

# Central Goldfields Shire Council Community Update

AUTUMN 2021

**And the winner is:**

*Thank you to everyone who entered our Autumn cover photo competition via our Facebook page. Congratulations to Jacquie – whose photo of Old Avoca Road, Adelaide Lead – received the most likes!*



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Autumn is a special time to spend in the Central Goldfields Shire whether as residents or visitors. It's also a time when so many things are happening. We have had some very exciting recent developments which add to our long list of core attractions.

Council was thrilled to be allocated \$1.2 million in additional funding from the Victorian Government for phases 2 and 3 of the Central Goldfields Art Gallery's revitalisation project. We are excited at the increased exhibition space in an already very special place and the increase to the variety of exhibitions we will be able to present.

Council was also delighted to award a \$605,000 tender for a Skate and Scooter Park to be built along in Princes Park near Lake Victoria and the adventure playground and barbecue area. The project has been made possible through Victorian Government and Council funding.

There are a range of projects taking place in Carisbrook, Dunolly, Talbot and Bealiba and other smaller locations to upgrade community facilities through the Commonwealth Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program which also has meant funding for road improvements and upgrading footpaths in Maryborough.

Support for tourism and hospitality operators has been available through a Victorian Government outdoor dining grant program which has seen Council work with traders to establish attractive, new outdoor 'parklet' dining areas.

To pave the way for the increasing number of visitors using electric cars we now have a charging station at the rear of the Community Hub as part of a regional Victorian Government program.

A key heritage feature in Princes Park is the iconic Grandstand. Council has commissioned a Cultural Management Plan to ensure its preservation well into the future and to share its rich stories.

Maryborough Railway Station is the jewel in a rich crown. Council intends for it to be a major cultural and tourism hub for the region and a first step towards that was the recent relocation of the Visitor Information Centre to the Station creating a wonderful visitor facility. An attractive co-working space for new business operators will provide important support. Council appreciates the funding contribution from the Victorian Government. We have very big plans for the future of the Station.

Enjoy the wide range of news and updates we bring to you in this edition. It was great to get so much positive feedback on how valued this publication is.

### Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor

Mayor

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## CR GRACE LA VELLA APPOINTED TO VLGA BOARD

Congratulations to Central Goldfields Shire Maryborough Ward Councillor, Grace La Vella, who was appointed to the Victorian Local Government Association (VLGA) board in January.

The Board is the governing body of the VLGA and sets long term strategy and policy for the organisation.

Cr La Vella's term on the VLGA Board commenced 1 January 2021 and will extend to 30 June 2022.



# Let's create a vision for the Central Goldfields

We're inviting you to contribute to the development of Council's key strategic documents as part of our Shaping Central Goldfields project.

To find out more about Shaping Central Goldfields visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

**In January we had conversations with more than 100 community members where you told us that you wanted to be heard and have your opinions valued.**

This is your chance to tell us:

- Your aspirations and ideas
- Our strengths and challenges
- Where you'd like to see resources allocated
- Where should our budget be invested
- What services/infrastructure you'd like to see delivered in your local area

The Central Goldfields community has much to be proud of. A welcoming community, pleasant climate, uncongested roads, affordable housing as well as great health, education and recreational facilities.

**Can you think of ways we could make our community even better—now and into the future?**

Every four years, each incoming Council develops strategic documents to inform decision making and shape how Council will provide inclusive leadership. For the first time, this work will be guided by a 10-year vision created with our Central Goldfields community.

**Community Vision** The vision will outline our community's goals for the future and how it would like the Central Goldfields Shire to grow and develop

**Council Plan** A four-year plan that has key strategies and initiatives to be delivered during the Council term that will help achieve the Community Vision

**Financial Plan** A 10-year plan that outlines how Council will responsibly manage community funds and ensure it is financially sustainable

**Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan** A four-year plan that includes priorities and goals to improve residents' health and wellbeing

## Shape the future

### Community Workshops

**12 May** Talbot ANA Hall  
→ Talbot, 2 to 4pm and 6.30 to 8.30pm

**20 May** Dunolly Town Hall  
→ Dunolly, 2 to 4pm and 6.30 to 8.30pm

**2 June** Carisbrook Senior Citizens  
→ Carisbrook, 2 to 4pm and 6.30 to 8.30pm

**3 June** Maryborough Community Hub (Room 7)  
→ Maryborough, 2 to 4pm and 6.30 to 8.30pm

### Postcards

Tear off the postcard on the back page of this publication, complete the questions and pop it in the post by Friday 4 June, 2021.



### Community Survey, Online Activities and Polls

Visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

## Our Timeline

### Thursday 29 April, 2021

- Shaping Central Goldfields launched

### April to May, 2021

- Collect community's ideas for Shaping Central Goldfields

### July to August, 2021

- Develop strategic priorities for the Council Plan

### September, 2021

- Draft Community Vision, Council Plan, Financial Plan, Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan open for community to review and provide feedback

### October, 2021

- Final documents adopted by Council



**Your involvement and feedback is invited at each stage of the project**  
Check for project updates on Council's Facebook page @centralgoldfields and our full-page Council News advertisement in *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday.

## 2021/22 PROPOSED BUDGET

We're currently inviting our community to review and provide feedback on the 2021/22 Proposed Council Budget. Its main focus is to implement the key objectives of the 2017-2021 Council Plan and deliver on our commitment to deliver more than 40 services to our community.

Council has been successful in attracting in excess of \$10 million in grant funding. Together with Council funding, the Capital Works Program will exceed \$18 million. These projects will not only provide a boost to local facilities but also a stimulus to the local economy in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A rate rise of 1.5% in line with the Victorian Government determined rate cap is also proposed.

