at strengthening the local economy.

Warrnambool City Council business support manager Tanya Egan said the events would cover a range of topics, from skills training and cash-flow management to marketing and social media.

“The festival will offer practical advice and information to businesses throughout Warrnambool, Moyne and the Great South Coast,” she said.

“Our business community will be able to come together in a range of educational and inspirational settings to learn from some leading presenters and speakers, as well as each other.”

“Building business knowledge, skills and opportunities”

The 2012 Business Festival will be officially launched at the 3YB-Coast FM Business Expo on August 1.

Businesses will promote their goods and services at the expo at Warrnambool’s Country Comfort Mid City Motel.

Doors will be open from 11am to 7pm and public entry will be free. For a full program of events for the 2012 Business Festival go to www.business.warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Do you have the drive to help?

Would you like to make a positive change in the life of a young person, or perhaps make our roads safer for the entire community? Becoming an L2P learner driver mentor will allow you to do both!

In as little as one hour a week, you can help a learner become a skilled, safe and confident licensed driver.

Training is provided for volunteer mentors and ongoing support is available through the new L2P Mentor Recognition Program. Warrnambool City and Moyne Shire councils co-ordinate the region’s L2P program which has had 17 successful graduates since it commenced in 2010.

L2P co-ordinator Hannah Cranage said the program was vital for many young people who, for a range of it reasons, found it difficult to obtain the mandatory 120 hours of on-road experience.

“There might be financial or family reasons, or something as simple as mum and dad both work and there’s no time for driving practice,” she said.

“The L2P program literally opens up that door and sets young people on the road to getting their Ps, which is an exciting moment in a young person’s life.”

L2P mentors must have a full driver’s licence, a good driving record and be able to supervise at least one practice session per week over several months.

Visit www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au or 5559 4952 for more information about the L2P program or becoming a mentor.

**L2P
LEARNER
DRIVER
MENTOR
PROGRAM**



Shaping our lifestyle

Shaping the future of some of the city's iconic facilities has been a work in progress for Council and the community recently.

Improving people's lifestyle and enhancing the recreation and cultural opportunities that create a great lifestyle has been the key focus of a number of projects.

Recently Council has been working with the community to decide how we could improve Brierly Reserve, Aquazone and Flagstaff Hill. These facilities have served generations of people and Council wants to ensure that future generations continue to gain maximum benefit from our traditional recreation and cultural facilities.

A series of community meetings, surveys and workshops have been conducted in relation to the future development of these three key sites.

Consultation found that people feel very passionately about our local recreational facilities and are keen to see them further developed to meet a wide range of community needs.

"People's willingness to be involved in the consultations around these projects has been impressive."

At Brierly Recreation Reserve people have been involved in the development of a draft masterplan for the area. The community was recently invited to comment on that draft masterplan, and based on this feedback, the draft is now being revised into a final plan that will guide the future of the site.

Some suggestions for Brierly included redeveloping the oval into a rectangular multi-use sports ground, removing the existing tennis courts and replacing them with multi-sport courts, development of a youth space and investigating the potential for a multi-purpose community building (including clubrooms/change rooms for reserve users, meeting rooms and possible early childhood services) on the site.

At Aquazone a lengthy consultation process has revealed a range of suggestions for the future. Aquazone staff surveyed people at local events, as well as members and past

members to determine their priorities. Council has worked closely with key user groups to formulate a draft strategy titled Aquazone 2025. This strategy will soon be available for public comment.

Some suggestions raised by the community to improve Aquazone included extending the outdoor pool season and opening hours, developing more water play areas, installing adventure play equipment such as a climbing walls as well as water slides and renovating and re-opening the dive pool.

At Flagstaff Hill people were invited to tour the facility before making suggestions about how the maritime village could be improved for the future. Upgrading the laser show and further developing accommodation options were among the suggestions.

Feedback provided by people will form part of a masterplan that is being created to identify new development opportunities and to ensure Flagstaff Hill can provide a nationally significant experience for visitors.

Warrnambool chief executive Bruce Anson said all of these projects were equally exciting and challenging.

Ideas for Brierly



“Our community has expressed their strong support for the future development of some of our city’s key facilities, and people’s willingness to be involved in the consultations around these projects has been impressive,” Mr Anson said.

