

EXCITEMENT BUILDS FOR ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH



Community Update Spring / Summer 2023

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FROM THE MAYOR

Welcome to the Spring/Summer edition of our Community Update magazine.

When you read through the pages of our latest edition, it's hard not to be filled with a sense of pride for our community.

During October it was my great pleasure to host a visit from Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC – Governor of Victoria.

What a thrill it was to introduce the Governor to the people, businesses and organisations who make up our wonderful community.

She was blown away with the breadth and diversity of all we have to offer and couldn't speak more highly of her time with us.

As we toured our townships, I really felt there was a groundswell of excitement as our community embraces a future for our Shire that is filled with opportunity and optimism.

It's an exciting time to be resident of the Central Goldfields and there's no better time to get out and enjoy all there is to offer than during the summer, holiday season.

As we head towards Christmas, I encourage you to shop locally and support our local businesses this Christmas.

On behalf of my Councillor colleagues and I, we wish you all a safe and happy festive season and a fantastic 2024.



Councillor Grace La Vella (Mayor)

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Follow the Mayor on Facebook @centralgoldfieldsmayor



Our award-winning Gallery!

We are proud to share that the redevelopment of the Central Goldfields Art Gallery has been recognised with two awards in recent months:

- Master Builders Association of Victoria Awards – Excellence in Commercial Construction (under \$3 million category)
- Victorian Museums & Galleries Awards – Highly Commended in the 2023 Large Project of the Year category

Congratulations to everyone involved!

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Our community is invited to attend our monthly Council Meetings which are held at 6pm, on the fourth Tuesday of the month at the Community Hub, Maryborough.

The annual meeting to appoint a Mayor will be held on 21 November with regular Council Meetings to be held on 28 November and 19 December, 2023.

To find out more visit

📍 www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

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Central Goldfields on the small screen

At the time of this magazine going to print, a new three-part SBS documentary series 'Meet the Neighbours' had just been released on SBS and SBS on Demand.

Presented by Myf Warhurst the series was filmed in Central Goldfields Shire and follows eight households from diverse cultural backgrounds as they leave the city and seek to live and work in Maryborough for three months.

The series provides insight into the challenges faced by regional Australia, including the lack of affordable housing, childcare and skilled worker shortages.

The series was the catalyst for the Welcome to Central Goldfields project that was led by community and business leaders and Council in 2022. The documentary gives us another platform to advocate to government for investment in key projects that will benefit our community.



Image: Meet the Neighbours, courtesy of SBS.



Welcome to your transformed Station!

Over the past year, the iconic Maryborough Railway Station has been transformed in many ways and now includes a fantastic local and visitor hub.

The new-look Visitor Centre welcomes visitors and introduces them to the delights of our region.

Local residents and visitors to Maryborough can now enjoy a range of experiences from the fun and imaginative to the informative:

Welcome Stranger animation

“The Welcome Stranger” tells the story of our local history – with a special emphasis on gold and how its discovery has shaped our region.

Worth its Weight in Gold

The “Worth its Weight in Gold” interactive installation invites visitors to place whatever they have in their pocket on the unit to find out its worth in today’s gold prices!

First Nations history

Find out more about the history of the Traditional Owners of our area the Dja Dja Wurrung, including the impacts the gold rush had on their lives, culture and Country.

Other improvements

The project, jointly funded by the Victorian Government and Council, also delivered:

- Improvements to the indoor and outdoor spaces at the north-east end of the Station, enabling it to become a future creative space for the arts and community
- Minor upgrades to the co-working space to include an additional meeting room
- Upgrades to accessibility throughout the site

Still more to come!

We will continue to advocate for a further \$3 million for the next stage of the project – which will involve activating the creative space and sculpture courtyard and adding to the local stories shared through the Visitor Centre.

At the time of going to print an official opening of the Station project was scheduled to take place on Thursday 9 November.



Come and see us!

The Central Goldfields Visitor Centre – at the historic Maryborough Station is open 7 days a week, 9am to 5pm every day except Good Friday and Christmas Day.

📍 Visit www.visitmaryborough.com.au or follow @Visit Maryborough & Surrounds on Facebook.

Pictured (left to right): Volunteer Jennifer Adcock, Visitor Services Team Leader Lee Duffin and volunteer Elizabeth Spiegel



**ENERGY
BREAKTHROUGH**
POWERED BY IMAGINATION

2023 ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

Maryborough will be buzzing in November when our 2023 Energy Breakthrough event kicks off from Wednesday 22 November to Sunday 26 November 2023.



Since 1991, Energy Breakthrough has provided opportunities for students, teachers, parents and local industry to work together to design and construct a vehicle, a machine or innovation in technology that represent an 'energy breakthrough'.

- This year's event is expected to attract:
- 4,600 participants and their families
 - Almost 20,000 visitors over the duration of the five-day event
 - 110 schools from across Australia
 - \$3.3 million into our local economy

KEEN TO KNOW MORE?

Visit www.eb.org.au or follow [@ebmaryborough](https://www.facebook.com/ebmaryborough) on Facebook

VOLUNTEERS

We are thrilled to have welcomed Community Bank Avoca, Maryborough and St Arnaud Bendigo Bank as our Energy Breakthrough Official Volunteer Sponsor.

Community Bank
Avoca, Maryborough and St Arnaud



The partnership is welcome news, with synergies between the 700+ volunteers who make the Energy Breakthrough event possible and the community focus of the Community Bank.

The sponsorship has supported Energy Breakthrough in attracting volunteers, supporting current volunteers and recognising the efforts of long-standing EB volunteers.

ROAD CLOSURES

To make the event possible, there will be road closures in place from Tuesday 21 to Sunday 26 November. For details visit www.eb.org.au/guide/road-closures/

FAMILY FUN!

Don't know anyone competing in the event? That's ok! Community members are still encouraged to come along, enjoy the festival atmosphere and activities in the EB Central area from Scouts Victoria, Transurban, Toyota, FReeZA and more.

There will be plenty of FREE activities for the whole family to enjoy.

Join us at EB Central, between Princes Park Oval and Earl Street, Friday 24 and Saturday 25 November from 10am to 8pm each day and enjoy:

- Interactive, educational and active displays and activities
- Climbing wall
- Robotics
- Smoothie bike
- New Toyota Hydrogen car on display
- Community group displays and activities
- And much more...

There will also be:

Outdoor Cinema:

- Thursday 23 November, Enjoy an open air cinema screening of Super Pets hosted by FReeZA

FReeZA Chill Out Zone

- Chill out and enjoy some quiet time in EB Central
- Outdoor games and KIT Van
- Disc golf activities hosted by Sports Focus

Free live music

- On Saturday 25 November enjoy entertainment from local bands between 11am – and 8pm



SHOUT OUT

A big thank you to the support of our local community or help make the event possible:

- Sponsors
- Local businesses
- Community groups and organisations
- Local schools and students
- 700+ volunteers
- Tourism operators
- Wider community for supporting and making our visitors feel welcome!

Above: St Augustine's Primary School participating students with their Energy Breakthrough Coordinator Emma Ryan.

BEST OF LUCK!

It's always exciting for us to see our local schools participating and achieving fantastic results at Energy Breakthrough. Best of luck to:

- Maryborough Education Centre,
- Highview College,
- St Augustine's Primary School,
- Carisbrook Primary School,
- Talbot Primary School, and
- Timor Primary School!

And thank you to their school communities and families for supporting them with training and fundraising over the past few months!



Energy Breakthrough is the highlight of the school year for me. Throughout my professional life, I've never encountered anything quite like it. At St Augustine's Primary School, we're incredibly proud to offer every Grade 5 and 6 student the chance to participate annually. Our students go on an exciting journey together and flourish in so many different ways, fostering leadership skills, making lifelong friendships and having an abundance of fun.

Emma Ryan, Energy Breakthrough Coordinator, St Augustine's Primary School

WASTE WISE!

Did you know the 2022 Energy Breakthrough event was the most sustainable of its 30-year history? 3,500 kilograms of waste materials generated by the event were diverted from landfill. We're hoping to go one better this year with a focus on no single-use plastics.

MEET THE TEAM

They are small but they are dynamic! Meet the Council staff who form part of the organising team who make Energy Breakthrough happen from behind the scenes.

Pictured: Barry Smith, Les Chapman, Ben Robertson, and Alisha Chadwick.



Keep cool this summer

The warm weather is here and to help you keep cool the Dunolly and Talbot outdoor swimming pools will open, with free entry, from Saturday 2 December until Monday 11 March 2024.

The Dunolly and Talbot outdoor pools are open when the weather is 25 degrees and higher.

They are both open:

- School days – 3 to 7pm
- Weekends and school holidays – 1 to 7pm

Both pools received a freshen up over the winter. Maintenance works have been carried out and they've both had a paint job. New support rails have also been installed at Talbot.

The Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre will also extend its opening hours and remain open until 7pm on weekends and public holidays during the outdoor pool season. Weekday opening hours will remain as normal.

For more information the Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre visit www.mslc.com.au call 5461 4300 or follow their Facebook page.

Pictured: Emily, Harriet and Zinnia enjoying our local pool facilities.



New tiles for the 25-metre indoor pool

The 25-metre indoor pool at the Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre will be upgraded with new tiles in 2024.

The current pool tiles are almost 25 years old and are at the end of their life. They'll be replaced, along with the tiles surrounding the pool concourse, so that the pool can be enjoyed for many more years to come.

To meet the Federal Government requirements for funding, Council is required to complete the project by June 2024.

To enable the project to be carried out, the pool hall will need to be closed for approximately 10 weeks from March to May 2024 – exact dates are to be confirmed and will be communicated as soon as possible.

The March start date allows the pool to remain open for as long as possible for summer – whilst also allowing enough time for the project to be completed by the funding deadline.

For more information on the project visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/poolretilingproject



Maryborough Outdoor Pool update

We continue to work behind the scenes to plan and advocate for the money needed to restore our heritage-listed Maryborough Outdoor Pool precinct.

Unfortunately, the outdoor pool will remain closed until funding is secured.

In 2022 the pool was deemed at 'end of life stage' meaning it is unsafe to re-open until the pool is demolished and rebuilt.

In July this year we submitted an expression of interest for funding to the Federal Government's Growing Regions Program.

Of the \$8 million needed to complete the project, Council has applied for \$4 million in funding via the grant. If successful, the remaining \$4 million would be raised by Council.



Octagonal Pool rebuild underway

Whilst we await news of our funding application, a project to re-build the Octagonal Pool at the heritage-listed Maryborough Outdoor Pool commenced in September.

The project is expected to take around 10 months to complete and involves the construction of an entirely new pool shell, recovery of as many of the original tiles as possible and repairs to the concourse.

The \$1.3 million project is funded by a Victorian Government heritage grant and is being delivered by SJ Weir Ballarat Pty Ltd.

The rebuilding of the octagonal toddlers pool is another step closer to the entire pool complex being rebuilt and re-opened.

For more information on the Maryborough Outdoor Pool complex, and the work Council is doing behind the scenes to secure funding to see the facility re-opened, visit:

www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/maryboroughoutdoorpool

KEEP SAFE IN THE HEAT THIS SUMMER

Did you know heat kills more Australians than any natural disaster? Extreme heat can affect anybody. Heat can cause illnesses such as heat cramps and heat exhaustion which can lead to the life-threatening condition, heatstroke. Heatstroke is fatal in up to 80% of cases but it is preventable. Those most at risk are older people, young children and people with a medical condition.

HEAT TIPS

Survive the heat this summer with these 5 simple tips:

- **Drink water** – Keep a full drink bottle with you, take small sips of water frequently.
- **Hot cars kill** – Never leave kids, adults or pets in cars.
- **Keep cool** – Stay out of the sun during the hottest part of the day, avoid intense activity and keep yourself cool by using damp towels etc.
- **Plan ahead** – Keep up to date with weather forecasts. Plan essential activities in the coolest part of the day.
- **Check in on others** – look after those most at risk – your neighbour living alone, older people, young children and don't forget your pets.

For more information and safety tips visit:

www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/survive-heat



Community band together to improve Bristol Hill

It's been wonderful to see the community momentum behind one of Maryborough's significant pioneer monuments over recent months.

Led by the Rotary Club, Maryborough Volunteer Resource Centre, Goldfields Sustainability Group, Girl Guides and Midlands Historical Society – together they've created a fantastic community project to rehabilitate the much-loved Bristol Hill precinct.

In June, a 'Friends of the Tower' was established and since then they've attracted great crowds at their recent working bees to clean up the precinct with rubbish collected, lawns mowed, and weeds removed.

Seeing our community take ownership of its community assets is always fantastic and highlights the valuable role volunteers play in our community.

Congratulations to all involved!



Thank you!

We received over 300 submissions to help inform the development of our Play Spaces Strategy. Thanks to everyone who contributed.

Through the feedback we know that a water play facility is very popular whilst more than half of respondents said they would travel across the Shire to use a new facility.

The next steps are to review and analyse the survey data – which is a big job! From the data Council will develop the Draft Strategy document, necessary for detailed funding applications.

We will also develop a Splash Park Feasibility Study.

To keep up to date visit:

www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/playspaces



Another step closer to re-opening

Electrical and AV upgrade works will commence at the Maryborough Town Hall by the end of the year.

Long term, we will continue to seek funding opportunities that would enable us to restore the Town Hall to its former glory.



Preserving our heritage

Works to restore the structural beam at the Princes Park grandstand following termite damage are now underway.

The works are expected to be complete in time for the Highland Games on New Year's Day.



Upgrading Frost Avenue

We're upgrading Frost Avenue with a new road, footpath, kerbs and drainage. The \$400,000 upgrade is possible thanks to the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program.



Councillor Wayne Sproull Maryborough Ward

A couple of months ago I attended the Rural Council Forum in Echuca and met a representative from Fisheries Victoria who spoke of their grant funding rounds. This has triggered some discussions with the local angling club around some ideas they had around fishing infrastructure and activities which we can hopefully get off the ground.

Planning for next year's Outburst: Pride Festival is well underway with a few changes planned. This is an important event for our community and I hope everyone can get behind it and support our LGBTIQ+ community.

Work towards our Climate Action Plan doesn't stop, most recently we saw the Youth Council hold climate conversations at both high schools to capture students interpretation and feelings.

I've also had discussions recently with our local RSL branch around Anzac Day commemorations and as I write this, I am in Melbourne at a Waste Convention listening to experts on all things waste.

There is so much to do!



Councillor
Grace La Vella
(Mayor)



Councillor
Geoff Lovett



Councillor
Gerard Murphy



“The grants program shows how important it is for larger organisations to support smaller grassroots groups. We have worked so hard to get our solar panels, we’ve been fundraising and applying for various grants – the Community Grant funding was just that last piece of the puzzle that we needed to install 15 solar panels for our Centre.”

– **Kath Ryan, Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre Coordinator**



“The Community Grant is recognition from Council that what we’re doing is important. We’re going to use the funding for a shade sail that will let us do more things outdoors, which is one of the main aims of guiding – to have our kids doing activities outside.”

– **Caroline Thoroughgood, Maryborough Girl Guides local support group member**



“We greatly appreciate the financial support from Council to help us deliver our second *Outburst: Pride Festival Maryborough*. The funding will support us to work together with all levels of the community to generate a whole community celebration.”

– **Adrian Masterman-Smith, Outburst: Pride Festival Director**

Funding for our local community groups

Local groups and organisations are the lifeblood of our community, and our annual Community Grants Program is an opportunity to support their great work.

The grants program provides financial support for the delivery of activities, projects and events for our wider community to access and enjoy.



Congratulations to the 19 local community groups who have shared in \$46,000 in funding:

Organisation name	Project	Funding amount
Committee for Maryborough	Goldfields Community Festival	\$5,000
Dunolly & District Neighbourhood Centre Inc.	Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre solar panel project	\$1,500
Maryborough Community Garden	Growing and sharing in a changing climate	\$1,480
The Welcome Record Inc.	Connect Dunolly	\$1,600
Maryborough Harness Racing Club Inc.	Redwood Carnival event plan	\$3,000
Maryborough Football Netball Club	Parquetry floor repairs and resurfacing	\$2,500
Dunolly & District Inc.	The Dunolly Gold Rush Festival	\$3,000
Zonta Club of Central Goldfields	Zonta Says No – toilet door signs	\$1,000
Maryborough Mens Shed Victoria Inc.	First Aid training for Maryborough Men’s Shed members	\$860
Talbot Action Inc.	Light Up Talbot Christmas Festival	\$3,500
Words in Winter Central Goldfields Inc.	Words in Winter Festival – a plan for the future	\$2,000
Maryborough District Girl Guides	Shade sail for the Maryborough Guide Hall	\$5,000
Maryborough Swimming Club	Maryborough Swimming Club new website	\$2,500
Carisbrook Football Netball Club	Activating new facilities	\$2,781
Maryborough Family History Group	Equipment upgrade	\$1,629
Castlemaine Maryborough Rail Trail	Walking the Past Glimpsing the Future	\$2,000
Maryborough Giants Football and Netball Club	Recycling, fundraising and medical awareness	\$2,150 (part funded through Climate Action category)
Pride Festival	Pride 24	\$3,000
Maryborough Senior Citizens Club	Solar electrical installation	\$1,500



Pictured: People of all ages enjoying panning for gold at the second annual Gold Rush Festival held in Dunolly in October.



Councillor Liesbeth Long Flynn Ward

Nothing gives me greater pleasure as a Councillor than to see my ward, Flynn Ward prosper. The last few months has seen much activity and engagement with a real buzz in the air.

Dunolly has seen a new shop open on Broadway and the second Gold Rush Festival was held recently, which was a huge success and even bigger than last year. The festival coincided with the Country Market and thanks to the Goldfields Music Group Inc. and their 'Vibes on Broadway' live music, Broadway was officially closed off for the day.

Bealiba isn't sitting on its haunches either. The Res is looking smick, after two working bees and the committee has got some exciting plans. There is now a regular food van on Fridays, outside the Bealiba Town Hall, with live music and café style seating serving up great fare. The Evans Hotel, which has been closed for a few years, has recently sold, with the new proprietors planning on opening a café/shop first, then a mental health counselling service and B&B, followed by a pub and bistro.

Exciting times ahead for Flynn Ward.

Please reach out if I can assist you with anything on phone, text, email or social media. [#councillorliesbethlong](#)



New courts for Deledio

It will be exciting to see action at Deledio Reserve late November when works to build two new courts get underway.

The project will deliver two new courts at the reserve – one netball court and one tennis/multi-use court. It also includes lighting, player shelter and bench seating, paths, landscaping, drinking fountain and fencing.

The courts are expected to be ready for play in 2024. For full details visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/delediocourtcontract



Celebrating 150 years!

Congratulations Timor Primary School 1207, on your 150th anniversary!

A great crowd of 200+ attended a community celebration on Saturday 21 October including past and present students, staff and community members.

Pictured: School Council President Bradley Saul, Flynn Ward Councillor Liesbeth Long, Member for Ripon Martha Haylett MP and School Principal Andrew Tatchell.

High Speed Broadband on its way

We've advocated for better digital connectivity across our Shire over many years and so we are thrilled with the news that high speed broadband is coming to Dunolly.

Council submitted a successful funding application through the Victorian Government's

Connecting Victoria program and recently Opticomm was funded to deliver high speed, broadband technology.

We are working closely with Opticomm to ensure local residents have information on the roll out early in 2024.

Coming up in the Central Goldfields!

The weather has warmed up and so too has our local events calendar!

NOVEMBER 2023



**On now until
Sunday 4 February 2024
Echo in The Hollow exhibition**

Central Goldfields Art Gallery
Featuring new drawings by Tiffany Titshall, inspired by river red gums.

Image caption: Tiffany Titshall, *Drowned Lands* (detail), 2021 acrylic, ink and charcoal on paper. © The artist.



**On now until
Sunday 10 December
Emergent exhibition**

Central Goldfields Art Gallery
Celebrates the art work of Year 12 students from Highview College and Maryborough Education Centre.



**Thursday 16 &
Thursday 30 November
Learn How To Skateboard**

Maryborough Skate and Scooter Park,
5 to 5.45pm.

Learn how to skateboard and scooter for free. All ages welcome, equipment provided.

📍 Book at bit.ly/msp-learn



**Wednesday 22 – Sunday 26
November
Energy Breakthrough 2023**

See page 4 & 5 for more details.

DECEMBER 2023



**Saturday 16 December
to Sunday 14 April 2024
LOVE exhibition**

Central Goldfields Art Gallery
An exploration of the multiplicity of love through visual arts.

Image caption: Wal Richards, wedding photo (detail), photographic print, circa 1950-60s.



**Thursday 7 & Thursday 14
December
Learn How To Skateboard**

Maryborough Skate and Scooter Park,
5 to 5.45pm

Learn how to skateboard and scooter for free. All ages welcome, equipment provided.

📍 Book at bit.ly/msp-learn

SAVE THE DATE



**Saturday 23 March 2024
Outburst: Pride Festival**

For updates follow Pride Festival Maryborough on Facebook or visit:

📍 pridefestivalmaryborough.org.au

JANUARY 2024



**Monday 1 January
Maryborough
Highland Gathering**

Princes Park, Maryborough

📍 [highlandsociety.com.au/
highland-gathering](http://highlandsociety.com.au/highland-gathering)



**Friday 26 January
Australia Day**

Station Domain, Maryborough,
8.30am – Free, family event.

More details, including information on events in Talbot, Carisbrook, Dunolly, Daisy Hill and Bealiba, will be available closer to the day by visiting:

📍 [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/
australiaday2024](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/australiaday2024)

The events listed are some of the events happening in our Shire over the coming months.

**There are plenty
more events
on offer...**

Visit www.visitmaryborough.com.au
or follow the Visit Maryborough
Facebook page.

TULLAROOP WARD NEWS



Pictured: Tullaroop Ward Councillor Anna De Villiers, Mayor Cr Grace La Vella, Carisbrook Lady Redbacks Football team representative Sherriden Byrne, Member for Ripon Martha Haylett MP, Carisbrook Recreation Reserve Committee President Troy Driscoll and Carisbrook Football & Netball Club Secretary and Netball President Carlene Dowie.



This Girl Can in Carisbrook

It was wonderful to see so many women and girls get involved in This Girl Can events during October.

This Girl Can aims to celebrate the many ways women and girls can get active and share in supportive opportunities to join in.

Events were held throughout the Shire including a Come and Try cricket event at the Carisbrook Recreation Reserve hosted by the Maryborough and District Cricket Association.

Pictured: One of the participants at the clinic Izabella Adam. Photo courtesy of The Carisbrook Mercury.

Preserving our local halls

We know the Carisbrook Town Hall is a much-loved community asset. To ensure the Hall can be enjoyed by generations to come, we've allocated funding to carry out a full assessment of the facility.

This will help us understand what works are needed to restore the Hall and will give us the planning needed to apply for grants to carry out the works.

The same process will also be undertaken for the Talbot and Dunolly community halls.



Cr Anna De Villiers Tullaroop Ward

Excitement reigned in Carisbrook with the completion and official opening of the upgraded Carisbrook Recreation Reserve in August – marked by Member for Ripon Martha Haylett MP cutting the red ribbon.

The day was celebrated with the Maryborough Brass Band playing, the Australian anthem performed by Rachel Buckley from Dunolly, followed by speeches from honoured guests.

This project is a monument to the endeavours of the community, considering the effort put into gaining the original Victorian Government grant, working towards the fulfilment of a dream that has been held for many years.

This project has been a model of cooperation between Council and the community of Carisbrook, with Council contributing financial support and managing the project. It could not have been done without the contributions of all parties.

Particularly pleasing is the facility created for new parents as well as the beautifully designed bowls club rooms.

CARISBROOK DISASTER RECOVERY COMMITTEE INC. FREE EVENT

CARISBROOK CHRISTMAS MARKET

Head to Carisbrook to celebrate the spirit of Christmas kicking off from 3pm with a variety of stalls, food vans. The kids can enjoy the jumping castle, face painting and balloon girl as well as a ride on the Lions Mini Train. Santa will make a special appearance from 7pm then families can then enjoy an outdoor movie experience from 8pm.

MAJOR SPONSORS:

Community Bank
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CARISBROOK LIONS CLUB

Bendigo Bank

ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

Christmas in Carisbrook



Are you planning to put up Christmas lights or a festive display this year?

If yes, please email:
thecarisbrookmercury@yahoo.com.au
 and they'll create a simple map so people can more easily find you and appreciate your efforts!



BE FIRE READY

Pictured: Council's Emergency Management Coordinator Belinda McKnight, CFA Goldfields Group Officer Peter Higgins, CFA Maryborough Captain Daryl Wagstaff, Mayor Cr Grace La Vella, CFA Carisbrook Captain Ian Boucher, Council's Manager Statutory Services Peter Field and Council's Manager Operations Alan Jones.

The warmer months have arrived and we all have a responsibility to help reduce the risk of fire to our own property and the entire community.

Let's all play our part in keeping Central Goldfields Shire safe this fire season.

Be Prepared. Stay Prepared.

A key part of being fire ready is to reduce fire fuels on private properties, which is the main driver of fire intensity and spread.

Residents should start preparing their properties by:

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

For more information on how to prepare your property for the fire season visit:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

Be Informed. Stay Safe.

To stay informed this fire season, download the VicEmergency App on a phone or smart device. This official app features community information and warnings for all types of emergencies in Victoria.

Keep your family safe by confirming your emergency plan and sharing it with all occupants and any holiday visitors. Remember to review and restock your emergency kit every fire season.

Council's role in Fire Prevention

Every year, in the lead up to the fire season, we work with the CFA to identify and manage fire risks in our municipality.

We have a legal obligation to reduce the risk of fire for our community and we do this by slashing our roadsides and open spaces.

This program of work will commence late November for around 4 to 6 weeks.

Under State Government legislation, we must also conduct fire hazard inspections of private property. Commencing in November and through until March each year Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officer (MFPO) inspects properties within our Shire to ensure all properties have been maintained to minimise fire risk.

Properties identified as being high fire risk (e.g. long uncut grass) will be issued with a Fire Prevention Notice to carry out works on their property by a specific date. If the landholder fails to comply, we will engage a contractor to complete the works and invoice the landowner for the costs.

Residents who know of a property of concern can contact Council's Compliance team on 5461 0610.

FREE Green Waste Disposal

To help residents prepare their properties, we are offering FREE green waste drop off for residents at the Carisbrook, Talbot and Dunolly transfer stations from now until Tuesday 14 November.

For more information, including transfer station locations and opening hours, visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/fires2023



PADDYS RANGES WARD NEWS



A plan for Daisy Hill

Thank you to all residents who joined Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor in September to talk priorities for Daisy Hill's first Community Plan. Thank you to those who also contributed via the survey.

Community members told us that they'd like to start with actions such as:

- Improving Mobile phone/internet services
- Exploring community transport options
- Fire season readiness/safety
- A community food swap
- Public toilet access at the Community Centre; and
- Road maintenance and safety.

At the time of this magazine going to print, the Draft Plan was to be shared with residents in mid-November.

For more information and updates visit:

- 📍 www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/daisyhillplan



Christmas cheer in Talbot

Following the success of last year's Light Up Talbot event, Talbot Action Inc. will again bring Christmas cheer to residents in December.

The event is supported through funding from our 2023 Community Grants Program.

Keep an eye out for details to be advertised soon.

Shaping Talbot's future

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on the Draft Structure Plan at our 'Drop-In' question and answer sessions in July and to those who also contributed online.

The Structure Plan, which will guide direction around population growth upon implementation of a reticulated sewerage scheme, is expected to go to a Council Meeting early next year for adoption.

For more information, visit:

- 📍 www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/talbotfutures

Talbot features in Australia Post

In our last edition we shared the news Talbot had been transformed into a film set in July for the filming of an Australia Post commercial.

The advertisement has been released and can be viewed on YouTube – Talbot's iconic streetscape features along with an internal shot of 'Playing in the Attic'

To watch visit:

- 📍 youtu.be/T-ItHe5WxE4



**Thursday 9 December,
10.30am to 2.30pm**

**Adelaide Lead Hall grounds
Sanders Road, Adelaide Lead**

Book your spot now – 0470 540 839

Free entry



**Councillor
Chris Meddows-Taylor
Paddys Ranges Ward**

A common element in each of the communities in my Ward are town / community halls or centres, These are so important as they provide a place of community identity, belonging and wellbeing. This is especially important in small communities.

Adelaide Lead Hall is a truly beautiful hall and originally a very early primary school in Victoria. Over time a dedicated committee ensured it is so well preserved and presented. It was exciting to support that work with \$20,000 from the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

This year a new President and Committee was elected and a magnificently organised and attended Rod and Gaga evening also proved a huge fundraiser (pictured above). A formal presentation followed to all the long serving committee members who have given so much.

Truly a moving acknowledgement of long committed service rightfully acknowledged and succeeded by new passionate and energetic leadership. Well done Adelaide Lead Hall Committee!





Season's Greetings

Central Goldfields Shire Councillors and staff would like to take this opportunity to wish our community a safe and happy festive season.



HO, HO, HO!

Soon it will look a lot like Christmas in the Central Goldfields!

By early December our Christmas decorations across Carisbrook, Talbot, Maryborough, Bealiba, Majorca and Dunolly will be installed.

Our Christmas displays across our townships have been extended the past few years, we look forward to seeing it bring Christmas cheer to our community.

Pictured: Council's Parks and Garden team members Brenton, Chloe, Les and Russell with Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Grace La Vella in November last year.



'TIS THE SEASON TO SHOP LOCALLY!

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? We're encouraging residents to support our local business community this festive period.

"We are calling for residents to support this great initiative and shop local first before they go out of town. With over 60 businesses participating this year, shoppers just have to spend at one of these stores, fill out a ticket, and be in the draw to share in a \$6,000 prize pool."

Tanya Rossi, Advertising Manager

The Maryborough District Advertiser

We are proud to again support *The Maryborough District Advertiser's* annual Christmas Shopping Promotion.

Just by shopping in a participating local business you'll be in with a chance to win weekly prizes between \$250 and \$500. Prizes will be Shop Local vouchers as well as individual business vouchers.

Be on the lookout for posters in store windows to know where to shop.



Governor visits Central Goldfields

It was an honour for our Shire to welcome a visit from Her Excellency Professor the Honourable Margaret Gardner AC – Governor of Victoria during October.

During her stay the Governor of Victoria visited various sites and locations across our Shire – meeting the people, organisations and businesses that make our Shire such a wonderful place to work, live and visit.

It was the Governor's first Regional Tour since her inauguration as the 30th Victorian Governor in August.

Thank you to everyone involved!



ENGAGE WITH US

Have your say... We want to hear from you

Your insights help shape Council decision-making and create a Central Goldfields Shire you can be proud of.

We regularly have opportunities to provide feedback via surveys, workshops and written submissions.

To participate:

- Visit our dedicated engagement website at www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au
- Call our Customer Service team on 5461 0610
- Visit our Customer Service Centre at 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough

Or scan the QR code:



We acknowledge and extend our appreciation for the Dja Dja Wurrung People, the Traditional Owners of the land that we are on. We pay our respects to leaders and Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of all Dja Dja Wurrung People.

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Call 131 450 or visit www.tisnational.gov.au

Cover photo

Thousands of people are involved in the delivery of Energy Breakthrough every year including businesses, volunteers, schools – teachers, students and parents, sporting clubs, community organisations, tourism operators, sponsors and Council staff. Pictured are just some of the faces behind our biggest annual event.

Community Update magazine

Our Community Update magazine is designed to keep our community up-to-date with the latest Council news and information.

All information is correct at the time of going to print.

Join our team

Have you ever considered joining our team?

Central Goldfields Shire isn't just a great place to live – it's a fantastic part of the world to build a life.

If you are passionate about delivering great customer service and making a difference in your local community – consider a career with us!

For more information, including current job opportunities, visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentvacancies