



# Community Update Spring 2021

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**Pictured:** Thank you to ParkRun volunteer Brent Fairchild who captured this message of kindness at the Goldfields Reservoir in Maryborough.

**Have you seen or received a random act of kindness recently?** Tag us at [#BeKindCentralGoldfields](https://www.instagram.com/BeKindCentralGoldfields) and help us spread the message of kindness and positivity to support our community through the challenges of the pandemic.



## Welcome to this Spring edition of our Community Update.

Every edition of the Community Update is full of exciting developments around our beautiful Shire and in recent editions we have made a special effort to showcase some of those projects and changes in both our larger and smaller locations.

Spring is always an enjoyable time and also when our Shire looks at its best. This is a particularly welcome time as the State emerges from lockdown and restrictions ease. It gives us added opportunity to enjoy everything all around us.

There are so many good things taking place around the Shire and it is really good we can cover many of those in this edition and at a time when families and friends can enjoy discovering these.

If you are visiting our Shire, or a resident looking forward to getting to know its hidden secrets better, do start with a visit to our splendid Visitor Information Centre at Maryborough Station. Our helpful staff can assist and there is so much information to access.

One of the very special attributes of our Shire with its rich Gold rush history, and why it is so popular with visitors and residents, is the wide choice available for living and lifestyle all offering proximity to key services.

The future of Central Goldfields Shire has never looked better and we now have a ten year Community Vision which reflects the aspiration and confidence of the community.

Take the time to get to know the Shire better and see and experience so many things that are on offer and see the activities and projects outlined in this edition. Take the opportunity or enjoy the many fine hospitality venues and do support our businesses where possible. Keep in touch with what is happening through Council's website or on our Facebook page.

Above all have fun and enjoy being in Central Goldfields Shire.

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**Did you know Central Goldfields Shire is part of a group of 13 councils from across the Goldfields who are working on a campaign to inscribe significant gold rush-era sites on the World Heritage list?**

The landscape of the Central Victorian Goldfields has been described as the best-surviving example of the 19th century gold rush by a UK World Heritage expert.

The campaign is being led by the City of Greater Bendigo and the City of Ballarat and would have a huge impact on both local and cross-regional tourism economies. The project is also identified as a transformative project in Council's Tourism and Events Strategy 2020-2025.

To find out more about the campaign, including insights into the discovery of gold in Victoria and the world-wide significance of the Victorian goldrush, you can visit the dedicated Goldfields World Heritage website at [www.goldfieldsworldheritage.com.au](http://www.goldfieldsworldheritage.com.au) or follow the **Goldfields World Heritage Bid Facebook page** for updates.

# SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

## NEW OUTDOOR DINING SPACES

Five new outdoor dining areas have been unveiled in Maryborough, thanks to the Victorian Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package:

- Maggie's Coffee Lounge
- Supreme Court Bar and Restaurant
- Bangkok Thai on High
- Bird on a Wire Café
- Bumpa's Bakery in High St

The parklets are an extension of the footpath that allows additional space for businesses to use the street area for outdoor dining.

All components of the project have been purchased or made locally. Thank you to Maryborough Education Centre which was engaged by Council to make the initial sets of planter boxes.

**“The parklets are an opportunity for our business to welcome more customers. Due to the small interior footprint of our business, pre-COVID customer numbers have not been possible and the parklet will go some way to increase our dine-in numbers.”**  
– Bird on a Wire Café owner Julie Lowe



New funding to support the 'outdoor economy' has been announced by the Victorian Government under the COVIDSafe Outdoor Activation Fund. Central Goldfields has been allocated \$200,000 to build on the successful Outdoor Dining and Entertainment Package with a split between 'rapid implementation' and longer term 'precinct establishment' infrastructure and activation events.

To keep up-to-date with what opportunities exist for our business community keep an eye out for updates on Council's website and Facebook page or make sure you are registered to receive Council's dedicated business e-newsletter by emailing: [economicdevelopment@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:economicdevelopment@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

## COMMUNITY GRANTS OPEN NOW



### \$60,000 is up for grabs as part of Council's Community Grants Program.

\$30,000 is available in this year's Community Support Grants Program, with grants above \$500 available to community groups and organisations looking to re-start programs and rebuild community activities.

In partnership with the Victorian Government, there is also \$30,000 on offer as part of the CASI Community Recovery Grants program. This funding will enable local organisations and groups to support people to feel a greater sense of belonging.

Applications for both programs close at 5pm, Friday, 19 November, with recipients to be announced in December.

For more information, and to access the online application form, visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communitygrants](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communitygrants) or contact Council's CASI Community Connector James Rigby on 0428 927 338 or [james.rigby@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:james.rigby@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au).

## KEEPING MENTALLY WELL



In August, Council partnered with Central Victorian Primary Care Partnership, to launch 'Keeping Mentally Well.'

'Keeping Mentally Well' is a set of mental health information resources aimed at supporting the mental health of our community through the pandemic.

