

Community Update Autumn 2023

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OUR REGIONAL PUBLIC ART GALLERY UNVEILED

Pictured: Local artist Jennifer Latch from JML Arthouse with local children during the Gallery's autumn school holiday workshop. They are watched over by the Smiling Kookaburra (Large)* bronze sculpture by Maryborough born and internationally acclaimed artist Dean Bowen.



FROM THE MAYOR

Yet another outstanding edition of our quarterly Community Update – Autumn 2023. So much achieved since the previous edition.

The exciting opening of our much anticipated “State of the Art” international standard Central Goldfields Art Gallery; new scoreboard at Deledio Reserve in Dunolly; the finishing touches being put on the final stage of the Carisbrook Levee; the opening of our greatly patronised Skate and Scooter Park; and the commencement of the second stage of one of our prize tourist attractions, the Maryborough Railway Station; the ongoing work on Talbot Futures; the remarkable soon to be completed build at Carisbrook Recreation Reserve. This is to name a few of the infrastructure initiatives we have rolled out in two and a half years. Tourism is my key focus supporting our sustainability into the future.

My highest priority is to ensure the Town Hall is re-established to its former glory and the Councillors returned to the “Council Chambers”. Another priority is the re-instatement of the Bristol Hill Memorial Tower to yet again be the shining beacon watching over our beautiful Shire. There are many items on our priority list towards attaining our community’s vision for the future.

For us to achieve our community driven vision we need to be more innovative and entrepreneurial in how we secure much needed funds in particular grant funding; exploring options will take precedence as we work through Central Goldfields Shire 2023/2024 Budget deliberations.



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Improving opportunities for young people

In March, 40 local businesses and young people came together in Maryborough for a workshop focused on improving the opportunities for young people to access work and study in the Central Goldfields.

Thank you to students from Maryborough Education Centre and Highview College and the Central Goldfields Youth Council who participated and shared their ideas.

And thanks also to the five local businesses – plus the Committee for Maryborough – who took the time to listen and work with our young people to find solutions.

Together the group came up with two immediate actions to work towards in the coming months.

The Triggering Innovation Leadership Transformation workshop was run by The Australian National University, La Trobe University and Fraunhofer Institute (Germany) in partnership with Council.

You can read more at www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/tilt

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COFFEE CHAT: Everyone is welcome to join our Councillors for a coffee at the Bull and Mouth Hotel, 119 High Street, Maryborough on Wednesday 31 May from 10am to 12noon. Meet and greet with our Councillors and chat about the issues important to you.



LATEST NEWS

Come and be inspired by our redeveloped Gallery!

Maryborough is now home to a world class regional public art gallery, with the redeveloped Central Goldfields Art Gallery now complete and open to the public.

Since its reopening in March, the Gallery has welcomed more than 1,000 visitors to see the \$2.28 million transformation – jointly funded by the Victorian Government and Council.



What's on



Aunty Kath Nicholls and Aunty Marilyne Nicholls

To 4 June 2023



Immortals – Clayton Tremlett

27 April 2023
– 11 June 2023



Golden Textures: Contemporary Art Quilt Exhibition

15 June 2023
– 20 August 2023



Fiona Somerville: History Painting

15 June 2023
– 13 August 2023

Coming soon

An Indigenous Interpretive Garden will be delivered alongside the Gallery in 2024.

The designs for the outdoor space have been developed through a Djaara Wartaka process led by Dja Dja Wurrung people.

The Garden will reference local significant cultural sites and traditional fire practices.

The project has been funded by the Victorian Government and Council.



Join us for children's storytime at the Gallery 10.30am to 11am every Sunday. Entry is free!

The Central Goldfields Art Gallery is open Thursdays to Sundays from 10am to 4pm. Entry is free and all are welcome. For more information visit www.centralgoldfieldsartgallery.com.au

* Dean Bowen, Smiling Kookaburra (Large), 2021, 109 × 118 × 43 cm, Edition 6.

