

# C2C

June 2015



# My Fun4Kids

# City of Warrnambool Eisteddfod still hitting the high notes

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the City of Warrnambool Eisteddfod, with about 5,000 people expected to perform.

Categories include speech and drama, debating, music, dancing, highland dancing, calisthenics, pipe organ and the Aria.

The 2015 Eisteddfod began in late May and will run until August, providing plenty of opportunities for fans of all genres to enjoy the spectacle.

“We want to make this a community event and we would encourage everyone to come along and enjoy the broad spectrum of performances,” said committee member Paddy McGenniken.

“For students especially, the Eisteddfod enables them to perform in

front of an audience and their peers.

“It can also be a good way to begin public performing and things can flow from there.”

The highly anticipated Aria will be held on June 14 from 1pm at the Lighthouse Theatre.

Four winners of previous Warrnambool Eisteddfod Arias have gone on to win the Herald Sun Aria, the most prestigious Aria in Victoria.

**For more information and timetables visit [www.warrnambooleisteddfod.org.au](http://www.warrnambooleisteddfod.org.au).**



## Reid Oval scoreboard

The new state-of-the-art electronic scoreboard at the Reid Oval is now fully operational following the installation of the LED panels and training of club operators.

This marks the completion of the first stage of the redevelopment of the venue with a new multi-purpose netball pavilion and improved utility services already complete.

The first stage upgrade cost \$717,000 with funding from the Warrnambool City Council, State Government, Warrnambool Football Netball Club, East Warrnambool Football Netball Club, Warrnambool and District Football Netball League, Nestles Cricket Club, Hampden Football Netball League, AL Lane Foundation, Gwen and Edna Jones Foundation and the Ray and Joyce Uebergang Foundation.

The scoreboard is 4.35 metres wide, 2.18 metres high and contains 143,000 individual LED lights.

The LED screen replaced an old, manually operated scoreboard.

Acting Manager Recreation and Culture Greg Diamantis said that the improvements will help redevelop the Reid Oval into a first class sporting facility for south-west Victoria.

“The new scoreboard is more than a panel only capable of showing the scores. It is a full colour LED video display screen with capabilities for showing video, TV and camera footage as well as the in built advertising potential around the software package for sponsorship, event and stakeholder promotion.”

## The importance of being active

**As we get older, actively participating in the things that interest us is important for our wellbeing. It ensures we enjoy life as much as possible and also assists in maintaining independence and happiness.**



There are many opportunities for Warrnambool's residents to actively participate in community life as they get older – to be involved, learn new things and stay active.

Council is planning for the future to ensure Warrnambool people have many opportunities to participate in life as they get older.

Over the past three weeks Council has been conducting a survey to help build a picture of how active we in Warrnambool are into older age and the sorts of activities we do to keep ourselves active.

There is still time to complete the survey which closes on June 2. You can find it at [www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au](http://www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au)

The results will be published later this year and Council will use the information to maximise opportunities for people to remain active into older age.

# Why I love Fun4Kids



From left: Marco, Angelina, Riley and Kellie Mentha

**The beauty of the Fun4Kids Festival is that it means something different to everyone.**

No two visits are ever the same and with 16 incredible zones plus two stages of live entertainment, families are free to choose their own adventure at Australia's most awarded children's festival.

For Warrnambool mum Kellie Mentha, Fun4Kids is a week-long ritual she has enjoyed for more than a decade.

"We go every year. I used to help my sister with her kids, now I take my kids and my brother comes down from Melbourne with his kids, so we make it a great family get-together," she said.

"When my brother first came from Melbourne he was totally amazed at just how many acts and activities were on offer in one place.

"He came back the next year and brought along a friend and their family, who were just as impressed."

Kellie regularly makes use of the full festival pass, ensuring the family doesn't miss out on any of the performances and activities.

"We love the seven day pass and it's excellent value for money," she said.

"At the start we really liked it because when the kids were young it allowed me to work around nap time and sometimes we'd need to have shorter days.

"Now that they are getting a bit older and

have sporting commitments we can work around those.

"Some days we will just spend a couple of hours watching shows at the Lighthouse Theatre while other days we are there from start to finish."

Kellie said that when the Fun4Kids Festival was compared to a week or even just a weekend away, it made great sense to stay home during the winter school holidays and let the fun come to Warrnambool.

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"We treat Fun4Kids as a low-cost holiday and we don't have to go anywhere," she said.

"If we compare it to a weekend in Melbourne, it is much cheaper to stay in Warrnambool for a week and be entertained all week at the festival.

"It fills up that week of the holidays that is usually a bit cold and wet.

"It's a fantastic opportunity for families to have a really good holiday right on their back doorstep."

Attending almost every Fun4Kids Festival since its inception, Kellie said that she still enjoys it as much as ever.

"The variety of entertainment and activities has definitely kept us coming back," she said. "The favourites are there each year and then there are new things added every year.

"Another reason we love Fun4Kids is that the ticket price is all inclusive and you can take your own lunch.

"I don't have to think about whether it will cost any extra, so that's a big bonus for us. "I love the fact that I can say "yes" to the kids all day long."

If anyone is an expert on what makes a great Fun4Kids Festival performer and activity line-up it's Kellie.

She said that the family was eager to attend what looks to be a great event in 2015. "We really like this year's line-up with some of our favourite things are coming back as well as a heap of new shows," she said.

"We are keen to go and see the Roald Dahl show and there's an act called Mr Snot Bottom that my youngest is very excited to see."

"We can't wait!"

**For more information and to secure your tickets to this year's Fun4Kids Festival, visit [www.fun4kids.com.au](http://www.fun4kids.com.au)**

# Business potential in China

The vast potential for investment and trade between the Warrnambool region and China will be further explored with Trade Co-ordinator from Changchun, Li Xichun, beginning an eight month stint living and working in Warrnambool.

Mr Li said that he is looking forward to learning more about Warrnambool and helping the sister city relationship between the two cities develop and reach its potential.

“My first impression on coming here is that Warrnambool is a beautiful city with strong commercial, industrial and agricultural industries,” he said.

“The countryside reminds me a lot of the land outside of Changchun.

“I am eager to help local businesses enter the Chinese market and help to promote, create and foster bilateral trade and cooperation.”

Mr Li said that there was a broad section of industries with the potential for collaboration between Warrnambool and Changchun.

“As well as opportunities in agriculture and produce, there are many other industries in Warrnambool which can benefit from a strong relationship with Changchun,” he said.

“Deakin University and SouthWest TAFE are well regarded institutions which have a lot to offer students from all over the world.

“Changchun has the highest proportion of university students in all of China and I’m sure many of them would love to further their education in Warrnambool, while there are also opportunities to share educational resources between institutions.

“Tourism is another great way we can work together, with the natural beauty of both regions attracting millions of visitors each year.”

SED Advisory is helping Warrnambool City Council engage with businesses which might be interested in commencing or expanding trade with the Changchun region, with partner Robert Lane saying the interest from local businesses had been positive.

“Feedback from locals is that they are intrigued and interested about the potential,” he said.

“The project is also well regarded by businesses already trading in China, who have congratulated the City of Warrnambool on this economic development initiative.”

The Changchun - Warrnambool Project has received financial support from the State Government of Victoria.

**For more information about maximising the potential of the Chinese market for your business, please contact Mr Andrew Paton, Manager Economic Development & Investment on [apaton@warrnambool.vic.gov.au](mailto:apaton@warrnambool.vic.gov.au).**



## Dennington funding

**Facilities at the Dennington Recreation Reserve are set for a major upgrade thanks to a \$524,000 investment.**

The Warrnambool City Council has committed \$174,000 to the project with the State Government pledging \$90,000 last month.

This is in addition to \$100,000 from the Dennington Football Netball Club, \$15,000 from the Ray and Joyce Uebergang Foundation, \$10,000 from the Gwen and Edna Jones Foundation, \$10,000 from the AL Lane Foundation, \$5000 from the Ern Hartley Foundation, \$5000 from the Archie and Hilda Graham Foundation plus \$115,000 of in kind support.

The first component of the project includes the construction of a new multi-use pavilion incorporating new home and redeveloped away football changerooms, toilet and shower amenities for players, male and female umpire change rooms, a trainer’s room and gymnasium area for club members.

The second component includes converting the existing umpire change rooms to a netball change room. Acting Manager Recreation and Culture Greg Diamantis said the new facilities would help cater for a rapidly growing community.

“Considering the projected population growth of Dennington over the next twenty years, it is important that Council supports the renewal and redevelopment of the facilities at the Dennington Recreation Reserve, the key active open space area servicing the growing Dennington community,” he said.

“The new facilities will meet AFL preferred district facility requirements and provide more equitable amenities for all visitors to the reserve.”



## Quality kinders right across the city

Ten kindergartens run by Warrnambool City Council (WCC) have exceeded National Quality Standards.

WCC Service Manager Early Years Learning and Development Tina McLeod said it was a significant achievement to have the kindergartens exceed the standards.

Audits of kindergartens across Victoria showed 12 per cent of kindergartens were “working towards” National Quality Standards (NQS), 42 per cent were meeting the standards and 47 per cent exceeded the standards.

“In practical terms, for parents it means that regardless of where they live in Warrnambool there will be a Council kindergarten nearby that has an ‘exceeding’ rating,” Ms McLeod said.

In addition to the 10 kindergartens WCC now offers kindergarten programs at Sherwood Park and Matron Swinton child care centres.

“Early childhood development is such a critically important part of childhood and this has been recognised through the ongoing provision of universal access to 15 hours of kindergarten programs for four-year-olds.

“Our early childhood forms the basis of who we grow up to be and kindergartens are an important part of our early years experience.”

The National Quality Standards consider seven areas of kindergarten operation including: educational programs and practice, children’s health and safety, the physical environment, staffing, relationships with children, collaborative partnerships with families and communities and leadership and service management.

“In particular we’re encouraging parents with children who are approaching an age when they are ready for a four-year-old kinder program to go to the open day and find out what their kindergarten has to offer,” Ms McLeod said.

More than 45 staff are employed by WCC to deliver kindergarten services.

**Kinder enrolments are now being accepted.**  
For details go to [www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/kinder](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/kinder)

The new Aviation Park at Warrnambool Regional Airport is taking shape. This \$4.92 million upgrade of the airport will see the creation of an additional 21 hangar site and will include a new taxiway parallel to the main runway and 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.



## Room to grow

**In 2004, the City’s residential land supply was at critically low levels (about three to four years supply).**

The Warrnambool Land Use Strategy (adopted by Council in 2004) identified a number of options to increase residential land supply, including the creation of the North East Warrnambool, North of the Merri, North Dennington and Coastal Hopkins Growth Areas.

Council officers recently undertook an audit of residential land supply across the municipality. This audit is the first detailed land supply audit since the adoption of Council’s City-Wide Housing Strategy in 2013.

The land supply audit confirms that there is adequate zoned land to meet projected population growth until the year 2043 (approximately 28+ years land supply). This equates to an increase of over 25 years land supply within the past decade.

In 2013, Council prepared a housing strategy to guide population growth within the City of Warrnambool to the year 2031. The Warrnambool City-Wide Housing Strategy 2013 identified that residential land supply had increased to over 24 years due to the rezoning of land within the Coastal Hopkins and proposed rezoning within the North Dennington Growth Areas.

- The supply comprised:
- 4930 zoned broad-acre lots (78 per cent of supply);
  - 757 major infill lots and 12 unzoned future residential lots (12 per cent of supply); and,
  - 622 development-ready minor infill lots (10 per of supply).

## Funding to help clubs reach goals

**The Warrnambool City Council Community Development Fund provides grants of up to \$3,000 to help local clubs and community organisations provide programs, projects, activities or events within Warrnambool.**

The fund is based on delivering improvements and increasing participation in sport and recreation, cultural activities, events and environmental sustainability.

Council will allocate funds to successful applicants on 2:1 basis in that Council will provide two dollars for each dollar contributed by the successful applicant.

Local clubs, groups and organisations are invited to an information session offered by Warrnambool City Council, Moyne Shire Council, South West Sports and local philanthropic trusts where potential projects or activities can be discussed one-on-one with a

grants officer in their elected category. This is different to other years and aims to offer a more personalised and constructive information session.

The session will be held on Wednesday June 3 from 6:45pm until 8:15pm at City Memorial Bowls Club Meeting Room.

To RSVP to the information session please contact Emily Rose on 5559 4986 or email [erose@warrnambool.vic.gov.au](mailto:erose@warrnambool.vic.gov.au).

Applications for the Community Development Fund open on July 1.

**For more information, visit [www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au)**

# HACC service innovation



**Warrnambool City Council (WCC) is leading the way in the innovative use of Allied Health Assistants (AHAs) to help vulnerable members of the community maintain their independence for longer.**

**C**ouncil received a grant from the Department of Health & Human Services to allow three community care workers to complete Certificate IV in Allied Health Assistance at South West TAFE with the trio also completing work placement with an Occupational Therapist at South West Healthcare.

Community care workers Rebecca Hickman, Michael Toms and Dianne Buttle (pictured) are now trained to undertake service reviews of Home and Community Care (HACC) clients to make sure they are aware of all relevant services available as well as ensuring they are receiving an appropriate level of assistance.

Rebecca, Michael and Dianne work as part of the HACC Services team under the supervision and guidance of the Assessment Officers.

The HACC program helps over 1000 people in Warrnambool each year remain independent in their homes and support carers in their role, and is jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments.

Volunteers deliver about 20,000 meals while community care workers provided over 11,000 hours of domestic assistance, 2000 hours of carer respite and over 3000 hours of personal care assistance.

Ms Hickman said that the additional training has expanded her knowledge and value added to her role.

"I think this whole experience has allowed us to give our clients more information and more support to allow them the independence to stay in their own home.

"Our community care role has helped with our assessing because we understand what is happening in people's homes and we are aware of the sometimes subtle changes in clients and their environment." One of the biggest advantages of utilising AHAs is the reduction in time between client reviews.

"In the age group that we mostly service, things can change very quickly," Ms Hickman said.

"A client's health can deteriorate, but alternatively, someone might come onto the service that has broken their hip, but 12 months later they don't need that level of service anymore."

**For more information on HACC services visit [www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au), call Council on 5559 4800 or visit the Archie Graham Centre at 118 Timor St.**

## Keeping our care on track

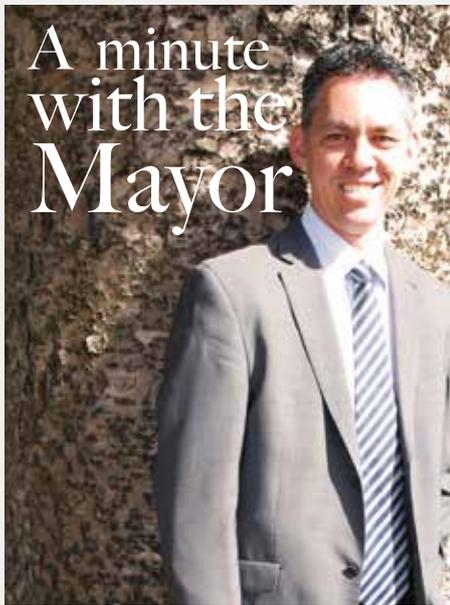
**Warrnambool City Council is now using the Ezitracker program to manage an offsite workforce. It is installed as an application onto a smartphone.**

**T**he care worker uses a smart phone to take a 'photo' of a code at the client's house that logs the care worker on to the visit and the process is repeated when the visit is finished. It is a secure system that is then transmitted to the office system.

Office staff can locate a worker quickly, the system matches actual visits against planned visits, the system allows for messages to be sent to and from the office, the device can show safety alerts to care workers prior to entry to the home and allows for automatic roster updates. It calculates travel time and provides greater payroll efficiency, reducing administration time providing savings in payroll and administration costs.

This system has eliminated for office staff the task of uploading of rosters and paper amendment sheets providing many efficiencies. Forty care workers have been trained in this system which is used in many local government areas throughout Victoria, including all of Warrnambool's surrounding shires by care workers.





## A minute with the Mayor

**It's great to drive around the city and see Council operations and projects under way.**

It's also really encouraging to see private and other government investment in Warrnambool.

The recent announcement by Emmanuel College of a \$9.5 million investment in a new centre at their senior campus is really exciting and will be an impressive education asset.

Also on the way are a new CFA fire station (\$7.7 million), new DEWLP offices (\$8.25 million) and an integrated cancer centre (\$30

million). Add to those the successes such as the great eateries emerging in places such as Kepler Street and it's clear that there is 'plenty going on'.

It's pleasing too, that one of the banks has moved its business centre back to the CBD.

And while they have not been without controversy, the proposed \$20 million nine-storey apartment block at 1A Liebig St and the \$70 million dairy plant and cold store indicate a confidence in Warrnambool's future.

Major Council projects including Horne Road Stage II, the northern section of Aberline Road and the Aviation Park at the airport are either under way or soon to start.

All the aforementioned are the types of projects that build on our standing as a regional capital and make the city attractive to those wanting a seachange. They also create a city that encourages our younger generations to remain or return.

Finally, if you have children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces, cousins or friends in primary school please consider buying them a ticket to the Warrnambool institution that is the Fun4Kids Festival!

### Councillor Michael Neoh, Mayor

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

### Online directories

Council's online Business and Community directories can be found at [www.directories.warrnambool.vic.gov.au](http://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](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au) and visiting the Your Say link.

## Council meetings

**Monday June 1**  
**Monday July 6**  
**5.45pm**

Reception Room,  
Warrnambool Civic Centre, 25 Liebig St

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## Minute with the Youth Mayor

**With the elections for Youth Mayor taking place recently, I would like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Youth Councillors for showing me their support when they re-elected me as Warrnambool's Youth Mayor.**

It is humbling to be given the chance to lead the group once more and I know that we can bring many positive changes to the community. I am excited as we have welcomed new faces to the council as we look to bring in fresh perspectives on the issues faced by young people in our region.

I am honoured also, to be working alongside Sarah Schietroma who was elected as Deputy Mayor. Together, I hope that we are able to not only represent the opinions of the Youth Council itself, but young people from across the city.

Looking forward to the year ahead, we have many exciting ideas that will continue to improve Warrnambool as a growing regional space and tackle the big issues being faced by young people today.

Providing the chance to bring about change and having a voice is key in ensuring that opinions of the youth are heard and we will continue to do our very best.



It was also terrific to catch up with Member for Wannon Dan Tehan recently as part of the South West Youth Executive Team to raise issues relevant to youth in our region. Our local member was very generous with his time and I look forward to following up with him in the future.

### Declan Primmer, Youth Mayor

# June<sup>2015</sup> Calendar



Daily until Thursday June 11  
Helmut Lueckenhausen  
The Memory Palace  
The Warrnambool Art Gallery

Don't miss this fantastic opportunity to enjoy the first survey exhibition of renowned designer Helmut Lueckenhausen.

