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GOLDFIELDS**  
SHIRE COUNCIL



## Community Update Autumn 2022

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**Pictured:** Two-year-old Maryborough resident Ezekiel swings for joy, following the installation of a new high back toddler swing at the Adventure Playground in Maryborough. For the full story see page 3.

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

Ezekiel swinging high is not only a wonderful story which you will read about in this edition, but it also reflects the spirit of our community with so many good things happening and so much to celebrate.

We recognise the great beauty and diversity of our Shire – the grand heritage of Maryborough, the wonderful unique and inspiring characters of our smaller towns and locations but also our rich farming area and open forests. Once again we share this diversity with you through the reports from our Ward Councillors.

Council has been busy updating its Priority Projects Plan as so many projects previously listed have been funded and are under way – this includes the final stage of the Carisbrook Flood Levee which is particularly welcome. The 14 projects are shovel ready for investment and cover heritage, health and recreation together with projects which reflect Council’s strong focus on the importance of population growth and the investment and opportunity that will bring. An Advocacy Strategy will support the Priority Projects Plan and support the case for Government partnership and investment for our growth objectives.

Two very exciting existing projects are the redevelopment of our beautiful Central Goldfields Art Gallery and the further activation of Maryborough Railway Station to showcase the story of our gold heritage in immersive ways. Both these buildings are very special and it is wonderful to be part of the transformation journey for each, as they are developed for expanded opportunities and to showcase their offerings in improved and enhanced ways.

Our future focus in this edition also includes a feature on the wide range of Council’s youth activities. Council was thrilled to receive funding from the Victorian Government to enable the establishment of a Youth Council and we are keen to hear what direction our youth want to take for this.

Climate Action is of course part of planning for our future and we discuss the important work of our Climate Action Collaboration Group.

Covid has reminded us all of the importance of keeping safe and healthy and Council is thrilled with our new look Immunisation Service which we share with you.

Quite simply in this edition there is something for everyone. Please enjoy!

**Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor**  
Mayor

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## A CLEAN SHAVE FOR A GOOD CAUSE

**Two of our Councillors were given a fresh new look in March.**

Congratulations to Councillors Wayne Sproull and Gerard Murphy who participated in the World’s Greatest Shave event at the Maryborough Highland Society. Thank you to everyone who donated money to Team Highland – \$10,296 was raised with all funds going to The Leukemia Foundation.

# SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY

## SHARE YOUR FEEDBACK

### Proposed Budget

The 2022/23 Proposed Budget is now available for the community to review and provide feedback.

It is focused on implementing the key objectives of the 2021-2025 Council Plan as well as our commitment to deliver more than 40 services for the community.

Developing the Annual Budget is one of Council's most significant strategic responsibilities, so it's important we get it right.

We encourage you to view the Proposed Budget and provide feedback. Join us at one of our online or in person information sessions or visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/proposedbudget2022](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/proposedbudget2022)

### Draft Motorised Mobility Device Strategic Plan

In November last year, we invited our community to share with us their experiences with motorised scooters.

With a high number of our population using motorised scooters as their primary mode of transport, we wanted to better understand their needs – with safety as a key focus.

With funding from TAC Community Road Safety Grants Program, we now have a Draft Motorised Scooter Strategic Plan ready for our community to provide feedback on.

Feedback is invited until Friday 13 May. To view the plan and provide feedback visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/scooterstrategy](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/scooterstrategy) or contact Council's Strategic Planner Sumaya Tonny on 5461 0605 or email [sumaya.tonny@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:sumaya.tonny@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)



**Pictured:** Community member Sal, Cr Gerard Murphy and Council's Manager Community Services Veronica Hutcherson.

## EZEKIEL SWINGS FOR JOY

Seeing the joy on her two-year-old son Ezekiel's face when on a swing in Melbourne, was the catalyst for Maryborough mum Sarah Robinson, to write to Council to find out if a high back toddler swing could be installed in Maryborough.

Ezekiel was born premature and with complex medical conditions which means his low muscle tone doesn't allow him to be able to use the standard, low back swings you see at most of our play spaces in the Shire.

In April, the family's wish came true with the new high back toddler swing installed at the Adventure Playground in Maryborough and Ezekiel the first to use it.

Ezekiel's smile (featured on the cover of this magazine) says it all!

## ARE YOU PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY? DO YOU HAVE A PLAN?

We're partnering with Loddon Shire to provide free information across both Shires in the coming months. This will help you prepare for what to do in the case of flood, bushfire, storm or heatwave

We will be at community markets and holding sessions in community centres. The events are supported by the CFA, the SES and Red Cross.

For more information, including dates and venues visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/emergencyinfosessions](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/emergencyinfosessions)



## COMMUNITY GRANTS OPEN NOW

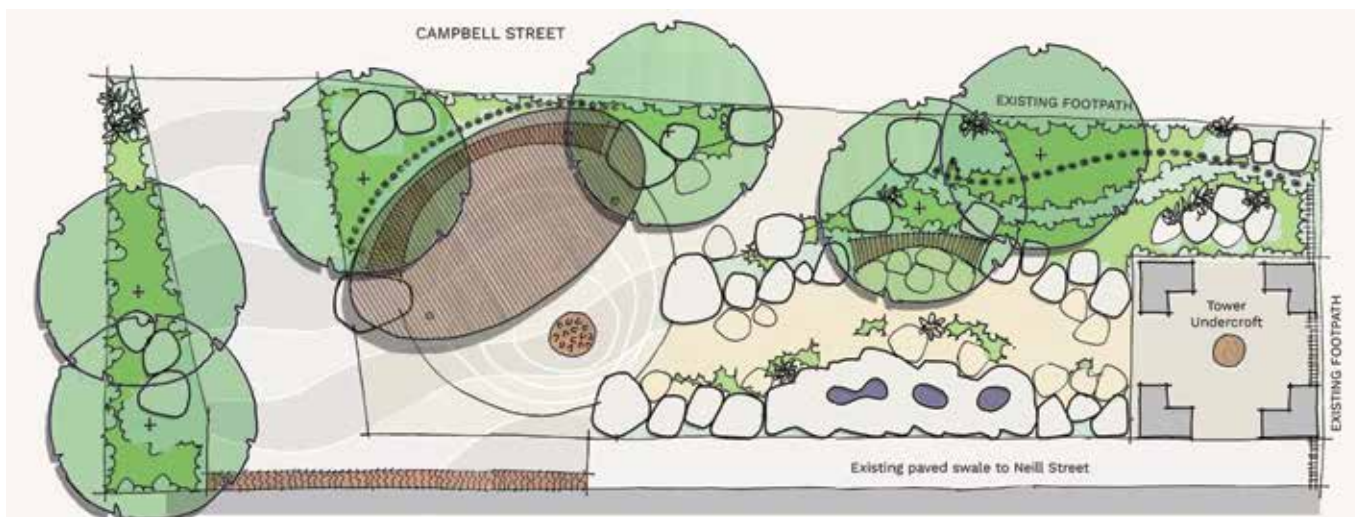
\$33,250 is up for grabs as part of Council's 2022-2023 Community Grants Program. Grants above \$500 are available to community-based organisations looking for financial support to deliver activities, programs, small events, equipment and infrastructure. Applications are open now and close on Monday 13 June, 2022.

To find out more, and to apply online, visit: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communitygrants2022](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communitygrants2022)

**Pictured:** Maryborough VRI Croquet Club received \$3,194 as part of the 2021 Community Grants Program for a new hot water service and water tank



# MAJOR PROJECT NEWS



## GALLERY INDIGENOUS INTERPRETATIVE GARDEN

Council is delighted to have approved designs for the Indigenous Interpretive Garden that will form part of the Central Goldfields Art Gallery redevelopment.

These designs were developed through an Indigenist Wartaka process to ensure Dja Dja Wurrung people led the development of the cultural themes embedded within the design. The workshops focused on creating space for storytelling, conceptual mapping and also visioning to ensure the integral values of respect, recognition and reconciliation.

This process was facilitated by the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DDWCAC) and supported by Landscape Architects, 3Acres. Stage 1 of the Garden will be delivered as part of the current construction, with funding for Stage 2 & 3 currently being sought through the Priority Projects Plan.

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



## MARYBOROUGH RAILWAY STATION ACTIVATION PROJECT

A vision to transform the Maryborough Railway Station into a vibrant visitor hub is well underway.

Building on initial improvement works to the Station completed in March 2021, this project will transform Maryborough Railway Station into a visitor and activity hub that will accommodate a mix of tourism, commercial transport and community uses.

Project elements include installation of digital infrastructure and interpretive experiences, upgrades to the café and visitor information centre sites, provision of creative studio spaces and improvements to the accessibility, landscaping and parking functions of the Station.

Stage Two of the project is jointly funded with \$1.8 million from the Victorian Government's Stronger Regional Communities Program and \$200,000 from Council.

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

## SKATE AND SCOOTER PARK

We're expecting the construction of the new Skate and Scooter Park at the Adventure Playground at Princes Park, Maryborough to commence in August with completion in late October, 2022.

The project is funded by the Victorian Government, Council and Community Bank Maryborough, Avoca and St Arnaud (in partnership with the Maryborough Lions Club).

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

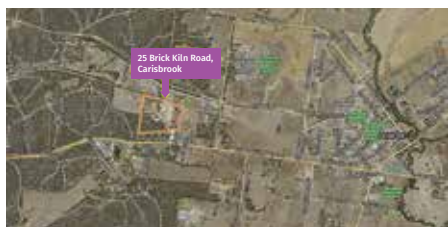
# MAJOR PROJECT NEWS

## ADVOCATING FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

Fourteen projects that will facilitate long term sustainable growth for the Shire feature in Council's Priority Projects Plan.

Adopted by Council in February, the Plan is what Council will use to advocate to both State and Federal Governments for funding. The projects, identified under four themes which underpin the Community Vision, are:

### LEAD SUSTAINABLE GROWTH



Industrial Employment Precinct



Strengthen Central Maryborough



Talbot Futures

### FACILITATE REGIONAL TOURISM OPPORTUNITIES



Gallery Indigenous Interpretative Garden – Stage 2 & 3



Castlemaine – Maryborough Rail Trail

### PRESERVE OUR HERITAGE BUILDINGS



Princes Park Grandstand



Events Prospectus – A Considered Approach to Events Planning



Maryborough Railway Station Activation – Stage 3



Town Hall Restoration Package (Maryborough Town Hall, Carisbrook Town Hall)

### SUPPORT AN ACTIVE AND HEALTHY COMMUNITY



Deledio Recreation Reserve, Dunolly



Maryborough Outdoor Pool



Netball Activation Initiative



Enhance our Active Transport Network

“These fourteen projects are what our community told us were important to them during the development of the Community Vision 2031 and Council Plan 2021-2025.

“To help us decide on the final list of 14 projects, we took into account a range of factors including the shovel readiness of each project and equity across the Shire.

“Some important potential projects needed more work to make this final list including a Youth Hub for the Shire and the Maryborough Splash Park. Council will continue to work on these to position them for future funding and Priority Projects Plan listing.”

– **Mayor, Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor**

To view the Priority Projects Plan 2022 visit [www.engage.goldshire.vic.gov.au/priorityprojectsplan](http://www.engage.goldshire.vic.gov.au/priorityprojectsplan)

# FLYNN WARD NEWS

“ A lot of great things are happening in Flynn Ward.

Dunolly has recently seen a couple of new committees starting up: The Dunolly Traders Inc. is a group of local shop keepers and businesses and they have hit the ground running. Some great initiatives and projects are being planned by this committee that has enthusiasm and drive by the bucket full.

The Dunolly Car Club is another recent addition to the town with an excellent display of cars at the Australia Day Celebration by its members.

The Dunolly and District Incorporated (DDI) are busy planning the Dunolly Gold Rush Festival, to be held on the third weekend in October 2022. The Gold Rush Festival first appeared in 1971 and ran for many years before petering out. The DDI has decided that it is time to see if they can get this festival up and running again to promote tourism to the town.

Bealiba has also seen a bit of a resurgence with a Community Day held recently. A group of local residents representing various community groups, came together and planned a 'Free Sausage Sizzle' lunch at the town hall for all residents. The day was a huge success, with around 50 people attending. Hopefully a new Bealiba Community Committee will be set up soon to keep this great little towns' spirit thriving.

I am so proud and humbled to be able to represent such a great ward, thank you all for your continued support! ”



**Flynn Ward  
Councillor Liesbeth Long**



**Pictured:** Bealiba and district residents enjoying the Community Day held in April.

## MAIN STREET UPGRADE

The \$380,000 upgrade to Main Street in Bealiba is now underway. The project is funded by the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery Program.

## PLAYGROUND FENCE COMPLETE

In response to community feedback, a fence has been installed around the Gordon Gardens playground in Dunolly. The project has been funded through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.



## DELEDIO RECREATION RESERVE

The Deledio Recreation Reserve Master Plan 2011-2020 identified a new pavilion as a high priority after it was determined that the building was not suitable for an upgrade but needed to be replaced.

In April 2020 Avor Architecture were appointed to develop the concept plans and costings – which were funded by Council.

With these concept plans finalised, funding is now required to deliver the project.

Council will continue to work with local groups to investigate funding options and provide support for grant applications for the detailed planning and construction of the new Deledio Pavilion.

The project is also one of 14 projects in Council's Priority Projects Plan – see page 5 for details.



“Since becoming Flynn Ward Councillor I have attended the Dunolly Recreation Reserve Committee of Management Inc. meetings and I'm proud of this small but enthusiastic group of volunteers who have worked tirelessly for many, many years to bring the new Deledio Pavilion to reality. The concept plans are impressive and when completed will serve Dunolly and the wider community for many years to come.”

– Cr Liesbeth Long

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# TULLAROOP WARD NEWS

“Tullaroop Ward is a Ward with many facets and feels, in some ways like a microcosm with many different groups. The Community Township Plans that were developed in 2019 played a huge role in guiding and directing me during the first months as Councillor. Investigating and re-visiting the existing Community Township Plans resulted in the development of the Carisbrook Community Conversations. I am a great believer in the importance of communication, the exchange of ideas and information and building relationships.

An Officer's Report was presented to Council in September 2021 naming two key priorities as identified by members of the public. The Creek was identified as playing a significant role within the community and the importance of continued

development to be used as a space for community activity. The Carisbrook Town Hall was identified as a significant asset and much valued by the community. The establishment of a Community Asset Committee managing the Town Hall was highlighted. These two topics were on the agenda for the Community Conversation held in March 2022. ”

**Tullaroop Ward  
Councillor Anna De Villiers**



## OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Thanks to the Victorian Government's Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative, four pieces of exercise equipment will be installed at Market Reserve.

A drinking fountain will also be installed thanks to a partnership with Central Highlands Water.

For more information visit

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

## LEVEE MOVES TO FINAL STAGE

In March, the tender for Stage Four, the final stage of the Carisbrook Levee project was awarded to local business – Doran Earthmoving – following a public tender process. The project is jointly funded by Federal and State governments and Council.

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

### Delivery schedule

- ✓ **Stage One – completed early 2017**
  - Pleasant Street Levee construction (north of the railway line)
  - Drainage works along Wills Street and within the racecourse.
- ✓ **Stage Two – completed 2017**
  - Williams Road Levee construction (West – East running levee, which continues east from Williams Rd across Landrigan Rd towards the Tullaroop Creek).
- ✓ **Stage Three – completed 2021**
  - Pleasant Street Levee construction – from the Pyrenees Highway to the railway line and High Street from the railway line to Church Street.
  - Installation of twin cell box culverts across the Pyrenees Highway (located to the west of Pleasant Street, Carisbrook).
- **Stage Four (final stage) – funded**
  - Stage Four tender awarded to local business Doran Earthmoving in March
  - Completion expected in November, 2022.
  - Western Levee construction – south of Pyrenees Highway
  - Construction of 1,500 metre earthen levee bank and open drainage

## RECREATION RESERVE UPGRADE

Stage One and Two of the \$4.9 million Carisbrook Recreation Reserve upgrade are now complete, with stages three and four now underway. The project is jointly funded by the Victorian Government and Council.

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

# MARYBOROUGH WARD NEWS

“ There has been a flurry of work happening around the Shire over the past few months.

Those specific to Maryborough are most notably the upgrades to the Art Gallery which when finished will increase our capacity to attract an exciting program of new exhibitions.

Roadworks have begun at the corner Nightingale and Clarendon Street. The transformation of this intersection will improve the safety of the intersection.

Ten new lights have been installed in Princes Park along paths linking Lake Victoria, as well as upgrading the existing 27 lights bringing better visibility and safety – especially as the days get shorter over the winter months.

There has been some terrific work in the youth section with Engage and FReeZa programs. They are working the establishment of a Youth Council as well as a LGBTQIA+ support group. There is also some initial exciting work going toward a Central Goldfields Pride Festival together with Mill House that aims to build confidence and connectedness within our younger community. ”

Maryborough Ward  
Councillor Wayne Sproull



## ROAD UPGRADES

- ✔ Nightingale Street Maryborough, between Park Road and Palmerston Street. Road upgrade and traffic calming works. Jointly funded by Council and the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program.
- ✔ Casey Street. Kerb and channel works. Fully funded by Council as part of Council's Kerb Renewal Program.
- ✔ Gillies Street – between Layton Road and Sutton Road. Jointly funded by Council and the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.



## SUPPORTING OUR HOSPITALITY BUSINESSES

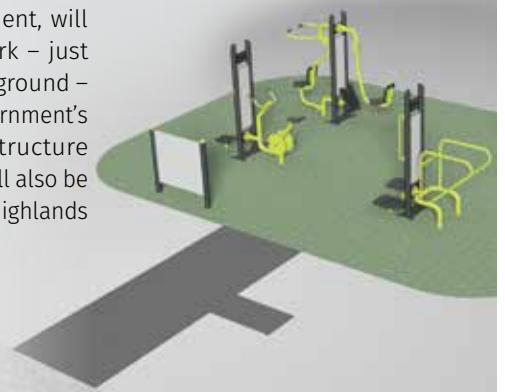
New planter boxes were installed at Madam Chi Chi Cafe and Storm Cafe during February. The parklets are an extension of the footpath that allow additional space for businesses to use the street area for outdoor dining. The project is funded by the Victorian Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package.



## OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT ON ITS WAY!

Four stations, providing a total of 10 pieces of exercise equipment, will be installed at Princes Park – just next to the Adventure Playground – thanks to the Victorian Government's Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund. A drinking fountain will also be installed thanks to Central Highlands Water.

The project is expected to be completed in May.



## FOOTPATH UPGRADES

- ✔ Derby Road between Rinaldi Drive and Lean Street. Fully funded by Council as part of our Footpath Renewal program.



Councillor  
Geoff Lovett



Councillor  
Gerard Murphy



Councillor  
Grace La Vella



# PADDY'S RANGES WARD NEWS

“Community and town halls have been a big focus in Paddy's Ranges Ward and it's been great to work with committees of management to identify and fund their priorities through funding provided by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

This Program has enabled exterior painting and maintenance, kitchen and floor stabilisation, running hot water and air conditioning at Wareek Hall; new paving, upgraded electrical work and kitchen plumbing at Adelaide Lead Hall; a water tank for fire safety, landscaping, paving and playground enhancement at Daisy Hill Hall; air conditioning and plumbing works at Bowenvale Hall and the demolition of

the existing Talbot Town Hall toilets with a new construction commencing.

Talbot Market Square redesign; beautification of Talbot Soldier's Memorial Park; enhancements to Amherst and Bung Bong Cemeteries and the exterior refurbishment of the Old Dunach School in Talbot Museum are other exciting changes. ”

**Paddy's Ranges  
Ward Councillor  
Chris Meddows-Taylor**



## FEELING THIRSTY?

A new drinking fountain has been installed at Pioneer Park thanks to a partnership between Council, Central Highlands Water and the Victorian Government's Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative. New seating will also be installed at the Park shortly.



**Pictured:** Front – Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor with Lindsay and Patty from Talbot Action Inc. Back: Tim, Luke and Karl from TRC Building and Construction with Council's Design and Project Officer Grant Rogers.



## IT'S TIME TO GET PHYSICAL!

The FUN FIT program at the outdoor exercise equipment at Pioneer Park was such a great success a second program has just commenced. The program, led by a qualified personal trainer, runs every Tuesday and Friday, 4 to 5pm from Tuesday 26 April to Friday 17 June at the Talbot Town Hall and is thanks to Healthy Heart of Victoria. To get involved contact Personal Trainer Jacqui Burningham on 0407 658 656.

## A NEW-LOOK MARKET SQUARE

The Market Square upgrade is now complete – congratulations to Talbot Action Inc. who led this project and advocated for the funding. The project features:

- New seating structures and tree landscaping thanks to Victorian Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package.
- Three new shade umbrellas thanks to Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program with the replacement of the existing Town Hall toilets next to come in the project.

The project has been constructed by local Talbot business TRC Building and Construction using timber from Talbot Timbers.

## ROAD UPGRADE

✓ The upgrade to Rowe Street and Princes Alfred Street is almost complete. The \$670,000 project is fully funded by Council.

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YOUTH

WE NEED  
YOU!

Are you a young person aged  
between 14 and 23?  
Are you keen to have a stronger  
voice in our community?

We're calling on 12 local young people to register their interest in being part of the Central Goldfields Youth Council.

This is an opportunity to step up and be involved in decision making for the future of your community.

Members of the Youth Council will represent young people at events and activities, and in turn will receive a wide range of supports including opportunities for leadership training and mentoring.

Applications are now open.

To find out more, and to apply, visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/youthcouncil](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/youthcouncil) or follow **Central Goldfields Youth** on Facebook.



HELP SUPPORT  
LOCAL LEARNER  
DRIVERS

Our TAC L2P Program assists disadvantaged learner drivers to gain the 120 hours of driving experience they need to get their probationary license.

Learner drivers aged between 16 and 21 are linked with a volunteer mentor driver to help build their driving skills and knowledge on the road.

With a growing number of learner drivers wanting to participate in the program – we need volunteer mentor drivers to help deliver the program.

Local volunteer Rhonda Forster (pictured above) has been a TAC L2P volunteer for over three years.

"I am keen to see young people learning to drive the right way and being safe on the road"

"We play a really important role in their lives and learning to drive safely is critical and we have the skills to help."

The TAC L2P Program is funded by the Transport Accident Commission and Department of Transport and supported by the Victorian Government.

For more information, please contact Council's TAC L2P Coordinator Audrey Bartlett on 5461 0610 or email [audreyb@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:audreyb@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)



HEARING FROM OUR  
LOCAL YOUNG  
PEOPLE

Thank you to the 200 local young people have contributed to the Child and Young People First project.

Run in partnership with VicHealth, Deakin University and Maryborough District Health Service, the project aims to include young people's voices in plans and decisions that impact their health and wellbeing.

Workshops, surveys, and visual audits have been held at local schools with students sharing their feedback on how we can make it easier for local young people to live a healthy life in our Shire.

The feedback shared will be incorporated into Council's Municipal Public Health and Wellbeing Plan and will shape Council's actions through VicHealth's Local Government Partnership to respond directly to young people's concerns.

**Pictured (above):** Council's Youth Worker Gemma Simpson with Maryborough Education Centre staff and students. Photo credit: The Maryborough District Advertiser.

# NEW LOOK IMMUNISATION SERVICE

## Council's Immunisation Service has a new, dedicated home at the Goldfields Family Centre – 100 Napier Street, Maryborough.

The service provides vaccinations to residents of all ages, to reduce the spread of infectious diseases in our community.

*Pictured: Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor with Council's Maternal and Child Health Coordinator Courtney Noonan and Council's Immunisation Coordinator Hannah Castles*



## PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITY

### Coming to a township near you

To make the service easier to access, a series of community immunisation sessions will be offered at various community venues across the Shire, including Dunolly, Carisbrook, Talbot, Bealiba and Maryborough.

Session times will vary to ensure all people can come along, including out-of-business hours options.




### Flu season is here

The flu season has arrived. Everyone should get an annual influenza vaccine anytime from now onwards to be protected for the peak flu season, which is generally June to September.

You can book your flu vaccination through Council's Immunisation Service.

### How do I book?

To make a booking for an immunisation, including the Flu (influenza) vaccination program:

-  [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/immunisation)
-  [immunisation@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:immunisation@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)
-  Council's Immunisation team on 0428 894 724



**Protect your employees:** Did you know Council's Immunisation Service offers an annual workplace influenza vaccination program for local businesses? Contact us to arrange a time for our Immunisation team to visit your local worksite or business.



## MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

With the introduction of a new home for Immunisation there will be some changes to Council's Maternal and Child Health Service.

Maternal and Child Health will no longer offer infant/childhood immunisations during their key age and stage visits and instead families will be able to make a dedicated appointment through the Immunisation Service.

This means families can spend more time talking with their Maternal and Child Health nurse about their child's growth and development, and family's wellbeing.

To make an appointment with the Maternal and Child Health team call the Goldfields Family Centre on 5461 6550.

If you need to make an appointment for an infant/childhood immunisation contact the Immunisation team on the contact details above.



## Gallery acquires new artwork by Auntie Marilyn Nicholls

A woven basket by Auntie Marilyn Nicholls is the first work of art by a Dja Dja Wurrung artist to enter the Central Goldfields Art Gallery's permanent collection.

"It is an inspirational honour to be the weaver of an acquisition work for the Central Goldfields Art Gallery and to create a weave in this basket that is especially for the community art gallery, Maryborough"

– **Artist Auntie Marilyn Nicholls**

"Dja Dja Wurrung are the recognised Traditional Owner Peoples of Djandak (country) in Central Victoria and we are honoured to have this artwork in the collection."

– **Central Goldfields Art Gallery Coordinator Helen Kaptein**

"For this to be the first work of art by a Dja Dja Wurrung artist in our Gallery is significant – thank you Auntie Marilyn for creating this really meaningful and special commissioned artwork that will have pride of place in our Gallery."

– **Maryborough Ward Councillor Grace La Vella**

The woven basket will be on display at Central Goldfields Art Gallery when the Gallery is scheduled for reopening later this year after a major redevelopment.

Auntie Marilyn envisaged the basket in the form of a nest. She used tight spiral binding on the base of the basket. The spiral is representative of the Bunjil Creation story and unfolds in the flightpath that Bunjil the spirit eagle flies in the sky.

On the outside of the basket Auntie Marilyn has used open coil weaving skill technique. This style of weaving allows light to come through and the artist has intentionally chosen this technique as a symbolic way of allowing space for pathways and corridors to create change and new possibilities. Around the edge of the basket is a white ochre band and bundles of emu feathers which are traditional elements of a women's basket.

**Pictured:** Auntie Marilyn Nicholls presenting Council's Gallery Coordinator Helen Kaptein with the woven basket.

### COMING UP AT THE GALLERY

In March, in partnership with U3A Maryborough, the Gallery team launched a monthly art talk series.

#### Upcoming events include:

##### Wednesday 4 May, 10.30 to 11.30am:

*Daryl Lindsay (his life and sketches)*. Guest speaker: Peter Freund, historian and Art Gallery of Ballarat Marketing and Public Programs Officer.

##### Wednesday 1 June, 10.30 to 11.30am:

*Visualising Shakespeare*. Guest speaker: Dr Rob Conkie, who will explore visual depictions of Shakespearean characters through the history of art.

#### To book:

📍 <https://linktr.ee/CGArtGallery>

☎ 5461 6600

✉ [cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

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Entry is by gold coin donation.

**Pictured:** Over 20 people enjoyed the first art talk event in March – featuring Council's Gallery Coordinator Helen Kaptein.



## A local response to climate change

**The science on climate change is clear and we are already experiencing changes in climate patterns locally.**

The Central Goldfields Shire Council is committed to showing leadership on climate action and supporting its community to both reduce emissions and be proactive in adapting to a changing climate.

As such, Council has been working closely with the community and climate change consultants, Ndevr Environmental, to prepare the Draft Central Goldfields Climate Action Plan.

The Draft Plan was on public exhibition over April.  
**Thank you to everyone who provided feedback.**

Your feedback is currently being considered by Climate Action Stewarding Group who will make recommendations about final changes to the Plan. The revised Central Goldfields Climate Action Plan will be considered for adoption at the May Council Meeting.

To find out more and to view the Draft Plan visit:  
[www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/climateaction](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/climateaction)

**“It is a proud moment for the community and Council as, together, we have developed this working climate action plan.**

**“We will be doing our very best to reduce emissions, engage residents in sustainable living and promote the uptake of renewable energy.”**

*– Climate Action Stewarding Group member, Tony Macer*

**“Climate Change is important to all people in our community and this Plan sets out what we as a Council can do, understanding that everyone in our community can make a difference and has a responsibility to reduce their footprint.**

**“We as a Council are proud to take the lead in this space by committing to net zero emissions for Council operations by 2030.**

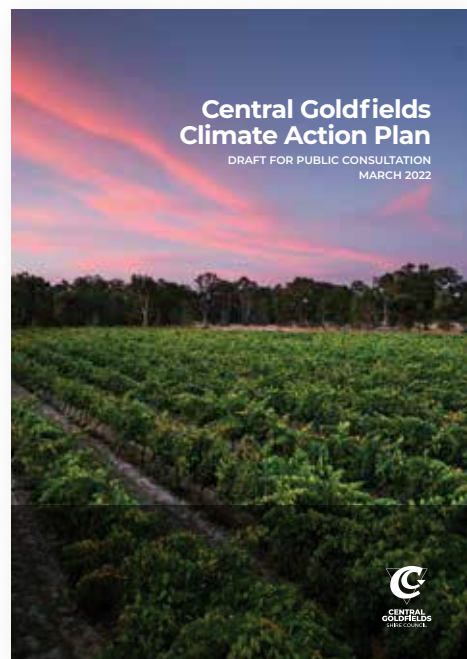
**“Whilst Council can show leadership in this space, we are stronger together.**

**“By connecting and combining efforts and building on existing action, our community can continue to make a real difference.”**

*– Flynn Ward Councillor and Climate Action Collaboration member Liesbeth Long*



**Pictured:** Community members at the Draft Plan feedback session held in April.



# NAVIGATING THE BUILDING AND PLANNING PERMIT PROCESS



## Applying for a building or planning permit can be confusing and often it is difficult to navigate the many rules and requirements.

Whether building a farm shed, your dream home or simply adding a deck, you should always check with Council to see what the requirements are and whether you need to obtain a building and/or planning permit.

### The difference

In simple terms, planning permits decide what can be built on your land, while building permits decide how that work will take place. Planning permits are always dealt with by Council whereas building permits can be issued by Private Building Surveyors.

## WHERE TO START?

### Planning permits

For planning permits, you need to contact Council. If you are considering buying land, it can often be tempting to take at face value what the real estate advert says or to simply trust the views of agents, vendors and neighbours. Whilst they certainly have plenty of knowledge and are terrific resources, our Planning team will give you unbiased, factual information and we urge you to use them as early in the process as possible.

### Building permits

When it comes to building permits, this can be a little trickier. Do you speak to Council, a builder or a private surveyor? The Council building team has had staff shortages in recent times, and other regional councils have also been tackling this problem. However, starting with us for general information is a good first step. Once you have identified the requirements you can then look to private surveyors. Council can provide you with a list of local qualified building surveyors to get you started.

### The gift of time

If you can, allow yourself enough time to go through the process. Due to its very nature, planning and building will always be changing, as it is largely dictated by the State Government and not always within Council's control.

## CONTACT US

Residents can call any weekday and arrange to speak to someone in the planning or building team. Further, there is currently work being done to update the website to be more informative and user friendly.

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✉️ [mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

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

*Unfortunately, there will be times when what you are trying to achieve doesn't meet the rules and regulations. If you talk to us before you buy land/shed or have plans drawn, our building team will work with you to help you understand what you need to do and give you an idea of how successful any application might be.*

# MEET THE... LIBRARY TEAM



## Libraries are so much more than just books!

Our Library team – made up of Maree, Bec, Kerry, Lachlan, Brooke, Tania, Chrissy, Rebecca, Peita and Cindy provide our Library service to the Central Goldfields community.

We have two libraries – Maryborough and Dunolly – as well as an outreach service.

### Are you a member?

We currently have around 3,500 active Library members.

Did you know that your library membership gives you access to 150 libraries around Victoria? This means you have free access to over three million items!

Not a member? You can sign up online or pop into either the Maryborough or Dunolly libraries and sign up for free.

### Libraries offer more than just books!

Yes, we have books! Fiction and Non-Fiction books in both normal and large print, picture books, young adult and junior fiction, DVD's, magazines, audio books.

We also have online services including eAudio books, eBooks, Kanopy (movie & doco service), Storybox library (online storytimes) and more.

Plus you can access free WiFi, public computer access, printing, scanning, photocopying and even faxing.

We offer 24/7 returns, Click and Collect service, and if you can't make it in – we offer a free housebound delivery service where we bring the library to you!

**Fast Facts:** There are 18,150 items available to access as part of the Library collection! During March this year: ■ **3,000** people visited our libraries ■ **4,000** items were circulated ■ **1,233** items were ordered that patrons requested.

### Taking the Library to you!

Not able to get to one of our libraries?

If you are experiencing illness, injury or have transport issues we bring the Library to you as part of our free, monthly, Housebound Delivery Service.

The service also visits aged care residents at Raglan House and Havilah on a monthly basis!



### For seniors

Our Digital Connection Program offers sessions for residents over 55 to learn and develop skills in using the internet and digital devices (tablets, computers, smartphones).



### For families

Every week, there are five special events for families with young children to enjoy:

- **Mondays, 10am**  
*Lap Time at Maryborough Library*
- **Tuesdays, 11am**  
*Toddler Time at Dunolly Library*
- **Tuesdays, 11am**  
*Toddler Time at Maryborough Library*
- **Wednesdays and Fridays, 11am**  
*Story Time at Maryborough Library*
- **Thursdays, 11am**  
*Rhyme Time at Maryborough Library*
- **Thursdays, 2pm**  
*Story Time at Dunolly Library*

Plus, keep an eye out for our school holiday events and activities.

## CONTACT US!

### Maryborough Library

Maryborough Resource Centre, corner Alma and Nolan streets  
Opening hours: Monday to Friday, 10am to 5pm and Saturdays 9.30am to 12noon

### Dunolly Library

42 Market Street, Dunolly  
Opening hours: Tuesday 9am to 1pm and Thursday 1pm to 5pm.

- ☎ 03 5461 9111
- ✉ [maryboroughlibrary@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:maryboroughlibrary@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)
- 📱 @MBLibVIC
- 📷 @Mblibvic
- 🌐 [www.centralhighlandslibraries.org.au](http://www.centralhighlandslibraries.org.au)





## CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA DAY

### Community spirit was high at the 2022 Central Goldfields Shire Australia Day event in Maryborough.

Congratulations to all nominees of our 2022 Central Goldfields Shire Australia Day Awards – including this year's winners:

#### Citizen of the Year – Brian O'Connor

A resident of Maryborough for 59 years, Brian O'Connor's contribution to the Central Goldfields Shire is immeasurable. He has embraced our community and demonstrated an outstanding contribution to the local community as a volunteer.

#### Young Citizen of the Year – Jackson Barby

Jackson Barby is an inspiring community leader who has gone above and beyond for local sport – particularly through his role at the Maryborough Soccer Club. Jackson inspires all around him to do better and to dig deep for the benefit of the community.

#### Community Award – The Supreme 1000 Lap Challenge

When riding around the Energy Breakthrough track, Atriel Turner had the idea to introduce a community event – and so "The Supreme 1000 Lap Challenge" event was born. The Challenge has inspired many people to ride – which has developed fitness and social connections.

## 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)



## SAVE THE DATE!

### A new date has been set for the Goldfields Community Festival!

Get your family and friends together and mark Saturday 15 October 2022 from 10am to 3pm in your diary!

For more information visit:

<https://gogoldfields.org/goldfieldscommunityfestival/>

## NEW HOME FOR VICROADS


### The Maryborough VicRoads office has a new home.


The VicRoads team is now located at Council's Customer Service Centre at 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough.


The VicRoads service is operated by Council and the relocation means you can now access multiple services in the same location.

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

 [www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields](http://www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields)

 [www.twitter.com/CG\\_Shire](http://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)

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- Read our full-page Community News advertisement in *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday
- Listen to CEO Lucy Roffey's weekly radio interview on Gold Central Victoria every Wednesday at 8.10am.
- Listen to Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor's weekly radio interview with Dan Leddin on Goldfields FM every Wednesday afternoon around 2pm.

## 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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