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# Honours for leading citizens

Warrnambool Citizen of the Year, Vicki Jellie

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## Warrnambool wins more hosting rights



**Nippers of all ages will continue to make a summer pilgrimage to Warrnambool with Council securing the hosting rights to the 2016 and 2017 Life Saving Victoria Junior State Championships in conjunction with the Warrnambool Surf Life Saving Club.**

The event, first held in Warrnambool in 2014, attracts 1500 competitors and their families over the Labour Day long weekend in March.

Warrnambool City Council Manager Events and Promotion Merran Fyfe said hosting events of this scale came with substantial economic benefits for the region.

"This type of event is exactly what Warrnambool is about - families being attracted to our gorgeous coastal city to stay multiple nights," Ms Fyfe said.

"The fantastic work done by the Warrnambool Surf Life Saving Club, the ultimate success of the 2014 junior championships and our commitment to the 2015 event placed us in good stead to secure the 2016 and 2017 championships.

"While state wide sporting events are traditionally held in central locations, our natural environment and committed staff and volunteers ensure we punch above our weight."

Warrnambool Surf Life Saving Club Secretary and Life Member Justin Houlihan said that Warrnambool's beach and accommodation options made it the ideal candidate.

"Our beach is very safe and we have the ability to move the carnival around depending on the conditions. The breakwater offers protection if we have a weekend where there is massive surf," Mr Houlihan said.

"The fact that there is so much accommodation down at the foreshore is also very popular as it means that competitors and their families can just walk over to the beach.

"There is a lot of teamwork involved in the preparation and we are excited and enthused about the fact that it will be in Warrnambool for another two years after this year."

As well as the surf life saving championships, Warrnambool City Council's active sports marketing program has recently attracted events including the Tour of the South West, Victorian Masters Softball Championships and the Warrnambool Gift.

## Shipwreck Coast Fishing Classic

**The South West's leading fishing competition – the Shipwreck Coast Fishing Classic returns on March 7 to 15 with a swag of prizes - including a boat and trailer.**

Last year more than 600 competitors shared in prizes and giveaways valued at \$64,000 with a crowd of 1200 gathering for the presentation day.

"We focus on sustainable fishing and family fun," Warrnambool Offshore and Light Game Fishing Club secretary Ben Pohlner said. "This year will see the introduction of catch and release options for a number of species including bream, mullet, estuary perch, trevally, mulloway, and trout.

"Big prizes are also on offer for snapper, whiting, morwong, Australian salmon, flathead, gummy and school sharks, kingfish, game sharks, and tuna."

Sweep are back on the eligible species list. "Any proceeds will be donated by the fishing club to the Warrnambool Coastguard which has supported the competition tirelessly over many years," Mr Pohlner said.

"The fishing classic is for all ages and fishing abilities. Families are most welcome and encouraged."

For "small fry" (up to seven years) and juniors (seven to 12 years) entry is just \$5. Entry for teens (12 to 16 years) is \$10 and for adults, \$30.

The sustainable fishing exhibit will again feature as part of the presentation day activities, promoting the sustainable use of our natural resources.

Participants will include Glenelg Hopkins CMA, Deakin University, Fisheries Victoria, Fishcare and Bunnings.

A photography competition will part of this year's event with great prizes on offer for top action shots. Enter online via the Warrnambool Offshore and Light Game Fishing Club website: [www.wolgfc.com](http://www.wolgfc.com)



## VIC clocks \$3m in sales

**This holiday season has seen the Warrnambool Visitor Information Centre (VIC) pass \$3 million in sales since it opened its booking service in November 2007.**

"Warrnambool has the only Visitor Information Centre between Melbourne and Adelaide that offers an over-the-counter and online booking system," Warrnambool City Council Tourism Services Manager Peter Abbott said.

"A recent report commissioned by Tourism Victoria and the Victorian Tourism Industry Council confirmed the future of VIC services was in offering a growing online presence. "It also highlighted that VICs that have led the way with these services were well placed to service the needs of guests in the years ahead.

