

A blueprint for a 21st century CBD



November 2014

# Come on in, the water's fine!



## You are invited to join in the pool party that will be the 2014 Energy Australia AquaZone Open Day!

From 10am-2pm on Sunday November 16 the centre's aquatic facilities will be free to the public.

The outdoor 50m pool will be freshly filled and ready for another summer.

All of AquaZone's inflatable attractions (the aqua-joust, water running barrels, giant outdoor slide and giant swing) will be in action and a professional Australian swimmer will be in attendance.

There will also be demonstrations of AquaZone's award-winning Learn to Swim program. With two custom-built Learn to Swim pools, AquaZone caters for the little ones just starting out through to more the advanced swimmer.

AquaZone Service manager Ray Smith said that all of the staff were looking forward to Open Day and another busy summer period.

"The AquaZone Open Day is the unofficial start of summer for Warrnambool," Mr Smith said.

"With the inclusion of the giant swing to the other inflatable equipment, this year will have more of a theme park feel."

"It will be a great opportunity for those who want to dip their toe in before jumping into a swim membership or our Learn to Swim program."

Smartphone users will also want to download the brand-new, free AquaZone app. The app features group fitness timetables, pool opening hours and social media integration.

App users never need to worry about forgetting their membership card as they can load a virtual version into the app.

On Open Day, app users will have the chance to enter raffles via the app with push notifications sent to the winners.

**For more information about the centre visit [www.aquazone.com.au](http://www.aquazone.com.au) or call 5559 4500.**



## Maremmas report for guardian duty

**After a well-deserved break over autumn and winter maremma dogs Eudy and Tula have returned to Middle Island.**

The pair are stars of the Middle Island Maremma Project, acting as guardians for the population of Little Penguins, which are recovering in number after years of predation by foxes.

The success of the maremmas, introduced in 2006, has seen penguin numbers reach in excess of 150 after dropping to fewer than 10 in 2005.

WCC Tourism Services Manager Peter Abbott said a key to the project's success was the community partnership.

"Part of this partnership includes closing the island to public access and we need to

remind people that access to Middle Island is prohibited year round," Mr Abbott said.

"The sensitive environment as well as protection of the maremma dogs requires that this area be closed. We thank the community for this support over the years and hope that this continues for this breeding season."

The maremmas will be the subject of a feature film to be released next year. An Italian film crew has also completed a documentary on the maremmas and a crew from National Geographic is currently producing a documentary on the dogs.

## Education attainment action plan to be developed

**After a thorough consultation process, the Beyond the Bell Warrnambool Local Action Group is looking to formulate an action plan to combat the city's low Year 12 or equivalent education attainment rate.**

Low formal education levels are an issue across the region, with the Great South Coast Group of Councils making it a high priority project.

Through focus groups with students, former students and other stakeholders plus data from over 500 survey responses, the main

reasons why young people disengage from education have been identified.

These include a mixture of personal (such as household circumstances, learning difficulties and fear about the future), educational (such as a lack of support, resource limitations and limited and rigid school structures) and social (such as bullying) influences.

The Warrnambool Local Action Group will hold a community forum at Deakin University on November 12 from 10am-4pm. Anyone with the capacity to help in the formulation of the action plan and delivering its strategies is encouraged to attend.

**RSVP to Katie McKean on [kmckean@warrnambool.vic.gov.au](mailto:kmckean@warrnambool.vic.gov.au) by Wednesday November 5, 2014.**

# Council adopts plan for Liebig St

**A significant step forward in the process to renew the city centre has been taken with Council formally adopting the draft Lieb**

