



PROMENADE

.....COUNCIL TO COMMUNITY.....

MARCH 2019 EDITION



ROUNDBABOUTS AND BUSES

PLUS

- NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD HOME
- GREEN BUSINESS PROGRAM
- GREAT TO MEET YOU, MAAM



A COSMOPOLITAN CITY BY THE SEA

FREE FLU SHOTS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

The Warrnambool City Council is offering free flu vaccinations for children aged from six months to five years.

Warrnambool City Council Immunisation Coordinator Alison Elliot said that the quadrivalent shots would be available from April, with bookings now open.

“The National Health and Medical Research Council advises that infants and children younger than five years of age, and especially those under three years of age, are more likely to get severe flu infections that require hospitalisation than older children,” she said.

“Sometimes, influenza can be fatal.

“Young children with flu are also more likely to spread the infection to others. By protecting them we can also help protect other vulnerable people in the community.”

To develop strong protection, children who are aged from six months to under five years are recommended to have two vaccine doses in the first year they receive a flu vaccine, with at least four weeks between doses. Children who have been immunised against flu previously will only require one dose each year.

To book an appointment at Warrnambool City Council's immunisation clinic call **5559 4855**.



AN UPDATE ON THE RATES AND SERVICES DISCUSSION

At its December 2018 meeting Warrnambool City Council made a decision to consult with the community over seeking a variation to the rate cap of 2.5 per cent set by the Victorian Government.

Part of the consultation included a survey seeking the community's views on council services and options for covering funding shortfalls.

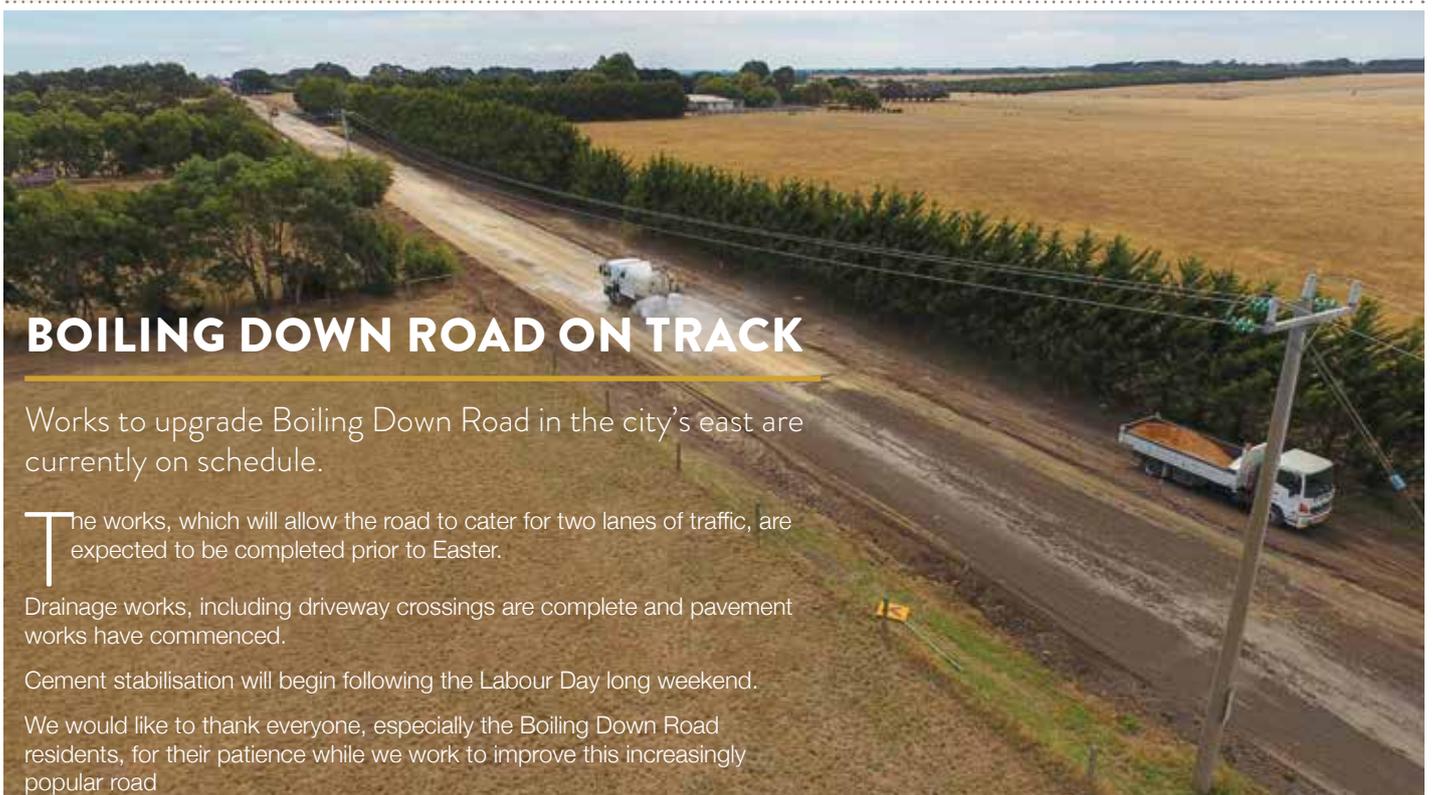
The survey was run from late December 2018 to February 9 and Council received more than 780 survey responses.