To find out more about the 2021/22 Proposed Budget, and to access a copy, visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

Residents are also invited to attend a community information session to find out more and ask questions about the Proposed Budget:

- **Dunolly:** Thursday 13 May, 6.30–8.30pm at Dunolly Town Hall
- **Carisbrook:** Monday 17 May, 6.30–8.30pm at Carisbrook Senior Citizens Hall
- **Maryborough:** Wednesday 19 May, 6.30–8.30pm at Maryborough Community Hub - Room 7
- **Talbot:** Monday 24 May, 6.30–8.30pm at Talbot ANA Hall

Submissions on the Proposed Budget are required by 5pm, Friday 28 May, 2021 and can be submitted via:

- **Email:** [mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)
- **Post:** Council Budget, PO BOX 194, Maryborough, VIC, 3465

The Budget will go to the June Council Meeting to be considered for adoption.

### POSITIVE AGEING STRATEGY

In January we invited our community to provide input into the development of the Central Goldfields Shire Positive Ageing Strategy 2021-2026.

As part of this process we had around 650 conversations with community members across the municipality – thank you to everyone who took the time to get involved.

It's your contribution that will help us put together a strategy for how we can ensure our older residents age healthily, feel connected and enjoy an age-friendly community.

### DISABILITY ACTION PLAN

Thank you to everyone who took the time to provide input into the development of the Central Goldfields Shire Disability Action Plan in late 2020.

The Disability Action Plan Advisory Committee – with representation from people living with a disability, carers and key staff at disability service providers and the Maryborough District Health Service – have also played a key role in informing the Plan and we thank them for their contribution.



**Both the Positive Ageing Strategy and Disability Action Plan are currently being finalised and in the coming months we'll make them available for another round of community feedback.**

Keep an eye on opportunities to get involved via our full page Community News advertisement *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday or follow Council's Facebook page for updates.

## RECONCILIATION ACTION PLAN

The development of Council's first Reconciliation Action Plan is underway.

Our Reconciliation Officer Georgia MacGuire has been running Reconciliation Vision workshops with Councillors and staff.

This has included learning about the core values and the five dimensions of Reconciliation: Historical Acceptance; Race Relations; Equality and Equity; Institutional Integrity; and Unity.

The focus of the workshops has been to develop a Council vision for Reconciliation, which will be included in the Plan.

Once developed, Council will establish a Reconciliation Working Group which will include First Nations community representatives.

The first Central Goldfields Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan is expected to be launched by the end of 2021. Keep an eye out on Council's Facebook page [@centralgoldfields](https://www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields) and the Goldfields Mob Facebook page [@goldfieldsmob](https://www.facebook.com/goldfieldsmob) for updates.

### THANK YOU!

Between December, 2020 and January, 2021 we invited community feedback on our Draft Communications and Engagement Strategy and Draft Community Engagement Policy.

Thank you to the 100 plus residents who contributed via listening posts, surveys and written submissions – the feedback you shared helped us gain four key insights:

- The biggest barrier to participation is a lack of trust in Council's ability to listen and learn.
- Our community is diverse so communication needs to be targeted.
- Our community is diverse so there is no one size fits all approach to engagement.
- Our community wants transparency from Council.

Changes were made to both documents in response to this feedback.

The updated Community Engagement Policy was adopted at the February Council Meeting and the updated Communications and Engagement Strategy was adopted at the April Council Meeting.

You can view the documents here:

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

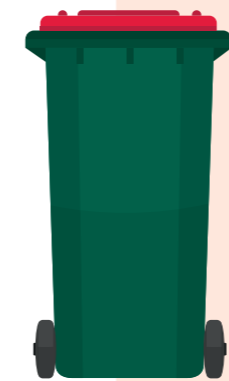
## CHANGES TO CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS WASTE AND RECYCLING SYSTEM

In order to provide a consistent, state-wide approach to waste, the Victorian Government has introduced state-wide reforms to Victoria's recycling system. This means, later this year, Central Goldfields Shire will move to a new four-stream waste and recycling system.

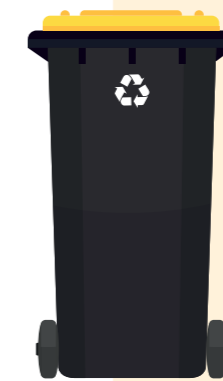
The changes to waste and recycling are in line with Council's 2020-2030 Waste Management Strategy that was adopted by Council in 2020.

In the conversations we had with our community in the development of this Strategy – reducing waste to landfill was important to our residents.

The roll-out involves:



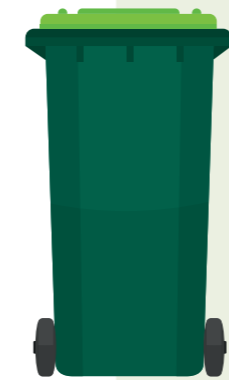
**RED BIN**  
General Waste  
(rubbish)  
NO CHANGE



**YELLOW BIN**  
Recycling

Paper, cardboard and other plastics will continue to be placed in the yellow recycling bin. As we work towards meeting the requirement for all Victorians to separate glass from their other recycling materials, Council is encouraging residents to start separating glass from the yellow bin so that we can make it a 'habit' by 2027.

This glass will then be turned into a reusable product that Council will use for local road projects.



**GREEN BIN**  
Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO)

FOGO will continue as an opt-in service for residents across the municipality.

The only change to this service is that residents (with a green bin) can place their food waste in this bin with their garden organics waste.

This waste will continue to go to Council's composting facility at the Carisbrook Transfer Station where it is made available to residents who are signed up to the composting service.

The annual fee for Council's opt-in FOGO system is \$73.20. Residents who sign up receive a 240 litre green bin that is collected on the first and third Friday of every month.

There will be no change to residents currently signed up for the opt-in service.



**PURPLE CALICO BAGS**  
Glass collection

Council is working towards providing all residents with a purple calico bag (like shopping bags) to put their glass into by the end of the year.