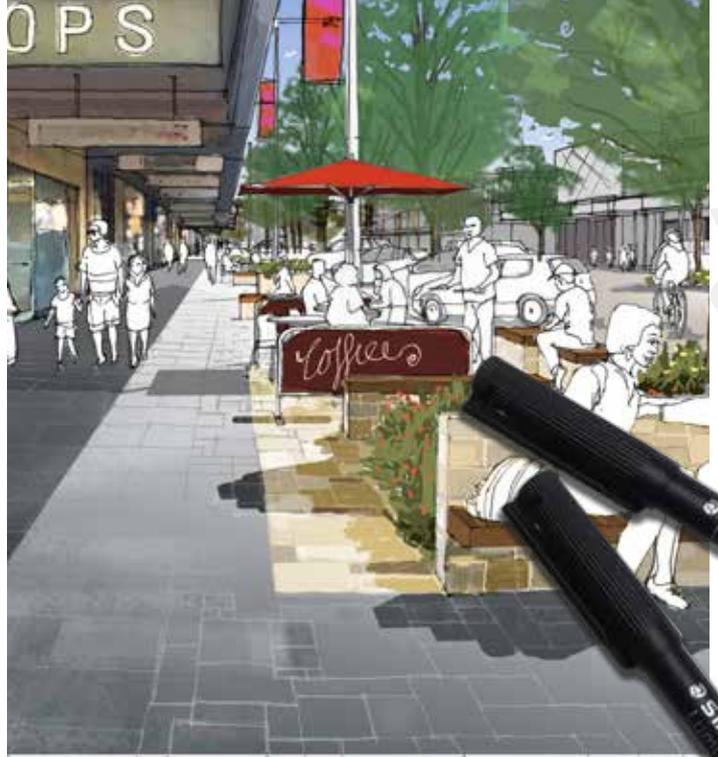
The unanimous decision at the October 6 Council meeting allows for the completion of a final design that will take into consideration the feedback from the community on the draft plan.

Significant features of the draft plan include:

- single lane two-way traffic;
- single level footpath and road to improve mobility and access;
- dedicated space for public art;
- pedestrian activity nodes;
- widened footpaths; and,
- removal and replacement of plane trees with more suitable species.

During the September consultation period 503 people visited the City Renewal pop-up shop in Liebig St.

More than 230 people supported the plan and did not wish to make further comment; 70 feedback forms were received and further feedback was received via social media and an online survey undertaken by The Standard.



The feedback included suggestions to modify the proposed treatment in front of Materia's Laneway.

As a result part of a proposed pedestrian activity note will be altered so the laneway remains trafficable but is predominately pedestrian with the possible addition of a removable bollard at the end of the lane.

Recently Regional Cities Victoria, which represents the State's 10 leading regional cities including Warrnambool, has asked the Victorian Government and State Opposition for a commitment of \$100 million over four years for city centre renewal projects. The funding would be shared equally between the cities.

## New signalised CBD pedestrian crossing

**Pedestrian safety and mobility will be improved with the installation of a pedestrian crossing in Lava St midway between Kepler and Liebig streets.**

The mid-block crossing will include pedestrian-operated traffic signals and painted crossing lines on the road surface.

The crossing, which has a budget of \$240,000, is under construction and, weather permitting will be completed towards the end of the month. Commissioning of the signals will take place in early December.

Warrnambool City Council Manager City Renewal Tanya Egan said the need for the crossing was first identified in the City Centre Structure Plan, adopted by Council in mid-2012.

"The crossing will provide a safe link between the busy north and south retail sections of Lava St," Ms Egan said.

"The mid-block crossing follows the examples in Liebig and Koroit streets which are popular with shoppers in the city centre."



## Readying Pertobe Road for a busy summer

**The surface of Pertobe Rd is being repaired in time for the busy traffic volumes over the summer holiday period.**

Council Manager Infrastructure Services Glenn Reddick said the \$370,000 project was expected to be completed mid to late this month, depending on weather conditions.

"We'll be working on short sections of the road at a time," Mr Reddick said. "This will allow us to keep the road open to traffic at all times under managed conditions." Pertobe Rd is particularly busy over summer, providing access to Lake Pertobe and its playgrounds, the beach, breakwater, other visitor attractions and accommodation.

"With sandy foundations and a high water table Pertobe Rd has long presented a challenge from a maintenance point of view but we are working to have it ready for the summer influx," Mr Reddick said.

# More convenient parking machines on the way

**Warrnambool City Council's improvements to off-street car parking will continue in November with the introduction of new ticket machines.**

The new machines will service over 1000 off-street car parks, be easy to use, provide more flexible payment options and be more reliable.

Warrnambool City Council Manager Health & Local Laws Ian Fitzgibbon said that encouraging motorists to use off-street car parks was an important measure.

"These new machines will make parking that little bit easier and more convenient for residents and visitors to our city," he said.

"Improving CBD parking is a high priority for Council and ties in with the City Centre Renewal project, which aims to bring Warrnambool into the 21st century.

"Over the past year Council has also reduced all-day parking fees in some off-street car parks and created new sealed and line-marked car parks in Fairy Street and Grace Avenue, adding another 100 parking spaces."

"Off-street car parks will remain free all weekend."

Council allocated funds in the 2014/15 budget to purchase and install the new ticket machines, so the price of parking will stay the same.

In addition to coins, parking will be able to be paid for via credit card (including (paywave/paypass) and Smart Cards, which can have money pre-loaded onto them will be launched in early 2015.

Council is also trialling 'pay by phone' through the use of the EasyPark smartphone app.

The EasyPark app is available on iPhone and Android and allows users to pay for and top-up parking in off-street car parks. It can also send alerts when parking time is almost up. Please note EasyPark users will still need to comply with time limits as detailed by signage.

Frequent users of all-day car parks will also be able to purchase weekly tickets for specific car parks.

The status of each machine will be visible to staff online at all times, so they can immediately respond to faults, low ticket rolls, collection requirements and collate park statistics.



## Residents urged to prepare property for fire season

**As temperature increases, so does the threat of bush and grass fires in our region.**

One of the best measures all property owners can take to reduce the risk of fire is to ensure their grass is cut and rubbish is removed.

In November Warrnambool City Council Fire Prevention officers will carry out inspections around the municipality and issue notices to property owners whose land presents a potential fire hazard.

The notice needs to be signed and returned stating if the owner will complete the work by the due date or if they wish Council to do it on their behalf.

If the property is not rectified within the specified timeframe, Council will arrange for it to be done at cost to the property owner.

The Declared Fire Season will be announced in conjunction with the Country Fire Authority (CFA) in the coming weeks depending on weather patterns.

The CFA seasonal outlook indicates an active fire season, particularly for areas in central, north and western Victoria.

**If you have any questions about the process, please contact Council's Fire Prevention officers on 5559 4800.**

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

## New Surfside Manager



**Visitors to Surfside Holiday Park might see a familiar face in new role.**

Paul McNamara has spent the past 10 summers camping at Surfside and is gearing up for his first as the park's new manager.

Paul said that managing Surfside Holiday Park is a dream job.

"Having stayed here before, I know how good this place is," he said.

"I'm happy to be working with a helpful, professional and enthusiastic team.

"I worked in construction administration for the past eight years doing lots of budgeting and invoicing so I'll bring that experience to the role."

While Paul said that Surfside is already a very popular spot with locals and tourists alike, small tweaks this summer should make things even better.

"We are introducing little bits and pieces behind the scenes that may not be sexy, but will help the park run smoothly," he said.

"Everything is falling into place nicely and I'm looking forward to a great summer."

**For Surfside enquiries visit [www.surfsidepark.com.au](http://www.surfsidepark.com.au) or call 5559 4700.**



## 2014 Powercor Warrnambool Business Excellence Awards

### FDPI Spares & Maintenance has been named as the Business of the Year at the Powercor Warrnambool Business Excellence Awards Presentation Gala.

The awards, held on Friday October 31 at the Lighthouse Theatre, recognised the outstanding achievements of 26 businesses and individuals across 15 categories.

FDPI Spares & Maintenance has achieved incredible growth in a highly specialised field while maintaining the highest standards of customer service.

The win builds on the business' Highly Commended accolade in the New Business/ New Owner (Under 5 Years) category in 2013.

Warrnambool City Council Economic Development & Grants Officer Annabel Cussen said the award ceremony was an opportunity for the business community to come together and recognise business excellence.

"The Warrnambool business community works incredibly hard all year, so it is nice to be able to acknowledge the achievements of local businesses and business people," Ms Cussen said.

"I would like to thank all of the businesses involved in this years' awards; particularly the category sponsors and all businesses that nominated."

