



# Central Goldfields Shire Council Community Update

WINTER 2021

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Councillor Liesbeth Long

The Central Goldfields community braved wet and wintery conditions on Wednesday, 14 July to acknowledge NAIDOC Week at the Goldfields Reservoir in Maryborough.

Read more about the event on page 14 of this publication.



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

One of the exciting things to do in lockdown is to plan travel when it's COVID safe to do so. We also want to support the many businesses who are so badly impacted by lockdown.

The great news is we have rich and golden treasures to see and experience on our own doorsteps and the opportunity to encourage our friends in other locations to come and spend time here.

Our Shire is centrally located in an area that has "The most extensive, coherent and best-surviving gold rush landscape, anywhere." That is the view of international experts who have studied our region and assessed it to help us make a Bid for World Heritage listing which we are advancing with 12 of our neighbouring municipalities.

Our Tourism and Events Strategy recognises the importance of this Bid and how well positioned our Shire is to uniquely tell the wonderful story of gold and our gold rush heritage. It also reminds us of our great fortune to have the splendid Maryborough Railway Station to provide a fitting base to tell this story.

Recently we were very fortunate indeed to receive \$1.8 million from the Victorian Government for the further activation of Maryborough Station with Council adding a further \$200,000.

Our Visitor Information Centre (VIC), which has already been relocated there, is looking fantastic and a "must visit" location. The VIC showcases the exciting destinations, touring routes and trails around our Shire and region and also has some lovely gifts and souvenirs for sale.

The next stage of activation will enable us to tell the story of gold in added engaging dynamic and contemporary ways.

Do spend time at our VIC and see how many places there are to visit and discover around the Shire and enjoy the experiences, goods and services it has on offer. You won't be disappointed.

Follow the updates of the Maryborough Station activation project and enjoy the added thrill when our planning and work is concluded to further showcase our spectacular Shire and region. I have no doubt you will see why our international experts concluded that "quite simply it is unparalleled."

### **Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor**

Mayor

Follow the Mayor on Facebook [@centralgoldfieldsmayor](#)

\* At the time of writing this column, government restrictions were in place across Victoria.



### **We'd love to hear your feedback on this publication**

**Did you read it, was it worthwhile? Is there a story or information you'd like to see included in an upcoming edition?**

Please send your feedback to [media@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:media@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

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**Congratulations to our CEO Lucy Roffey on her appointment to the Victorian Government's inaugural Homes Victoria Board.**

In this role Lucy will have an opportunity to contribute to addressing the social and affordable housing needs of Regional Victoria.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

## \$1.8 MILLION FOR STATION PROJECT

Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas visited Maryborough in May to announce \$1.8 million in funding for the Maryborough Railway Station Activation Project.

The funding, as part of the Victorian Government's Stronger Regional Communities Program, will build on the recent relocation of the Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre and the opening of the new co-working space.

Council will contribute a further \$200,000 making Stage 2 a \$2 million project.

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



**Pictured L to R:**

*Cr Liesbeth Long, CEO Lucy Roffey, Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas MP, Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor, Cr Grace La Vella and Cr Anna De Villiers at the announcement.*

“The funding allows us to increase visitation by providing immersive, engaging and incredibly exciting contemporary experiences that promote further exploration of our Shire and the entire Goldfields region. This will help our tourism and hospitality sector leverage off the opportunities that emerge from the Victorian Goldfields World Heritage bid as it evolves. We will tell that exciting story showing why the Central Victorian Goldfields is unique in the history of the world.”

— Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor

## DOING BUSINESS WITH COUNCIL

Unfortunately due to recent Government restrictions, our **Doing Business with Council** breakfast event was cancelled.

With more than \$20 million in projects to be delivered during the 2021/22 financial year, the event was planned to help support local businesses to understand the opportunities available to benefit from these works.

The event was to cover topics including applying for tenders and also how businesses can become a verified supplier in order to provide goods and services.

At the time of going to print a new date was yet to be confirmed for the event.

Keep an eye out for the new event date via our full-age Community News advertisement in *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday, as well as Council's Facebook page [@centralgoldfields](https://www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields) and website [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au)

Businesses wishing to find out more are encouraged to contact Council's Economic Development Officer Brian Gould on 0419 762 793 or email [brian.gould@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:brian.gould@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)



### MARYBOROUGH AERODROME TASKFORCE

Six community members and stakeholders were appointed to the inaugural Maryborough Aerodrome Taskforce at the July Council Meeting.

The group is tasked with providing advice to Council on future use and development of the Maryborough Aerodrome.

An Expression of Interest process for membership to the group was held in June.

To find out more visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/aerodrometaskforce](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/aerodrometaskforce)

### COUNCIL TENDERS

Did you know we advertise current Council tenders and quotations to procure goods and services in our full page Community News advertisement in *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday?

All Council tenders are also advertised online via the Tender Search portal. To find out more about Council tenders visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/tenders](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/tenders)



Shaping Central Goldfields was launched in May to deliver a series of strategic documents including the Community Vision, Council Plan and the Financial Plan.