We're keen to get the resources out to as many people in our community as possible. Can your group, organisation or service help us? Contact Council's CASI Community Connector James Rigby on 0428 927 338

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

*This project has been made possible thanks to funding from the Victorian Government's Community Activation and Social Isolation (CASI) initiative.*

## NOMINATE NOW – AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2022

Do you know someone, or a community project or event, that through hard work and determination, has made our community an even better place to be?

The 2022 Central Goldfields Shire Australia Day Awards celebrate and recognise community members and groups who have made an outstanding contribution to our local community.

Awards will be presented in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Project or Event of the Year.

Nominations close 5pm, Friday 12 November.

To find out more and to nominate visit:

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



# A GROWING CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS

Whilst the COVID pandemic has brought with it many challenges, the Central Goldfields community is experiencing growth in new businesses and development applications.

Several new businesses have opened their doors in the past few months – High Street Maryborough Podiatry, Burgz in Maryborough, Barber in Nolan Street, Maryborough, Pedro's Ink in Maryborough, and A.J. Skin in Carisbrook. A new gym development is also planned in Dunolly.

We've also seen a consistent number of planning permit applications, with 24 permits approved during July and August. The permit assessment process is also much faster thanks to new software that was introduced in 2021.

Four development permits for Homes for Victoria have also been approved by Council in the past 12 months, which will see 10 additional dwellings in Maryborough.

**"It's wonderful to see the growth despite the impact the pandemic had brought to the small business community."**

**"The COVID-19 pandemic has seen a significant increase in people leaving Melbourne to relocate to rural and regional centres. Locally, here in the Central Goldfields Shire, this has led to demand for houses and, in some cases, new business opportunities."**

**"We expect this population growth to increase over the coming years as individuals and families realise the economic benefits of living and running a business in a regional and rural community. There's no doubt that the opportunities to working remotely from a city office has also helped drive this trend."**

– Mayor, Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor



"I lived in Carisbrook when I was young, and moved to Melbourne where I started my tattoo apprenticeship and worked at my craft for over 15 years.

"A year ago I decided to follow my dreams of moving back to the fantastic town of Maryborough to raise my children in the country and open a quality, clean, friendly and professional tattoo shop in the heart of town.

"I decided instead of letting COVID get us down- the family should stick together, grab a paintbrush and start renovating through these lockdown periods – making the 'glass half full' and ending up with a shop we could all be proud of.

"I thank everyone in the community for being so supportive and I look forward to giving my 100% and spreading a little happiness in these difficult times.

"Most people get tattoos that represent something very special and close to their heart, like loved ones who've passed, or to represent their beautiful children or grandchildren. I am honoured to be a part of something so meaningful to the clients. This creates a bond between the artists and clients that is very special, and I am so grateful to be a part of something so important to them.

"A big thank you to all of Maryborough for your much love and support. It's such an honour to be a part of this community."

**Peter Duffy – owner Pedro's Ink**

## INFORMATION FOR BUSINESSES

### Applying for permits

Our Better Approvals process streamlines the permit approval process for local businesses. If you are looking to open a new business, or if you are an existing business with a permit requirement, we encourage you to contact us.

Council's Economic Development Officer Brian Gould will work with you to determine what permits, exemptions or prohibitions apply across our statutory planning, building, environmental health and local laws departments

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

### COVID-19 business support

Council recently appointed COVID Business Support Officer Prue Bagley to provide assistance to the local business community. Prue can be contacted on 5461 0610 or by emailing [prue.bagley@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:prue.bagley@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)





“Change your skin, change your life” – that’s the message Abbey Ruckwood wants to share through her business A.J Skin. Abbey recently re-located and re-launched her business at her home in Carisbrook, and, despite the challenges the pandemic has brought to her business, she’s optimistic about the future and looking forward to servicing the Central Goldfields community with their personal care needs.



Grant Shepherd re-located from Barham to Maryborough and opened his Barber shop in Nolan Street, Maryborough in April.

Grant said he’s been welcomed with open arms by the Central Goldfields community and has been supported by the Nolan Street business community.



## WELCOME!

Nine new Australian Citizens, from seven countries, were welcomed to the Central Goldfields Shire at a Citizenship Ceremony held in August.

### The new citizens include:

- Laura Baker (England)
- Anh Kim Thi Do (Vietnam)
- Khoa Anh Do (Vietnam)
- John Heares (New Zealand)
- Yin Hai Jiang (China)
- Timothy Wear (United Kingdom)
- Seng Marady NGIM (Cambodia)
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On behalf of the Central Goldfields Shire – welcome and congratulations!

