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SUMMER



**Award winners
Dennis Bushell and
Dean Field.**



Service with a smile

A commitment to excellent customer service has earned a local bank employee a prestigious award.

The Bank of Melbourne Warrnambool Branch Lending Manager, Dean Field, won the annual Customer Service Award last month.

Runners-up were Isaiah McLeod from AquaZone and Sharon Hargreaves from Bakers Delight.

Each winner of the monthly Customer Service Award, which is presented from February to September, was in the running for the top annual honour.

On the same night, Dennis Bushell was named the Volunteer of the Year for his work with Friends of St Brigid's Crossley while Norm Halliwell from Riding for the Disabled and David McGinness from the RSL and Flagstaff Hill were runners-up.

Twilight Markets and Movies

One of Warrnambool's great modern summer traditions, the popular summer night markets and movies is returning to Lake Pertobe.

The markets see a vast array of stalls, delectable food and live music combine to make a great evening out.

Markets will be held on December 30, then every Friday in January from 4.30-8.30pm.

"If you've been to the markets before, you probably don't need much convincing to return this year," Warrnambool City Council Manager Events Kim Griffith said.

"If you've never been, I'd encourage you to come down and browse the dozens of market stalls, grab a bite to eat and find a spot on the grass to enjoy some great live music.

"With the markets running for five Fridays, that's plenty of opportunity to soak up the atmosphere at one of the city's most enjoyable recurring events."

Once the sun dips below the horizon, it's time to settle in and enjoy a film under the stars. The outdoor cinema will be in operation on January 6 and 13, with films commencing at dusk (about 8.30-9pm).

The first film is *The Jungle Book* (PG). The latest incarnation of Rudyard Kipling's classic tale contains elements of action, adventure, nature, and romance.

The next film is the instant Australian classic, *The Dressmaker* (M). A stylish drama with comic undertones about love and revenge.

Tickets to the outdoor cinema are \$2 with all proceeds going to the Rotary Club of Warrnambool Daybreak.

If you are driving to the markets, parking at Cannon Hill or Flagstaff Hill is recommended.

Free parking in Parkers carpark

Summer is the perfect time to take advantage of 90 minutes free parking and enjoy all the CBD has to offer.

Free parking, which began in Parkers Car Park on November 1, will continue through to December 31, 2017. This Council commitment is part of the business support package developed for the \$15 million City Centre Renewal.

Parkers Car Park is an off-street car park to the east of Liebig street, with vehicular access via Lava and Koroit Streets.

Remember, you still need to print and display a free ticket.

Three-year-old kinder at Mahogany

In 2017, Warrnambool City Council will provide an opportunity for families to access a three-year-old kindergarten program in Warrnambool.

The program will operate at the Mahogany Kindergarten, attached to the West Warrnambool Primary School.

Preschool Coordinator Mary Chenoweth said research shows that the earlier children have access to quality educational environments, the better.

"Children develop and learn more rapidly during their first five years than at any other age," she said.

"The kindergarten program will provide a safe and nurturing environment where children are encouraged and supported to develop

confidence, independence, self-awareness and a feeling of self-worth.

"Mahogany Kindergarten is a wonderful environment that is designed specifically for young children to explore with wonder and enthusiasm. They have a wide range of resources at their fingertips as well as the opportunity to be involved in the school community."

The kindergarten will operate on Wednesday and/or Fridays from 9am-12pm during school terms.

Please call Susie Burnside on 5559 4800 for more information and to express your interest.





A warm day in January spent at Warrnambool's main beach. Could things get any better? As a matter of fact, yes, they can!

The Warrnambool City Council and South West TAFE are proud to present Beach Fest from January 9-12. Warrnambool City Council Events and Promotion Coordinator Rebecca Elmes said that Beach Fest is a series of events held at the main beach that is easy to get involved in while being lots of fun.

"It's that time of year where everyone is looking for a fun activity to bring the family to," she said.

"We are making the most of one of Warrnambool's most iconic locations with beach-themed activities that will both improve the experience for visitors while enhancing liveability for locals.

"Most of the activities are free so come down and have some fun in a relaxed atmosphere."

Tunes in the Dunes

Monday 9 – Thursday 12 January, 3-7pm

Over four afternoons the Cheese Brothers (Jordan Lockett and Gus Franklin) will take beachgoers on a musical journey and explore music from across the globe.

Their DJ sets will be fresher than a sea breeze, incorporating Afro and worldbeat, exotica, lover's rock, reggaeton, hip-hop, pop and other summer classics. Wondering what half of those genres even sound like? You'll have to come down and find out!

Free.

Beach Volleyball

Monday January 9, 11am-3pm

Channel your inner Maverick or Goose and get involved in a game of beach volleyball.

Run by the Warrnambool Volleyball Association, no volleyball experience is necessary. Bring some mates and dig, set and spike with the soft sand lending itself to some amazing diving shots.

Free.

Sand Sculpting Workshops

Tuesday January 10, 11am-3pm

Learn about the fascinating world of sand art from a professional sand sculptor who will teach you the secrets of creating stunning sand sculptures.

Then it's your turn to create your own masterpiece as part of our temporary sculpture garden on the beach.

Free.

Surfside Big Beach Bash

Wednesday January 11, 11am-3pm

We don't like cricket... we love it! If you're the same, grab your friends and family and join us on the beach for a super fun, social beach cricket tournament.

Of course, standard beach cricket rules apply: it's tippity runs and one hand one bounce! Games will be either six or eight-a-side with everyone getting a bat and a bowl. There will also be fun skill games running between matches.

Free. Registrations open from 10am.

Snags on the Sand

Wednesday January 11, 12-2pm and Thursday January 12, 4-6pm

Is there anything better than an Aussie barbecue on the beach? Enjoy some delicious hot food with proceeds going to the Lions Club.

Kids and Family Aquathons

Thursday January 12, 4-6pm

An Aquathon is a beach swim followed by a run, with different distances to suit kids aged from under seven up to 11 years of age. There's also the family Aquathon for teams of two, three or four members. The course includes two 200m swims and two 1km runs, so a team of two could tackle a swim and a run each, or a team of four could do one leg each. This is a great way for families to have some active fun together in a social and casual environment.

Cost: \$10 for kids' Aquathon, \$15 per team in the family Aquathon. Registrations open from 3pm.

Free shingles vaccine

People aged between 70–79 are now eligible for a free shingles vaccine under the National Immunisation Program.

Shingles is a skin rash characterised by pain and blistering which usually appears on one side of the face or body. To receive the immunisation, visit your local doctor or vaccination provider.

It is important to note that although the vaccine is provided at no cost, a consultation fee may apply.

Routine vaccination of people aged 70–79 years is expected to lead to the greatest benefits against shingles and its complications. People who are not eligible to receive the free vaccine are able to purchase the vaccine on the private market.

Vaccinations don't stop at childhood. Ask your general practitioner or vaccination provider about other vaccines you may be eligible for.

More than just a meal

Meals on Wheels provides nutritious meals, delivered to your door by a friendly face.

Meals are delivered chilled along with simple heating instructions, allowing people to eat their meal at a time that suits them.

Meals on Wheels Coordinator Cecily Lindsey said that while frozen supermarket meals are popular with some people, they were often high in salt and not always nutritionally sound.

“All meals served as part of the Meals on Wheels service meet high nutritional standards, and of course, special dietary requirements are well catered for,” she said.

“As we age, good nutrition becomes even more important to maintaining a healthy lifestyle, and the wide variety of meals we have available mean that your tastebuds will thank you too.

“Many of the people who receive Meals on Wheels are still excellent and active cooks, they just find that receiving a couple of meals each week gives them a bit of a break.”

The service uses an eight-week seasonal menu with multiple options available each day. People can choose one meal a week right through to a meal every day. With no contracts, the service frequency can be altered at any time.

“We say it all the time, but Meals on Wheels is more than just a meal. It's someone popping in regularly who can keep an eye on the welfare of their clients,” Ms Lindsey said.

“This is great peace of mind for families, especially those who live out of town, and the people who use our service find it reassuring as well.

“Our volunteers are invaluable to the service, and many of them build great relationships with the people they deliver meals to, and we'd love to have more on board.”

For more information about the service, or becoming a volunteer, contact Cecily on 5559 4878.

Meals on Wheels co-ordinator Cecily Lindsey with volunteer, Neville Hogan.



Working together to beat the heat

As Victoria braces for a hot summer, residents are encouraged to look out for one another during days of extreme heat.

A heatwave is a period of excessively hot and uncomfortable weather that adversely affects human health or when temperatures rise much higher than usual for several days in a row.

Health and Local Laws Manager Ian Fitzgibbon said it was important to keep an eye out for each other and to stay healthy in the heat.

“Hot weather can affect anybody, particularly the elderly, the very young, pregnant women or people with a medical condition or disability,” he said.

“So it's important to look after yourself and keep in touch with older, frail friends, family and neighbours.”

He also urged parents and guardians to be aware of the dangers of leaving children and pets in cars during the heat – even for short periods.

“Never leave children or pets in cars – even on cooler days or if the windows are left open a fraction,” he said.

“Cars can heat up to dangerous temperatures very quickly – even in the early morning sun – and it only takes a few minutes for your children and pets to be at risk of serious heat-related illnesses and possibly death.”

He also encouraged residents to make the most of cooler public spaces such as the library if they could not beat the heat at home.

“The main thing is to take it easy – rest often and, whenever possible, stay indoors or in the shade.

“And remember, if you think your neighbour might be struggling a bit, knock on their door or give them a call just to check they're OK.”

For more information visit www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au/heatwave.

Visit Somewhere, Nowhere this summer



The Warrnambool Art Gallery (WAG) presents a survey of paintings and illustrations from internationally acclaimed artist, illustrator, author and filmmaker, Shaun Tan.

Somewhere Nowhere: Memories of Imagined Places is a rare opportunity to dive more deeply into the remarkable worlds of Tan, pictured above, and revel in his imaginings of perspective and place. His work has won

many national and international awards including an Academy Award in 2011 for the animation of his book *The Lost Thing*, which he directed.

Somewhere Nowhere is part of the WAG's commitment to provide opportunities for artists to show deeper and broader aspects of their practice, to test new ideas in their work and give them time and space to develop their shows in ways that may not be available to them in metropolitan galleries. The exhibition will run until February 5.

The gallery will also host three other exhibitions over summer.

In Performance on an Egg (until February 5), Jenny Noyes explores the ideas of nature, life, creation and destruction by creating a miniature planetary system of fragile worlds, whose inhabitants seem oblivious to their precarious existence.

Shane Jones' Unknowing the Real will run from December 10 – February 26. Jones may capture what at first seems like elements of the real world in his work, but they are merely invitations to the lustre and stories which lie beyond.

Daniel Crooks' Phantom Ride (December 17 – March 12) alludes to cinema history to create a seamless journey through a composite reality. By manipulating digital footage as though it were physical material, the artist has constructed a collaged landscape that takes us through multiple worlds and shifts our perception of space and time.

Entry to The WAG is free.

The Belgians Have Not Forgotten



Warrnambool will play host to an international touring exhibition commemorating the sacrifices of Allied Forces during World War I – including the efforts of Australian soldiers.

The Belgians Have Not Forgotten, which has toured the United States and several European countries, will be staged at the Lighthouse Studio from December 9 to 23.

Warrnambool RSL member Doug Heazlewood said Warrnambool was selected as a host for the exhibition following a visit to the South West by the Belgian Ambassador, Jean-Luc Bodson, earlier this year.

Warrnambool will be one of only four Australian host cities, and the only one in Victoria.

“The exhibition was developed by the Belgian Government as an expression of gratitude of the Belgian people for the sacrifices made to free their country from occupation in 1914-18,” Mr Heazlewood said.

“The exhibition tells the story of campaigns in Flanders in which Australian soldiers took a conspicuous part, particularly in 1917 – culminating in the bloody Battle of Passchendaele.

