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Great South Coast Small Business Festival 2016

August is a month for Small Business - Events open for bookings now!

With 28 events scheduled throughout the month of August, the 2016 Great South Coast Small Business Festival has something for everyone.

From inspiring motivational speakers, practical seminars and workshops, webinars and great opportunities to network, the festival provides the perfect chance to grow and prosper in your business.

The festival also highlights free services such as small business mentoring and the small business bus, which are available all year round.

The 2016 festival is a regional partner of the state-wide Small Business Festival Victoria, an annual festival focussed on strengthening the small business sector and acknowledging the contribution small businesses make to the Victorian economy.

Check out the calendar on the back page for some highlighted events.

For more information visit www.business.warrnambool.vic.gov.au.

Recognising great seniors

Nominations for the 2016 Senior of the Year Award are now open.

Supported by Anchor Point and the Warrnambool City Council, the award recognises the outstanding contribution Warrnambool residents aged 60 and over make in supporting and inspiring others within the community.

All volunteers deserve recognition and the Warrnambool Senior of the Year is one way to recognise people who many in the community may not be aware of, usually someone who has been quietly working for the good of the community for a very long time.

The Senior of the Year will be presented in a ceremony on Wednesday, September 28 at the Anchor Point Village in conjunction with the launch of 'Celebrate', the Warrnambool Seniors Festival.

For more information and to submit a nomination, download the nomination form at www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au or visit the Archie Graham Centre, Timor St Warrnambool.

Nominations close on September 9.



Sit down and be counted

August 9 is Census night.

It's a moment for everyone to pause and play a role in shaping the future of Australia.

The Census of Population and Housing is Australia's largest statistical collection and is undertaken by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS).

For more than 100 years the Census has provided a snapshot of Australia, helping to shape our nation's education, health, transport and infrastructure.

Why is there a Census?

The Census provides important information about Australia's people and their housing. It helps estimate Australia's population, which

is used to distribute government funds and plan services for the community.

This year the Census is expected to count close to 10 million dwellings and about 24 million people – the largest so far.

The Census can now be completed online

People can choose to complete the Census online or with a more traditional paper form. This month most households will receive a letter from the ABS addressed "To the Resident".

The letter will include your household's unique Census login along with instructions on how to order a paper form.

Why go online?

Completing the Census online is fast, easy, secure, environmentally friendly and helps to reduce the cost of the Census to the community.

The Census is compulsory

Everyone in Australia on Census night must complete the Census. The information is collected under the authority of the Census and Statistics Act 1905. Penalties may apply if you do not complete the Census when directed.

**For more information go to census.abs.gov.au
People will be able to receive assistance to complete Census forms at the Archie Graham Community Centre and the Warrnambool Library.**

2016-2017 Warrnambool City Council Budget

The City Centre Renewal, the Simpson Street Drainage Project Stage 2 and continuing road upgrades are the big ticket items in the 2016-2017 Warrnambool City Council Budget.

The financial year's total budget is \$70.1 million, of which \$55 million is dedicated to day-to-day services including:

- Childcare and kindergartens
- Home and community care
- Parks and gardens
- Roads and drains
- Waste collection
- Library services
- Aquazone
- Lighthouse Theatre
- Warrnambool Art Gallery
- Tourism and events
- Airport and economic development
- Planning and buildings services

"As Councillors it is our job to listen to community sentiment and understand priorities," Mayor Cr Kylie Gaston said.

"Since beginning our term in 2012 we have consistently heard that Council's services are valued by the community and that Council needs to be financially responsible and keep rates as low as possible.

"In response Council has initiated an enterprise-wide approach to identify savings while minimising the impact on services."



Just under \$15 million has been set aside for capital works to ensure that our infrastructure is renewed and improved for residents.