A leading exponent in the field of studio furniture and design for wood, Lueckenhausen's work has been exhibited in the United States, Japan, Korea, Taiwan, Germany, Uruguay, Brazil, Chile, Iran, The Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia and Spain.

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



Thursday June 4, 5.30-7.30pm  
Green Drinks  
The Last Coach

Green drinks is an opportunity for everyone who works, studies, volunteers or has an interest in the environment to informally meet and network with like-minded people.

For more information call Emma  
on 5561 9991

Saturday June 13, 8pm  
Mailors Flat Hall, Caramut Rd  
Rock'n'Roll Dance

Tickets: \$15 Adults, \$7.50 Ages 13-17,  
Free Under 12

**Bookings essential to avoid disappointment**  
**For more information call Rhonda on 0417**  
**378 754 or email wboolrockers@hotmail.com**

Monday June 22, 7.30pm  
Merrivale Community Association meeting  
Merrivale Recreation Reserve club rooms

The regular community association meeting is a great opportunity for Merrivale residents to catch up and discuss issues and projects for the betterment of their neighbourhood.

For more information contact Joan on  
[ross.joan.ward@gmail.com](mailto:ross.joan.ward@gmail.com).

Thursday June 25, 7.30pm  
Warrnambool PC Users Group  
Archie Graham Centre

The club welcomes anyone interested in learning, exchanging or presenting information to others concerning any aspect of the use of computers.

For more information call David  
on 5562 1559

Friday June 26 - Sunday July 12  
Warrnambool & District Artists' Society  
Annual Awards Show  
Merri View Gallery, 4 Coramba Court

The show features over 100 new works by local artists across a wide range of media. All entries are for sale. Free entry.

For more information call Tim  
on 5562 7036.

Sunday June 28 - Saturday July 4  
**Fun4Kids Festival**

Fun4Kids Festival is Australia's BEST children's festival made up over 80 live performances and an incredible array of kids activities throughout our amazing zones....everyone in the family will be entertained!

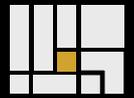
With so many things to do in one location, you can choose your own adventure and enjoy the Festival at your own pace. The festival is a week-long extravaganza of fun; you can even choose how long you attend for!

Tickets are available as single day passes, a 4-Day Explorer Pass or a 7-Day Super Saver pass.  
[www.fun4kids.com.au](http://www.fun4kids.com.au)



## Coming to the

### LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE



Saturday June 6, 7pm and Sunday June 7, 3pm  
Holiday Actors Gala Event

This Gala is a showcase of the past 30 years of talent and will include performers from both past and present.

Sunday June 14, 1pm  
City of Warrnambool Eisteddfod Aria Final

Experience an afternoon of sublime classical singing from some of the best up and coming singers in Australia.

Friday June 19, 8pm  
Kitty Flanagan - Seriously?

In this brand new show, Kitty gives you the inside scoop on gravediggers, cops, cubans and spaghetti soss. There's advice on how to speak to doctors, some funny music from Sister Penny plus a serious attempt to quantify one of life's biggest mysteries: "How much do old people love salt?"

Tuesday June 23, 8pm  
Bethany Art House Film - Winter Sleep

2014 Cannes Film Festival Palme d'Or winner, Winter Sleep, is set in a village in Cappadocia. Former actor Aydin, lives here in the Hotel Othello, which he inherited from his father with his much younger wife, who is becoming increasingly frustrated at being controlled by her dominating husband. Turkish with English subtitles Rated M

Thursday June 25, 8pm  
Tasmania Theatre Company - Sex with Strangers

A 21st century love story. Starring Tottie Goldsmith and Samuel Johnson. Can love really bloom between an old-school book lover and a man whose publicity-generating exaggerated tell-all memoir "Sex with Strangers" chronicles his rambunctious sex-ploits on an internet blog?