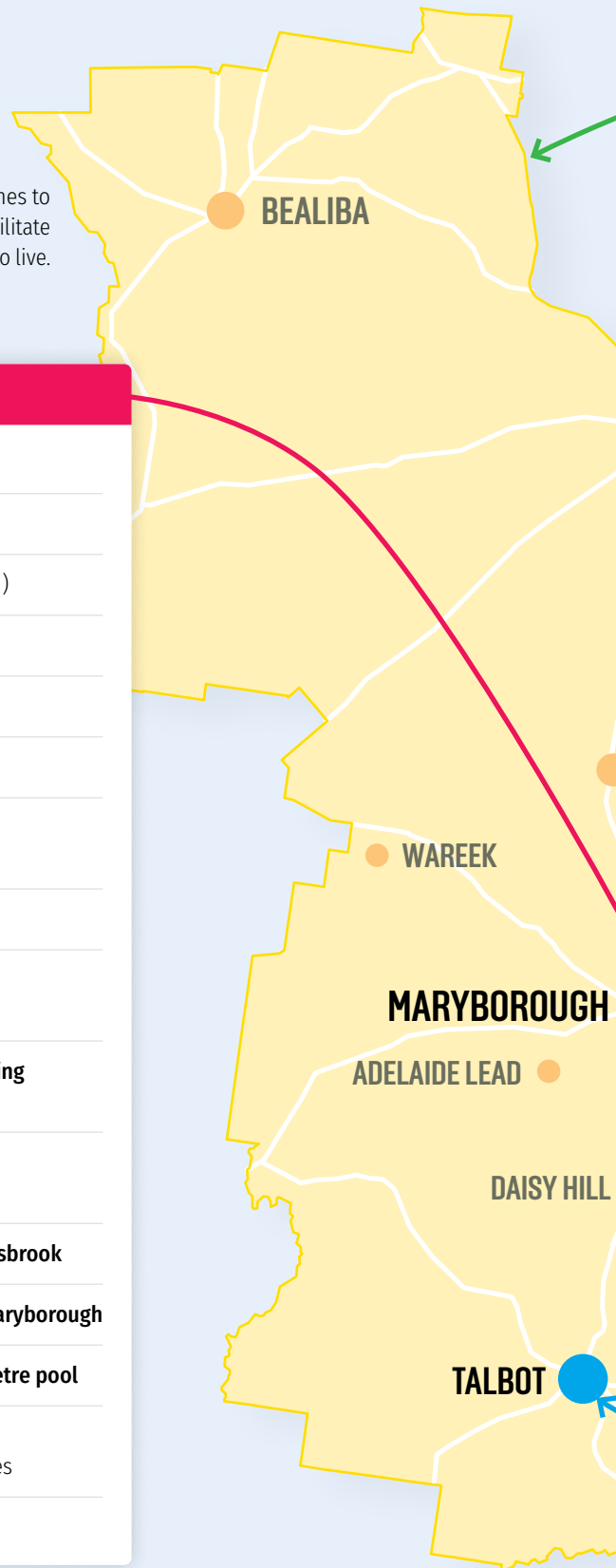
Planning for a growing Central Goldfields

Over the past three years of strategic planning, more than 2,000 community members have told us that they want our Shire to grow because of the benefits it will bring:

- More housing and diversity in housing options
- More jobs
- More services, educational opportunities and retail offerings
- Greater cultural diversity
- More volunteers
- Promotion of history and protection of heritage

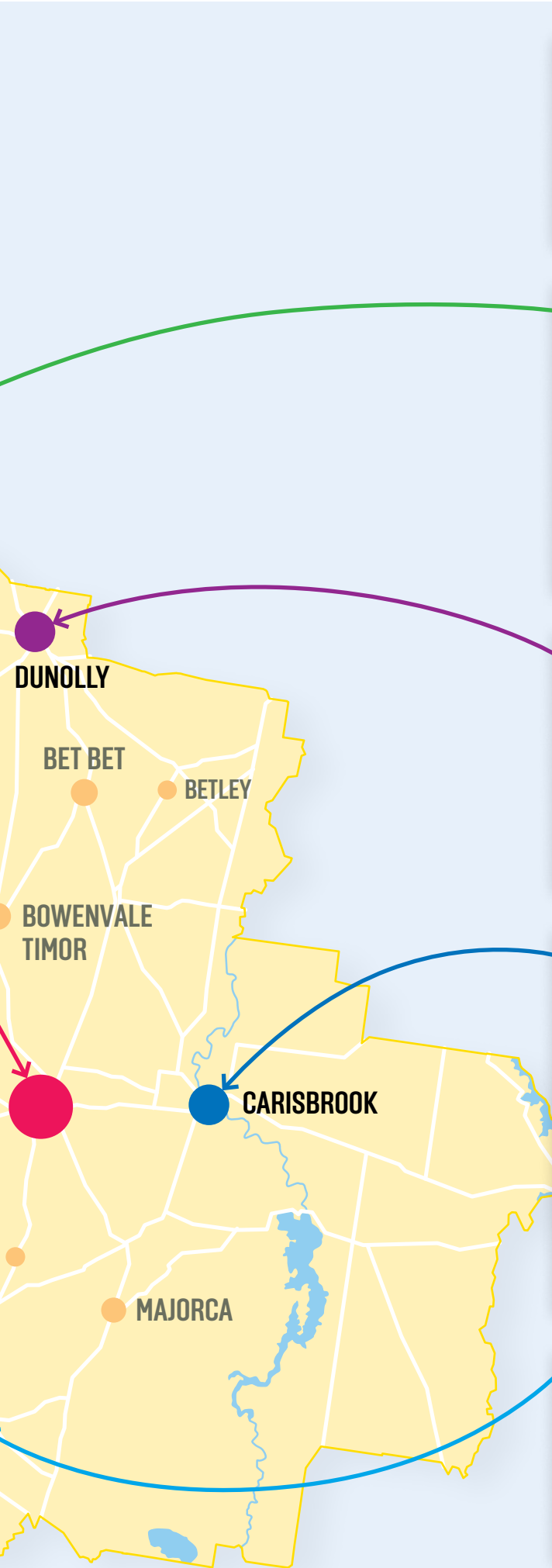
To attract new residents and industry to our Shire, we're working behind the scenes to deliver projects that will support this growth. This includes planning projects to facilitate growth as well as infrastructure projects that make our Shire an even better place to live.

For more information on each of the projects represented visit www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au






Maryborough

- ✓ Central Goldfields Art Gallery redevelopment (see page 3)
- ✓ Maryborough Skate and Scooter Park
- 🔧 Maryborough Railway Station Activation project – Stage 2 (see page 11)
- 📁 Central Goldfields Art Gallery indigenous interpretative garden
- 📁 Maryborough Town Hall electrical upgrade (see page 10)
- 📁 Maryborough Heritage Review project
- 📁 Maryborough Outdoor Pool octagonal pool upgrade (see page 10)
Tender to be awarded shortly
- 📁 Central Maryborough Project – Place making activities
- 📁 Princes Park – Female friendly changerooms
Victorian Government funding committed
- 📁 J H Hedges Memorial Park – Netball court, improved lighting and seating
Victorian Government funding committed
- 📁 Urban Bike Path
Victorian Government funding received for planning work
- 📁 Land Use Framework Plan project for Maryborough, Flagstaff and Carisbrook
- 📁 Investigation into increasing supply of lifestyle lots within 10km of Maryborough
- 📣 Advocacy for additional funding for Maryborough Outdoor Pool 50 metre pool
- 📣 Princes Park Grandstand
Funding for business case, detailed design and construction of upgrades
- 📣 Maryborough Railway Station Activation Project – Stage 3



-  Complete
-  Under construction
-  Planning underway
-  Advocacy for funding underway






Whole of Shire

-  **Castlemaine – Maryborough Trail**
Funding for feasibility study to develop a trail for walking and cycling
-  **World Heritage Bid**
Partnership to raise awareness of our unique history
-  **Events Prospectus**
Prospectus to attract events to Shire



Dunolly

-  **Deledio Recreation Reserve netball court upgrade**
Victorian Government funding received
Design stage in progress
-  **Deledio Recreation Reserve**
Concept plans complete for change rooms, function space and commercial kitchen.

Carisbrook

-  **Carisbrook Levee** (see page 8)
-  **Carisbrook Recreation Reserve upgrade** (see page 8)
-  **Land Use Framework Plan project for Maryborough, Flagstaff and Carisbrook**
Keep an eye out for an upcoming engagement opportunity
-  **Industrial Precinct Development**
Advocacy for funding to deliver a small lot industrial precinct
-  **Carisbrook Town Hall restoration**

Talbot

-  **Talbot Futures** (see page 14)
Detailed design and costings for sewerage system and planning scheme amendment
-  **Talbot Recreation Reserve Netball Court upgrade**



Scoreboard unveiled

During March the Dunolly community celebrated the official opening of the new \$180,000 Community Messaging and Scoreboard at Deledio Reserve.

The project was made possible thanks to an incredible fundraising effort by the Lannecoorie Dunolly Cricket Club along with funding from the Victorian Government's Sports Infrastructure Fund, Community Bank Maldon & District, Council and in-kind contributions from local businesses.

Congratulations and thank you to everyone involved in contributing to and delivering this wonderful outcome for the Dunolly community.



Councillor Liesbeth Long Flynn Ward

With autumn now here many farmers in the district will be getting ready to plant this years winter crops. Please be mindful that you may notice extra activity on our roads, with frequent movement of large seeding equipment, fertilizer trucks and grouper bins.

Much excitement of late in Flynn Ward with the opening of the new Deledio Community Messaging and Scoreboard on Saturday 18 March. It was wonderful to see this two-year project come to fruition. Congratulations to all involved who helped make this fantastic community asset a reality.

With the cooler autumn weather upon us it's a great opportunity to get out and play 'Adventure Bingo' – an initiative from Healthy Loddon Campaspe. Participants spot 'points of interest' listed on a grid during their walk and once they've spotted three items in a vertical, horizontal or diagonal line, they've got Bingo. There are six trails across the Loddon/Campaspe region and Dunolly is one of them!

Please contact me by phone, text, email or on social media if there is anything I can assist you with **#councillorliesbethlong**



Explore walks across the Loddon Campaspe region. Get active and walk the trail in Dunolly and spot points of interest.

Pick up a hard copy at the Maryborough or Dunolly Library, join in online by visiting www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/dunollyadventurebingo or scan the QR code.



Walk this way

Good news! Works to construct a new 250 metre footpath along Broadway, from Daly Street to the railway line, is about to begin.

The project will be delivered as part of Council's 2022-2023 Budget.

A jump start

Thanks to the Victorian Government's Jump-Start program and a partnership with Sports Focus, signage and decals will be installed at the Gordon Gardens in the coming months.

The new signage aims to help teach young people and children where they can play and be active, as well as what types of activities they can do in certain spaces.

Designs underway

Earlier this year, we appointed a contractor to design the two new netball courts with lights in Dunolly. The design stage is now underway in partnership with the Dunolly Football Netball Club.

The courts have been made possible thanks to \$727,707 from the Victorian Government and \$242,569 to be allocated in the 2023-2024 Council Budget.

Recognising our award winners

Our annual Australia Day awards are an opportunity for us to gather together and celebrate those who have made a significant contribution to our local community.

Congratulations to this year's nominees and winners and thank you for all that you do to make our Shire a great place to live:



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Tony Macer

Most locals will know Tony – whether it be in his role as a teacher in Maryborough for over 30 years or through one of his many volunteer roles.

With volunteerism and climate action his main passions – Tony was instrumental in the establishment of the Maryborough Volunteer Resource Centre and is actively involved in many of our local climate action groups.



YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

Hannah Lanfranchi

Described as an exceptional all-rounder, Hannah not only shows dedication to her studies but is a role model for her peers.

Hannah contributes to the community through Girl Guides, St Vinnies, St Augustine's Primary School, Zonta, Rotary and local sporting clubs.



COMMUNITY AWARD

Dunolly Gold Rush Festival

The return of the Dunolly Gold Rush Festival after a 16-year hiatus came together by a hard-working group of volunteers through Dunolly, Today, Tomorrow.

The core aim of the revived Festival was “to put the smiles back on everyone’s faces” and to bring people into the town to share the Gold Rush heritage.

Held on the 23rd of October 2022, the event did just that – attracting around 1500 people and bringing an economic boost to the town.

Pictured:

Dunolly Gold Rush Festival representative Rod Stewart.



Creating change for young people



Since their inception in July 2022 our Youth Council have been working hard and dedicating their efforts to create change for local young people. Our Youth Council have:

- Participated in climate action initiatives
- Hosted a youth concert and ‘Clean Up Central Goldfields’ event
- Participated in the opening of the Art Gallery and Skate and Scooter Park
- Participated in the second Triggering Leadership Innovation Transformation workshop (see page 2 for more info)
- Met with Victorian Government and Councillors to advocate for local young people

The Youth Council has also farewelled members Felix Skilling and Amayah Rowe, while welcoming Felicity Rentsch and Tara Siroky as new members.

Watch this space – they’re just getting started!

To find out more about this year’s award recipients visit www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/ozawardprofiles



Levee update

- ✓ At the time of this magazine going to print the fourth and final stage of the Carisbrook Levee was just days away from completion. For more information visit www.engage.vic.gov.au/carisbrooklevee



Cr Anna De Villiers Tullaroop Ward

Autumn is the most beautiful time of the year. Thanks to early rains, the paddocks are starting to green up. In Tullaroop Ward we have lots to celebrate. The upgrade to the Carisbrook Recreation Reserve is nearing completion and we are looking forward to hosting visiting sporting teams in these wonderful new facilities. The Bowls Club pavilion is ready to use when the summer bowling season starts.

Thank you to Council staff for pitching in and helping out in Carisbrook so quickly after the floods in October 2022. The reserves and public toilets at the creek have been re-opened to the public.

It is 12 years since the floods in 2011, affecting the community. The Carisbrook Levee that Council and the community have been working for, is just days away from being complete.

Council will soon appoint a Flood Recovery Officer to support residents with recovery after the floods.



Projects completed!

- ✓ 120 metre footpath constructed along Urquhart Street from McLachlan Street to McNeill Street. The project was delivered as part of Council's 2022-2023 Budget.
- ✓ A 1.2 kilometre length of Cotswolds Road has been re-constructed. The project was funded through the Australian Government's Roads to Recovery Program and was delivered by our Operations team.



Finishing touches underway

The Carisbrook Recreation Reserve main pavilion and bowls pavilion upgrades are nearing completion.

The \$4.9 million project – jointly funded by the Victorian Government and Council – will deliver an accessible and inclusive modern sporting facility and community hub for the growing population of Carisbrook and surrounding district. The project also includes delivery of a new bowls pavilion with publicly accessible toilets and two newly constructed competition grade netball courts.

For more information visit

✓ www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/carisbrookrecreationreserve



New-look for Conservation Park

Recently, we contracted Asteria to carry out a clean up to the Brian Dowie Conservation Park.

Vegetation was cleared and now the heritage walkway and picnic facilities are more accessible for the community and visitors to enjoy.

Flood recovery update



The flood events in October 2022 caused significant damage to infrastructure and property throughout our municipality.

We know our residents are keen to see infrastructure and the road network restored as soon as possible and the truth is – we do too! For us to submit a claim to recover the costs of this repair work through the Federal Government’s National Disaster Financial Assistance program – we were required to provide a detailed scope of the repair work. We engaged Shepherd Services – an experienced asset management and impact assessment consultancy firm to assess the damage and provide a detailed summary of what was needed. The assessment is now complete and identified that \$9.8+ million of repairs are needed to restore damaged roads, culverts, and other public infrastructure in our Shire.

The good news is priority repair works from this road network restoration claim have been approved and over coming months this work will be carried out. Remaining works within the claim are due to be approved shortly and scheduled for delivery over the next 12 to 18 months. The road network restoration program will deliver:

- Repairs and cleaning of major and minor culvert/bridges
- Cleaning and reinstatement of roadside table drain
- Gravel resheeting and grading of damaged unsealed roads
- Repairs to sealed roads including reinstatement of potholes, rehabilitation of failed pavement and repair of unsealed shoulders where necessary
- Vegetation removal and replacement of damaged signs



Program details, including anticipated timeline for delivery, will be available on our website shortly and until these works are complete, we remind motorists to drive to the conditions and please be careful when using the roads, especially gravel ones.



Restoring a much-loved community asset

Works are currently underway to restore Maryborough's historic Worsley Cottage in Palmerston Street.

The project, jointly funded by the Federal Government and Council, will see two of the existing side walls underpinned

and straightened along with stormwater drainage works and measures to address rising damp issues.

Thank you to the Maryborough Midlands Historical Society for their patience whilst these works are being carried out.

Town Hall update

The Maryborough Town Hall has been closed for community use since 2021.

During this time we have been working to appoint a contractor to carry out the electrical work that is needed for this community facility to re-open.

After three unsuccessful tender processes, alternative options for this work are currently being explored.

We are committed to seeing this valued community facility re-opened for community use as soon as possible.

Outdoor Pool update

We will use the \$2 million in Victorian Government funding – announced in 2020 – to upgrade the octagonal pool at the heritage-listed Maryborough Outdoor Pool complex.

The funding will also be used to carry out minor upgrades to the plant room and the main entrance building.

We continue to advocate to State and Federal governments for funding to completely rebuild this heritage-listed asset.



Cr Geoff Lovett Maryborough Ward

As I write this we are currently going through our annual budget deliberations, one of the most important tasks we perform. There is never enough money to do everything we would like, so we need to be very careful to balance expenditure with income. Currently there are a number of capital projects underway, as well as some serious maintenance issues with our historic buildings that require attention. We rely heavily on Government grants to help enable us to undertake these works. The new Art Gallery has opened, the Carisbrook Levee and Carisbrook Recreation Reserve upgrade are nearing completion, and much needed repairs to Worsley Cottage are underway.

We are determined to see Maryborough Town Hall reopen as soon as possible.

What I can assure all residents is that while we try to meet community expectations by preserving, maintaining, and improving council assets, we will always be fiscally responsible.



Councillor
Gerard Murphy



Councillor
Wayne Sproull



Mayor Councillor
Grace La Vella

Upgrading local roads and footpaths

Works to upgrade Primrose Street, between Spring Street and Golden Wattle Drive and the whole length of Porter Avenue are currently underway. The project also includes upgraded footpaths.

The \$1.24 million upgrade is made possible thanks to the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery program and is expected to be complete late May – weather permitting.

TRANSFORMING OUR STATION INTO A HUB OF ACTIVITY

Locals will have heard we're reactivating the Maryborough Railway Station but what does it mean?!

We're fortunate to be home to the iconic Maryborough Railway Station and to have such a rich goldfields history in our region. Maryborough is located at the centre of the famous golden triangle and is pivotal to the Central Victorian Goldfields World Heritage Bid.

The redevelopment aims to celebrate this and transform the Station into a local and visitor hub and a renowned tourism attraction.



Creating a visitor experience

The current stage will see the creation of a visitor interpretation centre where local residents, and visitors to Maryborough, will be able to enjoy a range of experiences from the fun and imaginative to the informative.

A new digital and interactive experience will tell the story of aspects of our local history – with a special emphasis on the story of the station and of gold – through graphic panels, animation and other interactive elements.

An example of this is the Worth its Weight in Gold exhibit – this unique installation will allow visitors to place whatever they have in their pocket on the unit to find out their worth in today's gold prices.

The famous welcome stranger story will also be presented in the new centre with a digital animation that you will be able to view within a specially designed booth.

The centre will also provide valuable information and insights into the history of the Traditional Owners of our area the Dja Dja Wurrung and reflect on the impact the gold rush had on their lives, culture and country.

Our wonderful Visitor Information team will continue to be part of this new-look centre and play a key role in welcoming visitors to the delights of our region.

The newly enhanced visitor interpretation centre will be in the same location as before – with a new entry to be created via The Station Café Restaurant Bar. Accessibility improvements have also been made to the platform entry.



What else does the project include?

- Improvements to the space at the north-east end of the building to become an arts hub in the future
- Upgrades to the outdoor space at the north-east end of the building to become a sculpture courtyard in the future
- Minor upgrades to the co-working space to include an additional meeting room
- Upgrades to accessibility throughout the site

How is the project funded?

The works that are currently underway are part of stage two of the project – which build on initial improvements that were made during 2021.

The project is jointly funded with \$1.8 million from the Victorian Government's Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund and \$200,000 from Council.

We will continue to advocate for a further \$3 million for stage three of the project – which will involve activation of the arts hub and sculpture courtyard and further story telling capability.

Who's delivering the project?

The current stage is being delivered by Barpa Pty Ltd, an Australian Indigenous construction company. This is their first project in our Shire and their first on Dja Dja Wurrung country.

Where can I find out more?

For more information on the project as it progresses visit www.engage.goldshire.vic.gov.au/stationproject
We look forward to sharing more photos in our next edition.

FOR FAMILIES



Support for new parents

Did you know our Maternal and Child Health team runs a regular New Parents Group?

The eight-week facilitated program is an opportunity to connect with other families and share experiences.

The next New Parents Group will start on Thursday 27 April from 10.30am to 12noon and will be held at The Nest at the Maryborough Resource Centre (next to the Library).

To find out more and to register your interest contact our Maternal and Child Health team on 5461 6550.



Service goes mobile

Our Maternal and Child Health team have gone mobile with their new Outreach Learning and Development Van – The Gold Mobile.

The Gold Mobile will enable our Maternal Child Health, Supported Playgroup and Immunisation teams to deliver services throughout the Shire.

The external design of the van features contributions from children attending kindergartens in Central Goldfields Shire.

The new van is funded by the Victorian Government.

First Aid Information Session

This free information session will give families with children aged 0 to 8 years of age some basic first aid knowledge.

Hosted by Go Goldfields and presented by a qualified first aid trainer – you'll learn how to respond to choking, shock, burns, and more. Thursday 27 April, 12.30 to 1.30pm, at The Nest, 91 Nolan St, Maryborough.

Note: This is an information session and not a registered first aid course.



FREE WEEKLY CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING @ THE LIBRARY

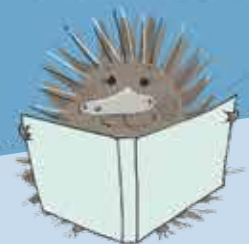
Maryborough Library
MONDAYS 10AM
LAP TIME

TUESDAYS 10AM
PLAYTIME

WEDNESDAYS 10AM
STORYTIME

THURSDAYS 10AM
RHYME TIME

FRIDAYS 10AM
STORYTIME



Dunolly Library

TUESDAYS 10.30AM
TODDLER TIME

THURSDAYS 2PM
STORYTIME

**During school terms*



MARYBOROUGH REGIONAL LIBRARY
A member of the Central Highlands Libraries



Did you know we have a dedicated website for the community to provide feedback and input into important community projects.



Soon we'll be inviting our community to have their say on:

- Annual Budget
- Domestic Wastewater Management Plan
- Land Use Framework Plan for Maryborough, Flagstaff and Carisbrook
- Talbot Futures Project (pictured above)

Visit www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au to find out about current and past engagement opportunities as well as information about major projects.

Go in the running to win an iPad by sharing your feedback on our Community Update magazine.



Tell us:

Name: _____

Locality: _____ Age: _____

Gender: Male Female Non-Binary

Q. We've heard that residents love to hear about the latest news from us through this quarterly magazine delivered to their doorstep – do you agree with this?

Strongly agree Agree Neutral Disagree Strongly disagree

Q. What other ways do you love to hear news from us?

Facebook LinkedIn Twitter Website Radio Newspaper

Q. Which story in this magazine did you feel excited by?

Q. Were there any stories you skipped over? Why was that?

Q. What would you like to see added to make it more interesting to read?

Q. Who or what would you like to see featured in an upcoming edition?

Please complete, cut this out and drop it off at Council's Customer Service Centre, 22 Nolan Street, or mail it back to:

✉ Community Engagement Team,
PO Box 194, Maryborough VIC 3465

or visit www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/tellus

Feedback closes 5pm, Wednesday 31 May, 2023.



All responses will go in the running to win an iPad!
The winner will be announced on Council's Facebook page and website on Wednesday 7 June, 2023.

PADDYS RANGES WARD NEWS



Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor Paddys Ranges Ward

It was a thrill to join with residents, present and past, to mark the completed restoration on the Old Dunach School at Talbot Museum which has been transformed thanks to funding from the Commonwealth Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Also great to see progress on the new Talbot Town Hall toilets with the old toilets demolished. Another project commencing soon is footpath construction in Ballarat Street North which will create a safer walking environment.

We have had two significant community workshops in the Talbot Futures project and it is really exciting to work with residents on various issues relating to Talbot's future and growth.

I am looking forward to completing work with the Daisy Hill community on its Community Plan and continuing to work with the enthusiastic Community Centre committee on building community engagement.

Thanks for feedback from rural residents on local road flood repair priorities which are receiving attention.



Planning for future growth

Thank you to everyone who attended the Talbot Futures Lab session in March.

The feedback shared will inform further thinking on possible options for residential growth and sewerage for Talbot.

For more information visit

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

A community plan for Daisy Hill

In November, residents shared their ideas to make Daisy Hill an even better place to live.

Priorities included developing the Community Centre as a hub for community life and activity, a Men's Shed, a community garden and reactivation of the V/Line bus stop.

In the coming months, we'll be working with residents to develop a draft 10-year Community Plan for Daisy Hill.

For more information and updates visit

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



A community celebration!

In March the Talbot and district community celebrated the restoration of the Dunach School.

The restoration of the Dunach School was managed by Council and made possible thanks to funding through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

Walk this way

Works to construct 200 metres of new footpath along Ballarat Street North from Ohara to King Street (east side) will commence in the coming months.

The project will be delivered as part of the 2022-2023 Council Budget.

Energy Breakthrough gets waste wise



Over 3,500kg of waste materials from the 2022 Energy Breakthrough Event were kept from landfill, including:

- ✔ 1,528kg (23% of total waste) recovered to be recycled
- ✔ 1,340kg (20% of total waste) recovered to be composted
- ✔ 633kg of single-use packaging avoided through the introduction of a reusable crockery system



These results were made possible by the Victorian Government's Circular Economy grant funding which enabled us to work with B-Alternative for the 2022 event.

B-Alternative will partner with Energy Breakthrough again in 2023 – with a focus on no single-use plastics. This will include no single use plastic cutlery, water or soft drink bottles, single use coffee cups/lids or plastic bags being brought to site or sold by vendors.

To support this change, we'll work with schools and our local community groups in the lead up to the November event.

Food Network Workshops

Are you involved in our local food system?



Do you grow your own food? Are you a local food retailer? Are you passionate about food and its environmental impact?

We want your input!

The newly created Central Goldfields Food Network invite you to attend two upcoming workshops so that we can find out more about your thoughts on food in our Shire.

- **Workshop One:**
Wednesday 26 April, 9am to 1pm
- **Workshop Two:**
Wednesday 17 May, 9am to 1pm

Both workshops will be held at the Maryborough Community Hub, 48 Burns Street, Maryborough.

To register your interest email: adam.tarr@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

The Network is a collaboration between Council, Healthy Kids Advisors, Maryborough District Health Service and Healthy Loddon Campaspe.

To find out more visit www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/foodnetworkworkshops

Parking in the hospital precinct

Works to deliver the \$100 million Maryborough and District Hospital redevelopment are about to ramp up with the main construction works expected to start in the coming months.

The state-of-the-art redevelopment will treat an additional 4,000 patients every year and improve access to care for our local community.

As main construction gets underway, we can expect to see works ramping up and more contractors onsite – which will mean changes to parking around the precinct.

Council, Maryborough District Health Service and the Victorian Health Building Authority are working together to minimise the disruption to services and community as much as possible. However, while the main works are underway, you may not find a carpark as close and or as convenient as you are used to when you visit the Maryborough CBD or health service.

Once we have a confirmed date for construction to begin – more detailed information will be provided about changes to on-street parking zones and alternative locations for parking.

The hospital redevelopment will be a great asset to our community and we thank you for your patience while we work through these changes in the short-term.

For more information about the hospital project visit vhba.vic.gov.au

For more information about changes to parking during the hospital project visit www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/parking



Pictured above: Russell LeTisser with Coordinator Parks and Open Spaces Brenton Hull and Team Leader Parks and Open Spaces Wayne Pritchard.

Celebrating 45 years of service

We recently celebrated our longest service employee – Russell LeTisser – who has worked with us for 45 years.

Russell started with us in 1978 at the age of 16, accepting a position of Apprentice Gardener with the City of Maryborough.

He has worked in the Parks and Open Spaces team his entire career and is known as the oracle of our open spaces.

Russell has been involved in the development and maintenance of almost every open space we maintain. His knowledge regarding our open spaces is extensive.

Russell has worked through floods, fires and drought, knows the inner workings of every irrigation system and has worked in the background of every event we are involved in.

Russell was recognised with a surprise breakfast and a tree was planted in his honour at Phillips Gardens.

Thank you, Russell, for your 45 years of service!

Flu season has arrived

Did you know the flu vaccine is recommended for everyone?

It is free for young children aged six months to five years, people with chronic medical conditions, pregnant women, and those over 65 years. If you aren't eligible for a free vaccine, the cost is only \$15.

Dedicated flu vaccination sessions will also be offered in Talbot, Dunolly and Maryborough in May. To make a booking through Council's immunisation service call 0428 894 724 or visit www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/immunisation



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