"The service generates a commission from operators to the visitor centre which means the Warrnambool VIC operating costs are well below the state average."

# Honours for leading citizens

## Peter's Project founder Vicki Jellie is the 2015 Warrnambool Citizen of the Year.

Ms Jellie received the accolade as part of Warrnambool's official Australia Day event at the Botanic Gardens.

After her husband, Peter, passed away from oesophageal cancer in 2008, Vicki has dedicated her time to bringing radiotherapy

to Warrnambool so south-west Victorian and south-east South Australian residents can receive cancer treatment closer to home.

After securing a \$15 million contribution from the Victorian government and \$10 million from the Federal government, Ms Jellie and her committee were tasked with raising \$5 million from the community – a goal they achieved in just nine months.

Vicki succeeded in Vicki inspiring a whole

community to work together for the common goal, the benefits of which will be felt for generations.

Community radio enthusiast and young media leader Sam Maloney won the Young Citizen of the Year.

The Rotary Club of Warrnambool East's summer hole in one competition won the community event of the year. Having run for the past decade, its popularity has boomed in the past four years with over 5000 competitors.

Ann Krause, Julie Eagles, Lorraine de Kok, Kaye Slater, Wayne Rooke and Megan Nicolson were also recognised with Local Achiever Awards for their contributions to numerous aspects of the Warrnambool community.

Warrnambool City Council Mayor Michael Neoh said that all of the winners had made significant contributions to the Warrnambool community.

"Each of the award winners has achieved so much in different fields, but they can be linked by one attribute – selflessness," Cr Neoh said.

"Their willingness to work long and hard for the benefit of the community is truly outstanding and sums up what it means to be Australian.

"I would like to congratulate the award recipients. They are all doing their part to help make Warrnambool the best city it can be."



## Tips for settling into childcare

At the start of a new year, some children will start childcare for the first time whilst others will return after a long break.

Council Coordinator Centre-based Childcare Sharon McKean said this may pose challenges for some parents and children. "Starting childcare can certainly be an emotional time for children," Ms McKean said.

Sharon McKean's top tips for settling into childcare:

- Spend time at the service with your child's educator;
- Talk with staff about your child's likes, dislikes and routines;
- Always say good bye to your child and let your child know you are leaving;
- Be prepared for settling to be an ongoing commitment. Some children may take longer than others to settle;
- Send along a comforter/family photo or treasure that your child is attached to;
- Talk to your child about where they are going and who will be there;
- Drive past the service to familiarise your child with the service visually;
- Feel free to call or visit your child;
- If you are breastfeeding your child it is helpful to communicate to the educators what times you will be returning to assist with planning.

For more information please call Florence Collins Children's Services Complex (5559 4640), Sherwood Park Child Care Centre (5561 3067) or Matron Swinton Child Care Centre (5559 4650).

## Upgrade to see BMX track reach new heights

An upgrade to Warrnambool's BMX track will put the city in the running to host elite competitions.

The \$58,000 project will see the three gravel berms (angled track turns) repaired then sealed with bitumen, making for a much smoother ride.

There will be some interruptions to track access until the project is completed in mid-February.

Warrnambool BMX Club will manage and deliver the project with support from the State Government and Warrnambool City Council.

The project will be completed in time for the club's BMX Victoria-sanctioned event in March which attracts participants from across Victoria and south-east South Australia.

Warrnambool BMX Club President Karla Jephcott said that the investment will help boost the popularity of the sport in the region.

"We have been classed as one of the best tracks in Victoria and our aim is to host the Victorian titles at some stage," Ms Jephcott said.

"We have been in talks with BMX Victoria, who hold the state titles, and having the bitumen corners will improve our chances of securing them."

Ms Jephcott said that while a short-term track closure may be inconvenient for some, the long-term benefits would be enjoyed by club members and casual riders.



## Detox your home

**This February, Warrnambool residents will have a chance to safely dispose of unwanted common household chemicals through the Detox Your Home program.**

The Detox Your Home collection point will be the Warrnambool Saleyards in Caramut Rd on Saturday, February 28, 8am to 4pm.