A summary of the survey results is available on Council's website or at the front counter of the Civic Centre.

Under the Essential Services Commission (ESC) guidelines, Council must make a final decision on whether to seek a rate cap variation by March 31, 2019.

Should Council proceed with an application to vary rates and should this application be approved by the ESC, the community and Council would have a further opportunity to review any changes to the rates through Council's annual budget process.

Council flagged to the community within its 2018-2019 Strategic Resource Plan of the need for a variation above the Government rate cap in order to retain the breadth and level of services offered to the community and to remain financially sustainable.



BOILING DOWN ROAD ON TRACK

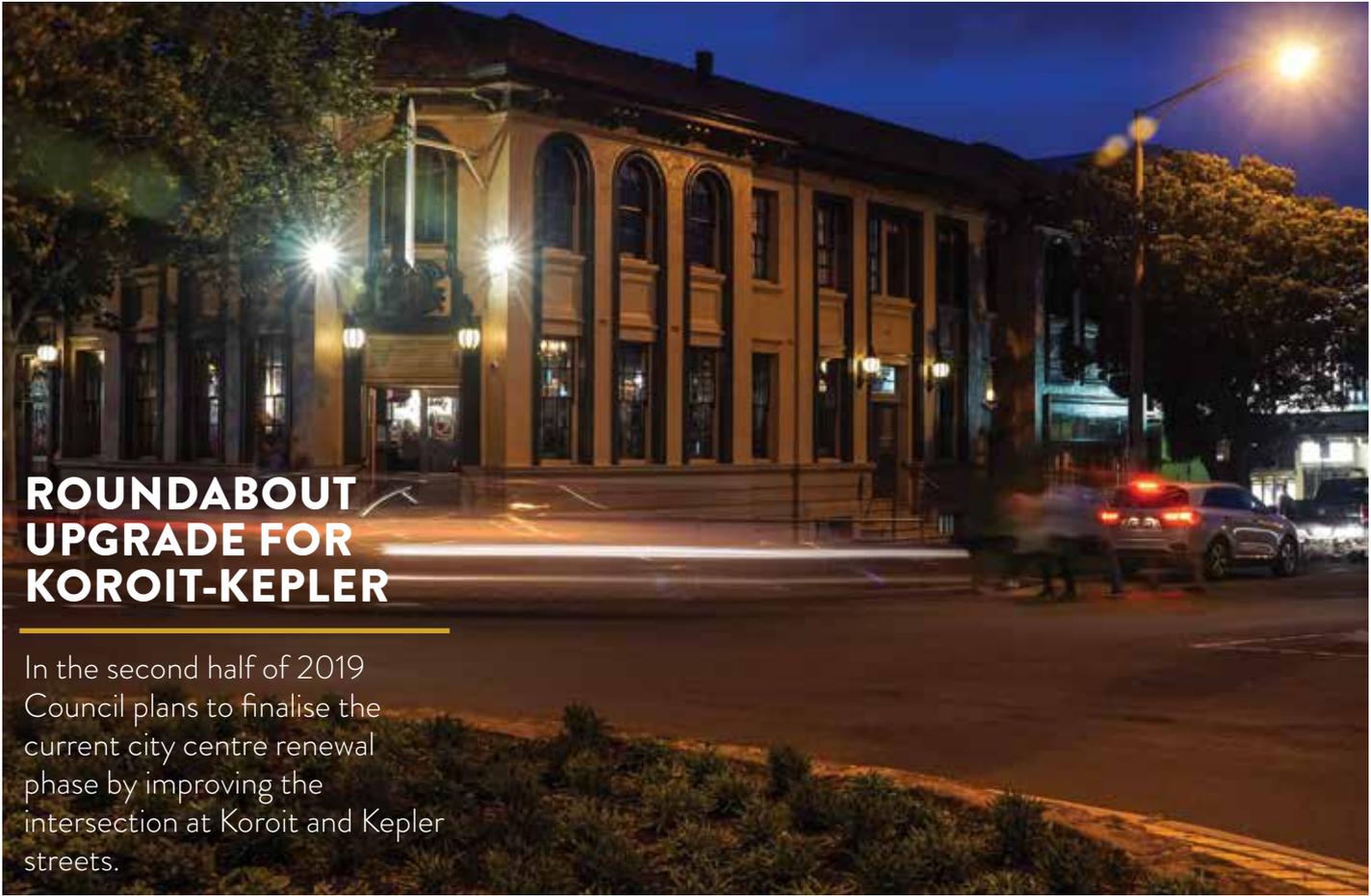
Works to upgrade Boiling Down Road in the city's east are currently on schedule.

The works, which will allow the road to cater for two lanes of traffic, are expected to be completed prior to Easter.

Drainage works, including driveway crossings are complete and pavement works have commenced.

Cement stabilisation will begin following the Labour Day long weekend.

We would like to thank everyone, especially the Boiling Down Road residents, for their patience while we work to improve this increasingly popular road



ROUNDABOUT UPGRADE FOR KOROIT-KEPLER

In the second half of 2019 Council plans to finalise the current city centre renewal phase by improving the intersection at Koroit and Kepler streets.

The work, expected to take up to 12 weeks, will result in the intersection having “pedestrian priority” zebra crossings which are consistent with the roundabouts in Liebig Street where it intersects with Lava and Koroit streets.

The new intersection will feature basalt paving sourced from Western Victoria along with a single level to improve pedestrian accessibility.

Improvements will also be made to the roundabouts at the intersections of Timor and Liebig streets and Timor and Kepler streets to make them pedestrian-priority roundabouts.

“Work on these two roundabouts will be done in the first half of this year and will not be as comprehensive as the work on the Koroit and Kepler streets roundabout,” Director City Infrastructure Scott Cavanagh said.

“While the work is under way traffic will be managed through the intersections however there will be only a minor impact on parking.”

Council is keen to obtain the community’s views on the timing of work on the Koroit and Kepler streets roundabout.

To view the proposed design of the Koroit-Kepler streets roundabout and to have your say on the timing of the work go to www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au

HOW IS THE LAVA STREET BUS INTERCHANGE FARING?

It’s been more than a year since the city’s main bus interchange moved to Lava Street, and Council is calling on all users to provide their feedback on this new location.

During the 2017 and 2018 City Centre Renewal construction phase it was necessary for Council to relocate the interchange from Koroit Street to Lava Street.

This was to be a short-term arrangement however passengers and traders have become accustomed to the bus interchange in Lava Street.

At its meeting in October 2018, Council expressed an intention to plan future improvements in Koroit Street without including a bus interchange.

Warrnambool City Council Director City Infrastructure Scott Cavanagh said that while the move was originally made out of necessity, many users seemed to welcome the change.

“Anecdotally, we have heard that some people are in favour of retaining the bus interchange at its current location in Lava Street, just east of Liebig Street,” he said.

“Now it’s time to canvas the entire community, including public transport users, bus line operators and CBD businesses, to see what they think.”

To complete the survey, visit www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au.



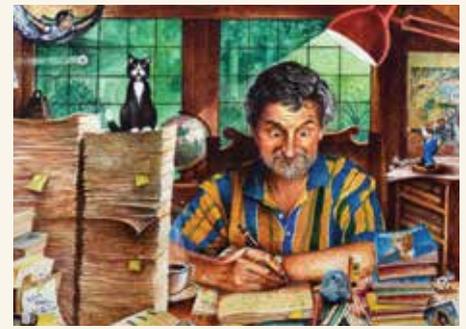
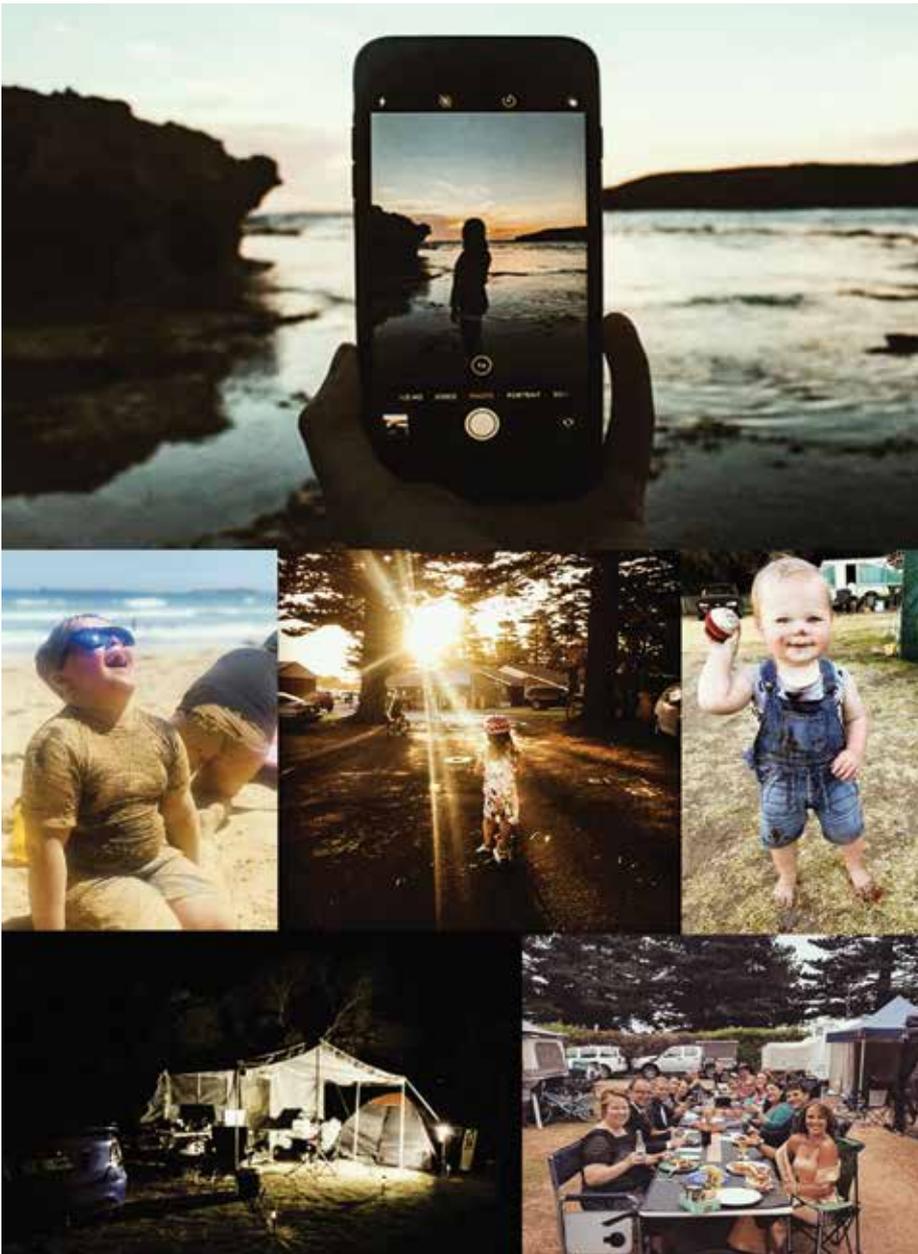
SURFSIDE PHOTO COMPETITION WINNER

A picture can be worth \$1000.

And that was the case for Jack Abbott, whose coastal image of a coastal image saw him win the Summer at Surfside photo competition and a \$1000 Surfside Holiday Parks voucher.

Entrants uploaded their photos showcasing either Surfside Holiday Parks or Warrnambool via Facebook or Instagram, with more than 170 submissions received. Each entry highlighted something special to the photographer. Photos ranged from the beach to five-course camping meals and even a marriage proposal. Six finalists were selected, with Jack's image chosen by the public following more than 1000 votes being cast.

Here is the winning image, along with the five other finalists, who all won \$200 Surfside vouchers.



PAUL JENNINGS STORY CONTINUES AT THE WAG

Due to popular demand and high visitation, a revised version of the Paul Jennings exhibition Unreal will be presented in the Warrnambool Art Gallery (WAG) family learning gallery until May 19.

More than 20,000 people have seen Unreal at the WAG since it opened in October.

Attendees can still enjoy original illustrations along with all of the main sculptural components, which have been reimagined for display in the new space including vignettes from Jennings' books Fisherman and the Thiefspray, Skeleton on the Dunny and Rascal the Dragon.

WAG Director Vanessa Gerrans said that the exhibition was fun for all ages.

"Unreal combines quirky illustrations with a sense of childhood discovery and wonder in a relatable, yet unique way – much like Jennings' books themselves," she said.

"Unreal is the first exhibition anywhere in the world dedicated to the works of Paul Jennings and his illustrators, with Jennings having written his first book while lecturing language and literature at the Institute for Adult Education, now Deakin University."

The WAG is open daily, and entry is free.

NEW SYSTEM AT LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE IS JUST THE TICKET

The Lighthouse Theatre has moved to a new ticketing system that will make online purchases more straightforward for everybody.

The updated system went live on March 1, and includes a better user experience throughout, regardless of which type of device you choose to use.

While the ability to view a seating map and choose your own seats has been available on the website for some time, this functionality is now available on smartphones and tablets too.



WARRNAMBOOL – A SMART MOVE

This time last year, Barry Hodson was commuting up to 70 minutes each way to work in the gas industry in Melbourne. Today, he is enjoying a better life in Warrnambool.

Barry, who is in his early 70s, made the decision with his wife Clara to retire in Warrnambool.

He said that the idea came when visiting his son and his family, who moved to Warrnambool for work four years ago.

“We came down here for holidays and on weekends and I thought ‘I just love it in Warrnambool,’” he said.

“This is like paradise to me. It really is.

“Everybody is so friendly in Warrnambool. Everybody’s got time for you.”
Soon after arriving, Mr Hodson began volunteering at Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village.

“I get to meet people from all over the world. I think I’ve had almost every country covered since I’ve been here,” he said.

“Wherever they’re from, they all love it here. They think it’s fantastic.

“If you’ve got a bit of time spare, come up to Flagstaff Hill to volunteer. There’ll be a place to suit you.”

Mr Hodson said that he was enjoying adapting to his new lifestyle.

“I just like discovering the place really. I like going to Cheese World, or down to Port Campbell or out for a bite to eat somewhere in town or at the Pavilion,” he said.

“You can wander around at leisure, I’m a member of the golf club, there’s all the shops you can think of.

“This is exactly what I wanted.”

He said that he had one clear message to anyone considering retiring.

“I can’t emphasise this enough. Warrnambool is the place to be.”

Have you moved to Warrnambool later in life, like Barry? Do you know someone who has? Council is looking to find out more about what attracts these citizens to the city.

To undertake a short survey, visit www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au or visit the Civic Centre at 25 Liebig Street.



NEW COMMUNITY HOUSE FOR WEST WARRNAMBOOL

The West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House will officially open on March 21.

Similar to the house in Fleetwood Court in East Warrnambool, this will be a place for community members to come together to have fun, learn new things and connect with their neighbours.

The official opening of the house at 23 Beamish Street will coincide with National Harmony Day.

West Warrnambool Neighbourhood House Coordinator Jill Bourke said that neighbourhood connections make for happier and more resilient communities.

“Neighbourhoods that involve all community members, from children to older residents, result in stronger communities and healthier people,” she said.

“What can start as simply as saying hello to your neighbours can snowball to create the sort of community we all want to be a part of.

“In situations such as heatwaves and blackouts, having an awareness of your neighbours who may need a little help can even save a life.”

The neighbourhood house is co-located with the Beamish Street Kindergarten.

The launch will offer residents an opportunity to meet families and new friends from the area, with everyone encouraged to offer their ideas and suggestions regarding the type of activities they would like to participate in at their new neighbourhood house.

The event will run from 3.30pm-5.30pm. Afternoon tea will be provided along with a broad range of fun activities.

The house is funded by The Department of Health and Human Services.

AINSLEY HARRIOTT GETS A TASTE OF WARRNAMBOOL

UK celebrity chef Ainsley Harriott spent a weekend in Warrnambool last month to film an episode of his new television show.

Ainsley's Market Menu will see Harriott take a fun-filled foodie adventure through some of Australia's most diverse and colourful produce markets.

Warrnambool was one of only six locations in Australia selected as a location for the show.



Ainsley Harriott and Jon Watson at the Pavilion

Harriott visited The Fresh Market at Lake Pertobe on Sunday February 17 where he met local stallholders and producers before creating his unique market menu using delicious local produce he sourced on the day.

Harriott also visit Lana's Garden in Warrnambool and the Yumbah Aquaculture abalone facility at Narrawong to create additional segments for his show.

Warrnambool Mayor Tony Herbert said

that the city was an ideal location for the show.

"Warrnambool is officially Victoria's most liveable city in Victoria's most productive farming region," he said.

"Our beaches and whales get a lot of well-deserved attention, but I think that the delicious produce we grow and create locally is just as exciting.

"To be the only Victorian city and one of only six locations in Australia chosen to film this new TV show demonstrates just how exclusive an opportunity this is to promote Warrnambool as a food-lover's holiday destination to millions of people."

Ainsley's Market Menu will debut on SBS later this year and will be broadcast in up to 130 countries worldwide.

IT'S GREEN, FREE AND COULD SAVE YOU MONEY

Warrnambool businesses seeking to cut energy costs are being encouraged to take part in a free energy audit.

The audits form part of Warrnambool City Council's Green Business Program.

The pilot program will involve a number of case studies which will measure the outcomes of implementing sustainability and energy efficiencies.

Participating businesses will receive a free green business assessment and be provided with feedback on opportunities to "go green" and become more efficient, profitable and sustainable.

A number of Warrnambool businesses have already undergone

audits including City Central Motel and Apartments.

Owner Linda Close encouraged other businesses to join the Green Business Program.

"The support on offer is fantastic – it is really good to be able to tap into the knowledge and advice of experts." Ms Close said. "The Council initially helped by looking at our current usage and working out which changes will bring the biggest benefit to our business.

"The financing options on offer through local government Environmental Upgrade Agreements look really interesting too. "I think businesses have nothing to lose and potentially a lot to gain from the initiatives on offer."

Council can also assist businesses obtain long-term loans to introduce energy efficiency measures or water savings.

Businesses wishing to participate in this program or would like more information can contact City Sustainability on **5559 4800**.

NOW IS A GREAT TIME TO GO SOLAR

Are you considering solar power for your home?

Council has teamed up with Positive Charge, a not-for-profit company that aims to help people purchase quality systems for a fair price.

Positive Charge only works with carefully selected suppliers to help take the guesswork out of choosing a solar installer.

When combined with new rebates of up to \$2225 currently offered by the Victorian Government for eligible households, now is a great time to investigate solar power for your home.

To find out more call Positive Charge on **1300 23 68 55** or visit www.positivecharge.com.au.



MINUTE WITH THE MAYOR

A cosmopolitan city is an accessible city and over the coming months more of our city centre roundabouts will be upgraded to give pedestrians priority over cars.

It has been really interesting to observe the behavioural change at our roundabouts. Motorists have become more accustomed to giving way and pedestrians young and old are moving with greater ease along paths and across streets.

Motorists have even started to give way at other roundabouts.

Pedestrian priority roundabouts have been introduced in a number of cities, Bendigo is another Victorian city to have put people ahead of cars.

Businesses, there's a great opportunity to reduce energy consumption and costs through a free energy audit provided by Council's sustainability team. It's another example of Council working for and on behalf of the community.

Council and the community have seen some great results from advocacy efforts over the past 18 months with funding forthcoming for Shipwreck Coast tourism, the redevelopment of Reid Oval and a new learning centre/library.



Even though Council has been successful with these large scale regional projects receiving support after many years of lobbying, we remain committed to the foreshore upgrade including safer launching for boats at the Port of Warrnambool; advocating for the Stage II development of South West HealthCare; and of course an upgrade of the Princes Highway West between Colac and the South Australian border.

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, March 4
Monday, April 1

5.45pm
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Adam Barber carrying out water testing at Maam Reserve

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF MAAM RESERVE?

Most people haven't, yet it's one of the best preserved native wetlands in the region.

It's home to significant flora and fauna species, yet there is still a lot to discover. Watch a mini-documentary on Maam Reserve at www.youtube.com/warrnamboolcity to find out more.