## COMMUNITY VISION FEEDBACK

In June we asked our community to share feedback as part of our Shaping Central Goldfields project. Thank you to the 180 plus residents who took the time to tell us how we could make our community even better.

**Some of the main themes of the feedback were:**

### What do you love about the Central Goldfields?

Sense of community

Space

Location

### In 2031 I would like Central Goldfields to be...

More employment opportunities and services

Inclusive

Vibrant and thriving

### What are the biggest challenges facing our community in the next 10 years?

Access to health and wellbeing services

Our ageing community

Activating our next generation of volunteers

### The feedback received will be used to develop a 10-year Community Vision.

Community members will be invited to review the Draft Community Vision in August/September before being considered by Council for adoption in October.

## Community conversations– thank you

Over the past few months we've hosted Community Conversations at Maryborough, Dunolly, Talbot and Bealiba.

The events, co-facilitated by Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor and Council's Manager Community Engagement Kylie Long, were an opportunity to discuss strategic priorities and provide feedback on the 10-year community plans that were developed in 2019.

Due to the pandemic providing feedback on the outcomes was stalled and so the events were an opportunity to reconnect with the project.

Thank you to everyone who attended the events and contributed. The next step is to develop a draft action plan for each township.

For more information, and for updates, visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/communityplans](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/communityplans)

## COUNCIL APPOINTS COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

A representative group of community members have been appointed to the Shaping Central Goldfields Community Advisory Group.

The group has been established to help inform Shaping Central Goldfields - and will function until the documents are adopted by Council.

Following an expression of interest process, the group has been appointed to reflect the diversity of the community by location, age, gender and cultural background.

The following community members accepted appointment to the group:

- Rebecca Ettridge
- Bradley Saul
- Belinda Fabry
- Felicity Martin
- Lachlan Fredricksen
- Adrian Masterman-Smith
- Riley Upton
- Michelle Baker
- Aleisha Borg
- Alex Lewington
- Joy Stephens-Jones
- Jackson Barby
- Michael Chainey
- Kerry Stewart
- Jacqueline Rozenfield
- Jude Meldrum
- Charlotte Dowell
- Marita Elliott

For more information about Shaping Central Goldfields visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/communityvision](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/communityvision)



Council is hosting a series of conversations to share information, and answer questions, about local projects in Carisbrook.

A second conversation event will be held late August/early September.

Visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/communityconversations](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/communityconversations) for updates.



## 2021/22 BUDGET

In June, Council adopted the 2021/22 Budget.

As part of the four-week engagement process, three people provided us with written submissions and 17 people attended community information sessions in Maryborough, Carisbrook, Dunolly and Talbot.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to read the Proposed Budget, attend community information sessions and provide input.

The 2021/22 Council Budget includes:

- \$20.9 million plus Capital Works budget (including \$12.3 million in grant funding)
- Rate rise of 1.5% in line with the Victorian Government determined rate cap
- 3% increase to waste charges to meet the increasing costs of managing waste.

To view the Budget visit

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

## REVENUE AND RATING PLAN

In June, Council adopted the 2021-2025 Revenue and Rating Plan following a four-week community consultation period, with no feedback or submissions received.

The Plan guides how rates will be set in our Shire now and into the future. To view the Plan visit

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



## POSITIVE AGEING STRATEGY

During June we invited feedback on the Draft Positive Ageing Strategy 2021 – 2026.

Thank you to the 136 community members who took the time to provide us with their feedback.

Some of the themes of the feedback included:

- Better advocacy on behalf of the community across a range of areas, including positive ageing
- Greater investment and focus on assisting community to adjust to technology
- More investment needed for services and support for people to age well
- Strategy is ambitious and requires resources behind it
- Contributions had been heard, understood and captured within the objectives of the Plan

This feedback is now being reviewed with the Draft Plan to be considered for adoption at the August Council Meeting.

## GET INVOLVED

The following documents will be available for community feedback in the coming months:

- Disability Action Plan
- Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan

Visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au) to get involved.



## SUPPORTING VOLUNTEERISM

Thank you to the residents who took the time to provide feedback on our Draft Volunteer Strategy and Action Plan. Special thanks to the 20 volunteers who joined us for a conversation about volunteering during May.

It was a valuable discussion, with participants generous in sharing their experiences of volunteering with us.

This feedback helped us to finalise the Strategy and Action Plan so that Council, in partnership with the Maryborough Volunteer Resource Centre,

can better support and enhance volunteerism in our community.

The final documents will be considered by Council for adoption at the August Council Meeting.

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

## Community Satisfaction Survey

Thank you to the 400 local residents who shared their feedback on the 2021 Local Government Satisfaction Survey. At the July Council Meeting, Council received and noted the Survey.

You can read the results and Council's response to the survey at [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/customersatisfactionsurvey2021](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/customersatisfactionsurvey2021)

# MARYBOROUGH NEWS



## Skate and Scooter Park

Maryborough will soon be home to a Skate and Scooter Park with works due for completion late 2021.

The \$643,260 project is funded by the Victorian Government, Council and the Avoca Co-operative and Community Enterprise Foundation™



## Maryborough Library

The Maryborough Library is set to be modernised with a new circulation desk, flexible shelving and fresh paint and carpet.

The \$145,000 project is funded by the Victorian Government.



## Princes Park Grandstand

Preserving the iconic Princes Park Grandstand for future generations is the focus of the Cultural Management Plan.

The Plan will provide a detailed assessment of the facility so that Council can develop an affordable, staged plan of works for its restoration and conservation.

The Plan will go to Council to be considered for adoption in September.



## Central Goldfields Art Gallery

A major redevelopment of the Central Goldfields Art Gallery in Maryborough will commence in October with works expected to be complete by June, 2022.

The project will see the Gallery upgraded to meet the requirements of a contemporary public art gallery and ensure the Gallery meets national standards in the presentation of artworks for both touring exhibitions and local content.

The project is funded with \$1.7 million from the Victorian Government and \$273,000 from Council's 2020/21 Budget.



The Derby Road enhancement project was completed in May. As part of the project, 30 Japanese Elm trees were planted with Tuscan stones filling the space between the trees. Irrigation was also installed.



## Maryborough Outdoor Pool

In 2018 a Conservation Management Plan identified \$2 million in urgent works to the Maryborough Outdoor Pool were needed, with the Victorian Government providing valuable funding for the project last year.

The project, set to commence in October this year, will deliver much-needed maintenance works to the 50m pool, octagonal pool, filter and plant room and entrance pavilion.

Due to the timing of the project, unfortunately, this means that the Maryborough Outdoor Pool will not be open for the 2021/22 outdoor pool season.

We understand that the closure will cause inconvenience and disappointment to our local community.

The timing for the works is based on expert advice, with warm weather preferable as low water table levels reduce the risk of damage to the pool shell. We are also required to deliver the project by mid-2022 to meet funding requirements.

Council and the Maryborough Outdoor Pool management – Unified Community Sport & Leisure – are currently working together to create opportunities for local residents to access alternative pool facilities during the summer season.

More information on this will be communicated in the coming months.

## Let there be light

Works to install 10 new lights, as well as replace the existing lighting with energy efficient LED solar lights, around Lake Victoria is underway.

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

The project is the result of a funding application by Council in response to community feedback as part of the development of the Active Central Goldfields Recreation and Open Space Strategy, Your Community 2020 Community Plan and the Active Living Census.

For more information on these projects, including opportunities to provide feedback, visit [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

## ROAD RESEALING PROGRAM

**Did you know we have 524 kilometres of sealed (bitumen roads) in our Shire?**

Sealed roads typically have a 15-year life span so, every year we allocate funding to keep them maintained. In the 2020/21 Council Budget, \$614,000 was budgeted for this work.

The list of roads to be re-sealed is determined from our Asset Management System, which prioritises reseals based on the condition data we have for all local roads.

In recent months we've re-sealed 42 roads totalling over 18km. This has included sections of road at the following locations: Amherst, Archdale, Bealiba, Bet Bet, Bung Bong, Carisbrook, Dunolly, Maryborough, Moolort and Wareek.



## DUNOLLY NEWS

### PLANTER BOXES

Outdoor planter boxes are now in place along Broadway outside the Golden Grain Café, Railway Hotel, Country Kitchen, All Day on Broadway and feature Nandina and Cordilyne plants as well as an ornamental olive shrub.

Made possible thanks to funding from the State Government's Outdoor Eating and Entertainment Package, the planter boxes are aimed at supporting the hospitality industry to rebuild from the economic and social impacts of the pandemic.

All components of the boxes have been purchased or made locally. The timber was sourced from Talbot Timbers, plants from Carramar Nursery with construction by Maryborough Education Centre students.

### UPGRADE WORKS

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

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

### FITNESS CLASSES

The outdoor exercise equipment at the Gordon Gardens has had a workout recently.

Thanks to Sports Focus and the Victorian Government's Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative Dunolly locals have attended a series of classes led by a Fitness Instructor.

For future events follow the Sports Focus Facebook page.

### ROAD WORKS

Road re-construction works on Dunolly Avoca Road (between Racecourse Road and Shaw Track) in Dunolly are underway.

The project includes drainage works, road pavement reconstruction and safety barrier construction.

The project is expected to be completed this month (weather depending) and has been funded by the Victorian Government AgriLinks Upgrade Program.



Congratulations to the Laanecoorie Dunolly Cricket Club for securing Victoria Government funding to install a new electronic messaging and scoreboard at Deledio Park.



*Pictured: Chrissy and Rebecca from our Library team at the new Dunolly Library.*

Dunolly is now home to a dedicated library facility at 42 Market Street – the former police station building.

The project has been made possible by the collaboration between Council and the Dunolly Historic Precinct Committee which cares for the Town Hall, Court House and Old Jail and has graciously lent the old Police Station to our library team.

The new facility provides Dunolly and district residents with more resources, services, activities, longer opening hours, computer access, free WIFI and additional children's programming.

The facility replaces the visiting Outreach Van service and has been made possible thanks to \$140,000 in funding from the Victorian Government.

**The Dunolly Library is open Tuesdays, 9am to 1pm and Thursdays, 1 to 5pm.**

### GORDON GARDENS

Progress has been made on the Gordon Gardens Master Plan project in recent months. Our Operations team have completed: Bowl's Club water tanks relocated and plumbed; Senior Citizen building ramps extended; new walking path; and new sliding gate at the Bowls Club.

The next stage of the project will see the development of the vacant block beside the Senior Citizens building into a carpark, including disabled parking spots. No work is planned for the driveway area to the south of the bowls club, and further discussion will be held with the community on this aspect of the Master Plan.

For more information on the project, including a copy of the Gordon Gardens Master Plan and opportunities to provide feedback, visit: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/gordongardens](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/gordongardens)

### NEW SEATING

A new picnic table and two new park benches have been installed in Rene Fox Gardens in response to community feedback.

## BEALIBA NEWS



### NEW FOOTPATH

A new footpath along Main Street, Bealiba – running along the north side of the road from opposite the Town Hall to Davies Street – is now complete.

The new footpath is approximately 140 metres long and was funded for as part of Council's footpaths renewals budget.

### UPGRADE WORKS

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

- Kitchen upgraded at Bealiba Hall
- New play equipment and shade sails to be installed at playground

### DRINKING FOUNTAIN

In response to community feedback, we've partnered with Coliban Water to install a new water drinking fountain at Orme Snowden Park in Bealiba.

# CARISBROOK NEWS



## RECREATION RESERVE UPGRADE

The \$4,495,000 upgrade to the Carisbrook Recreation Reserve is now underway. The project will be delivered in four stages and is expected to be completed by mid 2022. The project, jointly funded by Council and the Victorian Government, will deliver an accessible and inclusive modern sporting facility and community hub for the growing population of Carisbrook and district.

## CARISBROOK LEVEE

Construction of Stage Three of the Carisbrook Levee is continuing. In July, works to relocate Telstra, NBN, water and gas services, were carried out.

Twin cell box culverts across the Pyrenees Highway (located to the west of Pleasant Street, Carisbrook) are currently being installed. The culverts will redirect the overland flows along the levee when the southern section of the levee is completed.

## NEW FOOTPATH

The new footpath along Green Street is now complete.

The footpath was constructed by our operations team and funded for as part of Council's footpaths renewals budget.

## UPGRADE WORKS

Thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Infrastructure Program the following project will be delivered:

- Repair roof and gutters at the Carisbrook Town Hall

## TULLAROOP CREEK MAINTENANCE WORKS

Maintenance works have recently been undertaken along Tullaroop Creek within Carisbrook. These maintenance works include the removal of tree samplings and any recently fallen trees that are blocking the waterway. Various stockpiles of materials along the creek are to be mulched and disposed of in the coming weeks, weather depending.

The works are being carried out by Dja Dja Wurrung Works Crew contractors.

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

# TALBOT NEWS

## OUTDOOR EXERCISE EQUIPMENT

Talbot's Pioneer Reserve will soon be home to new outdoor exercise equipment.

The project, made possible thanks to funding as part of the Victorian Government's Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative, is expected to be complete by the end of August, weather permitting.

The equipment will be Rainforest Green in colour – which was voted on by our Talbot and district community during May.

## UPGRADE WORKS

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

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

## KINDER RE-OPENING

Great news for the Talbot and District community with the announcement that the YMCA run Talbot Kindergarten will re-open in 2022!

## UPGRADES TO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE ACROSS THE SHIRE

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

### Majorca

- Painting and replacement of fly screens complete at Majorca Town Hall
- Shade sail to be installed at playground
- Front fence at Cenotaph to be replaced

### Timor/Bowenvale

- New air conditioner installed at Community Hall
- Upgrade to Timor Hall toilets underway
- Shade sails, fencing and new play equipment to be installed at playground

### Adelaide Lead

- Upgrade existing switchboard and rewiring of the Community Hall

### Wareek

- New gutters, fascia, gable flashing, painting and hot water system to be installed
- Kitchen floor covering and new air conditioner installed

### Daisy Hill

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

### Bet Bet

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



The Central Goldfields Art Gallery is set to undergo a major redevelopment. See page 6 for details

CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS  
ART  
GALLERY

## ON NOW AT THE GALLERY

### WINTER LIGHT I & II

On exhibition now until 5 September, 2021

Winter Light I & Winter Light II provide a snapshot into the creative energy of visual artists living in the northern and southern parts of the Central Goldfields Shire.

**Winter Light I** – Featuring works from Anna Ashton, Tenar Dwyer and Val Wilkinson – artists from Bealiba and Dunolly.

**Winter Light II** – Featuring works from Rosy Hardress, Jason Luca, Belinda Michael, Fiona Somerville and Tiffany Titshall – artists from Majorca and Talbot.



Val Wilkinson, 'Birds with Attitude' series, Silver Gull triptych, 2016; mixed media - watercolour, gouache, ink; 1560 wide x 740mm high

### WORD PICTURES

As part of the Words in Winter Festival, the Maryborough Writers' Group will write their interpretations in response to viewing four art works from the Central Goldfields Art Gallery permanent collection.

These literary responses will be shared in a public reading session at Central Goldfields Art Gallery on Friday 13 August at 10am. All members of the public are welcome to attend to listen to the readings and see the artworks. To book your ticket(s) go to: <https://linktr.ee/CGArtGallery>

### ANTIQUe, ART & COLLECTABLES ROADSHOW VALUATION DAY

Sunday 15 August 2021, 11am to 4pm

Members of the public are welcome to bring in art, antiques, and collectables to be valued by Simon Storey from Simon Storey Valuers. There will be a \$5 donation per item (donations will go toward purchasing artworks for Central Goldfields Art Gallery's permanent collection).

Each person will receive an informal verbal appraisal on their item. This will be a public session – so people are welcome to listen to the discussions about each item.

### TRAVELLING SUITCASES!

On exhibition until 30 August, 2021

The National Gallery of Australia's Art Cases program comprises of art-filled cases, that aim to inspire creativity, inclusivity, engagement and learning.

These cases will be accessible at various venues throughout the Shire, with all works able to be discovered and handled by adults and children of all ages.

For more information and to book the art cases to travel to your venue please call 03 5461 6600 or email [cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:cgsc.art@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au) or go to <https://linktr.ee/CGArtGallery>



One of the National Gallery of Australia Art Cases including new works: (on top of case, left to right) Carmichael Water carrying vessels, Jimmy John Thaiday *Kebi Nam*, (in front of case, left to right) Penny Evans *Burnt Banksia*, Karla Dickens *Block and Tackle*, James Tylor *Kaurna Wirri Katha*, Angela Valemanesh *Miscellaneous* works.

### Central Goldfields Art Gallery is situated in the Old Fire Station, 1 Neill Street, Maryborough.

The Gallery is open 10am to 4pm,  
Thursday to Sunday and entry is free.

#### Connect with the Gallery:

You can contact the Gallery team via:

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

📍 @CGAGMaryborough

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GOLDFIELDS  
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# GOLDFIELDS FAMILY CENTRE NEWS



## KINDERGARTEN IN 2022

Thank you to all families who have accessed the online central registration system to register their child for kindergarten in 2022.

The central registration system is for all seven kindergartens in the Shire and ensures that all local children receive an opportunity to receive a kindergarten education.

First and second round offers have now closed with a third round to open on 4 October, 2021.

If your child/ren is eligible for kindergarten in 2022 please visit [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment) or email [Central.Registrations@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:Central.Registrations@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

## FOR NEW PARENTS

Our Maternal and Child Health team regularly hosts sessions for new parents:

**New Parents Group** – a free, weekly facilitated six- week program open to parents under the age of four months.

The Group meets every Monday from 10.30am to 12.30pm commencing on the following dates:

- Until Monday 30 August (this group is now underway new parents welcome)
- Monday 18 October to Monday 29 November

**Eat and Grow** – a free, one-off information session open to parents with a baby aged between four and six months of age.

- Monday 27 September, 10.30am to 12.30pm
- Monday 13 December, 10.30am to 12.30pm

All sessions listed above will be held at the Nurture and Learning Space which is located at the Maryborough Resource Centre (next to the Maryborough Library).

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



### Looking for more information on the Goldfields Family Centre?

- 🌐 [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/goldfieldsfamilycentre](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/goldfieldsfamilycentre)
- 📱 @Goldfieldscc
- ☎ 5461 6500
- ✉ [goldfieldsfamilycentre@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:goldfieldsfamilycentre@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

## NEW HOME FOR TOY LIBRARY



*Pictured: Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor with Maryborough Toy Library committee members and their children*

The Maryborough Toy Library will soon relocate to its new home at the Tate Building in Nolan Street, Maryborough.

The move follows a partnership between the Maryborough Toy Library Committee and Council to determine a new suitable site. The new home offers the Toy Library with a bigger space, better access and plenty of car-parking and the capacity to extend its opening hours.

To find out more about the Maryborough Toy Library, including updates on its relocation, follow the Maryborough Toy Library on Facebook or visit [maryboroughtoylibrary.setls.com.au](http://maryboroughtoylibrary.setls.com.au)



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# GO GOLDFIELDS NEWS

Go Goldfields has opened its new, dedicated space at the Maryborough Resource Centre.

The Hon. Mary-Anne Thomas, Minister for Regional Development formally launched the new headquarters (HQ) and community space in May marking another significant milestone in the story of this social change partnership.

During her visit the Minister also announced a \$1 million commitment from the Victorian Government towards the work of Go Goldfields, specifically the Every Child, Every Chance initiative, aimed at ensuring every child in the Shire has every chance to grow up healthy, safe, and confident.



**Pictured:** Minister for Regional Development Mary-Anne Thomas MP with Go Goldfields community leader Caroline Thoroughgood and her two-year-old daughter Penny.



**The Nest is a community-led, professionally supported parent drop-in space.**

Stemming from a partnership between Maryborough District Health Service, Best Start, Council and Go Goldfields, The Nest is open every Wednesday from 10am to 1pm for new and soon-to-be parents to connect with each other.

The Nest responds to the need expressed by parents for a welcoming space for parents and carers to learn from each other, find out about services available in the Shire. The Nest is supported by Best Start facilitator Shelly Feilding.

## COLLABORATION & ENGAGEMENT SPACE

HQ is home to a purpose-built, flexible space to accommodate networking events, co-located working spaces, forums, and workshops. The central location is accessible and provides a neutral space where a range of different organisations can focus on working together in our community-led model to make a difference.

## NURTURE & LEARNING SPACE

As part of the Go Goldfields Every Child, Every Chance initiative a new Nurture & Learning Space has been created at the HQ. The space provides:

- A welcoming community space for families.
- Home to 'the Nest' a community led and professionally supported drop-in program for families.
- Access to a maternal child health nurse.
- A child friendly and accessible meeting place for facilitated Maternal Child Health First Parent groups.
- Peer led learning opportunities and flexible information sessions to support parenting and caring for children.



## Feedback - thank you!

Thank you to the 200 parents and carers who took the time to provide feedback as part of our Every Child, Every Chance community engagement program recently.

The discussions focused on what is needed to support children and families. We heard from you about what the challenges and pressure points are for families and caregivers as they undertake their important role in raising children. As well as hearing from children about what is important to them to feel safe and happy!

We will share the feedback from this engagement and talk about what next at our open-invitation Community Roundtable at the GG HQ on Wednesday 18 August from 10am to 12noon - all welcome.

To find out more and to keep up-to-date with the latest news and information:

- 📌 @GoGoldfields and @EveryChildEveryChance
- 🌐 www.GoGoldfields.org

# SUSTAINABILITY NEWS

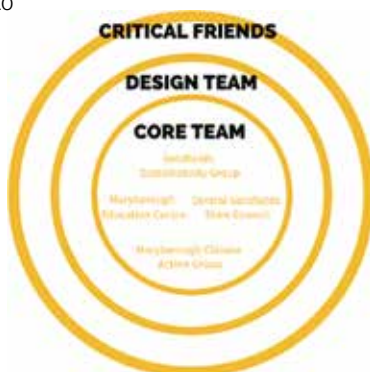
## CLIMATE ACTION COLLABORATION

We've partnered with the Maryborough Climate Action Group, Goldfields Sustainability Group and the Maryborough Education Centre to initiate and support a collaborative approach to climate action in the Central Goldfields Shire.

Expressions of Interest were called for from the Central Goldfields community last month, resulting in the formation of a team of leaders from our school, business, industry and farming communities. The team will come together over five workshops between August and December to gather insights and ideas about climate change from the broader community.

The outcome will be a climate change response designed for the community by the community.

Watch this space!



For more information, or if you are interested in being involved, contact Council's Sustainability Officer Julia Walsh via email [julia.walsh@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:julia.walsh@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au) or call 0428 895 491.

## MORE AUSTRALIAN SOLAR HOMES

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

The new Solar for Business rebate from the Victorian Government is currently worth up to \$3,500 for systems sized up to 30kW. The rebate is for businesses who own their premises and also for those who rent.

The Solar for Business rebate will decrease to \$1,750 once the current allocation of rebates runs out.

For more information or to request an obligation-free quote through the <https://mash.org.au> or contact the MASH Team on 1300 466 274 or by e-mail [info@cvga.org.au](mailto:info@cvga.org.au).



### Want to know more about solar panels and the MASH - More Australian Solar Homes. Community solar bulk-buy initiative?

The MASH team will host a free 90-minute information session on Wednesday 1 September from 6 to 7.30pm at the Resource Centre, Maryborough.

You can book your attendance at <https://mash.org.au>

## VICTORIAN ENERGY COLLABORATION

In May, Council announced it was one of 46 local governments to sign up to VECO, the Victorian Energy Collaboration, the largest emissions reduction project ever undertaken by local government in Australia.

This means we'll be pooling our energy needs into a long-term contract to power our streetlights, council buildings, libraries, community venues and halls with renewable energy generated from wind farms right here in Victoria.

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

## VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE RECEIVES ACCREDITATION



In June, the newly re-located Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre (VIC) received the accreditation 'tick' of approval!

This means our VIC has met a set of standards established by the State Government for the tourism industry – with the highest standards of customer service and good business practices in place.

Since opening at the iconic Maryborough Railway Station, the VIC has welcomed more than 4,400 visitors through its doors - more than double pre-COVID visitation.

The move – part of a plan to put tourism front-and-centre of the region's economic development – sees the VIC located within a significant historic attraction which has been met with plenty of positive feedback from visitors.

The Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre is open seven days, 9am to 5pm (except Good Friday and Christmas Day).



Connect with the Tourism team:

- @Visit.Maryborough
- @visitmaryboroughandsurrounds
- [www.visitmaryborough.com.au](http://www.visitmaryborough.com.au)
- 1800 356 511
- [visitorinfo@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:visitorinfo@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)



## ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH NEWS

### COMMUNICATIONS UPGRADE

Information Technology is key to the delivery of the award-winning Energy Breakthrough event – from registrations to lap timing as well as general internet access for staff and volunteers.

Thanks to Victorian Government funding, a \$789,373 Communications Upgrade is underway ready for this year's event.

This contract is part of a \$1.5 million upgrade to the event, with the full program of works to be delivered by November, 2022.

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

For more information and updates on the Energy Breakthrough visit [www.eb.org.au](http://www.eb.org.au) or follow [@ebmaryborough](https://www.facebook.com/ebmaryborough) on Facebook

## TOUCH-FREE DRINKING FOUNTAIN



The Energy Breakthrough event has partnered with Central Highlands Water to install a new touch-free water fountain in Princes Park.

The state-of-the-art touchless water fountain is located at the Jubilee Oval clubrooms and will encourage visitors and participants to bring reusable bottles to the event.

This is just one of the many great initiatives as part of the \$1.5 million grant awarded to Energy Breakthrough from Regional Development Victoria as part of the Crisis Committee of Cabinet Infrastructure Fund.

*Pictured:* Central Highlands Water's Acting Manager of Customer Services Kylie Paterson, Council's Manager Tourism, Events and Culture Emma Little and Central Goldfields Shire Cr and Energy Breakthrough Chairperson Liesbeth Long.

# LIBRARY NEWS

With the dedicated new Dunolly Library facility now open (see page 7 for more info) and the Maryborough Regional Library upgrade (see page 6 for more info) to commence in the coming months, it's an exciting time for library-lovers across the municipality.

To keep up-to-date with these projects, and for the latest Library news and information:

- Facebook [@MBLibVIC](#)
- Instagram [@mblibvic](#)
- Website [www.centralhighlandlibraries.org.au](http://www.centralhighlandlibraries.org.au)
- Phone 5461 9111
- Email [maryboroughlibrary@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:maryboroughlibrary@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)



Sand-art workshops and a visit from the Flying Bookworm Theatre Company were popular activities as part of the Library's July school holiday program (pictured above).

## LOCAL RESIDENTS GET ACTIVE

The Move It program – aimed at encouraging older residents to get active for fitness, enjoyment and social connection – will finish up next month.

Since its inception in March, participant numbers continued to grow with more than 90 participants enjoying a weekly walking group and mobility, balance and strength exercises classes in Maryborough and Talbot.

The program was rolled out locally as part of the Loddon Mallee Region 'Move It' project – funded by the Australian Government through a Sports Australia Better Ageing Grant.



Are you aged 12 to 25 years of age with ideas for fun programs and events for young people, or looking to get involved in your community?

The Central Goldfields Youth team is looking for exciting new ideas for activities in our region, and we want to hear from you!

Message us on Facebook and Instagram to share your ideas, or follow us for news, events, giveaways and all things youth in Central Goldfields!

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



## NAIDOC WEEK

The Central Goldfields community braved wet and wintery conditions on Wednesday, 14 July to acknowledge NAIDOC Week at the Goldfields Reservoir in Maryborough.

A walk, Cleansing, Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony featured as part of the event, which was attended by St Augustine's and Dunolly Primary School Students, community members and various community organisations who partnered on the delivery of the event.

The smoking ceremony and didgeridoo performance by Uncle Rick Nelson and Jason Kerr, along with words from Bendigo District Aboriginal Cooperative Aboriginal Lead Practitioner Belinda Payne on what NAIDOC and heal county means to her were highlights of the event.

Well done to all the community organisations and partners involved – Asteria Services, Bendigo District Aboriginal Co-operative, Victoria Police, Anglicare Victoria, Loddon Campaspe Community Legal Centre, WellWays, Best Start, Lions Club, Maryborough District Health Service, Central Highlands Water, Arc Justice, Maryborough Education Centre, AFL Central Victoria and The Orange Door.

## LOST OR MISSING ANIMALS



### Did you know the Central Goldfields Shire Pound cares for hundreds of lost and surrendered animals every year?

The Central Goldfields Shire Pound is located at 70 Burns Street, Maryborough. It is open by appointment only and staffed by members of Council's Compliance team.

If your pet is missing, or you have found a lost pet, you can notify Council's Ranger via **0407 508 448**. Compliance staff will respond to these enquiries during business hours.

If you are interested in adopting a pet keep an eye on the Central Goldfields Rehoming Facebook page **@centralgoldfields.rehoming** and the Robyn's Nest Animal Rescue website **www.petrescue.com.au/groups/10610** and the Robyn's Nest all the Rest Animal Rescue Facebook page.

Animals are cared for at the Pound while Council staff attempt to find their owners. If the owner cannot be found, the animals are assessed for their health and temperament by Maryborough Veterinary Practice and then made available for adoption.

## WANDERING STOCK



### Livestock on roads can cause great danger to motorists.

Just a friendly reminder, that if you own or provide agistment for livestock, you must set up and maintain adequate fencing so the animals you keep on your land cannot escape.

Penalties apply for wandering livestock under Council's Local Law. If you do see wandering stock on the road, please notify the landowner where possible.

If it's not possible to identify who the stock belongs to, please contact Council's Compliance team on **0407 508 448** to confirm the location of the stock. Subject to staff availability, staff will respond to these high risk and dangerous reports within the hour.

## NEED TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT?

### Making applying for a permit easier

Launched in June last year, Council's Better Approvals process was introduced to streamline the permit approval process for local businesses.

Council receives around 2 to 3 enquiries every week as part of the program – ranging from new businesses, working from home proposals and signage requests.

If you are looking to open a new business, or if you are an existing business with a permit requirement, we encourage you to contact us.

Council's Manager Statutory Services Amy Bell will work with you to determine what permits, exemptions or prohibitions apply across our statutory planning, building, environmental health and local laws departments.

For more information and to get in touch visit **www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/businesspermits**



### Planning enquiries

In-person pre-application planning appointments are available with Council's Planning Team (Covid-19 restrictions dependant). To book an appointment please contact Council's Customer Service team on **5461 0610** and ask to speak with the Planning Department.

General enquires, including if you require a planning permit, and information about possible use and development on properties for sale in the area, can be made by calling us on **5461 0610** or by emailing your request to **mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au**

A member of Council's Planning Team will be available every Wednesday between 10am and 12 noon (Covid-19 restrictions dependant) – if you will require more than 10 minutes please make an appointment so we can give you the time and advice you need.

General information can be accessed at **www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/planning-and-building**

### Building enquiries

Our Building team offer a drop-in service on Tuesdays and Thursdays, or by appointment. To make an appointment with Council's Building team Council's contact Customer Service team on 5461 0610 and ask to speak with the Building Department. General information can also be accessed at **www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/planning-and-building**



## LET'S GO WALKING

Join us for one of our Winter Warmer Walks - the perfect opportunity to get out and about whilst enjoying some fresh air and connecting with your town and community. Our first series of walks in May and June were such a great success, a second round of walks are now underway during August:

- **Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre - Dunolly Bush Riches:** Wednesday 11 August at 1pm with local naturalist Murray Hall.
- **Goldfields Education and Learning House – Industrial History:** Monday 16 August at 10am with Adrian Masterman-Smith.
- **Maryborough Community House – Roscholler Park Bush:** Saturday 21 August at 1pm with David Leviston.
- **Dunolly Neighbourhood Centre – Historic Buildings:** Wednesday 25 August at 1pm with Kath Ryan.

To find out more and to book contact the Central Goldfields Visitor Information Centre on **5460 4511**.

## HOW TO REPORT A PROBLEM TO COUNCIL



**Lodge a request or report a problem to us quickly and easily via:**

- **Phone:** Call our Customer Service Team on 5461 0610
- **Email:** [mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)
- **Online:** [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/reportaproblem](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/reportaproblem)



Central Goldfields Shire is a member of Translations Services Australia, which provides assistance to those who are non-English speaking to translate information Council provides to the community. The service is FREE. **131 450 or [www.tisnational.gov.au](http://www.tisnational.gov.au)**



## COVID VACCINATION HUB NOW OPEN

We're proud to have partnered with Maryborough District Health Service to set up the Community Vaccination Hub at the Community Hub, 48 Burns Street Maryborough.

To book your COVID vaccination call 5461 0300 between 8.30am and 12 noon Monday to Friday.

For more information, visit: [www.mdhs.vic.gov.au/covid-clinic/](http://www.mdhs.vic.gov.au/covid-clinic/)

## CONTACT US

Our Customer Service Centre is open for cashier payments, Monday to Friday, 9am to 4pm.

**You can contact our Customer Service team via:**

- ☎ 5461 0610
- ✉ [mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:mail@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)

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

- 📘 [www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields](https://www.facebook.com/centralgoldfields)
- 🐦 [www.twitter.com/CG\\_Shire](https://www.twitter.com/CG_Shire)
- 🌐 [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au) and [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au)
- 📌 Central Goldfields Shire Council

We also encourage you to:

- read our full-page Community News advertisement in *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday
- listen in to CEO Lucy Roffey's weekly radio interview on Gold Central Victoria every Wednesday at 8.10am.

**Please note** - at the time of this publication going to print government restrictions were in place. The information, whilst accurate at the time, does have the potential to change due to the ever-changing nature of the pandemic. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

## JOIN OUR TEAM

Current employment opportunities are available to view any time via our website [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentvacancies](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentvacancies) They are also advertised in the Positions Vacant section of *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday.