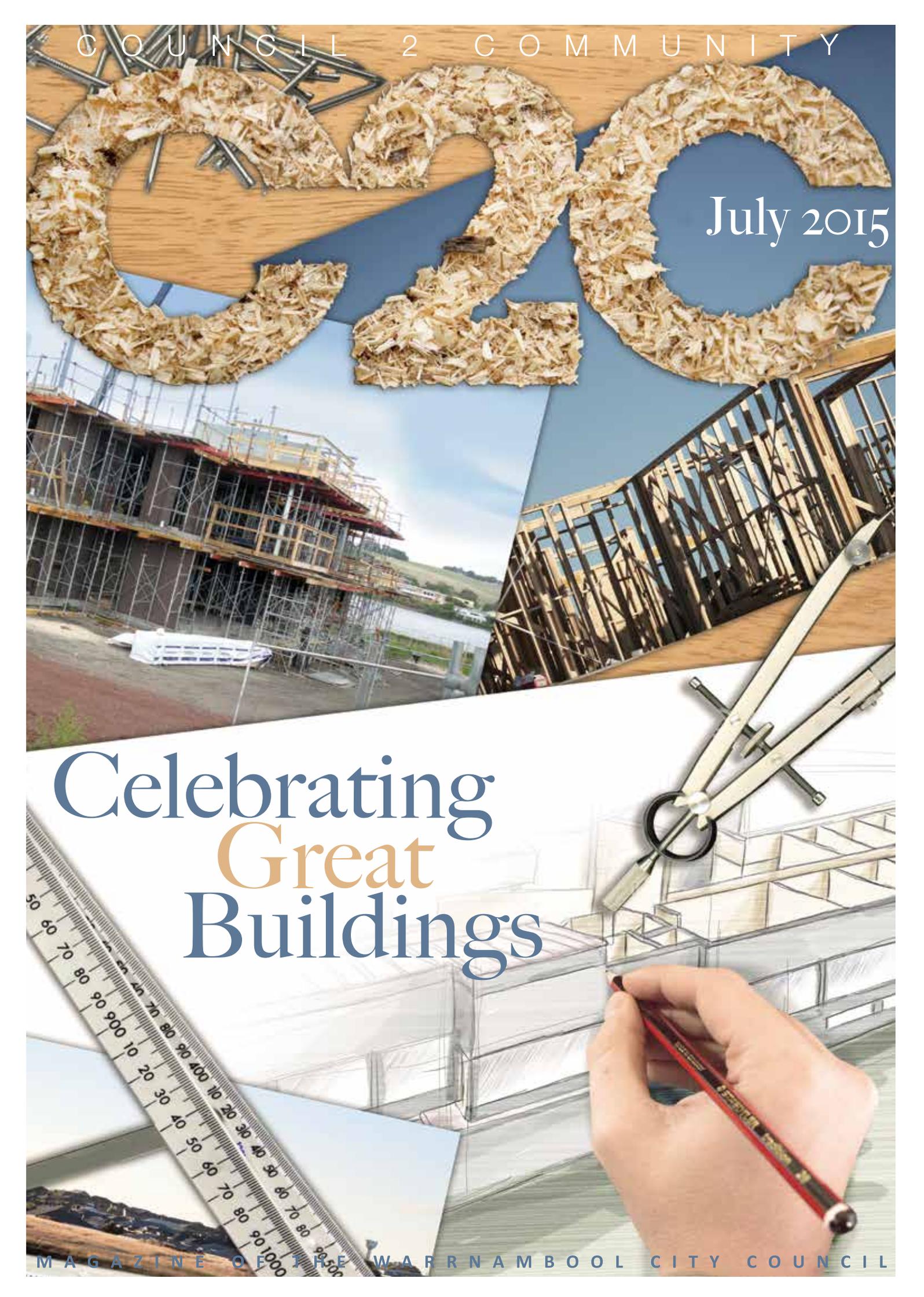


July 2015



Celebrating Great Buildings

MOYJIL Point Ritchie

Point Ritchie, or in Aboriginal language, Moyjil, is the rocky headland at the mouth of the Warrnambool's Hopkins River.

