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Shipwreck Coast Fishing Classic



Anglers of all ages will be lured to Warrnambool from March 1 to 10 with the staging of the annual Shipwreck Coast Fishing Classic.

The competition, supported by Warrnambool City Council, comes with more than \$50,000 in prizes and continues to grow in popularity.

The Classic is open to the general public and is aimed at all fishing groups, from the dedicated offshore enthusiast to kids and families, and covers a wide range of species –

including marine, estuarine and freshwater fish. The event also provides free educational activities for kids with a focus on fishing, environmental awareness, and sustainability of our marine resources. The Classic concludes with a presentation beginning midday on Monday March 10 (Labour Day Public Holiday) at the Warrnambool Breakwater carpark.

There are small fry, junior, and senior categories, and prizes are awarded for heaviest fish in each of the selected species, plus random draws. In addition, two boats will be given away. Every entrant goes into the draw to win the first boat, trailer, and motor package. Any entrant who weighs in any eligible fish goes into the draw for the second boat package.

A sustainable fishing exhibition will be held on the presentation day, providing information on issues affecting our local natural resources, and the principles and ethics of sustainable fishing and associated environmental issues. This exhibition is supported by the Council along with a number of other groups with an interest in sustainability.

Profits from this year's Classic will be donated to Peter's Project for the Integrated Cancer Centre in Warrnambool.

Online entry and more information can be found at www.wolgfc.com

New fishing jetty



The Lyndoch fishing jetty is the latest fishing infrastructure in Warrnambool to be upgraded.

The former timber structure has been replaced by a floating jetty capable of rising and falling with the fluctuating river height. The T-shaped jetty is accessible to the public while fishing boats can still be moored at the jetty.

The bank has been consolidated with improved vehicle access. The ground surface in the vicinity of the jetty was also altered to keep it above normal river levels.

The Council contributed about \$50,000 to the project while the Warrnambool and District Angling Club provided \$15,000 and the State Government \$10,000.

Boating and fishing infrastructure has been renewed in several locations in recent years. The nearby Lyndoch boat jetty was been replaced while a fishing platform and disabled access were constructed at Proudfoots.

The Simpson St jetty, where the Hopkins River cruise boat moors, has also been replaced.

In 2012 the Mahoneys Road fishing jetty was replaced and last year the boating jetty and ramp were completely upgraded. Fishing and boating jetties at Jubilee Park have also been replaced.

Flood Mitigation update

Next month on-ground work will start on the Russells Creek flood mitigation project.

The project will reduce the risk of flooding to more than 750 properties and in excess of 100 buildings in North Warrnambool.

The scope of the works includes the installation of additional culverts under Mortlake Road, the building of levee banks, retaining walls, removal of vegetation and the reshaping of the creek channel. The culvert works will result in the closure of

a small section of Mortlake Rd for up to a fortnight.

"VicRoads has advised us they would prefer a full closure of the road for a short period," Manager Infrastructure Development and Projects Justin Hinch said.

"We're planning for this to occur during school holidays in April so as to minimise the impact on traffic.

"A detour route will be announced once details have been finalised with the contractor and VicRoads."

The project stemmed from a 2010 flood study by the Glenelg Hopkins Catchment



Management Authority which identified which North Warrnambool properties would be subject to flooding in a one-in-100-year storm.

It has a funding allocation of \$3 million provided by the State and Federal governments and Warrnambool City Council.

Breathing life into our laneways

The Hidden Histories Laneway Festival is in full swing featuring music, art, fashion and fun in 10 events between January and May.

The festival is part of the Hidden Histories program which also includes historical research and the permanent upgrade of one laneway.

Warrnambool City Council City Renewal Manager Tanya Egan said that tapping the potential of Warrnambool's laneways is an integral part of the City Centre Revitalisation Plan. "The CBD renewal isn't just about Council and policies, it's about the community embracing the idea and helping with the change," she said.

"People use these laneways as thoroughfares every day, and we are keen to explore other ways in which they can be used to attract people to the city.

"We want to draw on the creative capital of the community to show how our laneways can be better utilised."

Hidden Histories is a partnership between Warrnambool City Council, the F Project and the Victorian Government.

Visit www.fproject.org.au for future dates and to get involved.



Women in Business: Profile

After a busy, enjoyable two-and-a-half years as the Warrnambool-based multimedia producer for ABC Open, Colleen Hughson felt the need for a change.

She wanted to spend more time with her family and explore the possibility of perhaps setting up her own video production business.

In her final week at the ABC she had been contacted with three different work opportunities – all related to video - an area in which she had worked for more than a decade.

Colleen knew that while she possessed the creative and technical skills as a video producer she wanted to add some business smarts to her operation.

The Women in Business Workshop Series, presented by the Council's Business Support Unit, is providing her with the grounding in business operation she had been seeking.

"The business course is good because I was just cruising along – it will give me the skills to define what the business will be and what it will look like," Colleen said.

"It's really informative and Bruce (mentor, Bruce Hall) is very generous with sharing his knowledge and is approachable.

Colleen said a strength of the course was that it accepted that women may have to juggle a range of commitments around managing a home and family.

"The course assists you to be realistic about the time you have available and that helps with better planning of time.

"I could study online but I prefer doing a course, sitting down with someone and learning."

Club Wednesday returns

The popular Club Wednesday networking functions are set to return for 2014.

Club Wednesday runs from February until September on the first Wednesday of each month, with the exception of May when it is not held due to the Warrnambool May Racing Carnival.

Club Wednesday allows fellow business operators and employees to catch up and see what's happening in the community whilst allowing networking between businesses. All are welcome to attend, the more the merrier!

Club Wednesday is back for another year and will be held at Quest Serviced Apartments, Liebig Street Warrnambool on Wednesday February 5, 6pm - 7pm.

If your business is interested in hosting a Club Wednesday function in 2014, please contact Edward Ivermee from the Business Support Team on 5559 4925 or eivermee@warrnambool.vic.gov.au.



Rail services advocacy

The Council will be discussing with V/Line the possibility of increasing the number of return rail services between Warrnambool and Melbourne.

The Council would like to see the number of daily return services increase from three to five.

The three existing services are well patronised. More frequent services could go directly to Melbourne's Southern Cross station or they could link with one of Geelong's VLocity trains to Melbourne.

By rail, the journey covering the 260km to Melbourne takes three hours and 35 minutes (average speed 74kmh) and typically involves 14 stops en route.

Ultimately the Council hopes to see a faster, as well as more frequent, rail service.

Over the past decade the Bendigo, Ballarat and Latrobe Valley rail corridors have all been upgraded. Over time these improvements have included an increase in train frequency. Traralgon has 19 daily return trips to Melbourne, Geelong has 30.

The Council is interested in hearing from the region's residents about the rail service. Would you like to see more trains? Should additional services go directly to Melbourne or would you be prepared to change trains in Geelong for the final leg of the journey?

Please send your comments and ideas to communications@warrnambool.vic.gov.au



Helping the elderly beat the heat

A hot day in Warrnambool means the beach, pool or an air conditioned building for many residents, but if you have elderly neighbours, spare a thought for them before you head out to enjoy the sunshine.

We usually know when a heatwave is on the way, so it would be very neighbourly of you to pop by and see if there's anything you can do to help an elderly person prepare.

Something as simple as helping them draw exterior blinds or setting up a pedestal fan can be a great help. When the hot weather hits, pay them a visit (especially if they are living alone) and carry out any other heat-beating tactics such as closing the curtains and making sure they have plenty of cold water.



Sliding into summer

Summer fun at AquaZone has hit a new peak with the unveiling of a popular new attraction.

A custom-built 35m slip and slide is the longest of its kind in Australia and has been a hit with young and old.

Reid Oval upgrade

Construction on the much-anticipated Reid Oval upgrade is set to begin this month.

The upgrade, comprising a multi-purpose pavilion, electronic scoreboard and associated works, will meet AFL standards.

The scope of the works, agreed on by a project control group comprising representatives from the council and Reid Oval user groups, exceeded the project's initial funding allocation. Despite this the Council has committed to sourcing additional funding for the project.

"Given the work done by the project control group in developing the project and the importance to the community of having a premier sports ground that seeks to meet AFL requirements, the Council will ensure the project proceeds," WCC Recreation and Culture Manager Russell Lineham said.

"Council will still seek additional external funding for the project but if this does not eventuate we will re-allocate capital works funding to ensure the project is completed as planned.

"Reid Oval has an important role to play in not only showcasing top level sport but contributing to the health and wellbeing of the community by providing high quality sporting and recreational opportunities."



"We got the slip and slide as a way to cater to teenagers and young adults looking for a bit of fun while they cool off," AquaZone manager Ray Smith said.

"A group of our young lifeguards were eager to test it out and loved it. We couldn't get them off they were having so much fun! So from day one we figured we were on to a winner and everyone has loved it so far."

The slip and slide will operate between 1-3pm every day during summer (except Tuesdays and Thursdays) with the capacity for hours to be extended during busy periods.

To view a comprehensive list of AquaZone programs and activities, visit www.aquazone.com.au

Clean Up Warrnambool Weekend

While keeping Warrnambool beautiful is a year-round priority, we're hoping you can join us in making an extra special effort on Clean Up Warrnambool Weekend.

Saturday March 1 sees the return of the popular Detox Your Home program before we join the rest of the nation for Clean Up Australia Day on Sunday March 2.

Detox Your Home is a safe, free and easy-to-use service to dispose of common household chemicals without harming your health or the environment.

Visit www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detox-yourhome for a full list of accepted items. The collected items are recycled for recovery and diverted from landfill.

Simply register online or by calling 1800 353 233, then turn up on the day with your unwanted items, and the trained Detox Your Home team will do the rest.

For Clean Up Australia Day, Council is looking for community groups, schools and groups of residents interested in cleaning up their neighbourhood or their favourite open space area.

You can register your group and pick your spot at www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au or contact Council Waste Minimisation Officer Kate McInnes kmcinnes@warrnambool.vic.gov.au or 5559 4405.

For individuals interested in joining in on the day, head to the Council-run site at Viaduct Rd to register at 10am.



The Civic Green will be even greener on Saturday February 22 with the Warrnambool Sustainable Living Festival from 10am-3pm.

This event aims to demonstrate the ways in which ordinary Australians can make the change to lead a more sustainable lifestyle and to showcase local environmentally-friendly products and services.

While most people understand what sustainability means, the festival aims to bridge the gap between people's desire to be sustainable and knowing how to go about making it happen.

Keynote speakers include Australia's favourite hunter-gatherer and author of *Whole Larder Love*, Rohan Anderson, and sustainability motivator Ian McBurney.

Other free activities include:

- Sustainable fashion show
- Tips on raising backyard chooks
- "Green" beer brewing workshop
- "Make your own" workshops - cordials, tea bags and cleaning products
- Environmentally-friendly arts and crafts
- Bike maintenance workshop
- Activities for the kids - insect touch-tanks, fishing for the future, recycled arts and crafts, henna tattoos

Contact Council Sustainability Officer Lisa Rankin 5559 4876

Lighthouse Theatre set to shine in 2014

A stage adaptation of George Orwell's classic novel *1984*, indie music favourite Lior and a fresh take on a Mozart opera were among the shows heading to Warrnambool as part of the Lighthouse Theatre's Lights Up and Fuse theatre seasons.

Along with a host of new acts, the Melbourne Comedy Festival Roadshow, Melbourne Symphony Orchestra and kid-friendly Monkey Baa Theatre Company all return with new shows after stellar performances in 2013.

Lighthouse Theatre manager Greg Diamantis said that 2014 would be another year of top-notch productions.

"From the intimacy of a solo cello in *Bach by Candlelight* to the multimedia spectacular of the Michael Jackson tribute *Man in the Mirror*, there is something for all tastes," he said.

"Complementing the more sophisticated Lights Up season, the Fuse season will continue to spice things up with a hot line-up

of comedy, theatre and music with just a little bit of edge.

"We feel that in 2013 we established the Lighthouse Theatre as the beacon of theatre for south-west Victoria. With another strong line-up in 2014, we aim to build on this reputation and continue to attract patrons from over 100km away."

Theatre fans can save up to 20 per cent on regular ticket prices by becoming a subscriber. Pick at least four shows from either the Lights Up or Fuse seasons to save while also enjoying priority seating and performer meet-and-greet opportunities.

For more information visit www.lighthouse theatre.com.au



Warrnambool's Fun4Kids Festival has partnered with sustainability education organisation, Cool Australia, to create a free curriculum toolkit for teachers and launch a writing challenge with \$1000 in prizes.

Cool Australia and Fun4Kids Festival's initiative allows teachers to download lesson plans, digital worksheets, Smartboard activities and a host of other resources.

Cool Australia's Curriculum and Schools Engagement Manager Thea Nicholas said the initiative would equip teachers with an innovative and interactive set of tools to teach students about both sustainability and persuasive writing.

"Both organisations are equally passionate about educating for a sustainable future. Students can actually attend the event and see how the festival is reducing its ecological footprint, which gives the curriculum resources real life application," Ms Nicholas said.

Fun4Kids Festival Director Luke Cann said his team was excited to be working with Cool Australia.

"We're both not-for-profit organisations that share a passion for bettering the lives of Australia's future, our children. They're the award-winning educational providers behind National Recycling Week, Clean Up Australia Day and Earth Hour – they're the best out there!"

The partnership will launch the inaugural Cool Australia Fun4Kids Festival Writing Challenge. The Challenge is open to all schools in Australia and provides added incentive for teachers to engage with the program.

"We're inviting all Australian schools to take part in the initiative, there's \$1000 in cash prizes up for grabs for the best entries! We're also offering 21 family passes as merit prizes for students living in Victoria. The top idea will be implemented at the event." Mr Cann said.

For more details on the curriculum toolkit and the Cool Australia Fun4Kids Festival Writing Challenge visit www.fun4kids.com.au/coolaustralia

It's all happening...

Star to attend indie film screening

Damian Callinan has postponed performances of his new stage show *The Lost WWI Diary of Paddy Callinan* in Warrnambool after receiving the green light to write and star in an upcoming film.

It was impossible for Damian to get his screenplay finished by deadline and suitably prepare his stage show to premiere by February 19. The show will now be performed on April 8 and 9.

As a bonus for its audiences, Lighthouse Theatre will present a special screening of Callinan's recent film, the independent smash-hit *Backyard Ashes* on Monday February 17

which Damian will attend and take part in a Q&A afterwards.

Contact the Lighthouse Theatre on 5559 4999 for more information.

Free homework space

The Archie Graham Centre is trialling a homework club for secondary students whose homes are not suitable for study or who are looking for support with their studies.

The program will run during the school term on Monday and Tuesday afternoons from 3:30-5pm. Four computers will be available and there will also be WIFI for those who are able to bring their own.

For more information please contact Kay Porter on kporter@warrnambool.vic.gov.au or 5559 4920.

Youth Awards

The Warrnambool and Moyne Youth Achiever Awards is an annual event

coordinated by the Youth Councils of Warrnambool and Moyne. The event is a celebration of young people's achievements providing the community with the opportunity to celebrate the exceptional talents of youth in the region.

The awards will be held at the Lighthouse Theatre at 6:30pm on February 12. Contact the theatre box office on 5559 4999 for ticket information.

12-25 year olds sought for youth council

Have you ever thought about joining the Warrnambool City Youth Council? With your help, we can make Warrnambool a fun and exciting place for young people. You'll also gain some great hands-on experience and it looks great on your resumé. **Contact Katie McKean on kmckean@warrnambool.vic.gov.au or 5559 4867 to express your interest.**

Compact stats | Summer recycling at Surfside and Shipwreck Bay holiday parks

100

new recycling bins

5,000

wheelie bins of recyclables diverted from landfill

100,000

approximate number of people to use the new system

0

instances of deliberate non-compliance



A minute with the Mayor

Congratulations to the deserving winners of our Australia Day awards.

The efforts of Citizen of the Year Russ Goodear, Young Citizen of the year Olivia Niddrie, Warrnambool's Rotary clubs for the Community Event of the year and our Local Achievers Robert Lowe Sen., Andrew Squires, Bruce Pritchard and Keith McLeod are fine examples of commitment to improving our city and the region.

The leadership they show in giving their time to improve the lives of other people is a great demonstration of what it is to be an Australian.

Late last year we were thrilled to announce the partnership with Deakin University that

will see the university provide \$30,000 over three years to the Middle Island conservation program. A feature of the program is, of course, the maramba dogs which keep predators off the island and have been critical to the recovery of the resident little penguin population.

The program was a great fit for Deakin which delivers highly regarded aquatic and environmental science programs and this year celebrates its 40th anniversary.

The guided tours of Middle Island add to our city's visitor appeal and help build an understanding of the fascinating and fragile coastal ecology.

The revitalisation of our CBD continues with the Hidden Histories Laneway Festival. The series of events illustrates the value of our many laneways and how they can play a part in enlivening the city centre.

The Council will maintain its advocacy for the city and the region. In this edition of C2C we have an item on the push for an increased number of rail services to Melbourne. While a decision on increasing rail services cannot be made by the Council, we have a role to play in presenting a case to V/Line and the Department of Transport to help ensure the Warrnambool region is provided with the best possible service.

We'd like to get your ideas on how the rail service could be improved so please let us know.

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.

Connect2Council

Find out how to have your say by logging onto our website at www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au and visiting the Connect2Council page.

Council meetings

**Monday February 3,
5.45pm**
**Monday February 24,
5.45pm**

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February 2014 Calendar



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Friday January 31 – Sunday February 2 **Wunta Fiesta**

The Wunta Fiesta is held over three days and incorporates a range of activities suitable for the whole family, showcasing the best that Warrnambool has to offer. Activities are held in the CBD, the Botanic Gardens and Lake Pertobe.

www.facebook.com/wuntafiesta

Sunday February 2, 10am-5pm **Barwon South-West League** Warrnambool Skate Park

Heat one of the newly developed Barwon South Western League Skate, BMX and Scoot Series.

www.facebook.com/Barwonswleague



Wednesday February 12 – Friday February 14 **Sungold Field Days** Allansford

The place to be for latest information, services, products and technology for the dairy and cattle breeding markets as well as an entertaining day out for visitors of all ages.

www.sungoldfielddays.com.au



Sunday February 16, 10am-5pm **Australian Whaleboat Racing Championships** Proudfoots on the River

Head down to the Hopkins River to watch over 200 people take to the water in whaleboat races.

The course will commence near the Water Ski Club on Otway road, travel south towards the Hopkins River bridge, turn, and return with a finish line directly in front of the boat ramp between the Water Ski Club and Proudfoots.

www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Sunday 22 February 10am-3pm **Sustainable Living Festival** Civic Green

Enjoy live entertainment, activities for kids and learn about innovative and fun ways you can help the environment.

www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Saturday February 22 - Sunday February 23 **The Warrnambool Portuguese Cultural Festival** St Pius X Hall and Lake Pertobe

Showcases Portuguese culture in a vibrant display of traditional music, dance and gourmet cuisine. This festival is held every two years and consists of two days of activities, ceremonies and entertainment.

www.clpvic.com.au

Saturday March 1 **Detox Your Home Day** Address provided upon registration

Take advantage of this free household chemical recycling service to rid your house of unwanted chemicals and ensure they are disposed of in an environmentally friendly way. Registrations are essential.

www.sustainability.vic.gov.au/detoxyourhome

Sunday March 2 **Clean Up Australia Day**

Clean Up Australia Day is a simple way you can take action to clean up, fix up and conserve our prized local environment.

www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au



Strong Women, Strong Painting, Strong Culture

Warrnambool Art Gallery

WAG is delighted to present a ground-breaking exhibition Strong Women, Strong Painting, Strong Culture featuring work by leading Indigenous female painters, fibre artists, print makers and textile artists from the Central and Western Desert country of Australia.

The exhibition includes the work of 42 senior artists and includes exuberant paintings on canvas, batik, soft sculpture, carving and etchings, characterised by stunning colour and energy. Importantly the paintings and sculptures are the tools by which these women communicate their stories of country, kinship and culture. A must see!

Saturday March 1 **Tom Burlinson – Now We're Swingin'** Lighthouse Theatre

Presenting Australian star of screen and stage, Tom Burlinson, in his latest musical production, *Now We're Swingin'* - a sensational, swinging salute to the masters of the genre.

Prepare yourself for a montage of swing classics by Tony Bennett, Sammy Davis Jr, Nat King Cole, Dean Martin, Bobby Darin and Frank Sinatra, through to the songs made famous by supercool swingers of the current era - Harry Connick Jr, Michael Bubl  and Robbie Williams.

www.lighthouseatre.com.au