Glass can be placed in these bags and taken to central and convenient local collection points (locations to be confirmed) or at our three Transfer Stations at Carisbrook, Dunolly and Talbot. Council will engage with the community around additional collection point locations in the coming months.

Whilst encouraged, taking your glass to a collection point location is not mandatory until 2027.

In line with Victorian Government requirements councils must commence behaviour change towards separating glass from the yellow bin to make it "habit" by 2027.

More information will be communicated over the coming months.

For more information, including a frequently asked questions resource, visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/fourstreamswaste](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/fourstreamswaste)

# CURRENT PROJECTS CAPITAL WORKS

## CARISBROOK LEVEE

- **Project schedule:** Ongoing

The Carisbrook Levee project was designed by specialists Entura in response to major floods which occurred in 2010 and 2011.

The project is being delivered in four stages – one and two are complete, stage three is nearing completion and stage four is subject to Federal Government funding.

### Stage 3 – Current

Construction of Stage 3 of the Carisbrook Levee commenced on 12 October, 2020.

Local company Doran Earthmoving Pty Ltd delivered a section of the project that included the construction of the Levee – the section of Pleasant Street from the Pyrenees Highway to the railway line and High Street from the railway line to Church Street.

The works involved building up, and constructing a sealed road and associated open drainage works.

The works associated with the railway line include the installation of drainage culverts, which approvals are currently being obtained.

The tender for the next part of stage three of the Carisbrook Levee project closed on 7 April, 2021.

The tender, titled Pyrenees Highway, Carisbrook – Culvert construction, is for the installation of the drainage culverts under the Pyrenees Highway.

This part of the project will see the installation of twin cell box culverts – 1200mm high by 1200mm – across the Pyrenees Highway located to the west of Pleasant Street, Carisbrook. The culverts will redirect the overland flows along the levee when the southern section of the levee is completed. To allow for the installation of the culverts existing utility services will be relocated in the coming months.

## ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

- **Project value:** \$1.5 million from Victorian Government
- **Project schedule:** Due for completion by November, 2022

The Maryborough Energy Breakthrough Project will encompass a range of enhancements to the festival site, racing conditions and the visitor experience including: expanded scope and technology focus; enhanced spectator experience; improved camping facilities; increased interactivity; and improved safety.

Phase Two of the project will broaden the reach of the event, attracting new start-ups and established technology and utilities companies to create a world class future-skills focused STEM Expo as part of the event.



## CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS ART GALLERY REDEVELOPMENT

- **Project value:** \$1.7 million from Victorian Government and \$273,000 from Council's 2020/21 Budget
- **Project schedule:** Commencing in October, 2021 with completion expected by May, 2022

In March, the Victorian Government announced an additional \$1.2 million in funding for phases 2 and 3 of the Central Goldfields Art Gallery redevelopment project.

This is additional funding to the \$500,000 announced last year and will see the project now delivered in its entirety.

Identified as one of Council's Priority Projects and a transformational project in the Central Goldfields Shire Tourism and Events Strategy, the redevelopment includes: refurbishment and extension, including opening the original fire doors at the front of the Gallery; increased exhibition spaces; installation of improved environmental and climate controls; remodelling of internal Gallery spaces; improved storage facilities for the Shire's art collection; creation of an open contemporary reception; improved accessibility and visitor services amenities; and external landscaping including the installation of an Indigenous Interpretive Garden.

## MARYBOROUGH SKATE AND SCOOTER PARK

- **Project value:** \$643,260 project – \$250,000 from Victorian Government and \$393,260 from Council
- **Project schedule:** Construction to begin July, 2021 with completion by August, 2021
- **Contractor name:** Grind Projects

Maryborough will soon be home to a Skate and Scooter Park with works to commence in July, 2021.

The new facility will be located along Lake Road, Maryborough, in Princes Park near Lake Victoria and the adventure playground and barbecue area.

The Maryborough Skate and Scooter Park was identified as a Priority Project for Council in 2018 after more than 1,000 young people signed a petition and presented it to Council.

Throughout 2019 and 2020, Council held several information and community engagement sessions to determine the Skate and Scooter Park's design and its preferred location.

Council engaged with skate park design and construction experts Convic who facilitated design sessions with community members.

## CARISBROOK RECREATION RESERVE UPGRADE

- **Project value:** In October 2018 the Victorian Government allocated \$2 million for stage one of the project. A further \$2,157,900 was announced in August, 2020 for stage two. Council has committed to providing \$118,000 towards Stage 1 and \$220,000 towards Stage 2, a total of \$338,000.
- **Project schedule:** The project will be delivered in five stages. Stage One has commenced with completion expected by the end of August, 2021.

Identified as one of Council's Priority Projects, this community led project will create an accessible and inclusive modern sporting facility and community hub for the growing population of Carisbrook and surrounding townships. The upgraded facility aims to get more people, more active, more often and will provide the Carisbrook community with more opportunities to stage events, classes and gatherings.

The project will deliver the following:

- **Stage One:** Early Works – car parking, new vehicle entry, removal of away change rooms and a new green keepers shed
- **Stage Two:** Upgrades to the existing netball and tennis courts – court resurfacing and line-marking
- **Stage Three:** Additional bowls club enhancement works
- **Stage Four:** New additions to existing pavilion including – female friendly player and umpire change rooms and amenities, two netball change rooms and amenities, a new netball show court with lighting, multi-purpose room for events and meetings, first aid rooms, office space, feeding room, disabled car space, ramps and viewing platform.
- **Stage Five:** A bowls/community pavilion with a toilet block – a new pavilion to service bowling greens and community events, social room for events and meetings, kitchen, pavilion and public toilets and disabled car space, ramps and viewing platform

## MARYBOROUGH OUTDOOR POOL UPGRADE

- **Project value:** \$2 million from Victorian Government
- **Project schedule:** The majority of the project is expected to be complete by early 2022.

