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MAY 2012

Is this the Future?

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Safest summer in program's history

Police have praised residents and visitors for making last summer one of the safest yet.

A recent review of SummerBoo! 2011-2012 has revealed the lowest incidence of street offences and criminal damage in the summer safety program's eight-year history.

Operators of the summer carnival and foreshore caravan parks reported fewer incidents and locals and visitors also reported an increased sense of community safety, aided by extra police presence.

Senior Sergeant Darren Waterfall said officer numbers were boosted in Warrnambool by the introduction of the Dedicated Training Workplace initiative, which allows trainee constables to undergo several weeks of on-the-job training.

"This provides extra police resources and complements the additional 12 experienced police members from the Operations Response Unit who spent six weeks in Warrnambool during the busy Christmas period," he said.

"These additional resources supported our high-risk policing operations including New Year's Eve and Australia Day."

Warrnambool City Council's Local Laws officers also conducted regular patrols of popular areas such as Lake Pertobe and the foreshore.

Chief executive Bruce Anson said their work ensured locals and visitors alike experienced a safe and enjoyable summer in Warrnambool.

"We look forward to welcoming our summer visitors every year and we want them to enjoy their time here," Mr Anson said.

"The SummerBoo! program has proven to be a very effective way of looking out for everyone and making sure our visitors' holidays are memorable for all the right reasons."

The Warrnambool Police Service Area was recently ranked the number one service area for community satisfaction in policing services, coinciding with a 12.5 % reduction in crime during the past 12 months.

Further policing initiatives are planned for Warrnambool in the near future, including the establishment of a locally-based family violence response team and a continued focus on youth support services and road safety.

InBusiness

Skilled migration changes explained

The Department of Immigration and Citizenship will present a free information session in Warrnambool to explain reforms to the employer-sponsored visa program.

The reforms will be introduced on July 1, 2012 and will affect the Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme, Employer Nomination Scheme and Labour Agreements.

The free session will be at South West Healthcare Lecture Theatre on Wednesday May 9 from 10am.

To reserve a place call Warrnambool City Council's business support team on 5559 4993

Reward excellence

Excellent customer service deserves to be rewarded, so be sure to nominate anyone who provides you with an exceptional customer experience in Warrnambool. Nomination forms for Warrnambool's monthly Customer Service Awards are available at www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au or the Civic Centre, 25 Liebig Street. Award presentations are made on the third Thursday of each month at South West TAFE.

Business and law

Students can explore career opportunities in business management, finance and law this month.

Warrnambool City Council, in conjunction with Deakin University and the local professional services sector, will hold a series of presentations on May 9 and May 15 outlining the study and career options available in Warrnambool as well as a general overview of professional services.

Call Warrnambool City Council's Business Support Team on 5559 4993 for more information.

Dob in a hoon

Members of the public can help make Warrnambool's streets safer by using the free Dob In A Hoon Hotline.

People can call the hotline to report street racing, burn outs, fish tailing or any other dangerous driving.

DOB IN A HOON: 1800 333 000

Free advice for small business Wednesday May 9, 10am-4pm, Civic Green, Warrnambool

Free advice will be available to small business owners this month.

The Australian Government's Small Business Van will be rolling into town to provide free 45-minute information sessions tailored to each client's needs.

Business owners can find out more about a broad range of topics, from marketing and branding to human resource management and tax.

Places are limited and bookings are essential at www.business.gov.au or call 132 215.

Be inspired by heritage

Journey into the history of Warrnambool's greatest innovators and inventors as the National Trust's month-long heritage festival continues...

Saturday May 5: Cemetery Walk

A guided walking tour of Warrnambool Cemetery, visiting the graves of past innovators.

Contact: judym275@bigpond.com

Tuesday May 8: Wollaston Bridge presentation

Learn about the innovative use of recycled materials in this bridge of State heritage significance.

Contact: lgervasoni@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Wednesday May 9: Coastal Ramble at Point Ritchie

Learn about the history and heritage of the coastline and the work of eminent scientists Lucas and Gill.

Contact: lgervasoni@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Tuesday May 15: Water and South West Victoria

An in-depth history of water at Wannon Water's Gateway Road complex.

Contact: stephanie.mcintyre@wannonwater.com.au

Wednesday May 16: Middle Island History and Innovation

Discover the history of the Middle Island light station and the innovative Maremma project.

Contact: lgervasoni@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Thursday May 17: Tea and Talk in the Botanic Gardens

Enjoy afternoon tea in the State heritage registered Warrnambool Botanic Gardens.

Contact: lgervasoni@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Saturday May 19: Genealogy Research Seminar

Learn about your family heritage with Warrnambool Family History Group.

Contact: lwelsford@hotmail.net.au

Until Sunday May 20: Makers and Shapers Exhibition

A collaborative history of the city's inventors and innovators at Warrnambool Art Gallery.

Contact: lgervasoni@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

City all frocked up

for the races
Warrnambool is all dressed up and ready for action at this year's May Races.

The three-day carnival attracts more than 30,000 people and injects millions of dollars into the local economy.

Statistics from previous events show 70 per cent of racegoers travel from outside Warrnambool and accommodation providers operate at between 95 and 100 per cent capacity during the week of the carnival.

Horse racing is a major industry in Warrnambool, contributing an estimated \$30-million to the city's economy each year. Annual horse training expenditure is estimated at \$14-million alone, supporting local feed and equipment suppliers, farriers, stable hands, veterinarians and track riders.

Warrnambool's unique beach training experience also attracts large numbers of horse trainers to the region.

Warrnambool City Council allows horses to use Lady Bay every morning of the year for training and injury rehabilitation, creating a picturesque spectacle for visitors to the foreshore.

This year visitors will also be able enjoy an entertainment experience like never before, with the smash hit play Syncopation featuring at the spectacular new Lighthouse Theatre on Tuesday, May 1.

Syncopation is a fusion of comedy, drama and romance (a bit like a great day out at the races really!)

Visit www.warrnambool.countryracing.com.au for more information about the May Racing Carnival or lighthouse theatre.com.au to book tickets to Syncopation.

Council keen to involve youth

Youth play a vital role in a vibrant, growing community and that's why Warrnambool City Council is looking for new ways to involve young people in future planning and decision making.

Council will soon launch the Youth In2 Council project to enable regular consultation with people aged 12 to 25.

The project will allow young people to think about and have their say on a wide range of issues, from the events they would like to see in Warrnambool to the design of buildings and public open spaces that the city will have in the future.

Young people are invited to complete the Youth In2 Council survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/YouthIn2Council where they can provide an insight into any prior involvement they may have had with Council and elect to receive further information.

Creating a vision

for the future

Alive, thriving and culturally rich.

That is what Warrnambool people want our city centre to be in the future. Our thriving city might include revitalised laneways that feature artwork, cafés or small businesses.

Our culturally rich city might have more public art, and cool digital images projected onto our buildings.

We might have markets on the Civic Green or in other key locations around the city.

And Liebig Street might be transformed to a place where traffic travels at a slower pace, and children and elderly people feel safe to cross the street.

Liebig Street might also be improved to guide people towards Cannon Hill where they may be able to picnic and enjoy the spectacular views over Lake Pertobe and the Southern Ocean.

These are all possibilities outlined in the City Centre Revitalisation Plan that features many opportunities for bringing our city to life.

The plan was developed after extensive community consultation, taking into account thousands of suggestions to improve our city for the future.

As part of the planning the community developed a vision for the city centre, which was “Alive, Thriving and Culturally Rich – Our City Heart”.

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The plan went on to develop options for ensuring that the community’s vision for the city could eventuate.

Council chief executive Bruce Anson said

Council was absolutely committed to improving the city in line with people’s vision for the future.

“We are lucky that the people who live in Warrnambool are very passionate about our city,” Mr Anson said.

“So many people are full of enthusiasm and energy for the future.



Redeveloping our laneways could add to the vibe of our city.

“The arts community and the business community have been talking for some time about how our laneways could be developed, and this plan puts laneway development, and many other exciting projects, onto Council’s list of priorities.”

People have until May 9 to make submissions on the plan, and Council will then formally consider its adoption. View the plan online at www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au or visit the Civic Centre to view a hard copy.



What the plan says about:

Cannon Hill:

Upgrade the Cannon Hill Park to become a key parkland attractor and southern anchor to the City Centre as well as a more inviting place for daily city users by investigating opportunities to:

- Reconfigure the existing car parking areas to provide improved parkland / seating areas with elevated views over Lake Pertobe and towards Warrnambool Beach.
- Improve existing park furniture (bbq, seating, shelters) and landscaping (shade trees, feature planting).
- Improve key pedestrian/cyclist linkages to Liebig and Merri Streets and through to the Railway Precinct and Lake Pertobe.

Cars and parking:

- Maintain flexible and convenient vehicle access provided by the existing street grid pattern but utilise the conversion of Liebig Street into a pedestrian priority zone and future works on other local access shopping streets to reduce vehicle speeds and discourage through traffic movements within City Centre;
- Ensure that high levels of convenient short term (less than two hours duration) parking continues to be provided in the future planning and development of the City Centre and retail core
- Improve definition and visual prominence of existing on-road cycle lanes within and linking to the city centre (including green pavement markings at intersections);
- Ensure adequate levels car parking to meet projected needs for over the next twenty years and beyond.

Liebig Street:

Liebig Street to be transformed to a pedestrian priority street to enhance its function and attractiveness. Key initiatives to be investigated include:

- Slowing vehicle speeds and vehicle travel lanes whilst retaining convenient vehicle access and on-street parking;
- Widening pedestrian pavements and introducing raised or pedestrian priority crossings at key intersections and crossings;
- Improving opportunities for outdoor dining, particularly in the Liebig South - Timor Precinct;
- Incorporating new pavement treatments, landscaping, lighting, street furniture and weather protection as required improving pedestrian amenity, safety and staying opportunities.

The Civic Green:

The Civic Green is the only park in the City Centre but is currently underutilized as it primarily provides a formal function as a setting for the adjoining Arts Gallery and a special event space. The Civic Green should be upgraded (seating, landscaping etc) to make it more multi-use and attractive to daily city users whilst still maintaining its ability to accommodate special events.

Feasibility should be undertaken as to the cost of supplying free Wi-Fi to Civic Green to encourage it as a viable outdoor meeting and workspace.

Laneways:

Encourage the upgrade and activation of selected laneways and arcades to add new urban and retail experiences within the City Centre and to provide a pedestrian network between existing and potential new retail attractors along Liebig Street and other connecting streets;



Volunteers have been labelled the backbone of the Warrnambool community, contributing more than \$1-million in unpaid work each year.

Volunteering Warrnambool helps connect more than 1500 residents to voluntary roles throughout the South-West and provides ongoing support to volunteers and their host organisations.

The Warrnambool City Council program will be in the spotlight this month as Australia celebrates National Volunteer Week from May 14-20.

Program co-ordinator Rob Woolley said there was never a better time to get into volunteering.

“We can help people find a role that suits their skills, interests and availability,” he said.

“We have more than 100 different roles available, so there’s definitely something for everyone, no matter how much or how little time they can give.”

Mr Woolley said volunteering wasn’t limited to delivering Meals on Wheels or working in op-shops, but could include a huge range of exciting opportunities such as volunteering for the Coast Guard, welcoming and mentoring people who were new to the area, or becoming a tour guide, tutor, gardener, grant writer or social visitor.

“Helping a community group or not-for-profit organisation not only makes Warrnambool a better place to live, but can also keep you healthy,” Mr Woolley said.

If you’re interested in volunteering and would like help to find the perfect role for you, email volunteering@warrnambool.vic.gov.au or call Volunteering Warrnambool on 5559 4919.

It’s all happening...

Lighthouse Theatre

The \$8.9-million Lighthouse Theatre redevelopment is complete and was officially opened on April 21. The finishing touches carried out by Council included landscaping, concreting, paving and returning car parks to Liebig Street.

Miura Friendship Gardens

A Japanese style pergola is being built at the beautiful Miura Friendship Gardens in partnership with Triton Woodworkers Club and the Lions Club of Warrnambool. All labour for the project has been donated with some material sourced and donated from locally recycled trees.

Proudfoots Boathouse

Council lifted and re-laid the veranda decking on the lower level at Proudfoots to close gaps in the boards. The work was done to improve safety and prevent tripping. Cost \$4500.

Pony Club

The pony club building in Albert Park has been improved with the installation of a new kitchen, interior repainting and replacement of rotting exterior doors. Cost \$8000.

Weed Control

Council’s Parks and Gardens team has been working with flood crews from Glenelg Hopkins Catchment Management Authority to remove wooded weed species from several locations including Lake Pertobe, Rail Trail and Jubilee Park.

Did you know?

The Eat Well Be Active program will launch Heart Moves this month. It’s a low intensity exercise class developed by the Heart Foundation for people of all shapes and sizes. Eat Well Be Active also offers FREE one-hour walking groups on Mondays from 10.30am, Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am, Wednesdays from 11am and Thursday evenings from 5.30pm as well as community gardening sessions on Tuesdays from 10am. Visit www.eatwellbeactive.org.au for more information.

Compact Stats | Promising statistics from Warrnambool’s 2012 Detox Your Home Day

13,890

Kilograms of chemicals saved from landfill

1244

Kilograms of batteries collected

1140

Kilograms of oil collected

7598

Kilograms of paint collected

398

Kilograms of pesticides collected

Thumbs up



This is a salute to all that is great about the people and organisations in our city and highlights the things that touch our hearts and make our community a better place to live.

👍 May is upon us and Warrnambool is alive with the glitz and glamour of the May Racing Carnival. It's one of the busiest times of the year in our wonderful city and injects millions of dollars into the local economy. All the best to our Racing Club Committee and all involved in putting together our nationally recognised racing carnival.

👍 The opening of the Lighthouse Theatre last month was a spectacular event and will be cherished as a very special moment in our city's history. I look forward to the return of theatre in Warrnambool and you can keep an eye out for me in the audience for some of the first shows in May. A special thanks to Greg Diamantis and his team, along with the staff across all branches of Council who have put in an enormous effort to bring us this magnificent new facility on time and under budget!

👍 Also in April I attended the Anzac Day ceremony at the war memorial and the Anzac Day event at Brauer College the evening before. Anzac Day was a chance to reflect on the contribution of those who gave their lives for our country and those who are still with us today. The Warrnambool RSL branch provides much needed services to our local returned service men and women and their families and I thank them for that.

👍 I had the pleasure of opening the Community South West conference on April 20, acknowledging the vital role community organisations play.

👍 I also attended the Global Foundation food security roundtable on April 18, advocating for the future of food manufacturing in Warrnambool.

👍 And since my last column, I have attended the Deakin Faculty of Business graduation ceremony where I encouraged graduates to make their careers in Warrnambool. We need new business professionals in Warrnambool to participate in the many opportunities on offer in our growing regional city.

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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

May - Monday 7 - 5:30pm

May - Monday 28 - 5:30pm

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May Calendar 2012

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Tuesday May 1, 8pm **Syncopation**

Lighthouse Theatre

A smash hit fusion of comedy, drama, romance and ballroom dancing set in the exciting, electric rush of New York City in 1912.

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

Tuesday May 1-Thursday May 3 **May Racing Carnival**

Warrnambool Racing Club, Grafton Road

The biggest country racing carnival in Australia, Warrnambool's May Racing Carnival features three action-packed days of racing, concluding with the internationally renowned Grand Annual Steeplechase on the final day, which is a public holiday across Warrnambool.

www.warrnambool.countryracing.com.au



Tuesday May 8, 8pm **Melbourne Symphony Orchestra**

Lighthouse Theatre

Be taken on a journey of some of the greatest music from Mozart operas with one of Australia's most popular music personalities Graham Abbott and the Melbourne Symphony Orchestra.

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

Wednesday May 9, 10am and 11.30am **Classic Kids and Meet the Orchestra**

Lighthouse Theatre

The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra will inspire and engage preschoolers through to highschoolers with this first-hand experience of live orchestral music tailored specifically for children.

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

Friday May 11, 8pm **Contact! The Netball Opera**

Lighthouse Theatre

Sport and art combine with a young, multi-talented cast to create one of the most exciting performances in Australian opera.

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

Sunday May 13 & May 27, 2.30pm-3.30pm **Botanic Gardens Guided Tour**

Warrnambool Botanic Gardens, Botanic Road

Enjoy a free guided tour through Warrnambool's historic Botanic Gardens. Call 5562 4800 for more information.

Monday May 14-Friday May 25 **City of Warrnambool Eisteddfod**

Masonic Hall, Kepler Street

Celebrate the talents of Warrnambool's brightest young minds at the annual Eisteddfod.

Call 5562 4800 for more information.

Sunday May 20, 10am **Million Paws Walk**

Carnival Site, Pertobe Road

Join your four-legged furry friend on a 5-kilometre walk along the foreshore. All funds raised will support the RSPCA.

www.vic.millionpawswalk.com.au

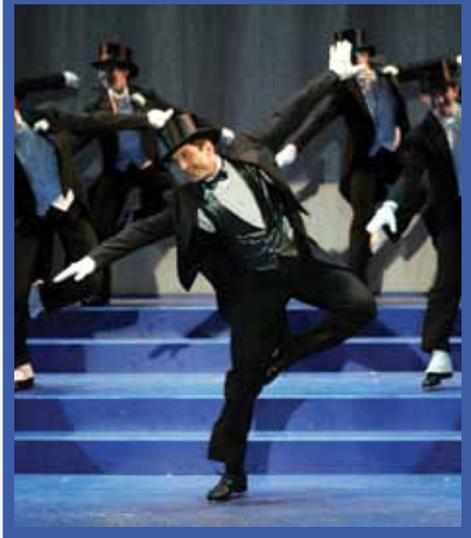


Wednesday May 23, 10.30am **Putting on the Ritz**

Lighthouse Theatre

Featuring the music of Gerswhin, Berlin and Porter, John Lidgerwood presents a young, exciting cast in this delightful celebration of song and dance.

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au



Thursday May 24, 9.30am, 11.30am, 1.30pm **Happy Birthday Peter Rabbit**

Lighthouse Theatre

Celebrate the 110th Anniversary of Beatrix Potter's beloved classic with Happy Birthday Peter Rabbit, a mischievous musical about the world's most loveable bunny.

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

Friday May 25, 8pm **Hello Kitty Flanagan**

Lighthouse Theatre

Kitty returns with her highly anticipated new show, answering all the difficult questions you were too afraid to ask your friends.

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au

Friday June 1, 8pm **David Campbell 'Let's Go'**

Lighthouse Theatre

Join one of Australia's most popular entertainers in an energetic live performance of some of the biggest hits of the 80s.

www.lighthouse theatre.com.au