For thousands of years Aboriginal people visited the area to gather food including eels from the river and shellfish from the ocean.

A record of this extended period of human occupation is preserved in the rocks and in the sand dunes of Point Ritchie and in recent years traditional owners and scientists have worked together to help tell the story of this site, which is recognised as having great heritage significance.

In 2013 the site was placed on the Victorian Aboriginal Heritage Register and received an Ongoing Protection Declaration from the State Government.

The area is managed by Warrnambool City Council in consultation with the Point Ritchie Project Committee comprising traditional owners, researchers and representatives from the Council and State Government departments including the Office of Aboriginal Affairs Victoria.

A Conservation Management Plan for the site is also nearing completion and will be released in coming months.

The Point Ritchie Project Group and Warrnambool City Council are now seeking feedback on a proposal to have a dual name for the site: Point Ritchie / Moyjil.

A video and website dedicated to telling the story of Point Ritchie (Moyjil) have been produced as an initiative of the Point Ritchie Project Group.

www.moyjil.com.au

"The proposed dual name, Point Ritchie / Moyjil, will help provide a more public acknowledgement and celebration of the site's heritage," Warrnambool City Council Coordinator City Sustainability Travis Riches said.

Submissions or comments on the proposal are invited from interested groups, bodies and members of the general public. Submissions can be sent to to Warrnambool City Council, PO Box 198, 3280, or alternatively emailed to wbool_city@warrnambool.vic.gov.au.

Make this festival your business

Jim's Group CEO Jim Penman, Carolyn Creswell of Carman's Fine Food, RedBalloon Founding Director and Channel 10 "Shark" Naomi Simson and economics author and columnist Bernard Salt will all be in Warrnambool this August as part of the Great South Coast Small Business Festival.

The full program of festival events has been released and bookings are now open.

As well as providing inspiration and insights from leaders in the business sector, there will be plenty of sessions, workshops and seminars allowing south-west professionals and business operators to learn new skills, develop new ideas and network with other businesses.



The Great South Coast Small Business Festival features over 25 business events across the region that are either free or at minimal cost.

Visit www.business.warrnambool.vic.gov.au for more information on each event and to secure your tickets.

The 2015 Festival is a regional partner of the state-wide Small Business Festival Victoria and is presented by the Warrnambool City Council in partnership with the Moyne, Corangamite and Glenelg Shires as well as event hosts.

Food and fibre forums

Industry leaders, businesses, farmers and residents across the South West are being invited to have their say on the draft Great South Coast Food and Fibre Action Plan.

Four forums will be held across the Great South Coast region this month at which suggestions on the draft plan can be made. Great South Coast Group Chair, Moyne Shire's Cr Colin Ryan said the group was keen to see as many people as possible attend the forums.

"After the presentation there will also be an opportunity for further informal discussions with the consultants and project steering committee members over coffee," Cr Ryan said.

The Great South Coast Food and Fibre Action Plan Warrnambool forum will be held at South West TAFE in Timor Street on Wednesday, July 22, from 2pm to 4pm.

Alternatively, feedback and ideas can be sent to lheinrich@greatsouthcoast.com.au by Thursday, July 30.

Celebrating great buildings

Great building designs in Warrnambool will be officially recognised through a new awards event.

Nominations are now open for the inaugural Warrnambool Building Design Awards which recognise and reward outstanding sustainable design in building, landscape and public open spaces.

Warrnambool Mayor Cr Michael Neoh said the impacts of outstanding building design extended well beyond a building's footprint.

"A beautifully designed, energy efficient building is great not only for the people using the building but can add value to a streetscape, neighbourhood while having a minimal impact on the environment," Cr Neoh said.

"All building sites are unique and each has its own complexities.

"Architects, designers and their clients have to maximise the possibilities of each site and endeavour to ensure the buildings, streetscapes and open spaces complement the surrounds."

All members of the community as well as building design professionals are encouraged to nominate a property / development for a Warrnambool Building Design Award.

Eligible projects and developments include new houses, commercial buildings and community buildings, residential subdivision, renovations and restoration of existing houses and commercial buildings, and extensions to existing dwellings and commercial buildings.

The property/development must:

- be located within the boundaries of the City of Warrnambool, and
- have been completed not more than five years ago, or
- have been completed, occupied, or ready for occupation by June 30, 2015.

Categories include:

Best Residential (Single Dwelling) Development

The Award promotes excellence in the design of single dwellings.

Best Residential (Multiple Dwelling) Development

The Award promotes excellence in the design of multi-dwelling housing.

Best Commercial / Community Development

The Award promotes excellence in the design of commercial or community developments.

Best Renovation, Restoration or Extension (including residential and commercial developments)

The Award promotes excellence in the design of renovation, restoration or an extension to an existing building in a manner which complements and respects the original building and the streetscape.

Nominate at

www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au

Local artists make mark

Aready a 29m blue whale concrete stencil by Fiona Clarke and Kate Gane covers what was an unremarkable stretch of concrete.

The work is being completed with hand-crafted timber furniture by Sarah Carrucan, a mural by Jessica Megs and lightboxes by Ms Clarke and Ms Gane.

The work on the lane draws on the Hidden Histories Strategy adopted earlier this year by Warrnambool City Council.

"The work by these four local artists continues the renewal of the city centre which is

Council's number one priority," Mayor Cr Michael Neoh said. "We know our laneways hold enormous potential to add to the experience of being in the city centre."

Fiona Clark said she was very happy to be involved in the city renewal and a key element of the laneway work, which has the theme "ocean links" would be a whale which was a significant part of Warrnambool's identity.

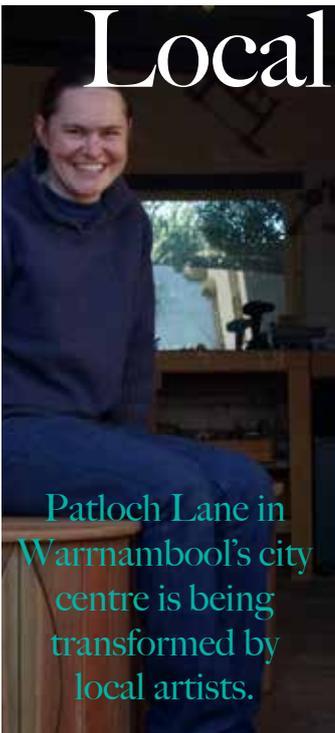
"It's great to be playing a role in this project," she said.

WCC Manager City Renewal Tanya Egan said the Council worked with Warrnambool Art

Gallery and the F Project in selecting the artists for the project.

"One of the wonderful outcomes of earlier work by WAG in offering workshops in Warrnambool conducted by renowned mural artists is that Jessica was a participant in one of those workshops.

"The theme of the laneway will be 'ocean links' and this was inspired by the overall 'city to the sea' theme identified by participants of the CBD redesign workshops held last year."



Patloch Lane in Warrnambool's city centre is being transformed by local artists.

Gilles Street improvements

Draft designs for a new taxi rank and toilets in Gilles Street have been unveiled

Both will be situated on the eastern side of the street close to the intersection with Timor Street.



The designs were prepared in consultation with Gilles Street stakeholders including residents from Gilles Street, taxi drivers, security officers, Timor Street businesses and representatives from the police, TAFE, Brophy and the post office.

New traffic signals for Dennington

VicRoads has installed new traffic lights at the intersection of Raglan Parade and Lindsay Street.

Once the signals are operational the existing school crossing and 40kmh speed zone located 150m west of Lindsay Street will be removed with the speed limit for this stretch of road to remain at 70kmh.