- Start of Stage One construction of the \$15 million City Centre Renewal
- \$2.7 million for Stage Two of the Simpson Street Drainage Project
- \$2.6 million for road upgrades
- \$1.2 million for the renewal and upgrade of the Zeigler Parade bridge at Allansford
- \$1.2 million for building renewal works with a major focus on recreational facilities
- \$690,000 in parks and open space improvements including initiatives at Lake Pertobe, Botanic Gardens and Brierly Reserve
- \$200,000 to identify and improve linkage paths around the city
- \$200,000 to advance the Council-TAFE library proposal
- \$340,000 of projects through the Small Infrastructure Fund to improve neighbourhood areas including:
 - Community Gardens infrastructure
 - Allansford Mechanics Hall toilet
 - Warrnambool CoastCare Landcare Resource Hub
 - Thunder Point signage
 - McKiernan Road pedestrian link
 - Japanese Gardens signage and pathway
 - Koroit Street pedestrian crossing between Liebig and Banyan streets
 - Grieve Street playground upgrade
- \$295,000 to improve facilities at holiday parks
- \$300,000 to develop car parking at the railway precinct
- \$180,000 for improvements at the Warrnambool Livestock Exchange
- \$140,000 for strategic land use planning projects
- \$60,000 to develop the 2016-2026 Sport Recreation and Physical Activity Strategy

Council will raise \$34,119,000 through general rates, the municipal charge and the waste management charge.

This reflects the rate capping of 2.5 per cent introduced this year by the State Government.

"With the introduction of rate capping, Council will continue to focus on identifying sustainable cost savings that will enable it to deliver high quality, responsive and accessible services to the community," Cr Gaston said.

"This is the first year of the State Government's Fair Go Rates System and while Council has introduced a rate increase in line with the 2.5 per cent cap, the actual rate increases experienced by individual ratepayers will vary because this is a year in which municipal revaluations have taken place."

Breakdown of rates and charges

- General rates: \$25,628,000
- Municipal Charge: \$4,179,000 (\$250.10 per parcel of rateable land)
- Waste Management Charge: \$4,312,000 (\$266.50 per assessment)

The waste management charge covers:

- garbage collection – 80 litre mobile bin for each household within the serviced municipal area;
- Kerbside recyclables collection – 240 litre mobile bin, with the contractor to supply the recycling bins;
- Acceptance and sorting of recyclables; and,
- Street cleaning service (including litter bins).

Busy year for saleyards



For the first time the annual value of cattle sold through the Warrnambool Livestock Exchange has topped the \$100 million mark.

Figures for the 2015-2016 financial year show that sales of 90,437 head of cattle, 7,398 calves and 1,117 sheep generated the record return.

The saleyards are owned and operated by Warrnambool City Council and are supported by local stock agents, producers and buyers.

"It's a great result for the saleyards," Warrnambool Mayor Cr Kylie Gaston said.

"After a process which considered the future of the saleyards, in February last year Council committed to retaining the saleyards in Warrnambool.

"Council appreciates the solidarity of the agents in supporting the saleyards over many

years and we look forward to Warrnambool's saleyards continuing to be the South West's premier livestock exchange."

The past two years have been busy for the region's cattle producers.

A weaner sale in January featured 4,000 cattle while the top price for the year was \$3.84/kg.

Every year Council reinvests in the facility to ensure it meets the expectations of buyers, sellers, the various accreditation authorities and also animal welfare.

"We have allocated funding for work that will include drainage followed by the roofing of a large section of the yards which have earth flooring," Saleyards Manager Paul White said.

"This will allow for stormwater capture, improve conditions for animals and will mean that we can use this section of the saleyards at any time of the year.

"We're also adding more lighting, installing a new compressor and water main."

That's a lot of laps

It was a busy 2015-2016 at AquaZone.

Council's aquatic and fitness centre recorded its highest annual attendance with 240,232 paid visits, surpassing the previous high in 2005-2006 by 10 per cent.

The attendance levels equate to 7.4 annual visits per resident, significantly higher than the benchmark for similar size aquatic facilities in Australia at 5.6 annual visits per resident.