“The Warrnambool RSL is keen to support this expression of thanks by providing links between district soldiers and families and the 1917 campaign in Flanders Fields.

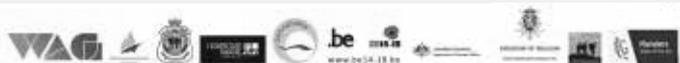
“As part of the exhibition, a series of lunchtime talks will illuminate the stories of local soldiers who were part of the many battles which made up the campaign, as well as the experiences of their families.”

The exhibition will be officially opened on December 9 with a ceremony on the Civic Green to be attended by the Belgian Ambassador which will include the Salvation Army Band, the Warrnambool Pipe Band and flag bearers from the Scouts.

Twenty people in period military uniform will also take part, including six fully mounted light horsemen.

Admission to The Belgians Have Not Forgotten will be free.

The exhibition will be open from 9.30am to 4.30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays, 12.30pm to 4.30pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 9.30am to 5.30pm on Fridays (except on December 9, when it opens at the conclusion of the official ceremony).



Ziegler Pde bridge closed for maintenance

Ziegler Parade bridge at Allansford will remain closed pending maintenance and safety improvement works.

The bridge was closed in September as a result of large volumes of water, along with flood debris, putting the ageing bridge structure under considerable pressure.

A post-flood investigation of the bridge revealed no new structural

damage as a result of the high Hopkins River levels, however, it did identify deterioration of existing structural issues and new safety issues with the bridge railing.

“Before we can reopen the bridge we first need to address safety issues associated with the bridge railing,” Warrnambool City Council Director City Infrastructure Scott Cavanagh said.

“We also need to engage with the community about the bridge’s capacity and function as a pedestrian and road linkage.”

New cycling lanes for CBD

The CBD is now more cycle-friendly than ever, with 12 new bike lanes installed in November.

The new lanes were added along Henna St (Raglan Pde to Koroit St), Lava St (Henna St to Banyan St), Koroit St (Fairy St to Banyan St) and Kepler St (Raglan Pde to Timor St).

“These works go a long way to completing a grid of bike lanes in the CBD, which were highlighted as objectives in Council’s Sustainable Transport Strategy and the City Centre Structure Plan,” Warrnambool City Council Director Infrastructure Services Scott Cavanagh said.

Mr Cavanagh hoped the new lanes would encourage more people to use pedal power to travel in and around the CBD.

“Cycling is a cheap, environmentally friendly and fun way to get around Warrnambool, especially now that the weather is improving,” he said.

“I’d like to encourage both motorists and cyclists to travel safely and to be mindful of each other.”

The Sustain the Bool transport map, available on the Council website, includes estimated cycling times around Warrnambool, and is a handy resource for new cyclists.



All aboard a fourth rail service

Confirmation of a January start for the fourth daily Warrnambool-Melbourne return rail service has been welcomed by Warrnambool City Council.

The State Government recently announced a number of additional V/Line services including the fourth daily service for Warrnambool.

“This is great news and a service the Council has advocated for strongly,” Warrnambool Mayor Cr Kylie Gaston said.

“It’s great for people wanting to come to Warrnambool for shopping, study, medical appointments and visiting friends and relatives.

“It’s also good for South West residents heading for Geelong and Melbourne for specialist medical services and for cultural and sporting outings.”

The new weekday rail service will depart Warrnambool at 9.05am and arrive in Melbourne at 12.53pm while a new Warrnambool-bound train will depart Southern Cross at 5.13pm and arrive in Warrnambool at 8.59pm.

A Geelong rail service on Sundays will also be extended to and from Warrnambool. New coach services to and from Portland will connect with most rail services arriving and departing Warrnambool.

Busy on the building front

Housing approval figures for the September quarter reflect a buoyant local housing and construction industry.

The number of new dwelling approvals for the quarter was 52, well up on the number recorded for the same period last year, which was 30.

The total value of building approvals – residential and non-residential – is also well up on the same time last year: \$32.9 million compared to \$14.19 million.

Warrnambool City Council Director City Growth Andrew Paton said the building approval data provided an encouraging start to the 2016-2017 financial year.

“The new house build numbers reflect ongoing population growth in

our city and the increasing choice of housing diversity options across our new residential growth areas and central in-fill areas,” Mr Paton said.

“The value of non-residential building approvals is also a great sign and can be attributed to projects such as the redevelopments at the RSL, Ace Radio and the ANZ bank.

“Warrnambool has more than 25 years of residential land supply available to meet projected population growth.

“An additional 20-plus years land supply is also available within future urban growth areas.

“These levels of land supply demonstrate Council’s commitment to maintaining access to affordable land for existing and new residents.”

A minute with the Mayor

Welcome to summer in Warrnambool!

You will certainly have noticed that on this page we have some new faces on the Council team: councillors Robert Anderson, Sue Cassidy, Tony Herbert and David Owen.

They were voted on to the Council team at the October election and join the re-elected councillors Peter Hulin, Mike Neoh and myself.

Congratulations to the new and returned councillors. At a personal level it is a great honour and privilege to be chosen by fellow councillors to continue as mayor for a second year.

There's a great passion and energy about the new Council and I'm thrilled to be leading the team as we head into 2017, which will see us develop with the community a new four-year Council Plan.

The Council Plan will help guide our actions over the coming term of Council and residents will have an opportunity to voice their thoughts on what we should be doing to maintain and build on the strengths of our city and region.

As we head towards the holiday season it's great to see a fantastic line-up of attractions for residents and visitors to Warrnambool



– beach volleyball, cricket, markets, outdoor movies and beach netball are among the activities on offer.

And of course with Christmas approaching many of us will be searching around for the perfect gift. Thankfully, we don't have to go far for our gift shopping because we have a wonderfully diverse retail offering in Warrnambool providing all sorts of possibilities from the unique one-off items to more traditional presents in keeping with the season.

Have a great Christmas and New Year and for those taking time off, a safe and fun-filled holiday!

Cr Kylie Gaston, Mayor

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A Minute with the Youth Mayor

The Youth Council has been busy during the last month, with no sign of slowing down over the summer.



Nominations for the Youth Achiever Awards, a program run in cooperation with the Moyne Shire Youth Council, have now closed. We are currently in the process of contacting nominees and sending out biography forms. The judging process following this is sure to be very tough with many wonderful nominees, but the panel always find the achievements of those nominated very diverse and inspiring!

We look forward to celebrating all nominees and announcing the winners at the awards night in February. Thank you to all who nominated a deserving young person for the awards.

In addition to this, the Education Pathways group held a very productive meeting between all youth councillors and the careers counsellors of the high schools. We agreed on the importance of ensuring students are aware of all their options and discussed a number of ways we could work together to improve knowledge about education pathways amongst our fellow students. The insight of the careers counsellors was certainly most valuable and useful in this.

On top of our ongoing projects, we are also spending time planning the Sunset on the Green event, part of Beach Fest, to be held on January 8 on the Civic Green. The afternoon will feature the talents of youth local musicians and is sure to be something that all ages can enjoy.

Gabby Good, Youth Mayor

Visiting us in person

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Online directories

Council's online Business and Community directories can be found at www.directories.warrnambool.vic.gov.au.

Have your say

Find out how to have your say by logging onto our website at www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au and visiting the Your Say link.

Council meetings

Monday September 5

5.45pm

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Summer 2016 - 2017 Calendar



Fletcher Jones Garden Party Saturday December 3, 10am-3pm Fletcher Jones Gardens

Beginning with a parade from the original Fletcher Jones shop on the corner of Liebig and Koroit Streets, the garden party will see the Fletcher Jones gardens brimming with art markets, music, entertainment, food and drink, the annual arts on the grass challenge, exhibitions at Outlaw Gallery and Factory Arts, the Fletcher Jones markets, the launch of a new panel for the Stories of Fletcher Jones Project, fashion parades, and the most wonderful opportunity to relax under the sun. www.thefproject.org.au

The Belgians Have Not Forgotten Friday December 9 – Friday December 23 Lighthouse Studio

Warrnambool will play host to an international touring exhibition commemorating the sacrifices of Allied Forces during World War I – including the efforts of Australian soldiers. Check out page 5 for full details.

Carols by Candlelight Friday December 16, 6.30-9.30pm Civic Green

The Combined Churches of Warrnambool present carols on the green for the Warrnambool community. Call Rev David Hodgins on 5561 1066 for more information.

National Sailing Titles Monday December 26 – Saturday January 7 Lady Bay

The National Sailing Titles for off beach boats with Arrow, Arafura Cobra, Stingrays and Yvonne's Classes. These are all catamarans varying in size from 12 foot to 18 foot and are either single handed or two crew boats. For more information call Jon on 0400 098 927.

Twilight Markets and Movies Every Friday from December 30 – January 27 Lake Pertobe

The popular summer night markets and

movies are on again this summer. Check out page 2 for more information.

Come and Try Fishing Every Friday from December 30 – January 20, 5-7pm Jubilee Park Allansford (Dec 30), Breakwater (Jan 6, 20), Charles Kane Reserve (Jan 13)

Come along and give fishing a go. Bring your own rod or use one provided on the day. Bait supplied. Children must be supervised by an adult. www.fishcare.org.au/Pages/Events.aspx

New Year's Eve on the Hill Saturday December 31, 6.30pm-12.30am Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village

Be at the centre of New Year's Eve in Warrnambool with the safe family friendly environment at Flagstaff Hill. Fireworks at 9.30pm and Midnight. Music, food and drinks, kids' rides and activities.

Adults \$25, Concession \$23, Family \$67, Extra Child \$9. www.flagstaffhill.com

Christmas Tree Recycling Tuesday January 3 – Friday January 13 Warrnambool Community Garden, cnr Grafton Road and Grieve Street

Bring your old Christmas tree and have it mulched for reuse in the community garden. No other green waste will be accepted. Trees can be dropped off Tues 3rd - Fri 6th and Tues 10th - Fri 13th from 8.30am-4.30pm and Sat 7th from 10am-2pm. This is a free service.

Wednesdays on the Wharf Every Wednesday in January, 5.30-8.30pm Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village

Each Wednesday evening in January enjoy a wine in the ambient setting of Flagstaff Hill and listen to the upbeat sounds of local bands. Spread out for a picnic or enjoy our onsite catering.

Adults \$6.50, children under 12 free www.flagstaffhill.com

Beach Fest

Monday January 9 – Thursday January 12 Main Beach

Beach Fest includes Tunes in the Dunes, Beach Volleyball, Sand Sculpting Workshops, Surfside Big Beach Bash, Snags on the Sand as well as Kids and Family Aquathons. Check out page 3 for full details.

Friends of Flagstaff Hill Fashion Shows

Monday 9, 16 and 23 January, 6pm Flagstaff Hill Maritime Village

Come and see the ladies', men's and children's fashions of the 1800s with drinks and light catering included.

Adults \$15, children under 15 free www.flagstaffhill.com

Grand Annual Sprintcar Classic Premier Speedway Friday January 20 – Sunday January 22

The biggest event on the speedway calendar, join thousands of racing fans for a weekend of sprintcar action. www.premierspeedway.com.au

Australia Day in the Gardens Thursday January 26, 10.30am-4pm Warrnambool Botanic Gardens

Reflect on what makes this country great and enjoy some Aussie traditions at this free community event.

Come and enjoy a traditional Aussie BBQ, free live entertainment, free kids' activities, welcome new citizens and congratulate the Australia Day award winners. www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Wunta Fiesta Friday February 3 – Sunday February 5 Various locations in Warrnambool

Wunta Fiesta is one of Warrnambool's major festivals that provides a celebration of music, food and fun for people of all ages.

This community event is held over three days and incorporates a range of activities suitable for the whole family showcasing the best that Warrnambool has to offer. www.facebook.com/wuntafiesta