Do the right thing for your loved ones and your environment and Detox your Home. It's easy and it's free.

Items accepted include acids and alkalis, aerosols, anti-freeze, brake fluid, car body filler, car wax, ammonia-based cleaners, cooking oil, coolant, detergents, disinfectants and drain cleaners, fertiliser, fire extinguishers, floor-care products and waxes, fuels – petrol, diesel, kerosene, glues, herbicides and weed killers, insect spray and pesticides, nail polish and remover, oven cleaner, paint stripper, thinner and turps, pool chemicals, rat poison, solvents, transmission fluid and wood preservatives and finishes (oils and varnish).

Items not accepted include batteries – car and household varieties, compact fluorescent lamps, paint, ammunition or firearms, asbestos, chemicals used by businesses, farm chemicals, gas bottles and motor oil. The Sustainability Victoria program is supported by Council.

For more information go to [sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](http://sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome) or call 1300 363 744.

# Whaleboat races

**Any lingering southern right whales needn't worry – a flotilla of whaleboats in Warrnambool's waters won't be carrying harpoons.**

The 2015 Australian Whaleboat Racing Championships will be held on Sunday February 15 at the Hopkins River.

Over 20 teams will compete across three divisions, with the beautiful wooden whaleboats of Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village being used for training by various teams all summer.

If you haven't had a try at whaleboating then there are opportunities to be partnered up with a team and get on the water, though

all teams need to complete three training sessions in a boat prior to the event.

The popular USA teams will return to test their arms against south-west Victoria's best. A morning fun run and walk will also take place to help raise funds to maintain the wooden whaleboats.

The best views of the one kilometre course are from the area around Proudfoots with races from 10am until about 4pm.

For more information visit [www.flagstaffhill.com](http://www.flagstaffhill.com) or [www.facebook.com/whaleboatracing](http://www.facebook.com/whaleboatracing).



## Maternal & child health clinic in North Warrnambool

**Warrnambool City Council (WCC) will this year offer a new maternal and child health clinic in North Warrnambool.**

With the support of King's College, WCC will run fortnightly clinics at the college's early years centre in Balmoral Rd.

The maternal and child health service is free and supports children's health and development from birth until school age.

Other changes to maternal and child health services include revised hours at Allansford's clinic, which will become a full-day fortnightly service instead of a half-day weekly service.

The clinics will operate on alternate weeks, with the King's College clinic operating on Wednesdays and Allansford on Thursdays.

"The new clinic at North Warrnambool reflects continuing demand and a commitment to providing services in convenient locations closer to where parents and carers live," WCC Early Years Intervention and Support Manager Jo Canny said.

Both clinics will be offered during school terms. During school holidays appointments will be diverted to the Florence Collins Children's Centre in Kepler St which operates daily. The first clinic at King's College will be held on February 4.

**Appointments for both clinics are required and can be made through the Maternal and Child Health Service central booking number, 5559 4470.**

**WCC also provides maternal and child health services at the Archie Graham Community Centre, 118 Timor St, and the Children's Services Centre at Swan Reserve, 550 Raglan Parade.**

# Park smarter with new CBD parking map

**Council has launched a new CBD parking map, plotting out the myriad of parking options available.**

There are about 3500 car parking spaces available in the CBD with over 1000 of them free. Additionally, all off-street car parks are free on weekends.

Warrnambool City Council Health and Local Laws Manager Ian Fitzgibbon said that the map is a quick reference guide when looking for a car park in the CBD.

“The primary aim is to make visiting Warrnambool’s CBD as easy as possible for visitors, but I am sure that many locals will find the map useful too,” Mr Fitzgibbon said.

Hard copies of the map are available at the Civic Centre, the Visitor Information Centre and at [www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/parking](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/parking)

## A safer intersection

**Traffic signals at the intersection of Wollaston and Mortlake roads will be installed before the end of the year.**

The \$605,000 signalisation will cater for the new residential growth along Wollaston Road by managing peak traffic congestion and improving road safety at the intersection.