“Our challenge for the future lies in people having different ideas about what the priorities should be, and securing funding to carry out some of these projects, which could be very significant investments.

“Council will continue to consult the community as each stage of these developments progress, and I encourage people to keep working with us to make sure we shape the future that gives our community increasingly better lifestyle options.”

The Flagstaff Hill Masterplan and Aquazone 2025 will be available for further public comment throughout the next few months. The Brierly Masterplan will be presented to Council in September.



- Redevelop oval into rectangular multi-use sports ground (2 senior soccer pitches and 1 full size oval). Install irrigation and drainage
- Remove existing tennis courts
- Develop multi-purpose courts (west of play area) with line markings for tennis, netball and basketball,
- Retain cricket nets
- Develop a multi-purpose community hub including clubrooms/ change rooms for reserve users, meeting rooms, possible early childhood services
- Construct a shelter and storage area for users of the western oval
- Remove old equestrian sheds and all stand alone storage buildings
- Develop a youth space
- Expand the existing playground
- Provide seating, shelter/shade, picnic and bbq facilities, drinking fountains
- Redevelop the south-west portion of the reserve as a passive parkland and wetland area
- Improve the connectivity of the path network to and through the reserve
- Retain the western oval and install irrigation and drainage

Ideas for Flagstaff Hill



- Expand on the success of Lighthouse Lodge
- Develop group accommodation
- Attract special touring exhibitions
- Upgrade the laser show

Ideas for Aquazone



- Indoor and outdoor splash pad
- Outdoor adventure play (eg rock climbing wall)
- Water slides
- Dive pool renewal
- Gym expansion



Focus



People don't often stop to ponder the plight of the public loo.

But when you're busting and you have to go, they are the most important facility on the planet.

For this reason Council wants to review ways to improve the trusty old public toilet facilities in our city.

Council currently provides 26 public toilets, strategically located in high-use areas such as the city centre, recreation reserves and tourist attractions.

The strategic review will identify potential sites for new public toilets, prioritise upgrades of existing facilities and highlight any need for increased opening hours, cleaning frequency or any other services.

Ahead of the review, the public toilet location map on Council's website has been updated to include opening times, cleaning details and additional features such as disabled access or baby change rooms.

During the past four years Council has spent \$290,000 to upgrade public toilets including the complete refurbishment of facilities at Lake Pertobe West, new toilets at the Surf Club and a major upgrade of female facilities at Reid Oval.

Council is also currently looking at options for the 24-hour portable toilet facility on Gilles Street.

People will soon be able to share their ideas for how to make sure that when you've gotta go, there's a nice clean loo near you!

It's all happening...

The Hopkins River Bridge

The bridge is undergoing a facelift. Work is in progress to clean the deck expansion joints and to paint the hand rail.

Warrnambool Livestock Exchange

Work will start soon on the installation of an adjustable (double deck) load out ramp. The new ramp will include a number of features to improve safety and speed the loading of double deck cattle trucks.

Council has worked with Livestock Transport Association to develop this new \$75,000 ramp and loading yards.

Additional soft floor rubber matting is also being installed in the yards to improve animal welfare.

Lake Pertobe Pedestrian Bridge

Generations of kids have had so much fun on the bridges around Lake Pertobe that they are starting to wear out. Council is currently replacing the treated pine pedestrian bridge at the eastern end of Lake Pertobe with a new hardwood bridge. The bridge will have all-access timber ramps and will allow a small tractor and mower to allow access to the island for maintenance works.

Warrnambool Inter-modal Freight Terminal

Contractors have been working on the improvements to the Warrnambool freight rail terminal. Initial works have included the alteration of services in Rooneys Road to allow the construction of a turning lane and new access road to the freight terminal, the works are expected to take up to 16 weeks to complete.

Did you know?

Illegally parking in accessible parking bays makes life very difficult for people with disabilities and can result in a fine. Parking in taxi, loading or bus zones is also prohibited. Motorists can help make life easier for everyone by ensuring they only park where permitted.

Compact Stats | Data collected for the Warrnambool Local Government Area from the 2011 Census

\$1025

Median weekly total household income

32,029

Population on Census night

9748

Number of people attending an educational institution

6057

Number of people who identify as volunteers

12,013

Total of occupied personal dwellings

Thumbs up

This is a salute to all that is great about the people and organisations in our city and highlights the things that touch our hearts and make our community a better place to live.

👍 Congratulations to organisers of WAVES Gala Ball that was held recently in the Fun4Kids marquee on the Civic Green. The ball was held to raise money for Peter's Project. This was a great initiative on the back of Fun4Kids and Council was privileged to work with the WAVES committee on such a great event.

👍 It was great that the National Council of Priests of Australia chose Warrnambool for their bi-annual gathering recently. Around 160 priests were made welcome in Warrnambool, and many of the priests were had friends and relatives in our district.

👍 A big thanks to so many people who have taken the time to be involved in Council consultations in recent months. Council has worked with the community on developing plans for Brierly Recreation Reserve, Flagstaff Hill and Aquazone. Attending meetings and filling out surveys takes time and effort, and I really appreciate people being involved in planning the future of our city.



👍 A big thumbs up to West Warrnambool Primary School for their Principal for a Day initiative. I will have the chance to be the principal for the day this month, and I'm sure it will help me appreciate how much hard work is done by teachers and parents in schools everywhere.

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Online Directories

Council's online Business and Community directories can be found at www.directories.warrnambool.vic.gov.au.

Have your say

Log onto our website to share your thoughts.

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Ben & Bridie Ontronen, and their two boys
Riley - 6 & Noah - 4 at Brierly Reserve.

Council Meetings

August

Monday 20, 5:30pm

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August 2012 Calendar



C2C

Wednesday August 1, 11am-7pm Warrnambool Business Expo*

Mid City Motel

The 3YB/Coast FM Business Expo will launch the 2012 Business Festival. Full details, page 3.

www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Saturday August 4, 8pm Let the Sunshine

Lighthouse Theatre



The award winning Australian playwright David Williamson's new satirical comedy of inter-generational conflict has been described as part Romeo and Juliet and part Meet the Parents with an Australian twist.

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

Tuesday August 7, 10.30am The Bugalugs Bum Thief

Lighthouse Theatre

The Bugalugs Bum Thief tells the hilarious tale of the town of Bugalugs, where the residents wake up one morning to find their buttocks missing!

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

Saturday August 11, 8pm The Deltones

Lighthouse Theatre

Featuring the unique voice of Peewee Wilson, The Deltones are still captivating audiences blending their own hits 'Gee', 'You're The Limit', 'Get A Little Dirt On Your Hands', 'Come A Little Bit Closer', 'Hangin' Five' with classic doo-woop and pop.

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

Sunday August 12, 9am-2pm Deakin University Open Day*

Warrnambool Campus

If you're open to the idea of holistic learning, vibrant campuses and bustling uni life, then come along to the Deakin University open day at Warrnambool. Arrive loaded with questions for our staff and students to find out everything you need to know about your future. A 2012 Business Festival event.

www.deakin.edu.au

Sunday August 18, 7.30pm Homemade Jam Cancer Fundraiser Concert

Lighthouse Theatre

Local music acts will come together for this fundraising variety concert, playing a mix of blues, folk, classical, jazz, Irish, bluegrass, country, soul and Celtic music. Money raised will support Peter's Project, Australian Prostate Cancer Research and National Breast Cancer Foundation.

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

Tuesday August 28, 6pm-8pm Major Projects Forum*

South West TAFE

This forum will provide an opportunity to learn more about the work opportunities they will present for local contractors and service providers. A 2012 Business Festival event.

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

Friday August 31, 7.30pm Don Giovanni

Lighthouse Theatre



Don spends his days in the company of gorgeous women, fine food and the best champagne, and he's ready to add more women to his catalogue of conquests with the assistance of his much-maligned servant Leporello. But this time his dalliances are not going entirely to plan. Leaving a trail of broken hearts and havoc all over Europe, it is going to catch up with him sooner or later. Has opera's favourite bad boy finally met his match?

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

* All marked events are part of the 2012 Business festival.

For full information log onto www.business.warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Friday August 24, 11am and 8pm Moth

Lighthouse Theatre

Sebastian is a terminally unpopular fifteen-year-old suburban kid, with an overactive imagination and an obsession with anime and death. His only friend, Claryssa, is an emo Wiccan art-freak barely one rung higher than Sebastian on the social ladder. Moth exposes the harsh and frightening world of teenage mental illness in the language and context of today's youth. It is a disturbing but important piece of theatre.

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