In May, 2020 the Victorian Government announced \$2 million in urgent works for the heritage-listed Maryborough Outdoor Pool.

The Maryborough Municipal Olympic Complex Conservation Management Plan was adopted by Council in May, 2018. The Plan provided Council with a detailed assessment of the complex and recommendations for a staged plan for work and outlined \$2 million in priority works.

In May last year the Victorian Government announced \$2 million in funding which will see the delivery of the urgent works for the heritage-listed facility.

The project will include maintenance works to the 50m pool, octagonal pool, filter and plant room and entrance pavilion.

For more information on the projects featured on this page visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentprojects](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentprojects)

## DUNOLLY LIBRARY

- **Project Value:** \$140,000 from Victorian Government Living Libraries Grant announced in December 2019.
- **Project schedule:** Due for completion by May, 2021.
- **Contractor name:** FNG Group Pty Ltd.

The former Police station building in Dunolly – located in the Dunolly Courthouse precinct on Market Street – is the location for the new Dunolly Library facility.

The project involves the re-stumping of the existing building, construction of an accessible toilet, ramp, new shelving, fresh paint, new carpet and air-conditioning.

The new facility will replace the visiting outreach service and will feature a larger collection of resources, services and activities, public access computer, free WiFi and additional children's programming.

## MARYBOROUGH REGIONAL LIBRARY UPGRADE

- **Project value:** \$145,000 from Victorian Government Living Libraries Grant.
- **Project schedule:** To be confirmed

In April, 2021 the Victorian Government announced funding that will see the Maryborough Library refurbished and modernised with a new circulation desk and flexible shelving. Fresh paint and carpet will also be delivered as part of the project.

The upgrade will create more room for popular services including children's programming, school holiday events and senior's activities.

## PRINCES PARK GRANDSTAND CULTURAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

We're currently developing a Cultural Management Plan for the Princes Park Grandstand in Maryborough so it can be preserved for future generations.

The Plan will provide Council with a detailed assessment of the Princes Park Grandstand to develop an affordable, staged plan of works to restore and conserve the historic recreation facility for the future.

The Draft Plan will be made available for the community to review and provide feedback in May with the final version expected to go to Council in June.



Photo credit: Maryborough Midlands Historical Society.

# MARYBOROUGH RAILWAY STATION ACTIVATION PROJECT

“It’s wonderful to see a location with so much historical importance to Maryborough will have a new lease of life in the 21st century.”  
— Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor



## A NEW HOME FOR THE VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

As part of the Central Goldfields Shire vision to put tourism front-and-centre of the region’s economic development, the Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre is now located at the iconic Maryborough Railway Station.

The move – brought about by tourism and business community feedback during the development of the Economic Development and Tourism strategies – features a larger floorplan, expanded car parking as well as capacity for caravans.

The Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre is open seven days, 9am to 5pm (except Good Friday and Christmas Day).

Connect with the Tourism team:

- Facebook: @Visit.Maryborough
- Instagram: @visitmaryboroughhandsurrounds
- Website: www.visitmaryborough.com.au

Or contact the team direct on 📞 1800 356 511 or email ✉️ visitorinfo@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

## CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS CO-WORKING SPACE OPENS

Are you a business start-up, community group, or individual looking for a space to work away from home? The newly opened Central Goldfields Co-Working Space at the Maryborough Railway Station could be the perfect option!

Located in the north side of the Maryborough Railway Station building, the Space comes fully equipped with a meeting table, high speed internet, printing/photocopying/scanning, 3D printing, video conferencing, secure lockers and a kitchenette.

The Co-Working Space offers users the flexibility of hiring a desk or co-working space for a day or several days across a defined period.

To find out more about the Co-Working Space, or if you are interested in using it as a space to work contact Council’s Economic Development Officer Brian Gould on 0419 762 793 or email brian.gould@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au or visit: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/coworkingspace](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/coworkingspace)

Both projects are part of the Maryborough Railway Station Activation Project – one of Council’s Priority Projects and was identified in both the Economic Development and Tourism and Events Strategies – in response to community feedback.

The project has been made possible thanks to \$50,000 in funding from the Victorian Government’s Stronger Regional Communities Program.

Council has also contributed \$67,500 to the project and the Committee for Maryborough have made an in-kind contribution of \$10,000 for mentoring of start-ups/small businesses by experienced business operators who are Committee for Maryborough members.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

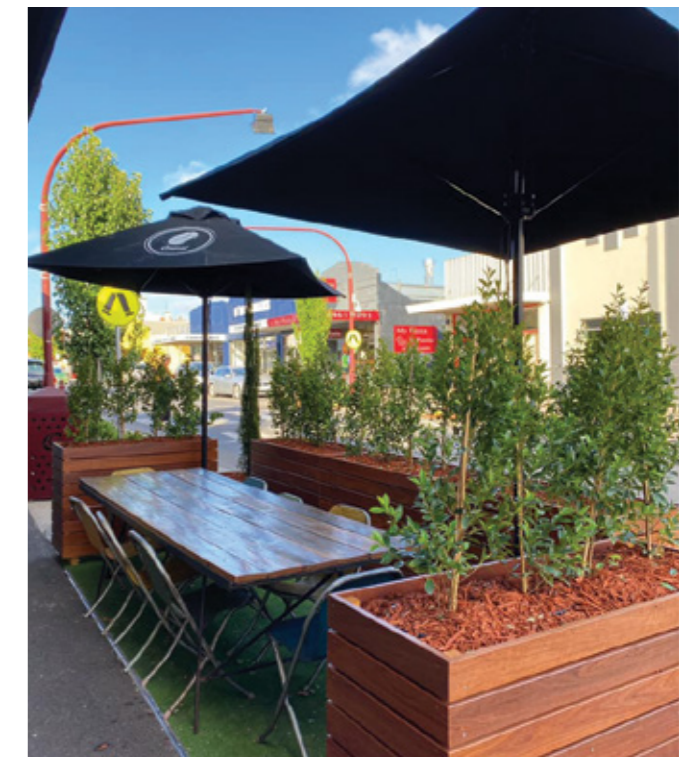
## CHARGED UP AND READY TO GO!