The annual attendance figures included:

- 2,813 members
- 3741 children attended swimming lessons
- 73,482 swim visits

The members and visitors also enjoyed the AquaZone café, buying with more than 10,000 coffees.

To learn more about AquaZone, including becoming a member, visit www.aquazone.com.au.



Powered up at the Friendly Societies Reserve

The improved power supply at Warrnambool's Friendly Societies Reserve has been officially switched on by Parliamentary Secretary for Regional Victoria, Danielle Green.

The power upgrade will boost capacity and reliability.

Before the upgrade it was not possible for all the reserve's facilities to use electricity simultaneously while some required separate power generators including Goodwin Hall, home to Warrnambool Theatre Company, Holiday Actors and Primary Performers; and the Warrnambool Fire Brigade facilities including a tower and pump station used for brigade training and events.



Kindergartens say “Korr” to indigenous language program

Teachers and children at our city’s kinders have taken to a new second language like a Weengkeel to a Karrang.

The project began in 2015 with early years educators attending four specialised language training sessions. Stage 2 of the project has begun in 2016 with all children attending Council-run kindergartens learning local Aboriginal words and phrases. Students are being taught by Gunditjmaran and researcher for the Victorian Aboriginal Corporation for Languages, Joel Wright.

The first series of sessions rolled out across the city in July and August. Mr Wright said that he was impressed with the reaction the project has received. “At a kindergarten level, I think we are the first in Victoria to embark on a project like this,” he said.

“The overall response from the kids has been overwhelmingly positive and enthusiastic, as has been the response from the teachers. “I’ve been astonished at how quickly the kids are able to remember the words.” In their first sessions children learnt the Gunditjmaran words for animals, body parts and greetings.

Kindergarten teachers have access to a suite of resources to help the children continue their learning ahead of their next session. “We try and make it fun. It engages the kids,

so it’s not just somebody talking to them, they have to interact,” Mr Wright said.

“The research has indicated that if you can get the kids to repeat a word 24 times over a couple of days, then it’s stuck in their head.”

As well as all of the educational and cognitive benefits which come from learning a second language, the project aims to enhance the understanding of indigenous culture in Warrnambool.

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“It connects people to the place they live, in a different cultural space,” Mr Wright said.

“If you provide them with a local Aboriginal cultural perspective then it broadens their view of the place where they live.

“It’s a real credit to everyone who has been involved in the program and it certainly wouldn’t have happened without the Early Years Learning and Development team at Council.”

The project is being rolled out over a three year period with funding received through the Indigenous Advancement Strategy – Children and Schooling Programme received by council from the Australian Government

Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

If you are interested in finding out more, a selection of Gunditjmaran words and phrases can be found at www.moyjil.com.au.



New look for Tylden Street

Dennington’s Tylden Street is now lined with cultivars of evergreen magnolia following the removal of New Zealand Christmas trees.

A number of residents had expressed concern that the trees were deteriorating and needed to be replaced.

Council, in conjunction with the Dennington Community Association, wrote to Tylden Street residents to ascertain their views on having all

the trees removed and to seek feedback on suitable replacement trees. It was mutually decided compact cultivars of magnolia grandiflora would be a great fit for the street. The trees feature dark green leaves, large white flowers and the species is listed in Council’s Street Tree Planting and Management Guidelines.

Pipe dream

There’s nothing like the power and majesty of a pipe organ in full flight.

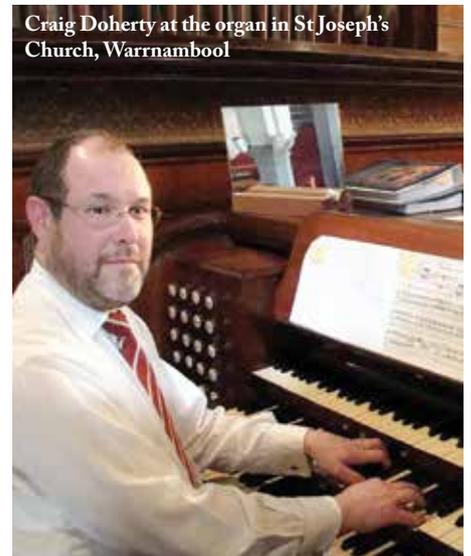
This year’s Warrnambool Organ Festival from September 2 to 4 will once again showcase the superb organs in the Warrnambool region as visiting and local organists pull out all the stops over the first weekend in September.

The festival opens with a recital from Melbourne organist Christopher Cook playing the mighty organ at St Joseph’s Church. His program covers everything from

stirring marches to pieces that show the instrument’s ethereal side.

On Saturday night of the festival, the organ will combine with the trumpet as local musicians Craig Doherty and Bernie Opperman present a program showing how well the two instruments go together. Other concerts this year include a performance of Henry Lawson’s The Loaded Dog with Brendon Lukin on the organ, and on Saturday afternoon the festival moves to The Mozart Hall for an old-fashioned radio play, Murder on the Mahogany Ship, featuring a live organ accompaniment.

For more details about this year’s festival, go to the Facebook page - www.facebook.com/warrnamboolorganfestival/



Strong ties remain between Miura and Warrnambool

Caitlyn Pickert was not yet born when Warrnambool and the Japanese city of Miura established a sister city relationship.

More than 20 years since the friendship began cultural and educational exchanges are still taking place between the two coastal cities.

On July 23 Ms Pickert flew to Japan to begin work as an assistant language teacher as part of the Japanese Exchange and Teaching (JET) program. She will be based in Miura for a year during which time she will help teach English in 11 schools to students in years 3, 5, 7, 8 and 9.

The La Trobe University arts graduate recently completed a TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) course, encouraged by former Brauer College teachers who had participated in the JET program.

The visit to Japan will not be an entirely new experience for Ms Pickert, who spent time in Japan as an exchange student in 2009. "The people are so kind, the culture so different," she said.

Ms Pickert is looking forward to visiting the host family who looked after her seven years ago and said the sister city relationship meant there was a great awareness of Warrnambool and it was easy to make friendships.

She flew over with several other assistant language teachers and the group spent three days in Tokyo for an orientation program. This was

followed by a two-week homestay experience in Miura and in mid-August she will move into an apartment before starting teaching next month.

Join the 2017 Miura tour

The Warrnambool City Council International Relations Committee is now calling for expressions of interests from Warrnambool and Regional citizens to join the 2017 Sister-City tour of Japan.

The tour is scheduled for April 2 to 15 and will include visits to the ancient capital of Kyoto, Hiroshima, Miyajima, Hakone, Tokyo and our Sister-City, Miura.

To register your interest please contact International Relations Committee Member and tour director David McKenzie 5562 5376.



Speedway says g'day USA

This year Premier Speedway Manager David Mills will journey to the home of American sprint car racing, Knoxville, to "spread the gospel" about Warrnambool.

Mr Mills will spruik the attractions of the Warrnambool region as a great place to visit – and if people happen to love sprint car racing – even better.

"It's really a pilgrimage for the tourism industry," Mr Mills said.

"It's also about Warrnambool offering the richest sprint car race in Australia (the Lucas Oil Grand Annual Classic) and trying to entice drivers from the U.S.

"That's what we're about. We're trying to furnish our race with the best competitors in the world."

Mr Mills will also work on consolidating the sister city relationship between Warrnambool and Knoxville, a city of 7,100 people in the state of Iowa and home to what is arguably the best sprint car track in the United States: the Knoxville Raceway.

Following a recent election Knoxville has some new councillors unfamiliar with the sister city arrangement. Mr Mills will brief

them on Warrnambool and the benefits of the official relationship.