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SOUTH WEST REGATTA

**Saturday March 2 and Sunday March 3
Hopkins River near Proudfoots
Boahouse**

Enjoy exciting rowing action on both days. The Victorian St Ayles Skiff Championships will be contested on Saturday while the Australian Whaleboat Racing Championships will take place on Sunday.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

Friday March 8, 10am – 11am and 2pm – 3pm

Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village

Walk through the village with a knowledgeable guide as they shine a light on women's history. Discover how the early European settler women lived their lives in a maritime port and learn about the things that were important to them. The talk will conclude with light refreshments in the tea rooms. This is a free event, however bookings are required.

book.bookeasy.com/flagstaff-hill-maritime-village-events/events/95339

THOUGHT CLUB

**Sunday March 10, 4pm – 6pm
The Loft**

Each month the club meets to discuss what they have been reading/watching/listening to recently, and also to discuss a key question, or idea. You don't need to read a specific text, or become an arm chair philosopher. This is a community for sharing thoughts in an open and safe space.

Entry is \$10, which includes a drink.
www.facebook.com/ThoughtClubWarrnambool

GRAND FINAL OF THE EUREKA SPRINTCAR SERIES

**Saturday March 16, 4pm
Premier Speedway**

Don't miss the culmination of another scintillating sprintcar series with modified production sedans also in action. Adults \$27, Children (10-15) \$10, Under 9 free

www.premierspeedway.com.au

Harmony Day Breakfast

**Thursday March 21, 7.30am – 10am
Archie Graham Community Centre**

Start the day well with a Welcome to Country Ceremony and a free breakfast.

New and long-term residents most welcome.

For enquiries call the Archie Graham Centre on 5559 4920.

WEST WARRNAMBOOL NEIGHBOURHOOD HOUSE OFFICIAL OPENING

**Thursday March 21, 3.30pm – 5.30pm
23 Beamish Street**

Meet your neighbours and check out the newly opened neighbourhood house.

There will be plenty of family activities including banner painting, giant games, face painting, a treasure hunt, colouring in and bubbles.

For more information call Jill on 0418 944 276.

PERTH TO WARRNAMBOOL RIDERS HOMECOMING

**Sunday March 24, 2 – 4pm
Civic Green**

Come along and help celebrate the end of an epic journey to raise awareness and break the stigma associated with mental illness. Music, entertainment, barbecue and information stalls from 2pm. Bike riders should be arriving at approximately 3pm.

www.facebook.com/letstalksouthwest

WHAT'S ON AT THE WAG

HIGH VIS: PROTEST, PEOPLE AND POWER IN A TIME OF FAKE NEWS

Penny Byrne

**March 2 – May 19 (Free artist floor talk
March 30, 1pm)**

CRAFTISM. DISSIDENT OBJECTS AND SUBVERSIVE FORMS

Various artists

**March 2 – May 5 (Free artist floor talk
March 23, 1pm)**

UNREAL! THE STORIES CONTINUE

March 2 – May 19

SANS FRONTIERES

Damon Kowarsky

Until May 5 (Free artist floor talk March 2, 1pm)

ON COUNTRY: Selected by Jordan Gould

David Long and Sidney Sprague

Until June 30

WHAT'S ON AT THE LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE

PETER WILLIAMS

Spirit Revolutions

March 2, 7pm

3YB Morning Music

DAMON SMITH - CRAZY ARMS

March 6, 11am

ROTARY PEACE CONCERT

March 7, 7.15pm

Boys in the Band

JUKEBOX REVOLUTION

March 17, 3pm

OCEAN FILM FESTIVAL WORLD TOUR

March 21, 7pm

ECHOES OF PINK FLOYD

March 22 8pm

One Fell Swoop Circus

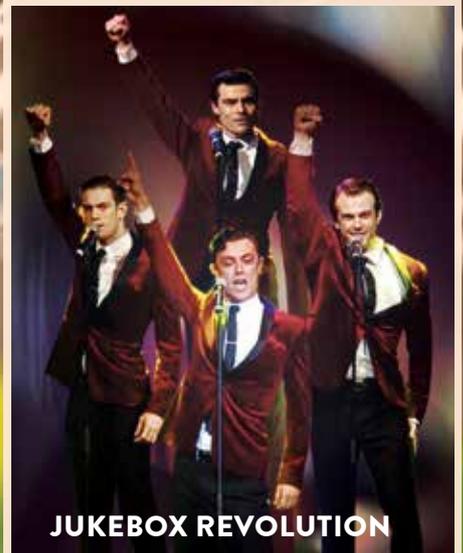
BY A THREAD

March 30 2pm and 7.30pm

ROSS NOBLE

Humuornoid

April 3, 8pm



JUKEBOX REVOLUTION