To improve safety, heavy vehicles accessing the Fonterra factory and those wishing to use the recreational facilities along the river, right turns from the Princes Highway into The Esplanade will no longer be permitted. Instead, motorists and dairy trucks travelling west on the Princes Highway will need to access the recreational area on The Esplanade via Tylden Street.

As part of the Lindsay Street works Council has taken the opportunity to create a footpath from Lindsay Street to the shopping centre. Improvement works at the intersection of Raglan Parade and Rooneys Road, which will include the installation of traffic lights and improvements to bike lanes, are expected to be completed by the end of July.

Please call 13 11 70 to report road hazards. Motorists can also visit the VicRoads VicTraffic website and app for live traffic information about emergency road closures and traffic alerts.

Why not go paperless?

Warrnambool ratepayers can choose to opt-in to a paperless system for paying rates, animal registrations and a range of other council services.

The Council now offers BPay View, a system which sends bills and statements directly to your online bank without the need for a paper bill in the mail.

Instead, people opting to use BPay View will receive an email, SMS or bank message reminder when a bill has arrived.

“To sign up to BPay View is simple,” Council Revenue and Property Manager Glendon Dickinson said.

“You log into your online banking account, look for the BPay View or View Bills section then register to receive your Warrnambool Council rates notice by entering our biller code and your BPay View registration number.

“Both of these numbers appear on your paper rates notice.

“Once you have registered, you will no longer receive the printed rates notice in the mail.”

For more information go to bpay.com.au/bpayview

BPAY VIEW

Mayor Cr Michael Neoh said the toilet and taxi rank designs were complementary and materials to be used in the project were consistent with the city centre design guidelines adopted earlier this year by Council.

“The Loo Review of 2013 identified the work required to meet community expectations around our public amenities and replacing the temporary toilets in Gilles Street was highlighted as one of the priorities,” Cr Neoh said.

“We think the proposed taxi rank design will work smoothly and provide a safer environment, particularly late at night after our entertainment venues close and people are heading home.”

Manager City Renewal Tanya Egan said funding for the project had come from the State Government (\$500,000) and the Council (\$350,000).

The design includes two unisex toilets, another toilet with wheelchair access, a rainwater tank, landscaping and a taxi shelter that provides an increased seating capacity, greater roof area for protection from weather and sufficient space for two taxis to draw parallel to the kerb.

The footpath leading to the taxi rank will be one level to improve accessibility and ready access to post office boxes will be maintained.

The toilets will be set back from the footpath and occupy space at the rear of the post office-council building. A largely disused brick storage shed will be demolished to make way for the toilets.

Edging will be installed to protect the Norfolk Island pines from traffic.

How to maximise your brain health in Warrnambool

Dementia touches the lives of many Australians, and projections suggest that increasing numbers will be affected over the next 20 years.

The good news is that research has revealed five simple steps we can all take now to reduce the risk of developing dementia later on.

Five steps to maximise your brain health in Warrnambool:

Step 1: Look after your heart

- See your GP for a heart check-up
- Find more information about heart health at www.heartfoundation.org.au
- Get help to give up smoking

Step 2: Do some physical activity

- Join a local sporting team
- Visit Aquazone or the Archie Graham Community Centre and try out a new exercise class
- Go for a walk or bike ride along our spectacular promenade

Step 3: Mentally challenge your brain

- Learn something new by taking a class at the Archie Graham Community Centre
- Research an interest at the Warrnambool Library

Step 4: Follow a healthy diet

- Learn healthy eating tips at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au
- Come to the Warrnambool Community Garden to learn how to grow fruit and vegetables in your own backyard or share a community plot

Step 5: Enjoy social activity

- Volunteer – it's a great way to meet new people
- Join a book group, scrabble club or social table tennis program

For more information visit:
www.yourbrainmatters.org.au

Alzheimer's Australia's Your Brain Matters program is supported by funding from the Australian Government under the Chronic Disease Prevention and Service Improvement Fund.



Making a Difference

Through their work volunteering in Meals on Wheels Elizabeth and Geoffrey Talbot have developed an "extended family" of clients and fellow volunteers, enriching their own lives while providing a much-needed community service.

The Talbots were drawn to the region in January to be closer to family in Hawkesdale but decided living in Warrnambool would suit them best.

"There are lots of shops and a couple of times a week we go for a short drive to explore the rest of the region," Mrs Talbot said.

"We love it here. It is like we are on holiday every day!"

Having volunteered for 10 years prior to their move from Bonbeach in Melbourne's south, the pair were well aware of the benefits of volunteering as well as the important role it plays in building communities.

"It has been good for meeting new people and the driving is helping us to get used to where things are in town," Mrs Talbot said.

"There are important services volunteers need to be involved in or else they might not run. "Meals on Wheels allows people to stay in their own homes for longer and that is important."

Since retiring, volunteering has helped the Talbots stay mobile and socially connected – two very important factors in active ageing. "Now we are not working, we need to do something so we are not homebound," Mrs Talbot said.

"When you work you are used to your routine, but when you retire volunteering can give you that reason to get up and go."

Mr Talbot urged anyone unsure about volunteering to try it at least once.

"There is no harm in giving it a go. If you don't like it, there is always something else," he said.

"There are lots of options in Warrnambool for volunteering. There is something for everyone."

"Volunteering makes you feel better in yourself knowing you are helping someone who needs it and we have made a lot of good friends along the way."

The Warrnambool City Council can help find the right volunteer role for you, give advice about volunteering and information about organisations around the region that you may be interested in volunteering with.

For more information, visit
www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/volunteering
or call 5559 4800.

Barre Attack at the Archie Graham Centre

Barre Attack is a dynamic fusion of Pilates, ballet and fitness which is gaining popularity around Australia.

This fun, new fitness class is now running every Tuesday at the Archie Graham Community Centre at 9am and 5.45pm. Sessions utilise the traditional ballet barre and help improve posture, flexibility, balance and overall fitness.

Since classes commenced in late June, Centre Coordinator Mary McLeod said that Barre Attack had brought people to the centre that had never been before.

"The introduction of Barre Attack is a great

way to help the centre reach a new demographic," she said.

"While we provide various opportunities for seniors to stay active, we hope that this class will appeal to a broader section of the community."

"This is another excellent opportunity to improve your fitness and have fun while doing it."

Each session is \$15 with bookings recommended as class sizes are limited.

The whales are back

The first Southern Right whales returned to Warrnambool's Logans Beach in late June, providing an early glimpse into what we hope will be another great season for whale watchers.

Southern Right Whales have been visiting Warrnambool for hundreds of years. Once they were hunted almost to the point of extinction, but since whaling was outlawed in 1935, their numbers have been growing.

In summer, Southern Right whales live in the sub-Antarctic. In winter, they migrate to warmer waters around the southern areas of Australia.

The females migrate to the "nursery" areas close to the shore to bear their calves, while the males, yearlings and young adults remain further out to sea.

The purpose-built viewing platform at Logans Beach provides the perfect vantage point to view these majestic creatures.

For the latest information on whale sightings call the Warrnambool Visitor Information Centre on 5559 4620 or follow the Great Ocean Road Whales page on Facebook.

In Brief

Aberline Road

The construction of the northern section of Aberline Road, from Russells Creek to Wangoom Road, commenced in late June. It is expected that work will be completed by the end of the year. The road will be shut at Wangoom Road while the construction is under way.

Horne Road Stage II

This project is under way with an expected completion date of September, subject to weather conditions. Stage I of Horne Road, which runs north-south and connects Wangoom Rd with the Princes Highway was officially opened in June 2013. Stage II comprises kerb and channel, road widening and minor drainage works. The Horne Road project has a budget of \$8.3 million (State Government \$3.6 million, developer contribution \$2.6 million and WCC \$2.1 million).

Daltons Road pedestrian bridge

The bridge over Russells Creek for pedestrians and cyclists is taking shape and is expected to be complete by the end of July. This project received an allocation of \$128,000 through Council's dedicated Small Infrastructure Fund.



Oddball the Movie

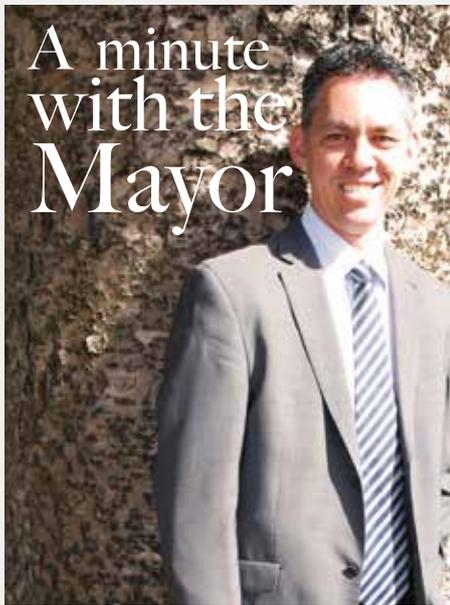
The movie Oddball, a humorous retelling of the story of how maremma dogs were first used to guard penguins on Warrnambool's Middle Island, is to be released on September 17.

The movie stars Shane Jacobsen, Sarah Snook, Deborah Mailman and Alan Tudyk.

You can watch the movie trailer and learn more about Middle Island's penguins and the maremma dogs at www.warrnamboolpenguins.com.au

A decade ago the Middle Island penguin colony had been reduced to fewer than 10 birds largely as a result of fox predation. In 2006 chicken farmer Swampy Marsh suggested that maremma dogs be used to protect the penguins. A trial was successful and since the summer of 2006 there have been maremma dogs guarding the penguins.

The population is recovering and there are now an estimated 180 Little Penguins returning to Middle Island each breeding season. The Middle Island Maremma Project is a partnership between Warrnambool City Council, Warrnambool Coastcare Landcare Group and Deakin University's Warrnambool campus.



A minute with the Mayor

Last month a Council delegation met Federal Government representatives to state the case for funding of Warrnambool's city centre renewal.

We were able to show the plans that had been prepared for Liebig Street and demonstrate our readiness to proceed subject to additional funding support.

We also hosted Victorian Regional Development Minister Jaala Pulford, who took the time to visit Warrnambool, walk through the CBD and get a first-hand insight into our

needs and the vision for the renewal of the city centre.

While Council has committed funding towards the CBD renewal, the overall level of funding required over next four years will be in the order of \$15 million so we will require the support of State and/or Federal governments to complete the project.

The State Government has already provided support for work on the taxi rank and streetscape in Gilles Street which will provide a tremendous lift to what is a busy section of the CBD.

Other advocacy efforts have centred on rail services, in particular the push for an additional service that will link to one of more than 30 VLocity train services between Geelong and Melbourne.

Elsewhere around our city the new CFA station is coming along, so too is the Warrnambool Integrated Cancer Centre, the Department of Environment Land Water and Planning building and a pedestrian bridge over Daltons Road.

So much going on and we've also the Oddball movie to look forward to!

Councillor Michael Neoh, Mayor

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Recently, the Warrnambool City Youth Council has been visited by a group from the community who had a great deal of knowledge to impart. We were lucky enough to receive a session from Take a Stand, a program designed by Women's Health and Wellbeing Barwon South West which is aimed at giving organisations the opportunity to educate people involved in ways to deal with sexual harassment.

This is clearly not a topic that we dealt with lightly, but the training inspired us to try to improve this problem and look for some solutions. It has now become the norm for young people to objectify others in ways that are totally unacceptable, and the Youth Council hopes to do whatever we can to help 'take a stand' against this sort of behaviour. Boys and girls alike have suffered from comments or questions that others view as a harmless joke, and we see that it is now time to put an end to this conduct.

June marked the start of the Youth Council's involvement in Warrnambool's Beyond the



A minute with the Youth Mayor

Bell Local Action Group. The Committee is completely focused on raising the number of students attaining Year 12 or equivalent throughout our region. We look forward to the continuing participation with the group and hope to really make a difference to the number of young people laying foundations for future success.

Declan Primmer, Youth Mayor

Visiting us in person

Civic Centre
25 Liebig Street
Warrnambool Vic 3280
Open from 8.30am - 5pm, Mon-Fri.

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Warrnambool 3280

Telephone

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SMS

0429 709 146

Live Chat

Top right corner of
www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Website

www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au

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 July 6
Monday August 3
5.45pm

Reception Room,
Warrnambool Civic Centre, 25 Liebig St

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July 2015 Calendar



C2C

Flagstaff Hill school holiday program

Every day until Friday July 10
Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village
Let the kids unwind this winter with a trip to the award-winning Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village.

Get hands-on with crafty activities, games, and get a taste for what life was like in the 1870s.

www.flagstaffhill.com

Warrnambool Mountain Bike Club TP 180

Sunday July 5, 11am

Thunder Point Coastal Reserve, McDonald St

Enjoy great mountain bike racing in a family friendly atmosphere with food, music and games.

The circuit is great for spectators and the tight and technical track is sure to impress riders while keeping them on their toes.

For more information call Brett on 0427 568 038

Business workshop - Keep the cash flowing

Wednesday July 22, 6-8pm

SW TAFE

This Small Business Victoria seminar will guide participants on the key drivers of cash in their business and how to improve cash flow with simple measures that can be immediately implemented.

Learn about where hidden cash lies, what tools are needed to get the cash flowing again and how to avoid a cash flow crisis, putting your business on the road to success.

Price: \$20

www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/business-workshops

National Tree Day - Reveg the Flume

Sunday July 26, 10am-12pm

The Flume carpark (off Merri St)

Come and help your local environment by revegetating The Flume as part of National Tree Day.

It's a great family morning out with a free barbeque to follow. Bring a spade and gloves if you have them, otherwise use ours.

www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au



City of Warrnambool Eisteddfod - Debating

Monday July 27 - Friday July 31, 9.30am

Lighthouse Theatre

See primary and secondary school students put their persuasive language skills to the test as they debate on a variety of subjects.

www.warrnambooleisteddfod.org.au

Coming to the

LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE



Get in my Head - Arj Barker

Saturday July 4, 8pm

A hilarious new show from arguably Australia's favourite American comedian.

3YB Morning Music My Life in the Musicals

Wednesday July 8, 11am

Australian Theatrical Star John Bowles will team up Michelle Fitzmaurice in a fascinating story of their rise through show business.

The Merger

Friday July 10 and Saturday July 11, 8pm

This Barry Award nominated comedy by Damian Callinan centres around a football club's welcoming of asylum seekers into the community.

Big Guns of Country Tour

Saturday July 11, 8pm

Relive the magic and the great hits of country superstars Glen Campbell, Johnny Cash and John Denver.

ABC Open - South West Shorts

Friday July 24, 7.30pm

A selection of the best ABC Open documentaries made by and about fascinating South West locals.

Shut Up and Dance!

Friday July 24, 6pm and Saturday July 25, 4pm

A showcase of the talents of Dance Studio 101

The Selfish Giant - Bethany Arthouse Film Festival

Festival

Tuesday July 28, 8pm

An official selection at the Cannes Film Festival, this is a contemporary fable about 13-year-old Arbor and his best friend Swiftly.

North 25 Years On - Graeme Connors

Wednesday July 29, 7.30pm

A special two act performance celebrating 25 years since the release of his landmark album, North.

The Warrnambool Art Gallery reopens

Saturday July 18, 12pm

After a brief winter break, the Warrnambool Art Gallery is reopening in style with a series of fantastic exhibitions.

July will see the unveiling of Kathryn Ryan's A Quiet Place, Terry McKenna's Robots Discover Meaning and John Wilkins' Developer as well as the entrants in the Warrnibald Art Prize.



www.thewag.com.au