An Electric Vehicle Charging Station was officially opened in February at the Community Hub in Maryborough.

The first of 17 sites across the region, the project was funded by the Victorian Government ‘Charging the Regions’ project, led by Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance and delivered in partnership with 11 neighbouring councils.



Above (left to right): Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance Executive Officer Rob Law, Council’s General Manager Infrastructure, Assets and Planning Rebecca Stockfeld and Central Goldfields Mayor Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor.



## A NEW ERA IN OUTDOOR DINING

A series of new outdoor ‘parklet’ dining areas have popped up across the Shire over the past few months.

The Daily Dose Café Wine Bar in High Street, Maryborough was the first to open in February (pictured above), with additional parklets installed in Dunolly during March and April.

The parklets offer an extension of the footpath that allows additional space for pedestrians or businesses to use the street.

Thanks to a partnership with the Maryborough Education Centre, a series of planter boxes will be added to streetscapes in Maryborough and Dunolly.

Students and staff from MEC are building the planter boxes – with many students across different years and skill levels contributing in different ways to the project.

Both projects have been made possible with funding from the Victorian Government’s Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package aimed at supporting the hospitality industry to rebuild from the economic and social impacts of the pandemic.

The project is also an outcome of the consultation Council undertook with the business community in 2020 as part of the Jump Start program.

With all components of the parklet purchased or made in our own municipality, it’s an initiative that has seen funding dollars go straight back in the local economy.

Local businesses interested in getting involved can contact Council’s Economic Development Officer Brian Gould on 0419 762 793.



Above: Flynn Ward Councillor Liesbeth Long with Dunolly District Inc representative Wolf Fritze.

## DUNOLLY TOURISM GETS A BOOST

**In a boost to local tourism, a public dump point will soon be established in Dunolly.**

The Dunolly Caravan Park’s dump point – with public access via Maude Street – will be made available for public use after consultation between the park’s operators, the community and Council.

The partnership between Council and the Dunolly Caravan Park was endorsed by Councillors at the March Council Meeting – with acknowledgement to the Dunolly and District Inc for their ongoing commitment to having a public dump point locally.

The dump point will be ready for public use in the coming months. Keep an eye on Council’s website and Facebook page for updates.



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Central Victoria

## GO GOLDFIELDS HAS A NEW HQ

The Maryborough Resource Centre on Alma Street in Maryborough (adjoining the Maryborough Regional Library) is now home to the Go Goldfields Partnership.

With the Visitor Information Centre moving to its new relocation at the Maryborough Railway Station, Go Goldfields is set to re-energise and re-purpose the space as part of a pop-up trial starting this month.

The new location will feature a collaboration space for community members, service providers, and collaborative partners to come together and work as well as Nurture and Engagement space providing a safe, welcoming, and inspiring place for parents, carers, children, and family support workers.

### EVERY CHILD, EVERY CHANCE

Every Child, Every Chance is a Go Goldfields initiative uniting our community to ensure that children in the Central Goldfields Shire are safe, healthy, and confident. The initiative is focused on five Priority Areas:

- Healthy and Supported Pregnancies;
- Confident and Connected New Parents;
- Safe and Secure Children;
- Valued Early Years' Education and Care; and
- A Great Start to School.

Partnership groups are being formed around each of these priority areas. Members of these groups come from all across the Shire, including local and visiting service workers, educators, government representatives, and community members with lived experience all working together towards greater outcomes for the whole of the community.

### NOW ENGAGING IN CONVERSATIONS

Go Goldfields staff and friends will be out and about this month eager to listen to dads, mums, kinship carers, children, and the wider community about their experiences, challenges, and ambitions that come with caring for and raising children in the Central Goldfields Shire.

For further information, dates, times, and links visit [www.GoGoldfields.org/ECEC/engagement](http://www.GoGoldfields.org/ECEC/engagement) follow on Facebook @EveryChildEveryChanceVic or contact the Go Goldfields team on 5461 0684.



## LIBRARY NEWS

**It's been an exciting start to 2021 with the Victorian Government announcing \$145,000 in funding for the facility in April.**

The funding, as part of the Victorian Government's Living Libraries Infrastructure Program, will see the Maryborough Library refurbished and modernised with a new circulation desk, flexible shelving and fresh paint and carpet.

The upgrade will create more room for popular services including children's programming, school holiday events and senior's activities.

This month, the Library team will open the doors to the Dunolly Library facility. Replacing the visiting Outreach Van service, the new location will feature a larger collection of resources as well as a public access computer and free WiFi. For more information on the project see page 5 of this publication.

### Connect with the Library:

To keep up-to-date with the latest news and information:

- Facebook @MBLibVIC
- Instagram @mblibvic
- Website [www.centralhighlandlibraries.org.au](http://www.centralhighlandlibraries.org.au)
- Phone 5461 9111
- Email [maryboroughlibrary@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:maryboroughlibrary@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

## THE DIGITAL CONNECTION PROJECT FOR SENIORS

If you're a Central Goldfields resident over 55 and wanting to learn or develop your skills in using the internet or digital devices like tablets, computers or smartphones, then this program might be for you!

With support from a digital mentor, you can gain new skills to keep you connected with loved ones and the community and feel more confident in completing online tasks!