The similarities between Premier Speedway and the Knoxville Raceway are many. Both are synonymous with their cities and provide support to local community groups. Mr Mills said the Knoxville Raceway was more developed, with a spectator capacity of 24,000, compared to Premier Speedway's 10,500.

"The raceway is also slap-bang in the middle of Knoxville ... you cross the street and you're in a supermarket," he said.

This year the thousands of fans attending the Knoxville Nationals over four days this month (August) will see on the venue's big screen a video advertisement promoting Warrnambool.

And when they browse through their race program booklet there'll be a full page dedicated to Warrnambool and the Premier Speedway.

When Premier Speedway prospers so does the city of Warrnambool.

A 2011 Deakin University study confirmed that 70 per cent of spectators required at least two nights of accommodation along with meals and other purchases.

The same study estimated that Premier Speedway generated more than \$3 million in economic activity for January alone, Mr Mills said.

"And since 2011 both the Grand Annual Sprint Car Classic and the Australian Sprint Car Championship have both expanded from two to three nights - so teams and spectators are staying for longer."

The speedway also employs local sporting and community groups to deliver services such the canteen, cleaning and car park marshalling.

"In return for the services they provide the clubs and groups receive about \$70,000 which provides them with a very useful income," Mr Mills said

A minute with the Mayor

If you haven't yet seen the Warrnibald Exhibition at the Warrnambool Art Gallery I encourage you to head along.

It's wonderful to see local identities presented through the eyes of local artists. It's a display of great talent, technique and imagination and reminds us that we have in the region some immensely gifted artists. It's also a lot of fun!

This edition of C2C contains stories which relate to two of our sister cities: Miura and Knoxville. It's difficult to imagine two more different cities and yet we have much in common with both. Miura, a coastal city like ours, provides us with a great connection to Asia. Scores of students from Miura and Warrnambool have effectively traded places over the years and a number of teachers have benefited through the Japanese Exchange and Teaching program.

Knoxville shares with our city a passion for sprint cars. Over the years several top American drivers have made their mark at the Premier Speedway while a number of Australian drivers have enjoyed success in the United States. The Speedway draws huge numbers of people to our city and is a great family event. I was kindly invited to the Speedway earlier this year and it's also a whole lot of fun!



Later this year our other sister city Changchun will receive a visit from a group of Woodford Primary School students and teachers. I know they'll have an amazing time. We are enriched in many ways through our sister city ties.

Finally, we have among us many super-impressive older citizens. If you know someone who is aged at least 60 and who makes, or has made, a great contribution to the Warrnambool community, please don't hesitate to nominate them for the Senior of the Year Award. Nomination forms are available at the Archie Graham Community Centre, the Civic Centre at 25 Liebig Street, or online at warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Cr Kylie Gaston, Mayor

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A Minute with the Youth Mayor



After having a break for the school holidays, the Youth Council reconvened to discuss what resilience means to us, particularly in relation to mental health and wellbeing.

Given that an estimated one in five Australians will experience a mental illness each year (ABS, 2009), it is important to look at what protective factors there are against experiencing setbacks in our lives, and what the implementation of these protectors may look like in both our individual lives and our community.

Potential solutions to these included giving access to resources to help people better cross barriers they face, redefining success and strengthening existing support networks

such as sporting and cultural clubs. Meanwhile, the two working groups (Education Pathways and Mental Health) have also been continuing their work on their projects.

Members of the Education Pathways group have been making contact and meeting with the careers counsellors from the different local high schools. The knowledge and experience of our careers teachers are great resources, and we hope to work with them to further extend our peers' understanding of education opportunities in the region and beyond.

The Mental Health group has been trialling apps that have been developed by existing mental health organisations. We have identified that there are often issues with connecting the young people who could use assistance with their mental health to the services that are available, so we are aiming to find ways of helping youth to identify when they, or their friends, should seek help. I'm looking forward to seeing all our projects continuing to progress over the coming months!

Visiting us in person

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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 September 5

5.45pm

Warrnambool Civic Centre, 25 Liebig St

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Calendar August



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The Warrnibald Art Prize Until August 21 Warrnambool Art Gallery

A partnership between Western District Employment Access and the Warrnambool Art Gallery, the Warrnibald has a similar format to the famous Archibald Prize, but with a local focus.
www.thewag.com.au

Freeza Push Start Music Competition Sunday August 28, 2pm – 5.30pm Lighthouse Theatre

The biggest event on the youth music calendar, the Push Start Music competition will feature some of Warrnambool's best young, up-and-coming musicians. See them before they're famous! Gold coin entry. This is a fully supervised, drug and alcohol free event.

Warrnambool Organ Festival Friday September 2 – Sunday September 4

The Warrnambool Organ Festival showcases the magnificent pipe organs in Warrnambool. Visiting organists, as well as local players, will give magnificent concerts in various churches.
www.facebook.com/warrnamboolorganfestival

Jessica Meggs: Ripples Until September 4 Warrnambool Art Gallery

New work by Jessica Meggs – winner of the 2014 Peter Lucas Memorial Art Prize. She is interested in the capacity of art to pose questions visually. Her works are exploratory, a means for her to find her way through a conversation which may take place simultaneously internally and externally.
www.thewag.com.au

Coming to the

LIGHTHOUSE
THEATRE 

Warrnambool College presents Legally Blonde: The Musical Thursday August 11, 7.30pm and Friday August 12, 7.30pm

Based on the novel & hit movie of the same name Legally Blonde: The Musical Chronicles the journey of Elle Woods.

Emmanuel College presents Grease: The Musical Friday August 19 and Saturday August 20, 7.30pm

A spectacular and different performance of a much-loved musical with a uniquely rockabilly styling.

3YB Morning Music Country Gold

John Bowles and Michelle Fitzmaurice narrate a musical production that pays tribute to a century of Country Music legends.

Masters of Choreography Beats on Pointe

This dance theatre production is a colourful fun filled show for the entire family bringing you an exciting commercial blend of electric entertainment fusing modern and old school street dance and ballet.

Bethany Arthouse Film Festival About Elly Tuesday August 30, 8pm

From Asghar Farhadi, the Academy Award winning director of A Separation comes this gripping mystery set among a group of old friends on a holiday retreat.

Lighthouse Theatre Season Dave Arden

Saturday September 3, 7.30pm
Dave Arden is one of Australia's most prolific and accomplished musicians. A talented songwriter and storyteller, this is your chance to see Dave live in concert.



Bizfest

Monday August 8, 8.30am – 6.30pm
Lighthouse Theatre

This motivational business conference includes high profile keynote speakers Emma Welsh and Tom Griffith, the masterminds behind Emma & Tom's whole fruit juices.

There will also be a series of breakout workshops, a Q&A panel for small business and speed networking.

Cost \$190

www.business.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/bizfest

CBD Renewal Workshop Tuesday August 9, 6pm – 8pm

Warrnambool City Council, 25 Liebig Street
This workshop will provide small business operators the opportunity to hear from retail expert Martin Ginnane from Ginnane and Associates on how to manage their businesses through the City Renewal period.

Cost: Free

www.business.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/cbd-renewal-workshop

State of the City:

An Economic Perspective
Tuesday August 16, 12.30pm – 2.30pm
Deakin University Corporate Centre,
163 Timor Street

Hear from local industry experts and get the low down on current and future figures from population right through to tourism numbers.

Cost: Free

www.business.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/state-city-economic-perspective

Riding the Digital Wave:
Dinner with Chris Riddell
Tuesday August 23, 6pm – 8.45pm
Quality Suites Deep Blue, Worm Bay Road

A regular on Channel 7's The Morning Show and The Daily Edition, Chris Riddell is Australia's best-known futurist. Enjoy a thought-provoking dinner with one of the new economy's sharpest observers.

Cost: \$60

www.business.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/riding-digital-wave-dinner-chris-riddell