It is expected that over the next 10 to 15 years that 2200 residential lots will be made available in the area to the north of the Merri River.

Between 8am and 9am, 190 vehicles coming from Wollaston Road use this intersection. With completion of future development in the area this figure is expected to double.

Pedestrian safety will also be improved with crossings over Wollaston Rd and at Mortlake Rd north of Sundale Rd.

There will be some disruption to traffic while the lights are installed and motorists will be advised of the details closer to the start of work.

Council is working with Vicroads as the coordinating road authority for Mortlake Road to plan and deliver these works.

The scope of work:

- new traffic signals to be provided at the intersection;
- pedestrian crossings to be provided across Wollaston Road and Mortlake Road on the north side of the intersection;
- new footpaths links provided to intersection;
- removal of traffic island on Wollaston Road;
- new traffic islands will be provided;

As a result of the work the exit from Sundale Road to Mortlake Road will be restricted to left turn only.

The service road on the east side of Mortlake Road from Balmoral Road to Sundale

Road will be open to two-way traffic with new access locations and court bowl; and,

The service road on the west side of Mortlake Road from Dooley Street to Wollaston Road will be open to two-way traffic in sections with an additional access location.

Warrnambool City Council is contributing \$400,000 to the project with the remaining \$205,000 funded from the North of the Merri Development Contributions Plan.

# Immunisation changes

**Changes to the Victorian secondary school immunisation program will see year 7, 8, 9 and 10 students receive the diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (dTp) vaccine in 2015.**

The vaccine was administered to year 10 students in previous years, with a decision made to change it to year 7 students to boost protection from an earlier age.

Pertussis, commonly known as whooping cough, is a highly contagious respiratory infection that is increasing in incidence.

Between 1 January 2014 and 6 January 2015 there were a total of 4,606 cases of pertussis notified to the Department of Health and Human Services which represents a 56 per cent increase compared to the same time in 2013.

Warrnambool City Council Immunisation Coordinator Alison Elliott said that the change will see adolescents being provided with better protection against three serious diseases.

“Across Australia we have seen a significant increase in the prevalence of pertussis. The transition of the dTTP vaccine to Year 7 will provide students with earlier protection from these diseases and assist in protecting the wider community,” Ms Elliott said.

“The vaccination lasts around 10 years so to achieve optimal immunity, adolescents should receive this vaccine in their first year of secondary school.”

From 2016, the dTTP vaccine will be administered along with the other Year 7 school based vaccines, human papillomavirus (HPV) and chickenpox.

Parents wishing to have their children vaccinated through the school immunisation program need to complete the vaccination consent form and returned it to school prior to the vaccination day.

**For more information visit [www.immunehero.health.vic.gov.au](http://www.immunehero.health.vic.gov.au) or call Council on 5559 4800.**



## AquaZone gets into shape

The AquaZone gymnasium has undergone an \$85,000 upgrade.

South-west Victoria's largest aquatic and leisure centre recently installed 20 new strength machines. As well as being some of the most modern equipment available, the new machines are also more accessible for people with a disability or injury.

Features include removable seats for wheelchair-users, tactile handles for the vision impaired and easier to use pins in weights for people with arthritis. The gym upgraded coincided with a major renovation of the centre's change rooms.

"Ongoing feedback from members told us that improving the strength equipment in the gym and upgrading the change rooms were two important projects," AquaZone Programs Coordinator Jason Moloney said.

"With the new equipment and refurbished change rooms, two of our weaknesses are now major strengths."

## Community panel to help steer Fun4Kids Festival

**After calling for expressions of interest, the Warrnambool City Council's Fun4Kids Festival community consultation panel was selected with the first meeting held in January.**

The aim of the panel is to assist the festival strengthen and grow in 2015 and beyond.

Positions on this panel are voluntary but present a great opportunity to shape the festival and determine its future for the benefit of the Warrnambool region.

Warrnambool City Council Manager Events and Promotion Manager Merran Fyfe said that the expertise of the panel members

would complement that of existing staff and volunteers.

"Early discussions have been very positive and I am confident that the 2015 event will be a success," Ms Fyfe said.

"The panel has agreed that the festival needs to be exciting for children and parents while attracting locals and tourists.

"Performers and activities will be targeted at children aged between two and twelve.

"Council is pleased to welcome a diverse, passionate and experienced group who have a strong and shared interest to see Fun4Kids continue well beyond 2015."

Fun4Kids Festival is one of the largest indoor children's festivals in the world. Now in its 17th year, it is held during the winter school holidays and attracts thousands of visitors to Warrnambool.

Fun4Kids is one the city's largest tourism marketing exercises, branding our city as a year round family destination and attracting between 20,000-25,000 patrons each year.



## The Green Lounge

**The soft grass at your feet, the warm sun overhead, bean bags, banana lounges, umbrellas... and free WiFi.**

It's no surprise that the Warrnambool City Council's Green Lounge on the Civic Green has been such a success this year.

The green lounge is the ultimate place to sit and relax this summer and is part of the City Centre Renewal project.

## Passenger flights to and from the capital

**Warrnambool residents will once again be connected via air transport to Melbourne.**

On February 2 Sharp Airlines will begin offering flights between Warrnambool Regional Airport and Essendon Airport. Director Malcolm Sharp said it was an important announcement for the region "as the social and economic benefits of a regional airline service cannot be underestimated."

Warrnambool Mayor, Councillor Michael Neoh also welcomed the return of passenger air services to and from Warrnambool.

"We regularly receive comment from industry representatives that they would have preferred to have flown into Warrnambool to carry out their business," Cr Neoh said.

In other aviation news the 4.92 million upgrade of the airport is well under way. The upgrade will create an additional 21 hangar sites. Work will include the construction of a new taxiway parallel to the main runway, the provision of power and sewerage to each new hangar site along with potable and non-potable water.

A back-up generator will be installed, the runway will have new lighting to help pilots negotiate landings and road vehicles will have access to hangar sites without needing to travel on the "airside" of the hangars.

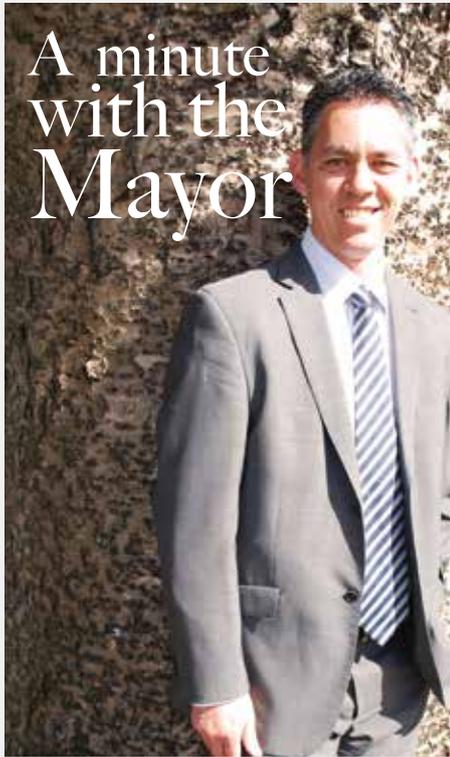
## Safer boating on Lady Bay

**Warrnambool City Council is exploring options for safer boat launching at Lady Bay.**

Two working groups - one community-based, the other comprising members with technical expertise - are working through all the options and potential outcomes of introducing changes at the port.

Over 2015 the groups will work through the options and report back to the Council and the community.

Visit [www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au/ladybay](http://www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au/ladybay) to stay informed on this project and to have a say on the future of the Port of Warrnambool.



## A minute with the Mayor

### Congratulations once more to our worthy Australia Day award recipients.

Often those we honour on Australia Day reluctantly occupy the limelight but accept the award knowing it means a great deal to their friends, family and the community at large.

In mid-January I had an opportunity to meet Member for Western Region Jaala Pulford, who now holds the Victorian Government portfolios which are critically important to Warrnambool: Regional Development and Agriculture.

In particular we discussed the Regional Infrastructure Fund and how this might be accessed for the city centre renewal. Also discussed was the prospect of councils being able to borrow money for projects at State Government interest rates.

Ms Pulford, who is based in Ballarat, is familiar with Warrnambool and we look forward to working with her over the next four years.

Our sister city relationships continue to be active and reciprocal. On January 26 and 27 we hosted a delegation from our Chinese sister city, Changchun.

We also hosted visitors from our American sister city, Knoxville, in Iowa. Knoxville has a renowned raceway and is home to the National Sprint Car Hall of Fame and Museum. Our sister city relationship with Knoxville, population 7,000, was initiated by Warrnambool Premier Speedway.

#### Councillor Michael Neoh, Mayor

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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

Find out how to have your say by logging onto our website at  
www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au and visiting the Your Say link.

## Council meetings

**Monday February 2**  
**5.45pm**

Reception Room,  
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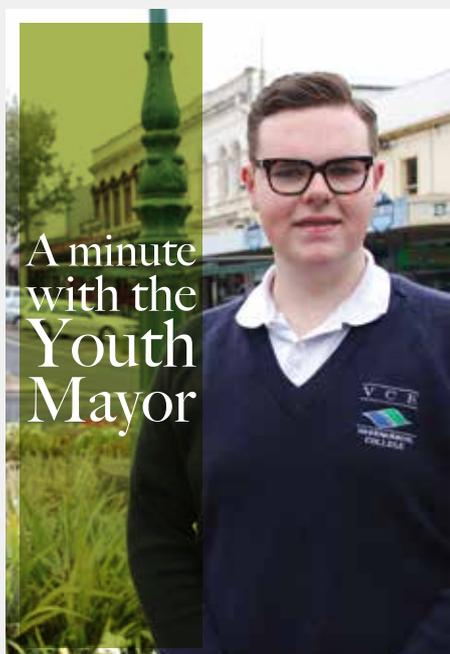
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## A minute with the Youth Mayor

With Christmas having come and gone, and the New Year commencing the Warrnambool City Youth Council has been extremely busy with the preparations for the Warrnambool and Moyne Youth Achiever Awards having entered the final stages.

The annual awards, held in February each year are vital in celebrating the outstanding achievements of the young people in the area.

The dedication, hard work and determination that is shown by so many young people is often not visible to the whole community, which makes the Youth Achiever Awards key in celebrating these exceptional talents.

The four fields that the nominees fall under in the 2014 awards are; Sports, Academic, Community and Leadership, and Arts and Culture.

Schools in Warrnambool and Moyne, including institutions such as TAFE and also members of the public have nominated over 200 young people to be recognised, which will see our biggest year in the history of the Youth Achiever Awards. This shows the extraordinary efforts of the youth in Warrnambool and Moyne are continuing stronger than ever, something the community as a whole should be especially proud of.

On behalf of both Youth Councils I congratulate all young people who were nominated and we look forward to sharing this special event with those close to you along with the wider community.

The awards are being held at the Lighthouse Theatre on Wednesday February 18.

# Calendar February 2015



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Saturday January 31

## **Skate, Scooter and BMX competition** Warrnambool Skate Park

Sign up for Heat Two of the Barwon South West League and take your shot at glory... and prizes! Register on the day with junior and senior categories available. Local bands featured on the Electric Pulse compilation CD will also be performing live.

[www.skatepark.ymca.org.au](http://www.skatepark.ymca.org.au)

Saturday January 31 – Sunday February 1  
**Wunta Fiesta**

The weekend's activities include jazz in the Botanic Gardens on Saturday afternoon, a screening of Frozen at the Civic Green on Saturday evening and a vintage car display, markets and music at Lake Pertobe on Sunday.

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

Saturday February 7 – Sunday February 8,  
9am

## **South West Bottle & Collectables Club Annual Show**

Wannon Rooms, Warrnambool Showgrounds

This year's annual show incorporates the Victorian State Bottle and Collectable Show. Hundreds of bottles and collectables will be on display and for sale. Entry is \$5 on Saturday and free on Sunday.

**For more information call Bruce on 0408 174 480**

Wednesday February 11 – Friday February 15,  
9am-4pm

## **Sungold Field Days**

Behind the Warrnambool Cheese and Butter Factory, Allansford

Three days of inspiration, innovation, good food and great fun! Over 245 exhibitors, high flying freestyle motor bikes, celebrity chefs and 58 new exhibitors, an event not to be missed.

[www.sungoldfielddays.com.au](http://www.sungoldfielddays.com.au)

February 15 10am-5pm

## **Australian Whale Boat Racing Championships**

Hopkins River, near Proudfoots

Enjoy a full day of Whale boat racing from the banks of the Hopkins River.

[www.flagstaffhill.com](http://www.flagstaffhill.com)

February 27 – March 1, 10am-5pm

## **Embroiders Guild Exhibition 'The Roaring Forties'**

The Masonic Centre, Kepler St

Enjoy this exhibition of embroidery by members of the South Western Branch of the Embroiderer's Guild featuring a wide range of differing embroidery techniques and special displays. There will also be a stall sale of embroidered works and items.

**For more information call Lorraine on 5562 7833.**

Saturday February 28, 8am-4pm

## **Detox Your Home**

Warrnambool Livestock Exchange, Caramut Rd

Do the right thing for your loved ones and your environment and Detox your Home by safely dispose of unwanted common household chemicals.

For chemicals accepted, see the article inside this magazine.

[www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome](http://www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome)

Every day in February, weekdays 10am-5pm,  
weekends 12pm-5pm

## **From the Sacred to the Profane**

Warrnambool Art Gallery

From the Sacred to the Profane – The Challenges and Possibilities of Renaissance Art presents the Renaissance as a much more complex, disturbing and worldlier place than it may first appear to us, but its imperfections only add to its remarkable achievements in the history of western culture.

This is the only chance to view these works by renaissance masters in regional Victoria and should not be missed.

**Free entry**

## **Economic Development Opportunities**

Wednesday February 4, 6-7pm

### **Club Wednesday**

Maddens Lawyers, Koroit St

Club Wednesday is the monthly networking event for the Warrnambool business community that is free for all to attend.

Coordinated in partnership by WCC and 3YB/COAST FM, Club Wednesdays are hosted by a different business every month, and provide a great opportunity for business owners and operators to hear all about what is happening in the community.

Launching in February

### **Decoding Digital**

This four week low-cost online program is designed to help businesses evaluate their digital strategy, looking at their strengths and weaknesses and planning for a strong digital foundation for their business in the New Year. All sessions will involve a weekly

live webinar, follow up Q&A forums, post session resources and exclusive networking in a private LinkedIn group.

Thursday February 19, all day

### **Free One-on-one business mentoring**

One on one mentoring is suitable for businesses at any stage of operation, and can cover a variety of topics including finance, marketing and planning as well as specialist areas. The sessions offered by WCC are free to participants, and completely confidential.

Thursday February 26, 6-7pm

### **Customer Service Awards**

SW TAFE, Timor St

The awards ceremony is held on the last Thursday of every month, and we encourage the business community to come along and support excellent customer service.

## **LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE**

Friday February 6, 8pm

### **Shane Howard - Deeper South**

Just like the sky and waters of the Great Southern Ocean, where Shane Howard was raised and resides, his 13th solo album, 'Deeper South', features music and poetry that is deep and dark, yet illuminated by great shafts of light.

Thursday February 19, 8pm

### **John Williamson - Honest People Tour**

Very few artists have experienced or earned the longevity of such a career as John Williamson. His 50th album, 'Honest People' will be released to coincide with the publication of his long awaited autobiography 'Hey True Blue'.

Thursday February 26, 8pm

### **Reception: The Musical**

A celebration of all things administration, Reception: The Musical tells the story of a receptionist who finds joy in the manic world of customer service, stationery orders and thinking on your swivel chair. Inspired by true stories from the front desk, this original cabaret comedy is a must see for office workers and theatre lovers everywhere!