Call Maryborough Regional Library for more information and to register your interest on 5461 9111



## GETTING ACTIVE FOR FITNESS, ENJOYMENT & SOCIAL CONNECTION

Encouraging older residents to get active for fitness, enjoyment and social connection has been the focus of the Central Goldfields Shire 'Move It' program over the past few months.

More than 60 participants have been involved to date, enjoying a weekly walking group at local recreational spaces as well as mobility, balance and strength building exercise classes with qualified fitness instructors.

Classes have also been held at Havilah and Schoolhouse Village, with residents also enjoying the benefits.

The Central Goldfields Shire 'Move It' program has been rolled out as part of the of the Loddon Mallee Region 'Move It' project – funded by the Australian Government through a Sport Australia Better Ageing grant

Thank you to community members Brian Philips and Rosemarie Hosking for putting their hand up to join the 'Move It' Steering Group in February this year. You've helped us create a program that is engaging and accessible – thank you!

Above (left to right): Council's Move It Project Officer Zac Egan, Maryborough Ward Councillor Geoff Lovett and participants.



**Our group has enjoyed glorious weather and walks with expert commentary on the flora, fauna and historical significance provided by Councillor Lovett, Maryborough Midlands Historical Society and Council's Parks and Gardens staff.**

**Our fabulous strength exercise program has been carefully structured to take individual needs and special requirements into consideration. A great group with much energy and enthusiasm enjoying groovy "age appropriate" music and lots of laughs.**

**It's been a very worthwhile activity to improve the health of older residents."**

– Anne Weir, Move It Program community participant

## WOMINJEKA (MEANS HELLO OR WELCOME)



**Much has been happening for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community in the Goldfields recently:**

### Women's Health Day:

In March, Maryborough District Health Service, Bendigo District Aboriginal Co-operative and The Orange Door hosted Murrung Delhk.

Murrung Delhk – meaning Live Good Health – was an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Women's Health Day with a range of activities and some great food from The Murrung Mummas.

As part of the day, Council's Reconciliation Officer Georgia McGuire put on her artist hat and worked with the women to create a mural that tells the story of the birds of the Goldfields (pictured).

### Interpretative garden:

Council, together with the Gallery team, are working with The Dja Dja Wurrung commercial services Djandak, to create an Indigenous interpretative garden as part of the redevelopment of the Central Goldfields Art Gallery. For more information on the Gallery redevelopment project – see page 6 of this publication.

### Goldfields Mob project:

The Goldfields Mob project aims to support First Nations members of our community to connect with each other and have better access to services and support in the region.

### Goldfields Mob Connect Program

A six-week digital literacy program is currently underway, an opportunity for local First Nations families to learn how to navigate social media and online supports.

### Social media

Did you know the Goldfields Mob is on Facebook and Instagram? Local First Nations people are encouraged to connect with others and to access information.

Facebook @goldfieldsmob

Instagram @goldfields\_mob



For more information about First Nations Community activities or if you just want a cuppa and a yarn contact Council's Reconciliation Officer Georgia MacGuire on 0428 941 399 or send an inbox message via the Goldfields Mob Facebook page.



## GOLDFIELDS FAMILY CENTRE NEWS

The Goldfields Family Centre is owned and operated by Council and brings together many services for children and their families in the one location.

Services include: Maternal and Child Health, Immunisation, Long Day Care, Family Day Care, Kindergarten and Supported Playgroup.

### Supported playgroup

Sessions are held at Carisbrook, Dunolly, Bealiba and Maryborough. Families can also be visited in their own home. Visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/supportedplaygroup](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/supportedplaygroup) or contact Council's Supported Playgroup Facilitators Trish and Jane on 0427 702 567 or email [supportedplaygroup@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:supportedplaygroup@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

### Family Day Care

Council's Family Day Care Scheme offers quality childcare based in a home environment, for children aged birth to 12 years of age. Resourced and supported by Council, the Family Day Care service is a flexible service with educators offering varying hours depending on the needs of the families in their care.

### Central Registration Program

Council will facilitate the Central Registration program for three and four-year-old kindergarten again this year. Families will be able to enrol their children for kindergarten in 2022 from late May through until late June. For more information and to enrol visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment)

### Looking for more information on the Goldfields Family Centre?

- [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/goldfieldsfamilycentre](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/goldfieldsfamilycentre)
- @Goldfieldscc
- 5461 6500
- [goldfieldsfamilycentre@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:goldfieldsfamilycentre@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

### Is your child up-to-date with their Maternal and Child Health Key Age and Stage visits?

As part of the free Maternal and Child Health service, nurses review your child's health and development at key age and stage appointments.

As well as the growth and development of the child, the nurse also discusses the parent health and wellbeing and any concerns the family may have.

The 10 key age and stage consultations are set out in your Child's Health and Developmental Record (green book) and are important milestones in your child's early years. The Key Age and Stage visits are at:

- Home Visit
- 4 Month
- 18 Month
- 2 Week
- 8 Month
- 2 Year
- 4 Week
- 12 Month
- 3.5 Year
- 8 Week

If you're unsure if you are up-to-date, or you need to schedule your next key age and stage visit contact Council's Maternal and Child Health team on 5461 6500.



## COMING UP AT THE GALLERY

### CURRENT EXHIBITION:

ENDS 9 MAY 2021

#### 6th Biennial Golden Textures Contemporary Art Quilt Exhibition

The works of 19 contemporary textile artists from across Australia feature in the 6th Biennial Golden Textures Contemporary Art Quilt Exhibition.

Artist Suzanne Lyle was presented with a \$3,000 cheque for the winning prize for her art work *Crown of Thorns*. The work is a striking red, black and white quilt inspired by the indoor plant commonly known as Crown of Thorns.



Suzanne Lyle, 'Crown of Thorns', 2021, cotton fabric and cotton thread. 42cm (h) x 42 cm (w). Winner of the 6th Biennial Golden Textures Contemporary Art Quilt Exhibition 2021.

### UPCOMING EXHIBITION:

15 MAY – 27 JUNE, 2021

#### Changed Forever: Legacies of Conflict A Shrine of Remembrance touring exhibition

### COMING SOON:

19 JULY – 30 AUGUST, 2021

#### Travelling suitcases! Featuring artwork on loan from the National Gallery of Australia.

### Digitising the Gallery's collection

Soon, people across the world will be able to see and enjoy the Central Goldfields Art Gallery collection. A publicly searchable on-line database will be available later this year. For more info visit: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/gallerycollectiondigitised](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/gallerycollectiondigitised)

### Central Goldfields Art Gallery is situated in the Old Fire Station, 1 Neill Street, Maryborough.

The Gallery is open 10am to 4pm, Thursday to Sunday and entry is free.

### Connect with the Gallery:

You can contact the Gallery team via:

- [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/centralgoldfieldsartgallery](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/centralgoldfieldsartgallery)
- @CGAGMaryborough
- @centralgoldfieldsartgallery
- 5461 6600
- [cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

The Gallery has received \$1.2 million in State Government funding for phases 2 and 3 of the Gallery redevelopment. See page 6 for details!



Above (left to right): Council's Open Spaces staff members Wayne Pritchard, Sam Newberry, Les Patten, Manager Operations Amber Robinson and Maryborough Ward Councillor Geoff Lovett.

## FUNDING FOR PHILLIPS GARDENS

In February, Council received \$150,000 in funding from the Victorian Government's Growing Victoria's Botanic Gardens grants program.

The funding will be used to upgrade the existing irrigation system in Phillips Gardens to a central control system.

This will make irrigating the gardens more sustainable and irrigation will reach areas not currently irrigated.

## GOLDFIELDS RESERVOIR WATER LEVELS REPLENISHED

In February, Council partnered with Central Highlands Water to replenish the water levels at the Goldfields Reservoir in Maryborough.

The water was pumped from Central Highlands Water's available groundwater resources and was released to a channel that flows into the Goldfields Reservoir.

## UP IN LIGHTS

New lighting has been installed in the car park at the Maryborough Community House. The lighting, aimed at improving community safety, was funded by the Victorian Government Community Crime Prevention Program.



## DERBY ROAD ENHANCEMENT PROJECT

Works are about to commence to beautify the median strip along Derby Road, Maryborough – between Lean Street (Goldfields Reservoir) and Carramar Nursery.

As one of Maryborough's main entry points, the project will make this precinct more visually pleasing to visitors and complement the median strips located at the High Street end of Derby Road.

The project involves the planting of 30 Japanese Elm trees, with Tuscan stone filling the space between the trees. Irrigation will also be installed as part of the project.

The project, funded as part of the Council's 2020/21 Budget, will take around two weeks to complete and is expected to be carried out in May.



## GORDON GARDENS MASTER PLAN PROJECT

The next stage of the Gordon Gardens Master Plan project is underway in Dunolly and includes:

- Development of the vacant block beside the Senior Citizens building into a car park, including two disabled parking spots
- Extension of the ramps into the Senior Citizens building
- Walking path from the car park to the Queen Victoria Jubilee Monument within Gordon Gardens
- New path and new pedestrian gate into the Bowls Club from the car park
- New sliding gate at the Bowls Club to allow access to the Bowls Club sheds
- Relocation of the Bowls Club's water tanks

The works are being delivered by Council's Operations team and are expected to be complete late May, 2021 (weather permitting). The works follow the construction of a basketball court, bicycle/scooter pump track, outdoor fitness equipment/ shade structure and a touch-free water fountain in 2020/2021.

The Gordon Gardens Master Plan was adopted in September, 2019.

For more information, including a copy of the Gordon Gardens Master Plan, visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/gordongardens](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/gordongardens)

## RESPONSIBLE PET OWNERSHIP

**Did you know we have approximately 2,000 domestic pets registered in the Central Goldfields Shire?** All pet owners have a responsibility to provide the love, care and attention necessary to make sure our pets are happy, safe and healthy.

It also means knowing your responsibilities around pet ownership, local law requirements and being considerate of others who share our public places.

As a Council, under the Domestic Animals Act, we're required to encourage responsible animal ownership, reduce nuisances and provide opportunities for pets and their owners to integrate safely in the community.

Our Domestic Animal Management Plan provides more detail around this and can be accessed by visiting [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/domesticanimalplan](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/domesticanimalplan)

We encourage all residents with a pet to register it with Council. If your pet goes wandering, its identification tag will mean our rangers can return it to you.

To find out more about registering your pet visit: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/registeryourpet](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/registeryourpet)



**If you are interested in adopting a dog or a cat to your family, be sure to follow our Central Goldfields Rehoming Facebook page: @centralgoldfields.rehoming**



## ENSURING FOOD SAFETY IN THE CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS

**Did you know Council is required to monitor local food businesses to ensure they comply with food safety requirements and legislation?** This includes registration and inspection of food businesses as well as issuing permits for temporary food premises and stalls. Council also investigates complaints and concerns regarding food premises.

As part of this Council's Environmental Health Officer has commenced their annual inspection process. This involves in-person visits to the 128 registered food premises – cafés and restaurants – in the Shire, to carry out an inspection for compliance.

The inspection involves assessing compliance from when ingredients are purchased to when the ingredients are turned into a meal and served to a customer.

For more information about food premise registration, and to register visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/businesspermits](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/businesspermits)



## 2021 AUSTRALIA DAY WINNERS

The 2021 Central Goldfields Shire Australia Day Award winners were announced at a community event at the Station Domain, in Maryborough in January.

Congratulations to:

- **Citizen of the Year – Jesse Wright**
- **Young Citizen of the Year – Caitlin Britten**

To read more about this year's winners visit: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/2021australiadaywinners](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/2021australiadaywinners)

Congratulations to all Australia Day award-winners across the Shire and thank you to all community volunteers who work tirelessly to make our community a wonderful place to live.

## ACCESSIBLE PARKING PERMITS

**In March, along with 78 councils across Victoria, Council transitioned to the Victorian Government's new online Accessible Parking Permit Scheme.**

The new system provides community members with an easier, fairer process, that is consistent across the state.

As part of the change we have removed the \$12.25 renewal processing fee, making it more affordable for local residents.

With the new system now online, our Customer Service team remains available to assist residents where needed to help transition to the new system.

For more information visit: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/accessparkingpermits](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/accessparkingpermits)



## COMMUNITY GROUPS SHARE IN GRANT FUNDING

**Fifteen local community groups shared in \$32,628.46 in funding with the 2020/21 Central Goldfields Shire Community Grant recipients allocated at the January Council Meeting.** The recipients are:

- **Dunolly Community Garden Inc** – upgrade to community shared table and seeding tubs to support community access to locally grown and organic produce: \$2,083
- **Little Athletics Maryborough Branch** – installation of electrical equipment to enable accurate time scoring: \$4,000
- **Dunolly & District Inc** – consultation activities to support planning and advocacy for Gold Rush Festival: \$3,000
- **Goldfields Community Radio Inc** – Installation of a special battery system to enable the transmission of radio programs during an emergency: \$2,000
- **Tiny Towns Arts Trail** – Engagement of a web designer to develop a website: \$4,000
- **Country Women's Assoc. Victoria Inc** – Purchase of a computer, printer and internet dongle and provision of digital literacy training to address social isolation: \$1,337
- **Bealiba Pony Club** – purchase of a ride on mower for public amenity and contribute to fire safety: \$4,749
- **Maryborough Lawn Tennis Club** – purchase of a ride on mower to support public amenity \$4,000
- **Maryborough Theatre Company** – purchase of a wireless intercom system to use backstage at productions: \$3,266
- **Zonta Club of Central Goldfields** – Care Packs for local women who are fleeing family violence – \$700
- **Maryborough Community Garden Inc** - Accessible lockable storage area: \$1,000
- **Maryborough Aero Club Inc** – purchase and installation of weather/security cameras at the Maryborough Aerodrome: \$807
- **Central Goldfields District Girls Guides** – purchase of a set of field compasses: \$188.46
- **Maryborough Field Naturalist Club** – for 70th anniversary event: \$698
- **Maryborough City Brass Band** – to support the purchase of sheet music for the band: \$800

## COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Did you know Council Meetings are held once a month, on the fourth Tuesday of the month, at 6pm?**

In April, our Council Meetings re-opened to the public. Due to government restrictions only a limited number of people are able to attend with online bookings essential – to book visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings)

If you unable to book online please contact our Customer Service team who will be able to assist you.

If you can't attend you can watch the meetings live on Council's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields](http://www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields) The Facebook recordings of our Council Meetings are also made available on Council's website after each Council Meeting.

Plus, the Mayor records a summary video, outlining the decisions made, which is shared to Council's Facebook page.

**We'd love to hear your feedback on this publication**

**Did you read it, was it worthwhile? Is there a story or information you'd like to see included in an upcoming edition?**

Please send your feedback to [media@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:media@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)



## G'day Central Goldfields!

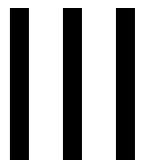
The Central Goldfields community has much to be proud of—a welcoming community, pleasant climate, uncongested roads, affordable housing as well as great health, education and recreational facilities.

**Can you think of ways we could make it even better—now and into the future?**

We're inviting you to contribute to the development of Council's key strategic documents. Together, we will create a shared community vision that will inform Council's decision making and shape how Council will provide inclusive leadership over the next four years.

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# CONTACT US

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## You can contact our Customer Service team via:

- ☎ 5461 0610
- ✉ mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

## Keep-up-to-date with Council news, projects and announcements via:

- 📘 www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields
- 🐦 www.twitter.com/CG\_Shire
- 🌐 www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au and www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au
- 📌 Central Goldfields Shire Council

We also encourage you to:

- read our full-page Community News advertisement in *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday
- listen in to CEO Lucy Roffey's weekly radio interview on Gold Central Victoria every Wednesday at 8.10am.

## COUNCIL TENDERS

Did you know we advertise current Council tenders and quotations to procure good and services in our full page Community News advertisement in *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday?

All Council tenders are also advertised online via the Tender Search portal. To find out more about Council tenders visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/tenders](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/tenders)



Central Goldfields Shire is a member of Translations Services Australia, which provides assistance to those who are non-English speaking to translate information Council provides to the community. The service is FREE. **131 450** or [www.tisnational.gov.au](http://www.tisnational.gov.au)

## COMMUNITY FLU VACCINATION PROGRAM



**Council will run a community flu vaccination program again in 2021.** Sessions will be scheduled during May.

For dates, times and location keep an eye on Council's full-page Community News advertisement in *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday as well as Council's Facebook page @centralgoldfields and website [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au)

## JOIN OUR TEAM

Current employment opportunities are available to view anytime via our website [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentvacancies](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentvacancies) They are also advertised in the Positions Vacant section of *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday.

## HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM TO COUNCIL



### Lodge a request or report a problem to us quickly and easily via:

- **Phone:** Call our Customer Service Team on 5461 0610
- **Email:** mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au
- **Online:** [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/reportaproblem](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/reportaproblem)

## Let's Get Started!

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Simply tear off this postcard and pop it in your post box before Friday 4 June, 2021

Check for project updates at [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au), Council's Facebook page @centralgoldfields and our full-page Council News advertisement in *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday.