

# Community Update

## Summer 2024–2025



**Nature's  
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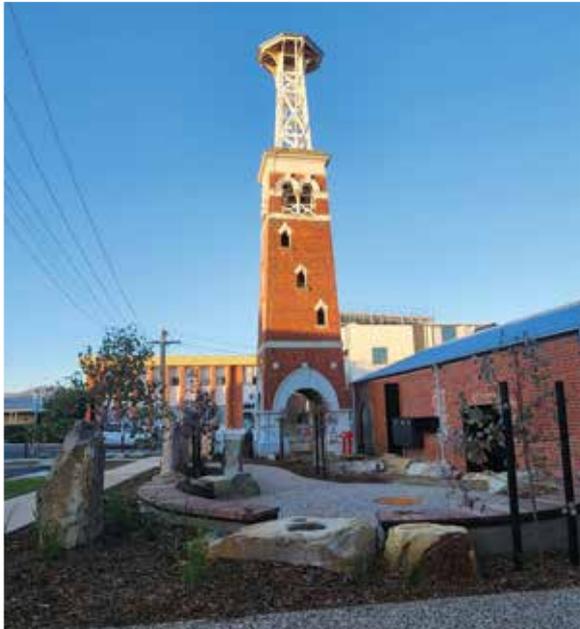


**Hello, and welcome to the Summer edition of our Community Update magazine.**

Longer days and warm weather have arrived and with it a sense of optimism as we head into the festive period.

Whilst the year draws to a close, a new chapter has just begun for our new Council.

In this edition we wanted to not only introduce our new Council but also explore what their role is and how they can support you:



# MEET YOUR NEW COUNCIL

**Our Councillors will serve a four-year term from November 2024 to November 2028.**

*Please note – at the time of going to print our Mayor for the first year of the Council term had not yet been elected.*



## The day in the life of a Councillor

Did you know that the biggest part of the Councillors role is talking to the community? Every day our Councillors talk to residents about the issues that matter most to them – whether this be an issue with a footpath, advocacy for a project or support with a planning application.

They also have to consider the diversity of interests and needs of all members of our community when deciding where to spend ratepayer money.

Councillors meet together each week and attend strategy meetings, and Council and committee meetings on a monthly basis. They also attend other committee and community meetings and activities, as required. These meetings and activities are held throughout the day, evenings and on weekends.

Councillors are expected to read reports, research documents and make hundreds of decisions at scheduled Council Meetings on your behalf.



## How they can support you

One of the biggest first steps for our Councillors is thinking about the future together with you through our Council Plan development.

Councillors are your local elected representatives. They advocate on behalf of residents and work to assist them. For assistance with local issues, you can contact your Ward Councillor. To find out who your Ward Councillor is and to make contact with them please see opposite:





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# We all have a part to play to keep our Shire safe this fire season



## What you can do

Everyone who lives close to bushland, open paddocks and grassland needs to prepare their property for fire before and during the warmer months:

- Keep grass cut to less than 10cm
- Clean your gutters
- Remove flammable items from decks and verandahs
- Keep woodpiles away from house
- Store flammable liquids away from house
- Cut back overhanging branches – no branches within 10 metres of buildings
- Prune lower branches of shrubs to separate from surface fuels underneath
- Remove dry grass, leaves, twigs and loose bark
- ⓘ For more information on how to prepare your property for the fire season visit: [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare)

## Stay up to date

The most important information will come from VicEmergency.

### To stay connected you need to:

- Download the VicEmergency app and set up a watch zone to get warnings for active fire near you. Alternatively you can visit [emergency.vic.gov.au](http://emergency.vic.gov.au)
- Have a backup power-bank or a way to charge your mobile remotely
- Have a battery-powered radio
- Monitor Fire Danger Ratings – see below for more information

### You can also:

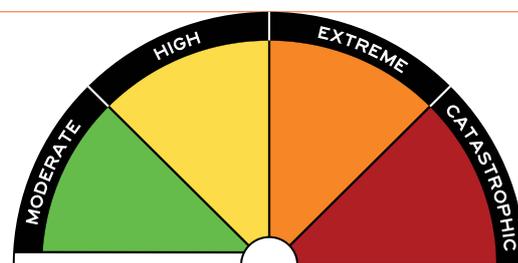
- Listen to ABC Local Radio, commercial stations, and community stations
- Follow [Facebook.com/vicemergency](https://www.facebook.com/vicemergency) and Twitter @vicemergency
- Call the VicEmergency Hotline 1800 226 226 (free call)
- If you are deaf, hard of hearing, or have a speech/communication impairment contact VicEmergency via the National Relay Service at 1800 555 677
- For information in other languages, call the Translating and Interpreting Service on 131 450 (free call) and ask them to call VicEmergency Hotline

## Know your daily Fire Danger Rating

Ratings of fire danger tell you how dangerous a fire could be if it started.

The higher the rating, the more dangerous the conditions. Check the Fire Danger Rating daily for your local region and for any region you may be travelling in by visiting

ⓘ [www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions](http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions)





## What is Council doing?

In early October, Council's Operations team commenced work on fuel reduction:

- ✓ Tree trimming around power lines
- ✓ Broadleaf weed spraying to reduce vegetation on roadsides
- ✓ Slashing of all Council roadsides and open grassed areas

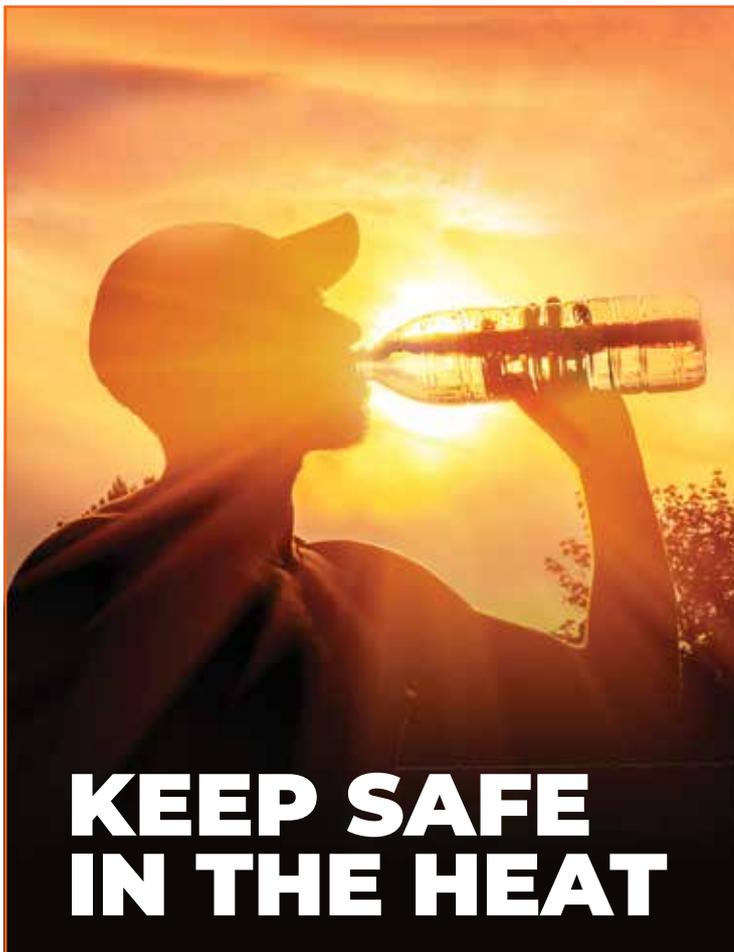
Under Victorian Government legislation, Council must also conduct fire hazard inspections of private property.

Between November and April each year, Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officer inspects properties within our Shire to ensure all properties have been maintained to minimise fire risk.

Within the Fire Danger Period, properties identified as being high fire risk 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 appoint a contractor to complete the works and invoice the landowner for the costs, and possibly issue fines.

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

*Pictured above (left to right): Talbot Fire Brigade member Jim Dewer, Central Goldfields Shire Manager Statutory Services Peter Field, CFA Group Officer Peter Higgins, Central Goldfields Shire Manager Operations Alan Jones and Talbot Fire Brigade member Jordyn Coburn.*



## During extreme heat it is easy to become dehydrated or for your body to overheat.

Extreme heat can affect anybody and can cause serious and potentially fatal health problems.

**Beat the heat this summer with these four simple tips:**

- 1 Stay hydrated** – keep a full drink bottle with you, take small sips of water frequently.
- 2 Keep cool** – use air conditioning or fans if available. Use damp towels or take a cool shower. Wear light and loose-fitting clothing.
- 3 Plan ahead** – keep up to date with weather forecasts. Plan essential activities in the coolest part of the day.
- 4 Check in with others** – let family, friends and neighbours know you are ok or check in with those at increased risk who may need support.

For more information and tips visit:

📍 [www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/survive-heat](http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/survive-heat)

- 👉 Call NURSE-ON-CALL on **1300 60 60 24** or see your doctor if you are unwell.

# Be a tourist in your local area *this summer*

Got some time off over the festive period?  
Friends and family visiting for Christmas?

Why not stay local and be a tourist in your home town:



## Maryborough Railway Station

Have you ever taken the time to stop and explore the iconic Maryborough Railway Station?

### Visit the Visitor Centre where you can:

- Take a seat and watch the “The Welcome Stranger” animation. Learn about our local history – with a special emphasis on gold and how its discovery has shaped our region.
- Empty your pockets at the “Worth it’s Weight in Gold” interactive installation and find out what your belongings are worth in today’s gold prices.
- Pick up free maps and information about self-guided walking tours and nature experiences.

### Afterwards:

- Take a walk around the entire Station and appreciate its stature and impressive architecture.
- Get the timing right and watch a train arrive or depart.
- Enjoy a coffee or bite to eat at The Station Bar, Café and Restaurant (check out their opening hours online).
- Explore the Station Domain precinct.
- Let the kids have fun at the Station Domain playground.
- Walk from the Station, through the heart of Maryborough, to Central Goldfields Art Gallery.

The Visitor Centre is open seven days a week, 9am to 5pm every day except Christmas Day and Good Friday.

To find out more visit [www.visitmaryborough.com.au](http://www.visitmaryborough.com.au) or follow **Visit Maryborough & Surrounds** on Facebook.



**18,000** Visitors have been welcomed through the doors of the Visitor Centre since it was upgraded in 2023.

## Central Goldfields Art Gallery

Few rural communities can boast they are home to a world class regional public art gallery!

### Visit the Gallery over summer and enjoy:

- 2024 Community Art and 9 x 5 exhibition**  
One of the Gallery’s most popular exhibitions featuring the artistic talent of local people. *Ends 16 February, 2025.*
- In Solitude**  
Featuring photographs taken by former Maryborough local Ian Kemp who, through solitude, processed grief and developed ideas for creative expression. *Ends 2 February, 2025.*
- The Art of Gold**  
See and appreciate 12 gold and silver jewellery items on loan from the National Gallery of Australia. Nine pieces date from the mid 19th century goldrush in Central Victoria, with the other three made by Maryborough born and accomplished contemporary jeweller Rowena Gough. *Ends 28 June, 2026.*

*These works of art are on long term loan from the National Gallery of Australia with support from the Australian Government as part of the Sharing the National Collection. #artacrossaustralia*

To find out more visit [www.centralgoldfieldsartgallery.com.au](http://www.centralgoldfieldsartgallery.com.au) or follow the **Central Goldfields Art Gallery** on Facebook.



### A garden of significance

Next to the Gallery you’ll find garingilang gatjin ii.

Meaning “water and fire garden” in Dja Dja Wurrung language, the Garden is a welcoming space for our local community and visitors to come and reflect and learn and share culture.

# Stay cool at the pool!



Keep cool over the summer months and enjoy a swim at one of our outdoor pools between Sunday 1 December, 2024 and Monday 10 March, 2025:

## Dunolly Outdoor Pool

1 Market Street, Dunolly

## Talbot Outdoor Pool

31 Scandinavian Crescent, Talbot

Entry is FREE

### Opening hours:

**School days:** 3.30pm to 7pm

**Weekends and school holidays:** 1pm to 7pm

Both facilities have a 25 metre pool and a toddlers pool.

\* Please note Dunolly and Talbot outdoor pools are only open when the temperature is 25°C and higher.

## Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre

40 Gillies Street, Maryborough

**Facilities:** indoor 25 metre heated pool, toddler/program pool, beach entry pool, spa, sauna, and a changing places facility.

### Opening hours:

**Monday:** 6am to 8pm

**Tuesday:** 9am to 8pm

**Wednesday:** 6am to 8pm

**Thursday:** 9am to 8pm

**Friday:** 6am to 8pm

**Saturday and Sunday:** 9am to 12pm (during weekends throughout the outdoor pool season – Sunday 1 December 2024 to Monday 10 March, 2025 – the pool hall at the Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre is open from 9am to 7pm. The stadium and gym is open 9am to 4pm.)

Entry to the pool during the outdoor pool season is at a discounted rate.

For more information the Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre visit:

[www.mslc.com.au](http://www.mslc.com.au)

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Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre

## NEED SOMEWHERE TO BEAT THE HEAT?

Why not spend some time at the Maryborough Regional Library – 91 Nolan Street, Maryborough. Anyone is welcome to visit and enjoy the Library's air-conditioning.

There are comfy chairs to relax in, newspapers, books and magazines to read, free WiFi, computer access and you can also charge your devices.

### Stay as long as you like – the Library is open:

Monday to Friday: 9am to 5pm • Saturdays: 9am to 12noon

Please note the Library will have modified hours during the Christmas/New Year holiday period – for details visit

[www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/holidayhours2024](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/holidayhours2024)



## A SPLASH OF COLOUR FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

Thanks to everyone who came along and got messy at our first YouthFest Colour Run at the Maryborough Skate and Scooter Park in October.

Hosted by our Youth team, YouthFest is a Victorian Government initiative aimed at providing opportunities for young people to come together and have some fun.



*Pictured above: Central Goldfields Shire Manager Tourism Events and Culture Rosalie Hastwell with local artist Tiffany Titshall and Janice Simpson representing the Words with Winter Festival.*

## Creative Space

We have welcomed the Victorian Government's announcement of \$150,000 in funding for the Creative Space, Courtyard and Co-working Space infrastructure at the iconic Maryborough Railway Station.

The funding will deliver a range of flexible infrastructure so that the space can host events, performances, workshops and other activities while also supporting the development of our local artists and creative industry.

For more information visit:

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



## Whirrakee Rise upgrade

Last year, based on community feedback, we developed a landscape plan to beautify Martin Reserve (previously known as Quinn Street Reserve) in Whirrakee Rise to make it more accessible and appealing.

In October a new bus shelter, picnic table and shelter were constructed, existing gravel paths were re-dressed and deciduous trees and shrubs were planted along the fence line.

## Fun for seniors

Thank you to all the volunteers, community groups and local businesses who made the Seniors Life & Leisure Expo in October a huge success.

Hosted by our Maryborough Regional Library team, the event was possible thanks to funding through the Victorian Government's Seniors Festival 2024 Active Living Grant program.



*Pictured above: Our Library team Bec, Tanya and Maree with special guest Robert "Dipper" DiPierdomenico.*

## Town Hall re-opens

The main and lower halls in the Maryborough Town Hall are open again for community use, following a significant electrical upgrade that ensures community safety.

Thanks to funding through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program, the Town Hall has undergone essential upgrades to its electrical systems and emergency lighting.

Community members wanting to book the Maryborough Town Hall are encouraged to contact Council's Customer Service team on 5461 0610 or visit:

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





# ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

POWERED BY IMAGINATION



**In partnership with Country Education Partnership, we would like to say a huge thank you to all the local businesses, contractors, valuable volunteers and community members and groups on a successful 2024 Energy Breakthrough:**

- Adventure Zone Inflatables
- Allen Dunn Plumbing
- Ambulance Victoria
- ASTERIA
- Brendan Tatchell Plumbing
- Bristol Hill Motor Inn
- Bull and Mouth Hotel
- Central Highlands Water
- Central Goldfields Visitor Centre
- Centre State Printing
- Colts Phelan's Cricket Club
- Cori Catering
- Crameri's Mitre 10
- Dean Ford Plumbing
- Encore Contracting
- FReeZA program
- GB Detergents
- Goldfields FM
- Goldfields Sustainability Group
- Hoopers Steel and Construction
- Junction Motel
- Keen on Beans Coffee
- Lions Club of Carisbrook
- Lyal Eales Stores
- Maryborough & District Advertiser
- Maryborough Caravan Park
- Maryborough CFA
- Maryborough District Health Service
- Maryborough District Triathlon Club
- Maryborough Football Netball Club
- Maryborough Giants Football Netball Club
- Maryborough Golf Club
- Maryborough Harness Racing Club
- Maryborough Highland Society
- Maryborough IGA
- Maryborough Lawn Tennis Club
- Maryborough Pipe Band
- Maryborough Sports and Leisure Centre
- Maryborough Rotary Club
- Maryborough Scout Group
- Maryborough SES
- Maryborough Toyota
- Maryborough Transport Service
- McCafé
- Microblast
- Mike McCarthy Printing
- Parkview Bakery
- PJs Timber and Hardware
- Redpaths Tyre and Battery
- R U Safe to Drive
- S Dell Plumbing
- Sludgebusters
- Troy Walker Electrical
- True Blue Brew
- VicRoads
- Victoria Police
- Vital Signs
- Waste Recyclers of Victoria
- Wattle Office Supplies
- Woolworths Maryborough

**AND COUNTLESS VOLUNTEERS!**

With your ongoing support and contribution, Energy Breakthrough celebrated its 32nd event, welcoming over 4600 participants and their families to the region, contributing over \$3.66 million to the economy.

[eb.org.au](http://eb.org.au)





## SHOUT OUT

For all the latest, most up-to-date info from the Dunolly and district community, be sure to read *The Welcome Record* each week.

Putting together a community newspaper is a huge effort – congratulations and thank you to all the volunteers who do a wonderful job of keeping their community informed.

## Places to explore during summer in Dunolly and district:

- Cool off at the Dunolly Outdoor Pool – see page 7 for details
- Enjoy the vista at Mount Bealiba
- Fish, cycle, walk, swim or picnic at Bealiba Reservoir (pictured above)
- Explore Gordon Gardens in Dunolly
- Visit the Dunolly Library
- Check out the Welcome Stranger mural and the Anvil monument along Broadway
- Take in the view at Mount Moliagul
- Check out all our local playspaces at [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/playspaces](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/playspaces)



## COMPLETED!

**The Rene Fox Memorial Garden has never looked better, following its recent upgrade.**

The \$211,000 project, fully funded by Council, has delivered:

- Upgraded disabled toilet to comply with current standards
- Full refresh of the existing toilets
- Replacement of the existing roof
- Replacement of the existing crushed rock with exposed aggregate throughout the Gardens to improve drainage around the toilets and the hall.



## Pavilion news

We are continuing to work with the Deledio Pavilion Reference Group on the pavilion upgrade project.

In the last edition we shared the news we had been successful in securing \$1 million through the Victorian Government's Regional Community Sports and Infrastructure Program.

We are now awaiting the outcome of two further funding applications – the Federal Government's Growing Regions Program and the Community Bank Maldon and District community grants program.

Watch this space!

## Heating and cooling for the Senior Citizens Hall

Works to upgrade the electrical switchboard and install new heating and cooling at the Dunolly Senior Citizens Hall are now complete. The project was made possible thanks to funding through the Victorian Government's Tiny Towns program.

# It's starting to feel a lot like Christmas in the Central Goldfields.

Our decorations are in place bringing Christmas cheer to our townships across the Shire including: Carisbrook, Talbot, Maryborough, Bealiba, Majorca and Dunolly.

## 'TIS THE SEASON TO SHOP LOCALLY!



### Share the Christmas love by shopping local this festive season.

When you support local business, more money stays within our community – creating jobs and fostering economic growth.

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.

**"We're thrilled that so many of our local businesses are taking part in the Addy's annual Christmas Shopping Promotion. Not only does it support our local businesses, it gives lucky shoppers the chance to share in a prize pool of \$6,000 worth of shopping vouchers – a bit of an early Christmas present at this time of year. It's as easy as shopping at one of the participating stores, filling out your details and popping it in the draw, for your chance to win."**

– Tanya Rossi, Advertising Manager



## WHAT'S ON!



### Australia Day

Everyone is invited to attend our annual Australia Day event in Maryborough on Sunday 26 January from 8.30am.

Join in the free, family event at the Station Domain including:

- Australia Day Awards announced – Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event or Project of the Year
- Citizenship Ceremony
- Medallions will be presented to babies born in 2024 and books to children starting kindergarten in 2025

Information on events in Talbot, Carisbrook, Dunolly, Daisy Hill and Bealiba will be available closer to the day at:

[www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/australiaday2025](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/australiaday2025)



### Highland Gathering

A new year celebration like no other, the 162nd Maryborough Highland Gathering will be held on Wednesday 1 January at Princes Park in Maryborough.

Celebrating traditional Scottish culture, the program has something for everyone. A piped band street parade, all-day athletics, highland dancing on two stages, highland games and the traditional strongmen event.

The day concludes with a free evening concert and fireworks display – a great way to celebrate the new year.

For more information visit:

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

### Events

For up-to-date information on events, markets and activities in the Central Goldfields:

- [www.visitmaryboroughandsurrounds.com.au](http://www.visitmaryboroughandsurrounds.com.au)
- Facebook – Visit Maryborough and Surrounds
- Visit our Central Goldfields Visitor Centre at the Maryborough Railway Station (see page 6)

### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

Details of our January school holiday program will be finalised soon. Visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/summerfun2025](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/summerfun2025) later in December for information.



## SHOUT OUT

For all the latest, most up-to-date info from the Carisbrook and district community, be sure to read *The Carisbrook Mercury* each week.

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## Places to explore during summer in Carisbrook and district:

- Take in the view from above at Mt Moliagul lookout
- Enjoy some water sports at Cairn Curran Reservoir (pictured above)
- There's lots to enjoy at Bland and Bucknall reserves
- Explore Brian Dowie Conservation Park
- Try your luck prospecting at Carisbrook Reservoir
- Get active by using the exercise equipment at Market Reserve
- Check out all our local playspaces at [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/playspaces](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/playspaces)



## This girl definitely can!

Big thanks to everyone who participated in 'This Girl Can' events during October. A Victorian Government initiative, This Girl Can celebrates and supports Victorian women, girls and non-binary people to get physically active in a safe, welcoming and inclusive environment.

More than 60 free events were held across the Shire during the two-week program. We hope that you've discovered a new physical activity, joined a club or met some new people.

*Image credit: The Maryborough District Advertiser.*



## Carisbrook Christmas Market

*Proudly organised by Carisbrook Projects Inc.*

**Saturday 7 December, 11am to 4pm**

Maryborough Harness Club  
337 Bucknall Street, Carisbrook

- 30 stalls
- Santa will make a guest appearance
- Food available from the Harness Club kitchen

**Come and do your Christmas shopping and enjoy a fun day out with the family!**

# Creating a healthy community



## StoryWalk coming to Maryborough

Phillips Gardens in Maryborough will soon be home to a StoryWalk! A StoryWalk is a physical activity and literacy experience all in one – where a book is literally taken apart forming a trail for families to follow.

Encouraging our community to eat healthy and get more active, is the focus of the Victorian Government's Healthy Loddon Campaspe initiative. Here's the latest round of projects being delivered locally:



## Bike repair stations

To help make active travel an easier option for our community, two new bike repair stations have been installed at Gordon Gardens, Dunolly and Market Reserve, Carisbrook.

## Sports equipment library

You can now borrow skateboards, scooters and safety equipment from the Maryborough Regional Library.

## Activating open spaces

Free fitness classes and skate sessions are just some of the activities planned to activate local outdoor spaces and encourage the community to be physically active for free.



## How-to videos

A series of fun, short, how-to skate videos have been created to help encourage and support local youth to be active at a time that suits them.

To watch visit: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/Parks](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/Parks) or use the QR code on site.

Healthy Sports Rewards

## Healthy Sports Rewards

Fast food vouchers are often used by local sporting clubs as an incentive to recognise the efforts of their junior players. The Healthy Sports Reward project will see healthy food vouchers provided to clubs as an alternative.

## 2025 Active Living Census

First held in 2019, the region-wide survey Active Living Census is back in 2025.

The survey will invite residents to share information about their health and wellbeing, including their participation in physical activity and consumption of fruit and vegetables. It will also invite feedback on what residents would like to see in their community to support them to eat well and be more active.

The information shared will be used to help shape local health programs and resources.

More information on the survey will be shared in 2025.

To learn more about the Victorian Government's Healthy Loddon Campaspe initiative and to keep up to date with projects happening across the region, visit:

[www.healthyloddoncampaspe.au](http://www.healthyloddoncampaspe.au)

or follow **Healthy Loddon Campaspe** on Facebook.



## Places to explore during summer in Talbot and district:

- Take a swim at the Talbot Outdoor Pool – see page 7 for details
- Check out Mount Cameron Gorge
- Pack a picnic and enjoy some bird watching at Karri Dam
- Explore Paddys Ranges State Park
- Formally an old distillery dam, check out the Reserve Dam at Daisy Hill
- Head to Mount Greenock and take in this significant geological site (pictured above)\*
- Check out all our local playspaces at [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/playspaces](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/playspaces)

\* Dr Barry Golding will present about Mt Greenock at the Maryborough Regional Library on Monday 9 December at 8pm. The talk is part of the launch of “Six Peaks Speak” a book about Dja Dja Wurrung peaks in the region. Contact the Library for more information and to register.



## SHOUT OUT

For all the latest, most up-to-date info from the Talbot and district community, be sure to read *Talbot Today Tomorrow*.

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## LIGHT UP TALBOT

### Christmas is coming and so is the Light Up Talbot Christmas Festival 2024.

On Friday 29 November the festival will be bigger and brighter than ever, with more music, more food and wine, and of course, more lights!

The lights will continue throughout December, so make sure you add it to this year’s Christmas lights tour – it’s well worth a look!

Light Up Talbot is supported through funding from our 2024 Community Grants Program.



# Funding for our local community groups

Eighteen local community groups have shared in \$42,998 in funding as part of our 2024-2025 Community Grants program. The recipients are:



**Maryborough & District Garden Club**  
**\$1,000**

Central Goldfields Garden Competition



**Dunolly Gilbert & Sullivan Society**  
**\$2,000**

Swinging Sixties Cabaret & Trivia Night



**Words in Winter Central Goldfields Inc.**  
**\$2,250**

Words in Winter Central Goldfields Festival



**Goldfields Music Club**  
**\$3,000**

Vibes on Broadway – Dunolly's Street Festival



**Pride Goldfields Maryborough**  
**\$3,000**

Outburst: Winter Pride Maryborough



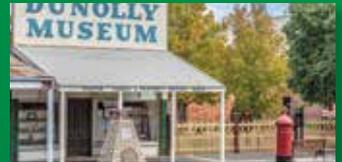
**Talbot Farmers Market Inc.**  
**\$2,250**

Talbot Farmers Market Future Growth



**Maryborough Soccer Club**  
**\$2,430**

Maryborough Futsal Championships



**Goldfields Historical & Arts Society**  
**\$3,000**

Solar Panels for the Dunolly Museum



**Talbot Action Inc.**  
**\$3,000**

Light Up Talbot Christmas Festival



**Daisy Hill Community Centre**  
**\$3,000**

Lights, Camera, Community!



**Maryborough Theatre Company**  
**\$2,549**

Theatre Shed Storage



**Bealiba Pony Club**  
**\$3,000**

BPC Ready to Ride Safe 'Safe Riding Area'



**Maryborough & District Horse & Pony Club Inc.**  
**\$3,000**

Maryborough & District Horse & Pony Club Sustainability Project



**Strengthening Goldfields Community Radio**  
**\$2,000**

Harmonising Community Voices: Goldfields FM



**Robyn's Nest & All The Rest Animal Rescue Inc.**  
**\$3,000**

Safe Haven: Community Rescue & Care



**Maryborough Midlands Historical Society**  
**\$1,144**

Spotlight on Heritage

**St John Ambulance Australia (Victoria) Inc.**  
**\$2,244**  
CPR training equipment for Maryborough Division



**\$42,998**  
**TOTAL**

**Maryborough Family History Group Inc.**  
**\$1,131**  
Vertical Monitor & Mini Hub





# Season's Greetings

Council, staff and volunteers extend their best wishes to the community for a safe and happy festive season.

## Holiday period service changes

Our Customer Service Centre will close at 2pm on Tuesday 24 December and will re-open at 9am on Thursday 2 January, 2025.

Urgent after-hours issues that relate to Council infrastructure can be reported on 0419 005 577.

Urgent after-hours issues relating to animal control can be reported on 0407 508 448 (dog attacks, stock on roads and contained dogs only).

There will be no changes to waste collection.

For a full list of modified hours visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/holidayhours2024](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/holidayhours2024)

Some services will remain open but with varied opening hours:

- Carisbrook, Talbot, Dunolly and Bealiba transfer stations – closed Christmas Day and New Year's Day
- Visitor Centre – closed Christmas Day
- Libraries – closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day
- Maternal and Child Health – closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day
- VicRoads – closed Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Please note VicRoads is also closed on Fridays.



## Winners!

Our Go Goldfields team won two awards at the Department of Education Victorian Early Years Awards in November:

- Continuity of Early Learning - Great Start to School Program
- Supporting Parents to Build their Capacity and Confidence – The Nest

Congratulations to the team for all the work they are doing to give every child in the Central Goldfields Shire, every chance to grow up safe, healthy and confident.

## Connect with us

### Customer Service

22 Nolan Street, Maryborough  
Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm

### Phone

03 5461 0610

### Email

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

### Postal address

PO Box 194, Maryborough VIC 3465

### Website

*Council website*  
[www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au)

*Engagement opportunities*  
[engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](http://engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

### Socials

 @centralgoldfields

 @CG\_Shire

 Central Goldfields Shire Council

### NRS-Friendly Hearing or Speech Impaired?

Call via the National Relay Service on 133 677

### Need translation services?

Call 131 450 or visit [www.tisnational.gov.au](http://www.tisnational.gov.au)

### Cover photo

Local children keep cool at Bealiba Reservoir.

### 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.*

## Vale Audrey

In August, we farewelled our valued team member and friend, Audrey Bartlett.



For the past 12 years, Audrey contributed to our community as a valued member of our Youth, L2P and VicRoads teams.

Audrey will be dearly missed by us all – we thank her for her dedicated service to our organisation and her friendship.



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.