**The 2014 Powercor Warrnambool Business Excellence Awards are presented by the Warrnambool City Council and 3YB/ COAST FM.**

<p><b>Retail</b>                  Monaghan's Pharmacy</p> <p><b>Professional Service</b>                  South West Conveyancing</p> <p><b>Health &amp; Wellbeing</b>                  Somer Toprak Optometrist</p> <p><b>Micro Business</b>                  A Cut Above Hairstylist</p> <p><b>Manufacture, Trade &amp; Utilities</b>                  Chitticks Bakery</p> <p><b>New Business/New Owner Under 5 Years</b>                  Warrnambool Plastic &amp; Reconstructive Surgery</p> <p><b>Business Innovation</b>                  FDPI Spares &amp; Maintenance</p>	<p><b>Franchise</b>                  Telstra Store Warrnambool</p> <p><b>Community/Govt Enterprise</b>                  St John Of God Health Choices</p> <p><b>Business Of The Year</b>                  Fdpi Spares &amp; Maintenance</p> <p><b>Customer Service Of The Year</b>                  Ludwig Mjeda</p> <p><b>Young Professional Of The Year</b>                  Fiona Golding</p> <p><b>Professional Of The Year</b>                  Barry Morphett</p> <p><b>Hall Of Fame</b>                  John Holland</p> <p><b>Judges Award</b>                  O'Grady's Florist</p>
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For more details visit [www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au)

## The art of success

As well as the recognition of their peers, Powercor Warrnambool Business Excellence Award winners receive a trophy with a difference.

Prominent Warrnambool artist David Higgins has created each of the terrific whale sculptures presented to the winners. David's 2010 award creation was a leafy sea dragon with whales being the subject for the past four years.

"It's like a Logie. Once you get an award that works you stick with it," he said.

"The winners are getting little hand-done sculptures. They are all done with a bit off love."

Each year David sculpts a new whale out of clay. A silicone mould is prepared with casts being made from resin with added marble dust (white whales) or granite dust (black whales).

It takes David a week to create the original clay model with a full day of cleaning, sanding, touching up and sealing going into each individual whale once they are cast.

David enlists the help of south west businesses to complete the job. The casts are set by Don Stewart in Port Fairy with the marble bases and metal nameplates from Warrnambool's Markwell & Swan and Lifetime Trophies respectively.



## Business confidence steady

The recent trend of reduced confidence in Warrnambool's business environment has stabilised, according to the results of the Warrnambool Business Survey.

The survey is now in its fourth consecutive year and continues to receive strong support from the Warrnambool business community with 344 responses received in 2014. Although not as confident as they were four years ago in 2011, respondents are slightly more confident this year compared to last year.

When looking to the future, 47 per cent of respondents have a medium level of confidence in the Warrnambool business environment over the next 12 months (compared to 46 per cent in 2013). 26 per cent have low or very low confidence (down two per cent) and 24 per cent have high or very high confidence (up two per cent).

The survey is undertaken and delivered in partnership with Deakin University and South West Credit.

**The full survey is available at [www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au) under the 'Business' tab.**

## Skiff club launched with help from Community Development Fund grant

**The Warrnambool St Ayles Skiff Community Rowing Club will officially launch on November 8 with support from the Warrnambool City Council Community Development Fund.**

The club was one of 36 local community clubs and organisations that shared in \$79,112 of funding as part of the 2014/15 program.

The fund provides grants of up to \$3000 to help develop or provide sporting, recreational, cultural or sustainability programs and activities.

The Skiff Club will pool its \$1500 Community Development Fund grant with funds secured through an online crowd-sourcing campaign and other avenues to purchase its first two St Ayles Skiff kits plus materials to build a trailer to transport the vessels.

The St Ayles Skiff is making waves in the United Kingdom as an accessible way for the community to become involved in rowing.

The club will assemble the kits at the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village boatyards with the aim of having the first one in the water by January. Club Secretary Patrick Groot said that he was looking forward to involving as many people as possible in the construction and rowing of the skiffs.

"We are all very excited. The fundraising has been going on for a couple of years and we have had fantastic support from so many different people," Mr Groot said.

"In short, we are all about promoting the health and well-being benefits of rowing with a stroke prevention twist."

If you are interesting in helping with the construction or in rowing the boats, contact the club at [warrnamboolstaylesskiffclub@gmail.com](mailto:warrnamboolstaylesskiffclub@gmail.com).

**For a full list of Community Development Fund recipients visit [www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au](http://www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au)**



## Community supports smoking bans

**The rollout of smoking bans at sports facilities and buildings owned and managed by Warrnambool City Council has received overwhelming support from the community, according to a recent survey.**

Of over 100 people who responded to a survey published online and in the Hampden Football Netball League Grand Final program, over 90 per cent said they were aware of the new bans.

The vast majority of comments were in support of the smoking bans for health and amenity reasons as well as reducing the visibility and normalisation of smoking to young people.

Council is continuing to work with sporting clubs and the community on the issue of smoking during the summer sporting season.

Council would like to thank all survey respondents for their valuable feedback.

## National recycling week

**Notional Recycling Week (November 10-16) aims to bring a national focus to the environmental benefits of recycling.**

Warrnambool residents are generally good recyclers, though there are still some common mistakes being made, according to Warrnambool City Council Waste Management/Minimisation Officer Kate McInnes.

"Plastic bags do not belong in the recycling bin," Ms McInnes said.

"When recyclables are placed in a plastic bag and then put in a recycling bin this is very frustrating because the resident is trying to do the right thing - however at the sorting facility, tied up plastic bags are not opened but end up going straight to landfill, no matter what is in them."

According to a 2014 regional waste audit, 22 per cent of items in rubbish bins could be recycled and 17 per cent of items placed in recycling bins cannot be recycled.

Ms McInnes said that it is important to remember to recycle items from every room.

"Things like toilet rolls or shampoo containers often end up in rubbish, once they are emptied they can definitely be recycled," she said.

"Food containers often end up in the rubbish bin also. Plan ahead and use up all the food, then place these containers in the recycling. This will also save you money and help reduce food waste."

**Visit [www.recyclingweek.planetark.org](http://www.recyclingweek.planetark.org) for more recycling information.**

## Council pledges support to White Ribbon Day

**Norfolk Pines on Raglan Parade (in-between Fairy and Henna St) will be wrapped in white ribbons to raise awareness for White Ribbon Day on November 25.**

Businesses have sponsored these trees and all money raised will go to White Ribbon Day and Emma House.

Council is putting a call out to all men in our community to swear the oath online during November and encourage their family, friends, and colleagues to do the same.

Go to [www.whiteribbon.org](http://www.whiteribbon.org) to swear the oath and to donate to White Ribbon.

If you or someone you know is experiencing family violence please contact Emma House Domestic Violence Services on 5561 1934 or Victoria Police on 000.



# A minute with the Mayor

**The presentation of grants to local not-for-profit groups through the Community Development Fund is a highlight on Council's calendar.**

The awarding of grants provides the Council with a real insight into the work and activities volunteer groups do to enrich our community.

Each year we typically have more than 30 groups or organisations receiving grants through the Community Development Fund.

Usually clubs seek modest amounts to get a project "over the line"; the grants supplement

fundraising efforts or the contributions made by a club and its members.

The grant for the Warrnambool St Ayles Skiff Community Rowing Club is one glowing example. In receiving the grant on behalf of his club Pat Groot said he would now be able to place orders for two skiffs "probably tomorrow".

The hard work of volunteers transforms a relatively small financial investment into a substantial benefit for the community.

This year's presentation also provided Council with a chance to acknowledge the work done by volunteers on two remarkable capital works projects.

Efforts made by the Dennington Bowling Club and the Warrnambool Football Netball Club have resulted in fantastic outcomes for their members.

The Dennington Bowling Club renovated its clubrooms while Warrnambool Football Netball Club has added a netball pavilion that marks the ongoing work to transform Reid Oval into a the region's premier sports ground.

In the case of the Reid Oval project, builder Gerard Duynhoven coordinated 175 volunteers who donated in excess of 2,250 hours of labour.

In both instances government grants have helped these projects but they would not have come to fruition without the tremendous efforts of volunteers working together.

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### **Councillor Michael Neoh, Mayor**

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## Online directories

Council's online Business and Community directories can be found at [www.directories.warrnambool.vic.gov.au](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 November 3  
5.45pm**

Reception Room,  
Warrnambool Civic Centre, 25 Liebig St



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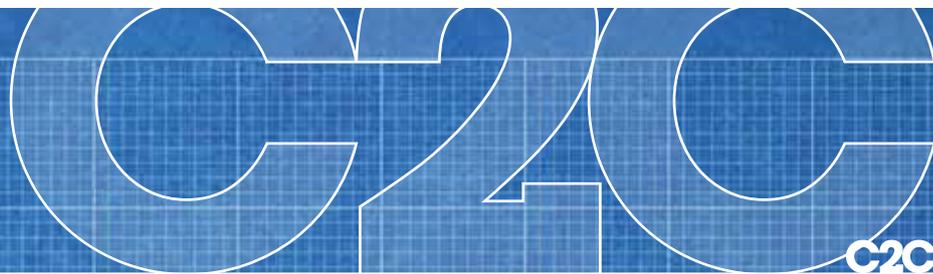
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# 2014 November Calendar



C2C

Sunday November 9, 11am - 3pm  
**Dennington's Day Out**  
St John's Primary School, Russell Street

Fun and entertainment for the whole family with children's rides, an animal nursery, monster raffles, pop-up shops and much, much more! Free entry.

For further information please email [ddo@sjdennington.catholic.edu.au](mailto:ddo@sjdennington.catholic.edu.au)

Friday November 14, 5pm - 8pm  
**Merrivale Twilight Fair**  
Merrivale Primary School, Merrivale Drive

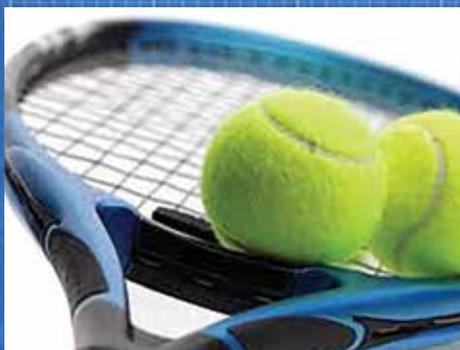
Come and enjoy a wonderful night out for all at the Merrivale Primary School Twilight Fair. There will be rides, stalls, food, raffles and much, much more! Free entry.

Phone Merrivale Primary School reception on 5562 7172 for more details.

Saturday November 15, 10am - 2pm  
**The Great Tennis-tacular**  
Civic Green

Get ready for loads of tennis fun and prizes as part of Tennis Australia's Australian Open Blitz! Try your luck at Hit the Target or have a hit on the ANZ Tennis Hot Shots mini-courts. You can even have your photo taken with the Australian Open trophies!

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



## Last chance – Wunderkammer and Shock Treatment

November is your last chance to enjoy the terrific Wunderkammer and Shock Treatment exhibitions.

Wunderkammer sees Rod McRae investigate how art can influence and reinforce the environment and climate change debate through the medium of taxidermy animals. The show's final day is Sunday November 9.

Shock Treatment is a survey exhibition on the life and work of Glenn Morgan spanning 30 years of getting the most out of timber scraps, recycled frames and brightly coloured paints. **This show's final day is Sunday November 23.**

Entry to the Warrnambool Art Gallery is free. [www.thewag.com.au](http://www.thewag.com.au)

Saturday November 15, 10am-3pm  
**A Rotten Day Out**  
Warrnambool Community Garden Cnr Grieve Street and Grafton Road

If you are an avid gardener then this is the event for you. There are workshops, experts and demonstrations on-hand to give you the advice you need to implement new sustainable gardening practices at home. Gold coin entry with proceed to the community garden.

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



Sunday November 16, 10am - 2pm  
**Spring Fair**  
East Warrnambool Primary School, Ward Street

Bring the entire family for a fun day out. There will be lots of rides, farmers market, stalls, show bags and live entertainment. Grab some food and take a wander around our award winning gardens. Free Entry  
For more information call East Warrnambool reception on 5562 4100.

Sunday November 23, 9am  
**Drag racing and burnout competition**

Warrnambool aerodrome

Warrnambool Drags presents a day of turbo-charged fun in a family-friendly environment. Spectator and competitor entry available  
[www.warrnambouldrags.com](http://www.warrnambouldrags.com)

## LIGHTHOUSE THEATRE this month

Saturday November 1, 8pm  
**Vintage Diamond:  
The Ultimate Neil Diamond  
Show**

Saturday November 8, 8pm  
**Bushwackers:  
The Gold Rush Show**

Sunday November 9, 2.30pm and 7.30pm  
**Celtic Legends**

Monday November 10, 8pm  
**Grumpy Old Women:  
Fifty Shades of Beige!**

Friday November 14, 8pm  
**Jimmy Barnes:  
30:30 Tour 'Flesh & Wood'  
Acoustic Concert**

November 15, 8pm  
**Roy Orbison & Del Shannon  
50th Anniversary  
Celebration**

November 21  
**Battle of the Bands CD  
Launch**

November 27, 7pm  
**Warrnambool Symphony  
Orchestra Christmas Concert**