**“After being in the country for 10 years, mainly on temporary visas, being an Australian citizen provides security in the country and a sense of pride being accepted by the community.**

**“I enjoy being a local resident of the Central Goldfields as everything we need is close by and there is lots to do in the wider community with leisure and sports.”**

*– Timothy Wear - United Kingdom*

### Tenders

Did you know current Council tenders and quotations to procure goods and services are available to view online. Visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/tenders](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/tenders)

### Latest news and information

To register to receive Council’s dedicated business e-newsletter email [economicdevelopment@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:economicdevelopment@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

**Did you know Council conducts Citizenship Ceremonies on behalf of the Commonwealth Government?**

Council conducts approximately two ceremonies each year, with the next ceremony due to be held on Australia Day 2022.

# INVOLVING OUR COMMUNITY IN DECISION-MAKING

## THANK YOU

Over the past few months, we've invited community feedback on a whole range of key Council documents.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to review the documents and provide feedback.

The following items have now been adopted by Council:

- Community Vision 2031
- Council Plan 2021-2025
- Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan 2021-2025
- Long-Term Financial Plan 2021/22 and 2030/31
- Volunteer Strategy and Action Plan 2021-2024
- Positive Ageing Strategy 2021-2026
- Disability Action Plan

The Central Goldfields Shire Community Vision 2031 and Central Goldfields Shire Council Plan 2021-2025 will shape the future of our Shire for the next four years and beyond so we encourage you to check them out.

To find out more, and to read the final adopted documents, visit: [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)



## COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

In June, Council appointed the Central Goldfields Community Advisory Group to work with us to develop the Community Vision and Council Plan and other key strategic documents.

Thank you to all members of the group who have invested their time and knowledge into helping us with this important process.

**“ Through my involvement in the Community Advisory Group I have found a real sense of community and family. There are so many individuals within this group who raised their voice on behalf of others and stood forward to represent the community's aspirations.**

**Through hard work and deliberation, the Community Advisory Group has helped to inform the next Central Goldfields Council Plan and shape a ten-year Community Vision which represents the communities needs and values.**

**We look forward to seeing the community come together to shape a bright future.”**

– Community Advisory Group member and Year 11 student Charlotte Dowell

## CULTURAL MANAGEMENT PLAN

In September we invited feedback on the Draft Maryborough Grandstand Cultural Management Plan.

The Plan will provide Council with a detailed assessment of the facility so that an affordable, staged plan of works can be carried out.

Community feedback will now be considered before the final Plan goes to the November Council Meeting to be considered for adoption.

## AERODROME TASKFORCE

In July we appointed six members of the community to the Maryborough Aerodrome Taskforce.

The Group has met once and is currently working on preparing the key issues to be addressed in the proposed Business Case.

For more information visit: [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/aerodrometaskforce](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/aerodrometaskforce)



## PHILLIPS GARDENS

Thank you to everyone who provided input into the development of a Landscape Plan for the Phillips Gardens during October.

The Plan will guide the management of the Phillips Gardens in Maryborough for the next ten years.

To find out more and for updates visit: [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/phillipsgardens](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/phillipsgardens)



# MARYBOROUGH NEWS

## NEW FOOTPATHS

Five new footpaths will be constructed in Maryborough:

- Park Road from the Golf Course to Gardiner Street – 340 metres
- Goldsmith Street from Kars Street to Inkerman Street – 230 metres
- Hollyrood Street from Gladstone Street to Park Road – 450 metres
- Cross Street from Burke Street to Napier Street – 105 metres
- Napier Street from Derby Road to Clarke Street – 50 metres

The projects are funded by Council and are recommended actions of Council's Walking and Cycling Strategy.

## DERBY ROAD UPGRADE

Stage Two of the Derby Road beautification project in Maryborough will commence in November.

The project, to be carried out along the median strip between Rinaldi Drive and Carramar Nursery, involves a new water saving irrigation system, and 24 new Japanese Elm trees.

The upgrade works are being delivered by Council's Parks and Gardens team, funded as part of Council's 2021/22 Budget and is part of our entry beautification program of works.



## ROAD UPGRADES

The following road upgrades have recently / or will be delivered in Maryborough:

- Works to upgrade Goldsmith Street, Maryborough from Wills Street to Newton Street are now complete. This project was funded by Council.
- Road re-construction works on Gillies Street (between Layton Road and Sutton Road) in Maryborough are currently underway. This project is jointly funded by Council and the Federal Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program (pictured above).
- \$250,000 upgrade to Pascoe Avenue, Maryborough – between Park Road and Court Bowl. This project is currently underway and is fully funded by Council.
- \$500,000 upgrade to Nightingale Street, Maryborough will be carried out in 2022. Fully funded by Australian Government Roads to Recovery program.

## MARYBOROUGH FLOOD STUDY

Council, in partnership with the North Central CMA and the Victoria State Emergency Service, has received Federal Government funding to undertake the Maryborough Flood Study.

Detailed flood modelling for Maryborough is needed to update our existing planning controls, inform future planning, and improve flood warning.

For more information about the Maryborough Flood Study visit: [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/maryboroughfloodstudy](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/maryboroughfloodstudy)

# DUNOLLY NEWS

## KINDERGARTEN FUNDING

Council has welcomed the news that the Victorian Government will invest \$44,032 to upgrade the Dunolly Kindergarten. The funding, as part of the Building Blocks program, will see the flooring replaced, fresh internal paint and new shade sails installed.

## DUMP POINT COMPLETE

The new public dump point, located at the Dunolly Caravan Park, is now complete. With public access via Maude Street, the new community asset is expected to increase tourism by encouraging caravanners and campervans to visit the area.

## NEW FOOTPATHS

As part of the 2021-2022 Council Budget two new footpaths are almost complete in Dunolly:

- Bull Street, between Market and Havelock Street (300m)
- Market Street, from Bull Street to Dunolly Swimming Pool (100m)



**Pictured:**  
Dunolly Kindergarten Educator Kylie McMahon with YMCA Area Director Kaitlin Neil.

Photo credit: The Maryborough District Advertiser

## UPGRADE WORKS

Thanks to the Federal Government's Roads and Infrastructure Program the following projects have/will be delivered:

- Stage lighting at Dunolly Town Hall – complete
- Fence to be installed around Gordon Gardens playground
- Shade sails to be installed at Swimming Pool
- New wayfinding signage

# CARISBROOK NEWS

## LEEVE UPDATE

Construction of Stage Three of the Carisbrook Levee is now complete. Twin cell box culverts across the Pyrenees Highway have been installed. The culverts will redirect the overland flows along the levee when the southern section of the levee is completed.

The final stage of the project, Stage Four, will be the construction of the Levee south of Pyrenees Highway. Council has a planning permit for Stage Four, which is shovel-ready. The Victorian Government has secured funds for Stage 4 from the Federal Government and the State Government is working with Council to develop a Project Plan. Council has also allocated \$600,000 from this year's budget to enable Stage Four to be delivered.

## RECREATION RESERVE

The \$4,495,000 upgrade to the Carisbrook Recreation Reserve is continuing. The project is being delivered in four stages and is expected to be completed by mid-2022.

Jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government, the project will deliver an accessible and inclusive modern sporting facility and community hub for the growing population of Carisbrook and district.

## TULLAROOP CREEK

Thank you to everyone who shared feedback on the Draft Tullaroop Creek Management Plan. The Draft Plan provides a long-term vision, strategic objectives and actions for future management of Tullaroop Creek. Community feedback will now be considered before the Final Plan goes to Council to be considered for adoption in December.

For more information about Carisbrook projects visit: [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)



## TOWN HALL

Maintenance works on the Carisbrook Town Hall roof are nearing completion. The restoration works include maintenance to the slate roofing, guttering, downpipes, roof vents, flashings and repairs to damaged section of chimney render. The project has been made possible through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure funding program.

## COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS

Thank you to everyone who has attended one of our Carisbrook Community Conversation sessions over the past few months. We've held three sessions to date, covering topics including the Carisbrook Levee, Draft Tullaroop Creek Management Plan, Carisbrook Town Hall and Carisbrook Recreation Reserve upgrade.

## NEW SHADE SAILS

Good news for students, teachers and families at the Carisbrook Primary School with the announcement they'll receive \$4,085 in funding to replace damaged shade sails. The funding is thanks to the Victorian Government Shade Grants program.

# BEALIBA NEWS

## UPGRADE WORKS

Thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Infrastructure Program the following projects have been delivered to the Bealiba Hall:

- New kitchen and kitchen appliances
- Split system air conditioner installed in the Main Hall
- Floors were sanded, re-coated and polished
- New play equipment and shade sails to be installed at playground

## MAIN STREET UPGRADE

A \$380,000 upgrade to Main Street in Bealiba will be carried out in 2022. Made possible thanks to Australian Government Roads to Recovery funding the project includes road reconstruction, new kerb and channel, new footpath and drainage works.

## OPTUS TOWER

In September, the new Optus Blackspot Tower was switched on in Bealiba, thanks to the Australian Government's Mobile Black Spot Program.

The Optus mobile tower will provide enhanced mobile coverage to 335 premises and 45kms of major roads in the area.

Staff and students at the Bealiba Primary School, as well as visitors enjoying recreational activities at Bealiba Reservoir, will benefit from the improved network.

Council advocated for this funding by submitting projects to the Black Spot Funding program.





## FUNDING BOOST

Minister for Regional Development, Mary-Anne Thomas, visited Talbot in September to announce \$630,000 in funding to investigate future growth opportunities and a centralised sewerage system for Talbot. Council will also provide \$60,000 towards the project.

The Talbot Futures Project will identify options for a centralised sewerage system and future residential structure planning.

The outcome will ascertain areas for housing growth and providing critical sewerage infrastructure for existing and future residents.

The Talbot community will be heavily involved in the shaping of this project, with several engagement and communication opportunities planned.

During her visit to Talbot, the Minister also officially opened the new outdoor exercise equipment at Pioneer Reserve – a \$150,000 project made possible through the State Government's Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative.



“ **The most exciting announcement in Talbot since the Gold Rush**” – Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor

“ **This is a great result for Talbot and I look forward to working with Council to develop a plan to make this project happen.**” – Chairperson for the Talbot Sewerage Committee Reiny Gunther

## ROAD UPGRADE

A \$670,000 upgrade to Row Street and Prince Alfred Street in Talbot will be carried out early 2022. Fully funded as part of the 2021/22 Council Budget, the project includes road reconstruction, new kerb and channel, new footpath and drainage works.

## UPGRADE WORKS

Thanks to the Federal Government's Roads and Infrastructure Program the following projects have/will be delivered:

- Replacement of existing Town Hall toilets
- Permanent shade umbrellas to be installed at Market Square
- New oven installed at Community Hub-London House

## UPGRADES TO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE SHIRE

Thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Infrastructure Program the following projects will/have been delivered:

### Majorca

- Painting and replacement of fly screens complete at Majorca Town Hall
- Front fence at Cenotaph to be replaced
- Water tank replaced at cemetery

### Timor/Bowenvale

- New air conditioner installed at Community Hall
- Upgrade to Timor Hall toilets underway

### Adelaide Lead

- Upgrade existing switchboard and rewiring of the Community Hall

### Carisbrook

- Shade sails to be installed at Market Reserve playground

### Bung Bong

- Access road upgrade at Cemetery

### Amherst

- New entrance gates at Amherst Cemetery

### Daisy Hill

- Roof insulation and concreting works complete at Daisy Hill Community Hall
- Fence around playground installed
- Shade sail at playground to be replaced

### Bet Bet

- Construction of a shelter with concrete floor at Betley Hall
- Township signage

### Wareek Hall

- New floor covering in kitchen
- New air conditioner
- New gutters, fascia, gable flashing, painting
- New hot water system



## TOWNSHIP PLANS

**Did you know Council has key priorities for working with community across our townships:**

- Supporting community management of the Carisbrook Town Hall
- Adapting our proud goldrush built heritage in Talbot
- Implementation of the Tullaroop Creek Management Plan
- Facilitating sustainable leadership in Bealiba
- Growing tourism in Dunolly
- Growing our youth to lead change in Maryborough

To find out more visit [www.engage.goldshire.vic.gov.au/townshipplans](http://www.engage.goldshire.vic.gov.au/townshipplans) or contact your Ward Councillors for more information.

# FOR ART LOVERS



## Excitement is building at Central Goldfields Art Gallery in readiness for the \$1.9 million redevelopment project to commence.

The project has been made possible thanks to \$1.7 million from the Victorian Government and \$273,000 from Council's 2020/21 Budget.

Whilst the Gallery is closed for redevelopment, locals and visitors can continue to connect with and enjoy Gallery programs in other ways and locations:

- **Community Arts** exhibition will be held at the Maryborough Railway Station from 11 November to 5 December 2021
- See some of the Gallery's collection at the Maryborough and Dunolly libraries
- Join the Gallery's mailing list or school holiday program workshop list by emailing [cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)
- Phone the Gallery team on **0438 367 094** to speak to a friendly staff member
- Email the Gallery at [cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au) or visit <https://linktr.ee/CGArtGallery>
- Follow **Central Goldfields Art Gallery – Maryborough, Vic** on Facebook
- Follow **@centralgoldfieldsartgallery** on Instagram

The new look Central Goldfields Art Gallery is scheduled to re-open in winter 2022 with an exciting program of new exhibitions and improved visitor services associated with a dynamic, contemporary public art gallery.

For more information on the Central Goldfields Art Gallery redevelopment visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/gallery](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/gallery)

# FOR LIBRARY LOVERS

## The Victorian Government will invest \$156,000 into the Maryborough Regional Library – Victoria as part of the Public Libraries Funding Program.

The funding will go towards the purchase of library collection items, information technology resources, children and outreach programs, and other library services.

This funding is in addition to the \$145,000 that was announced by the Victorian Government in April as part of the Living Libraries Grant. This funding will see the Maryborough Library refurbished and modernised

with a new circulation desk and flexible shelving, fresh paint and carpet.

The library will be temporarily re-located to the atrium area of the Maryborough Resource Centre during the works.

Follow the Library on Facebook **@MBLibVIC** and Instagram **@mblibvic** for project updates.





# KEEPING ACTIVE



## SWITCHED ON!

The Lake Victoria, Maryborough lighting project is now complete.

The \$150,095 project was funded by the Victorian Government's Community Crime Prevention Program to improve community safety.

The project was undertaken by local business, Ian Cain Electrical.

## WALKING AND CYCLING ADVISORY GROUP

In September, we invited Expressions of Interest for our Walking and Cycling Advisory Group.

The group will work with Council, government and key organisations' officers to help implement the recommendations of the Central Goldfields Shire Walking and Cycling Strategy 2017-2026.

Promoting positive health and wellbeing, more transport options and building on the outcomes of the Strategy will also be a key focus of the group.

At the time of going to print the group was yet to be appointed.

For updates visit:

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



## RECREATION MASTER PLANS

We've been talking to local sporting clubs, groups and residents recently as part of the Maryborough Major Sport and Recreation Reserves Master Plan Project.

The plans are being developed for Princes Park, Jack Pascoe Reserve and J.H Hedges Memorial Park to help guide planning, development, maintenance and management.

They will also help us identify priority projects and make funding submissions.

For more information visit:

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

## OUTDOOR POOL SEASON

It's time to dust off bathers and get ready to make a splash during our outdoor pool season.

Our three outdoor pools at Maryborough, Talbot and Dunolly will open – sunny weather permitting – on Saturday 4 December.

Previously we have communicated that the Maryborough Outdoor Pool would be closed for the summer period. Due to a project delay, the redevelopment is now scheduled to commence February 2022.

Our Youth team are busy planning a series of events and activities for the opening weekend across all three pools – so keep an eye out for more details across our Council and Youth Facebook pages for updates.

For opening times and days, including prices, visit:

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

For more information on the Maryborough Outdoor Pool upgrade project visit: [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/maryboroughoutdoorpool](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/maryboroughoutdoorpool)

## SKATE AND SCOOTER PARK

Planning for the construction of the new \$643,260 Skate and Scooter Park at the Princes Park precinct in Maryborough is continuing.

The project, funded by the Victorian Government, Council and the Avoca Co-operative and Community Enterprise Foundation, is waiting on approval by Heritage Victoria.

# FOR FAMILIES



Cinema Pop Up is coming to Princes Park, Maryborough. 13 to 16 January, 2022 at 7.30pm. For more information, and to purchase tickets, visit [cinemapopup.com.au](http://cinemapopup.com.au)

## NEW PARENTS

Our Maternal and Child Health team have the following sessions coming up for new parents:

**New Parents Group** – a free weekly facilitated six-week program open to parents under the age of four months. The Group meets every Monday from 10.30am to 12.30pm from Monday 18 October to Monday 29 November.

**Eat and Grow** – a free one-off information session open to parents with a baby aged between four and six months of age. The next session will be held on Monday 13 December, 10.30am to 12.30pm.

For more information and to register contact Council's Maternal and Child Health team on 5461 6550.

**Congratulations to the Maryborough Toy Library who re-opened in their new location last month.**

Their new home is at the Tate Building in Nolan Street, Maryborough – just behind the Council office.

You can follow the Maryborough Toy Library on Facebook or visit [www.maryboroughtoylibrary.setls.com.au](http://www.maryboroughtoylibrary.setls.com.au)



**Our Goldfields Family Centre team put their walking shoes on during September in support of their friend and colleague Wendy Powell.**

The team collectively walked more than 600 kilometres and raised \$3,493 as part of "Wendy's Walkathon" in support of Australian Dystonia Awareness Month. Well done everyone!



## THANK YOU!

**Go Goldfields Let's Talk About Parenting community conversations were very successful thanks to you!**

Our community has given insightful feedback about parenting life and their aspirations for the future.

The feedback is informing our work with government and services to ensure more accessible, welcoming and flexible options for families.

You can still be involved at a community forum planned for later this year.

Follow the Go Goldfields Facebook page for updates [www.facebook.com/GoGoldfields](http://www.facebook.com/GoGoldfields)



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# GOLDFIELDS MOB

## CONNECT PROGRAM

**Congratulations to the 13 participants of our Goldfields Mob Connect Program.** The six-week digital literacy program was a chance for local Goldfields Mob families to find out more about social media and the online supports available to them, as well as build their connection to culture and country.

The program was funded through the Victorian Government's CASI funding, designed to help people build social connections and networks within their local community.

Follow the Goldfields Mob on Facebook, visit: [www.facebook.com/goldfieldsmob](http://www.facebook.com/goldfieldsmob)







## CLIMATE ACTION COLLABORATION

In July, Council launched the Central Goldfields Climate Action Collaboration – in partnership with the Maryborough Climate Action Group, Goldfields Sustainability Group and Maryborough Education Centre.

The group is made up of 20 individuals from across the community to lead the development of a local response to climate change.

The group is dedicated to bringing climate change into the everyday conversation, creating space for everyone to be heard and engaging all in the exploration of the climate action opportunities for our Shire.

For more information and updates visit:  
[www.engage.coldshire.vic.gov.au/climateactioncollaboration](http://www.engage.coldshire.vic.gov.au/climateactioncollaboration)

## NEIGHBOURHOOD BATTERY INITIATIVE

The Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance has been funded to examine how communities and local governments can play a greater role in the uptake of neighbourhood batteries, as part of Victorian Government's Neighbourhood Battery initiative.

The program, called 'Community Sparks' will assess the feasibility of one community battery site in the Central Goldfields Shire.

The partnership is part of Council's commitment to reducing our carbon footprint. Community batteries provide opportunities to unlock more solar and can provide an income to help residents manage their energy bills.



### Did you know there are three trees in Maryborough that are listed on the National Register of Significant Trees?

They are the Lemon Scented Gum in the Philips Gardens and the Juniper and Flame tree located in the Princes Park precinct.

To be listed on the significant tree register, trees must have horticultural value; be rare; have age, size or aesthetic value; or cultural or heritage significance.

Recently, for the first time, the Juniper Tree at Princes Park was given a full health check using a 'sonic tomographer' – by a professional arborist (pictured).

The Sonic Tomographer can detect decay and cavities in standing trees non-invasively by tracking the speed of sound waves through the trunk, roots and large branches.

The great news is our Juniper tree is in good condition!



### Interested in going solar but haven't made the move yet?

You can find out more about the More Australian Solar Homes (MASH) program, and request an obligation free quote by visiting <https://mash.org.au> or calling 1300 466 274.

## ARE YOU FIRE AND FLOOD READY?

### If you haven't already prepared your property for the upcoming season now is the time.

No matter where you live in Central Goldfields Shire – whether you're in a town or on a farm – it's time to check the bush and/or grass fire risk at your property. Central Goldfields also has flood prone communities, if you live in low-lying land a well prepared property could reduce the impact.

Now is the time to increase your understanding of the fire and flood risk where you live, prepare your property, and talk to your loved ones about what you'll do to stay safe from emergencies. For more information visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/planningforanemergency](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/planningforanemergency) and see the following link: In an Emergency what is your plan?

### Residents should also prepare their properties by:

- Clearing undergrowth and fallen branches
- Moving firewood and other flammables away from the house
- Cleaning leaves from gutters
- Ensuring that grass is cut



For more information on how to get prepared for summer, go to [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au) and download the **VicEmergency App** on your smartphone to stay informed.

# FOR OLDER RESIDENTS

## ACCESSING COMMUNITY CARE

Did you know Council's Community Care team provide range of support services for older people, young people with disabilities, and their carers and families?

Funded through the Commonwealth and Victorian government, the service provides assistance to residents who many need help with daily tasks so that they can live independently at home.

We have around 27 staff who provide services including personal care, domestic care, in-house respite care, social support activities, meals on wheels and property maintenance.

For more information, including eligibility, visit: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communitycare](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communitycare)



## MOVE IT WALKING GROUP

The Move It Walking Group encourages older residents to get outdoors and get moving. The group walks every Wednesday at 11am at the following locations:

- 1st Wednesday of the Month – Lake Victoria (Meet at undercover/BBQ area on Burns St Side)
- 2nd Wednesday of the Month – Philips Gardens (Meet near public toilets on old IGA side)
- 3rd Wednesday of the Month – Tullaroop Creek (Meet at the bottom of Green St near footbridge)
- 4th Wednesday of the Month – Goldfields Reservoir (Meet at undercover/BBQ area near old Ripples Restaurant)
- 5th Wednesday of the Month – Tullaroop Creek (Meet at the bottom of Green St near footbridge)

The group walks for 30 to 45 minutes with morning tea or lunch afterwards. Anyone can join the group to become connected, share a chat and a laugh and importantly improve their physical health.

Follow the **Move It – Central Goldfields Walking Group** on Facebook for updates!

# FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

## Connect with us:

- Facebook: [facebook.com/CentralGoldfieldsYouth](https://facebook.com/CentralGoldfieldsYouth)
- Instagram: [@central\\_goldfields\\_youth](https://instagram.com/central_goldfields_youth)



## Are you, or do you know someone, aged between 12 and 25?

Let them know about the many ways they can connect with our Central Goldfields Youth team:

- **Havachat** – join our Youth team for a casual chat on Zoom every Thursday at 4.30pm
- **#FridaySoundsLike** – online concert series featuring local artists

**LGBTIQA+** – thanks to everyone who completed our online survey on how we can best support our local LGBTIQA+ young people

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We had around 45 entries in the Snapshot 2.0 photo competition last month, across categories including animals, action, landscape and black and white.

Congratulations to our winners and thank you to everyone who entered. You can check out all the photos on the Central Goldfields Youth Facebook page.



**ANIMALS CATEGORY**  
"Fierce Cheetah"  
by Amy Lamport



**ACTION CATEGORY**  
"Spring"  
by Matilda Davies



**BLACK AND WHITE CATEGORY**  
"Never Look Back"  
by Sequoia Holbrook



**LANDSCAPE CATEGORY**  
"Sugarloaf"  
by Makayla Cocking



# MEET THE TEAM... STATUTORY SERVICES

This is the first of our meet the team feature stories we'll be rolling out in each edition of our **Community Update** publication.

In this edition we're introducing you to our **Statutory Services** team to help you understand what they do.

Whilst we know there have been challenges in the past, the team is taking further steps to resolve the issues of the past and have recently implemented a range of improvements. Some of these improvements include transitioning into new systems, establishing good record keeping and working on better meeting the requirements of our Customer Service Charter.

**Here's a breakdown of the services they provide:**

## Planning

Our Planning team assist with planning enquiries and undertake assessment of planning applications.

If you are looking to purchase land with the Shire, undertake development on land you own or undertake other works such as vegetation removal or earth works, our Planning team can provide the information you need.

## Building

If you are building or renovating, it's likely you'll need to make contact with our building team to ensure you have the required permissions. Our building team can also provide advice around property information requests, pools and spas, and information about buildings on your property. Building staff also organise report and consents – which are the process for consulting and obtaining approval when building work may affect assets, infrastructure, or the amenity of the community.

If you need to report an unsafe building, or extend an existing building permit, you can discuss this with the Building team.

## Environmental Health

Our Environmental Health Officer works to protect and improve public health and community safety in our Shire. This is achieved through the annual registration process, and regular inspections of local accommodation, food, and beauty, hair and skin penetration businesses.

**Need to chat to a member of our Statutory Services team?**

Call 5461 0610 or email [mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

## Compliance team

### Animal Management

Council's Animal Management team deliver services to make sure domestic pets are kept responsibly in our community.

### Local Laws

Council's Compliance team administer and enforce Council's Local Laws which includes common issues such as excess animals, shipping containers, street signage, burning off permits and parking infringements.

### Municipal Fire Prevention

During the Fire Danger Period, Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officer inspects properties to check that the identified hazards have been removed under the Country Fire Authority Act 1958 and Fire Rescue Victoria Act 1958.

### Planning Compliance

Council's Planning Compliance Officer responds to complaints relating to alleged breaches under the Planning Scheme.



Rain, hail, shine and even snow hasn't stopped **Robyn Tracey** from serving the Carisbrook community as their local school crossing supervisor. Robyn clocked up 40 years in her role in February – she said it was “the wonderful kids and their parents” as the reason she loves her job so much.

## School crossing supervisors

Our seven school crossing supervisors (plus two casual support) work across Maryborough, Dunolly and Carisbrook and ensure our children and adults can safely cross roads around schools. The positions are jointly funded by Council and Regional Roads Victoria.



## THANK YOU!

Thank you to the 72 residents who took the time to contribute to the development of the Draft Domestic Animal Management Plan. The Plan is important because it sets out how Council will create a harmonious environment between pets, people, other animals and our environment.

Community feedback will now be incorporated into the Draft Plan and in the coming weeks it will be made available for your feedback.

Congratulations to **Ellie Leishman** and her dogs Toby and Lassie who, just by providing feedback, won a grooming voucher to a business of her choice – **3 Groods Grooming**.

## CONTACT US

Our Customer Service Centre is located at 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough and is open for cashier payments, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

☎ 5461 0610

✉ mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

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

📘 [www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields](https://www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields)

🐦 [www.twitter.com/CG\\_Shire](https://www.twitter.com/CG_Shire)

🌐 [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au)  
and [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

🌐 Central Goldfields Shire Council

- 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.

## JOIN OUR TEAM

### Have you ever considered joining our team?

Central Goldfields Shire Council is a great place to work.

If you are passionate about delivering great customer service, working for a progressive and innovative Council, and making a difference to your local community then consider a career with us!

For more information, including current job opportunities visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentvacancies](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentvacancies)

## BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING

**Do you care about your community? Are you looking to make a difference to someone else's day? Are you wanting a rewarding experience? We are looking for people just like you.**

We have volunteer opportunities that will help make a difference to your community. You might brighten a senior's day by delivering their meals, or get to know a young person whilst teaching them to drive, or offer your local knowledge to a visitor on holidays.

If you enjoy helping others, contact our Customer Service team and ask to chat to our Events Volunteer Development Officer Alisha Chadwick.

## 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)

## WELL DONE CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS



**Thank you to everyone who has been vaccinated to keep our community safe.** If you haven't been vaccinated, make an appointment now to get the free jab. The best vaccine is the one available to you today.

Contact the following providers to book or check availability:

- **Maryborough District Health Service Community Vaccination Hub**  
Community Hub, 48 Burns Street, Maryborough. (Former Maryborough Technical School Library building). Call 5461 0300 between 8.30am and 5.00pm Mon-Fri.
- **Clarendon Medical Clinic – 5461 0100**  
75 Clarendon Street, Maryborough
- **Nightingale Clinic – 5460 4466**  
6 Neill Street, Maryborough (existing patients only)
- **Priceline Pharmacy – 5460 5999 (walk-ins available)**  
101 – 103 High Street, Maryborough
- **Maryborough Guardian Pharmacy – 5461 1005**  
131 High Street, Maryborough
- **Dunolly Medical Practice – 5468 1104**  
24 Havelock Street, Dunolly
- **Dr Jim Sharples Clinic – 5463 2335**  
40 Scandinavian Crescent, Talbot (existing patients only)

### Stay safe, be informed and get vaccinated

For more info visit [www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au](http://www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au) or call the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

## 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)



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