



CENTRAL
GOLDFIELDS
SHIRE COUNCIL



Community Update Spring 2022

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Pictured:

Maryborough's biggest annual event,
Energy Breakthrough returns
16–20 November, 2022.

Welcome to our spring edition of the Community Update.

After a chilly winter with a good share of rain, spring is in the air and this spring edition of the Community Update is bursting with events and activities for everyone. Accordingly we decided to make inclusion the key theme of this edition. Inclusion is fundamental to our Community Vision with its valuing of diversity.

This is also a time when we want to recognise the value of partnerships and the positive outcomes which happen because of them. The events and activities you will read about in this edition result from partnerships and Council is incredibly grateful to so many community groups and volunteers who work so hard over such a long time to create great things for our community.

The Goldfields Community Festival, to be held on Saturday 15 October 2022, is especially exciting as it connects families together but also with the services which are available to them in a relaxing, fun environment.

There is much excitement within Dunolly and throughout the Shire and region with the return of the Gold Rush Festival on 22 and 23 October, 2022. The last Festival was held in 2006 and its return is a real tribute to the vision and hard work of the community groups committed to make it happen.

Like most regional towns and locations our employers struggle to find specialist employees in many areas, with a Council survey showing that over two thirds experienced difficulty or serious difficulty in staff recruitment. Our Welcome to Central Goldfields project will seek to staff some of those vacancies by skilled migrants who we welcome with their families to our Shire. Council is partnering with a range of community organisations and Blackfella Films who will film our efforts. We welcome this project which will assist our employers and add rich diversity.

Another first-time exciting event will be our Maryborough Pride Festival on Saturday 28 January 2023, which will be a fun event where we stress that our community is a safe and welcoming community.

You will also find updates from Ward Councillors, a Council Plan progress update and so much more.

Let's all join in and celebrate inclusion and diversity and have great fun in the process.

Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor

Mayor

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📺 Central Goldfields Shire Council

- Read our full-page Community News advertisement in *The Maryborough District Advertiser* every Friday.
- Listen to CEO Lucy Roffey's weekly radio interview on Gold Central Victoria every Wednesday around 7.45am.
- Listen to Mayor Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor's weekly radio interview with Dan Leddin on Goldfields FM every Wednesday afternoon around 2pm.



Goldfields

COMMUNITY FESTIVAL



SATURDAY 15 OCTOBER 2022, 11AM - 4PM
PHILIPS GARDENS, MARYBOROUGH

A Free and Fun new Festival for the Central Goldfields Shire
with Music, Art, Games, Rides, Information and Activities
for Community Connection and Celebration!



WWW.GOGOLDFIELDS.ORG/GOLDFIELDSCOMMUNITYFESTIVAL

Welcome to Central Goldfields

Businesses and community leaders are partnering on a pilot project to attract skilled migrants to the Shire.

It's an ambitious initiative but an exciting opportunity to create a long-term plan for relocation to the Shire.

The 12-month pilot - Welcome to Central Goldfields - is in response to staff and skills shortages that are affecting businesses big and small – both locally and nationally – and will provide a platform for advocacy at all levels of government on workforce and housing needs.

This project is not only about filling jobs. It's about the Shire becoming more culturally diverse and learning and growing together with residents from various backgrounds.

Through the Community Vision locals said they want to be an inclusive community and this pilot is another step towards that goal.

The pilot project will be filmed by Blackfella Films from mid-October until the end of 2022.

What's next?

Welcome to Central Goldfields is an opportunity to:

- Create a relocation playbook on the process of attracting and retaining skilled migrants to the Shire
- A chance to deliver on and expand existing economic development and community wellbeing strategies
- Develop an Attraction and Retention Strategy
- Gather insights into how to access housing that's not on the market (solving a key workforce challenge)
- Advocate for housing needs to all levels of government



Congratulations to the Zonta Club of Central Goldfields, who in September hosted 'A Night in Nepal'. The event, which featured Nepalese chefs Sandesh Dallakoti and Anup Rijal (pictured with Zonta members Sharon Hare and Netti McQueen and Maryborough Golf Club Head Chef, Ian Cannons), was a great celebration of cultural diversity in our community. Photo courtesy of The Maryborough District Advertiser.

"This project gives us a chance to relocate people to our community to help us not only solve workforce issues but have a positive impact on all areas of community life.

"We're calling on our community to keep an eye out for opportunities to play a part in welcoming new people to our Shire."



**Central Goldfields Shire Mayor
Cr Chris Meddows-Taylor**

"We know what our staffing needs are right now, but this planning is about ensuring we know what will be required once our new hospital opens – this will require recruiting both internally and externally, so it's important we are addressing our housing needs on all levels."

**Maryborough District Health
Service CEO Nickola Allan**



"We do need to bring overseas trained doctors, pharmacists and other health care workers here to our Shire to help fill gaps in the workforce.

"This is not a new concept and has been happening for a very long time."

**Priceline Pharmacy Maryborough
co-owner Taren Gill**



"As we expand, so does our workforce. That's why having the right processes in place to attract and retain staff is so important. We know that this community is welcoming and has plenty to offer and this project is a chance to not only celebrate what is already here, but also a chance to become more multi-cultural and inclusive."

Havilah CEO Craig Young



Welcome to Central Goldfields



Soon we'll be welcoming new residents to our Shire.

Not only will they add cultural diversity, they will also bring much-needed skills to address workforce challenges.

**We know how great our community is –
help us welcome them with open arms.**



To find out more about the **Welcome to Central Goldfields** project, including ways you can support our new residents and share your local knowledge, visit www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/welcometocentralgoldfields



Councillor Liesbeth Long Flynn Ward

We all know Dunolly is a great place to visit – we have wonderful history, bush tracks, scenery, cycling trails and of course, the gold, with prospectors making up a large part of the tourism market.

Since being elected one of my focus areas was to see the Dunolly Gold Rush Festival resurrected. This huge event first appeared in 1971 and ran for many years before petering out. The Dunolly and District Incorporated (DDI) also decided that it was time for the festival to start up again, mainly to promote tourism to the town, increase visitors to the region and improve economic outcomes for local businesses.

Congratulations to the volunteer committee who are working incredibly hard behind the scenes to make this year's event a wonderful success for our community. Their passion and enthusiasm is infectious and I thank each of them for their tireless contribution.

If you haven't already, put Saturday 22 and Sunday 23 October in your diary because this will be an event not to be missed!

DISCOVER DUNOLLY AT THE GOLD RUSH FESTIVAL

Dunolly will come alive this month as the Gold Rush Festival makes its exciting return on the 22 and 23 October.

Events will get underway at the Dunolly Music Festival on Saturday 22 October at the Dunolly Golf Club from 4pm to 10pm where Bebop-alula, Grim Fawkner, Chenai Boucher, Devils Brew and The Groove Dudes, will take to the stage. Entry is \$25.

A full day of activities are planned on Sunday 23 October at Dunolly's Gordon Gardens, including prospecting demonstrations, archery displays, woodwork demonstrations and historic selfies at the Dunolly Courthouse, plus lots more. Entry to the Gardens is free.

The Festival is being organised by Dunolly Today Tomorrow. The Dunolly Gold Rush Festival was successful in receiving funding as part of this year's Central Goldfields Shire Community Grants Program.

The Prospectors and Miners Association Victoria AGM will unofficially kick off the Festival on Saturday 22 October, with more than 200 people expected to attend.

Above: Dunolly Gold Rush Festival organisers.

For more information and updates, search Dunolly Gold Rush Festival on Facebook and Instagram.

Immunisation sessions

Council's Immunisation Services team are running monthly immunisation sessions in Dunolly until December.

Sessions are being held at the Dunolly Kindergarten – 94 Maude Street and are free for all vaccinations on the National Immunisation Programs, and for all ages.

All sessions will be held from 11am to 12noon on 19 October and 2, 16 & 30 November and 14 December.

Bookings are preferred.

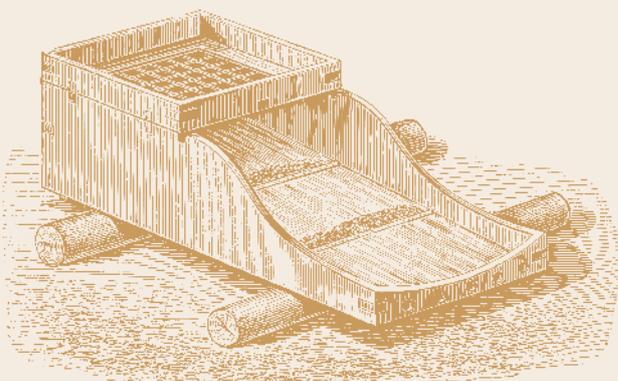
Contact Council's Immunisation Services team on 0428 894 724 or email immunisation@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

“We encourage everyone to head out to Dunolly on the fourth weekend of October.

“The Gold Festival is a chance to boost tourism to Dunolly and showcase all our town has to offer.

“The events at Gordon Gardens will include a jumping castle, old cars and motorbikes, historic small engines, barefoot bowling, music at the rotunda by the Goldfields Music Club, prizes and lots more.”

– **Dunolly Today Tomorrow**
Secretary John Tully



“The passion and enthusiasm of the group of volunteers of the Gold Rush Festival is incredible.

“This will be the first time since 2006 that the Festival will be taking place and the whole town is abuzz with excitement.

“There are plenty of activities planned, there will be food stalls, demonstrations, historic selfies, gold panning and a raffle with some amazing prizes up for grabs.

“Everyone in town has got behind this – all the traders will be displaying specially designed flags for the festival. All the merchandise has been printed locally as well.

“This will be a family-friendly event and the perfect way to spend some time in Dunolly.”

– **Flynn Ward Councillor and**
Festival Ambassador Liesbeth Long



Left to right: Adrian Masterman-Smith, Cr Wayne Sproull, Maryborough Education Centre Pride Crew Coordinator Jess Burbridge and Maryborough Mill House Coordinator Michelle Baker.

A community partnership is underway which will see a Pride Festival held in January 2023.

Planned for Saturday 28 January, 2023, the Festival will be held at the Maryborough Railway Station from 11am before moving to Maryborough Mill House where market stalls, an entertainment marquee and food stalls will be set up, with festivities planned until 6pm.

Aimed at youth, the Festival is being organised by Mill House Chair Adrian Masterman-Smith, and Central Goldfields Shire Maryborough Ward Councillor Wayne Sproull, with the help of the local Youth Pride Group.

For more information and to get involved, visit pridefestivalmaryborough.org.au and search **Pride Festival Maryborough** on Facebook for regular event updates.

“The event is the first of its kind for the Central Goldfields Shire.

“The Festival will open with a special conga line in which participants will be able to choose a colour which best represents their personality, identity or spirit.

“This event will be a space for anyone who identifies as on the rainbow, but it will also be for their family, friends and supporters.

“This is an opportunity to strengthen those community connections.

“There are currently no Pride events happening in this region and it’s exciting that Maryborough will be the conduit between festivals happening in regional centres such as Castlemaine and Daylesford.”

– **Adrian Masterman-Smith**

“We are working collaboratively with local young people to build a festival that is inclusive, supportive and educational.

“We’ll have Headspace, the Australian non-profit organisation for youth mental health, set up with a marquee, along with other support providers and groups, there will be plenty happening.”

“We want this Festival to reflect the needs and wants of our community, to do that we need input from the community.

“Everyone we’ve spoken to has been incredibly supportive and are excited to see this come to life.

“If there is anyone out there who would like to get involved in organising the festival, please get in touch.”

– **Cr Wayne Sproull**

TULLAROOP WARD NEWS



Cr Anna De Villiers Tullaroop Ward

Spring is in the air. This is the most beautiful time of the year in Tullaroop Ward. Moolort Plains are looking picturesque with vibrant yellow patches of canola flowering as far as the eye can see.

The development at the Carisbrook Rec Reserve is well underway after some delays. This facility addresses the need to make provision for change rooms for women. The new change rooms are welcomed by everybody as the previous facilities were developed in the 1950s.

Regional tourism is a topic that is becoming extremely relevant with the proposed Commonwealth Games, 2026. The Tullaroop Ward has much to offer to tourists visiting town. The walking track along the Creek is a perfect place for birdwatching. Majorca and Carisbrook are steeped in history with many bluestone buildings, our beautiful town halls and evidence of the goldrush era everywhere you look when travelling through the countryside.

Carisbrook Recreation Reserve

The Carisbrook Recreation Reserve upgrade project continues to progress – with the structural steel for the new main pavilion and bowls pavilion now installed (pictured above).

The \$4.9 million project is jointly funded by the Victorian Government and Council.

[www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/
carisbrookrecreationreserve](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/carisbrookrecreationreserve)



Left to right: Doran Earthmoving Manager Craig Doran, Tullaroop Ward Councillor Anna De Villiers with Council's General Manager Infrastructure, Assets and Planning Matthew Irving.

Carisbrook Levee

Works on the final stage of the Carisbrook Levee are now underway.

The final stage of the project involves the construction of the Western Levee – south of Pyrenees Highway – which includes a 1,500-metre earthen levee bank, open drainage and associated works.

The Carisbrook Levee project was designed by specialists Entura in response to major floods which occurred in 2010 and 2011.

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

Community Asset Committees

Recently, Council invited members of the Carisbrook community to express their interest in joining the Carisbrook Town Hall and Tullaroop Leisure Centre Community Asset Committees.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to register their interest.

Council is currently working to finalise these groups and will update the community on progress in the next edition of this Community Update magazine.



Outdoor Play equipment

The new outdoor exercise equipment at Market Reserve is now ready for use (pictured above).

The project is thanks to the Victorian Government's Healthy Loddon Campaspe initiative.



GALLERY REDEVELOPMENT
AN EXCITING
(ART)WORK
IN PROGRESS



“We are thrilled to see the transformation of one of the Shire’s most significant tourism assets.

“When it re-opens there will be many new opportunities to present a greater variety of art and exhibitions for the community and wider region.

“We are excited at the increased exhibition space and the way in which visitors will be encouraged and welcomed to visit their very own local art gallery.”

— **Maryborough Ward Councillor Geoff Lovett**

The transformation of the Central Goldfields Art Gallery is well underway with excitement building for the completion of the project later this year.

The project is being delivered by Colbrico Pty Ltd (trading as Searle Bros) who were awarded the contract following a public tender process.

The redevelopment will see the Gallery – located in the 1861 historic fire station – refurbished and extended, including opening the original fire doors at the front of the Gallery, increasing Gallery exhibition spaces and the installation of improved environmental and climate controls.

Also included will be remodelling to internal Gallery spaces, improved storage facilities for the Shire’s art collection, creation of an open contemporary reception and improved accessibility and visitor services amenities. External

landscaping, including the installation of an Indigenous Interpretive Garden, will round out the project.

Since the commencement of the project earlier this year, the project has attracted two new funding announcements which has extended the scope of the project.

This includes:

- \$355,215 in funding as part of the Victorian Government’s Regional Collections Access Program announced in June 2022, and
- \$225,000 for Stage 2&3 of the Indigenous Interpretive Garden through the Regional Tourism Infrastructure Projects, part of the State Budget 2022-23 announced in May 2022.

For more information on the Gallery redevelopment visit www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/gallery

Djaara Interpretive Garden

The Central Goldfields Art Gallery Djaara Interpretive Garden will foster recognition and respect of Dja Dja Wurrung culture.

This exciting and important space will become a new and beautiful outdoor component of the visitor experience to the Gallery.

The Garden will acknowledge the Dja Dja Wurrung Traditional Owners, celebrate the living culture of the Dja Dja Wurrung People, as well as share significant cultural heritage and demonstrate the continuation of all relationships within Country.

Designs for the garden were developed through a Djaara Wartaka process to ensure Dja Dja Wurrung people led the development of the cultural themes embedded within the design.

This process was facilitated by the Dja Dja Wurrung Clans Aboriginal Corporation (DDWCAC) and supported by Landscape Architects, 3Acres.

DID YOU KNOW? Council’s first Reconciliation Action Plan is currently in the process of getting endorsed by Reconciliation Australia. The plan will provide a structured approach for our organisation to advance reconciliation.



Cr Grace La Vella Maryborough Ward

Central Goldfields Shire has one of the most unique communities I know.

Community members are the heart of healthy, inclusive communities. They encourage and promote your individual strengths, are non-judgemental and are accepting regardless of personal, religious and other beliefs, culture, age, gender – “ACCEPTING.”

A good community raises our children as did this community raise me from a young age to be confident, honourable and giving.

Positive communities are groups that inspire their members in ways that promote a sense of self-discovery and group interaction, encourage members to express their beliefs and values and build relationships with others.

Positive experiences with communities allow individuals to feel more connected to their environment and the people within it. This is achieved in so many ways here in Central Goldfields Shire; sport, the arts, service groups, dance, music and a raft of other clubs.

Last but not least strong positive leadership – “WE HAVE IT ALL”.



Councillor
Wayne Sproull



Councillor
Gerard Murphy



Councillor
Geoff Lovett

Skate and Scooter Park

In 2018, more than 1,000 young people signed a petition to Council for a new Skate Park.

Fast forward to October 2022 and the new Skate and Scooter Park is getting closer to completion.

The Skate and Scooter Park is being constructed by Grind Projects at the Adventure Playground at Princes Park, Maryborough and is expected to be complete by the end of October – weather permitting.

The Park was designed to respect the heritage of the site and to accommodate a range of wheeled sports including skateboarding, scooter riding, roller blading and BMX riding.

The design incorporates spectator seating and viewing areas plus shade structures and enables passive surveillance for parents and

carers from several directions including the adjacent facilities (Adventure Playground and BBQ area).

The facility will provide opportunities for participation and recreational activities for children, young people and adults.

The project is jointly funded by the Victorian Government through the Sports Recreation Victoria – Local Sports Infrastructure Fund – \$250,000, Community Bank Avoca, Maryborough and St Arnaud (in partnership with the Maryborough Lions Club) – \$40,000 and Council – \$395,000.

Napier and Nolan streets

Safety improvements are being carried out at the intersection of Nolan and Napier Streets in Maryborough.

Council staff have been working with the Department of Transport and local businesses in the vicinity of the intersection to address the safety concerns raised by the community.

Initial actions that are planned to be implemented include:

- Improve intersection sight distance along Napier Street by altering the no parking zone and formalising carparking by providing line marking.
- Address the traffic flow to the Metro Service Station – operators of the service station will install signage to encourage one way entry from Nolan Street and exit onto Napier Street.

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/safetyimprovements



Left to right: Council’s CEO Lucy Roffey, Council’s Parks and Open Space Team Leader Wayne Pritchard, project contractor Steven Dellavedova and Council’s Parks and Open Space Apprentice Chloe FitzPatrick.

Philips Gardens irrigation project complete

Phillips Gardens in Maryborough will now be looking green and lush all year round with the installation of a new irrigation system.

It includes a new central control system, which is more sustainable and reaches areas of the Gardens not previously irrigated.

The \$150,000 project was funded by the Victorian Government through their Growing Victoria’s Botanic Gardens grants program.

COUNCIL PLAN UPDATE

In our Winter edition we shared an update on the progress of our Councillors since their election to Council in November 2020.

We did this by highlighting the key projects that have been delivered to date as part of the Council Plan.

In this edition – we're looking ahead to what's next.

Every financial year, Council develops an Annual Action Plan – which identifies the projects Council is committed to delivering for the Central Goldfields community over the next 12 months.

The 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan was adopted by Council at the August Council Meeting and reflects the organisation's commitment to delivering real, on the ground improvements.

The 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan also identifies how Council is delivering on opportunities for the community to have a say, be heard and to work together in partnership on the things that matter most.

Growing community leadership and building the capacity of young people is a key focus of Council activities over the next 12 months and involves the establishment of groups such as the Youth Council, Youth Pride Group, Climate Action Partnership, Health and Wellbeing Partnership and Waterway Management Plan for Carisbrook Governance Committee.

To read the 2022-2023 Annual Action Plan visit www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/annualactionplan2022

The Annual Action Plan highlights seven key infrastructure projects currently being undertaken by Council:

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1 Ongoing restoration of the Maryborough Heritage Outdoor Pool Complex
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2 Completion of Carisbrook Recreation Reserve upgrade
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3 Completion of the Central Goldfields Art Gallery revitalisation project
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4 Completion of Stage Two of the Maryborough Train Station activation project
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5 Ongoing restoration of Maryborough Town Hall
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6 Construction of Maryborough Skate and Scooter Park
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7 Completion of the Talbot Futures Project to provide a structure plan and business case for sewerage provision in Talbot

ENGAGE WITH US

Did you know we have a dedicated website for the community to provide feedback and input into Council decision making?



Soon we'll be engaging on:

- Talbot Futures project – for more information see page 14
- Strategic Planning Projects

Recently we engaged consultants to prepare a Land Use Framework Plan for Maryborough, Carisbrook and Flagstaff and conduct a Review of Maryborough Heritage Controls. Both projects are funded by the Victorian Government.

There will be multiple community engagement sessions starting from November 2022 to inform these projects.

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



**ENERGY
BREAKTHROUGH**
POWERED BY IMAGINATION

CELEBRATING 30+ YEARS OF ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

16 to 20 November, 2022

Maryborough's biggest annual event, Energy Breakthrough returns this November for the first time since 2019.



After a two-year hiatus due to the pandemic, Princes Park will come alive again with more than 5,000 students from over 110 schools around Victoria.

Local tourism, hospitality, accommodation, and retail businesses are set to benefit from an influx of visitors with a crowd of over 20,000 expected to attend the event, providing a much welcomed boost to the region's economy.

"Excitement is building for this year's event. Not only is it our first since 2019 but we'll also be celebrating 30+ years of the event – which is a wonderful milestone that deserves celebration and thanks to our community that make it possible.

"Despite the event not going ahead the past two years – so much has been happening behind the scenes to make this year's event a wonderful success." – Central Goldfields Shire Councillor and Energy Breakthrough Committee Chairperson Liesbeth Long said.



WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

Energy Breakthrough is a year-long STEM program that is celebrated in Maryborough each November.

Since the first Energy Breakthrough in 1991, the event has built a strong reputation as a vibrant and inclusive celebration, made possible with dedicated community participation.

Energy Breakthrough has attracted large crowds to the region in pre-pandemic years, with Maryborough being fondly known as the home of the Energy Breakthrough, providing great civic pride for locals.

FIND OUT MORE!

There will be a number of road closures during the event program – more information on this will be communicated via Council's website, social media and the full-page Council News advertisement in The Maryborough District Advertiser closer to the date.

For more information about the event visit www.eb.org.au or follow @ebmaryborough on Facebook.

“Our community has greatly missed the Energy Breakthrough over the past two years. Highview College students love the camaraderie that comes with participating in the event and are very excited to resume competing again in 2022.”

Luke Treacy, EB Coordinator, Highview College



IMPROVEMENT WORKS

The Energy Breakthrough Management Team worked closely with Heritage Victoria to deliver a series of site upgrades and improvements to the Princes Park precinct over the past two years.

The improvements, made possible through the Victorian Government’s Building Works Package, not only contribute to a better Energy Breakthrough event but also create a safer and more accessible space.

These include:

- Site-wide event Wi-Fi
- Increase in drinking water access
- Additional permanent lighting and electricity points
- Installation of CCTV
- State-of-the-art PA system



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Want to be one of the 1,000 volunteers that helps pull the Energy Breakthrough together?

Applications are now open to register your interest in volunteering.

There are a variety of positions that need to be filled, from communications and social media roles to judges for display and presentations and design and construction, to marshals.

TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

Visit www.eb.org.au/volunteer/ or contact Energy Breakthrough’s Volunteer Coordinator on 0408 326 157.





Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor Paddys Ranges Ward

Our current exciting focus in Paddys Ranges Ward is to plan and prepare for the future.

Within coming weeks Talbot residents will be invited to participate in the Talbot Futures project. The goal of the project is to establish an overall vision for the future of Talbot that protects the township's key heritage and character while allowing for a sustainable level of growth and change.

Talbot Futures will also consider the community's needs for public infrastructure and community, recreation and retail facilities as well as communication services including broadband and mobile services.

In Daisy Hill we will be hosting an open day on Saturday 15 October in the beautifully refurbished community centre which will be a fun and welcoming event for residents. We will also identify community priorities and aspirations as the basis of a Daisy Hill Community Plan which will enable Council to work with the community to deliver those goals over time. ”

Daisy Hill Community Open Day

The Daisy Hill Community Centre will host an open day on Saturday 15 October from 2 to 5pm.

Paddys Ranges Ward Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor will be there to work with residents to gain input into the development of the Daisy Hill Community Plan.

Talbot Futures Project update

Integrated planning for Talbot to thrive continues to be a priority for Council.

The planning work – referred to as the Talbot Futures Project – commenced in September with consultant teams beginning work to deliver two key elements of the project.

The two core components of the project are a town structure plan overseen by Council and an updated and fully costed sewerage scheme plan overseen by Central Highlands Water.

Central Goldfields Shire Mayor and Ward Councillor Chris Meddows-Taylor said having the Talbot community heavily involved in shaping the project is key.

“We need to understand the aspirations of Talbot locals for their township in terms of character to treasure, environmental values to retain and improve, bushfire and flood risks to consider, and how to best manage growth.

“Growth may support the long-term viability of these core social connectors with benefits for existing and future residents, as well as visitors who are drawn to Talbot's famous Farmers' Market and other hidden charms.

“From October we'll be calling on the Talbot community to get involved and I really hope to see as many locals as possible engaged with the project.”

In September 2021, the Victorian Government (Living Regions Living Suburbs Fund) announced \$630,000 that has enabled the commencement of the Structure Plan and Business Case for the project. Council is also contributing \$60,000 towards this work.

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

Immunisation sessions



Council's Immunisation Services team are running monthly immunisation sessions in Talbot until December.

The sessions are being held at Talbot ANA Hall – corner of Heales and Ballarat Street and are free for all vaccinations on the National Immunisation Programs, and for all ages.

- Wednesday 26 October – 3 to 4.30pm
- Thursday 24 November – 8am to 10am
- Wednesday 14 December – 3 to 4.30pm

Bookings are preferred.

Contact Council's Immunisation Services team on 0428 894 724 or email immunisation@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au

Talbot Soldiers Memorial Park Avenue of Honour

Congratulations to Talbot Action Inc for their efforts to see the Talbot Soldiers Memorial Park Avenue of Honour restored.

In July, with support by Council, the group were successful in securing \$14,097 through the Federal Government's 'Planting Trees for the Queen's Jubilee' grant program to commence the restoration project.

The community is invited to Talbot's commemoration of Her Majesty's Jubilee and acknowledge the planting of the trees to be held at 29 Heales Street, Talbot on Saturday 5 November at 12noon.

MEET THE TEAM GO GOLDFIELDS

Our Go Goldfields team bring community members, businesses, service organisations and decision makers together to improve outcomes for local children and families.

Our community is working together towards our shared vision of a positive future!



NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR FAMILIES IN CENTRAL GOLDFIELDS

Right: Dianne,
The Nest Facilitator.

Below: John and Judd
playing at The Nest.



THE NEST

*A safe space for parents and carers
to learn, connect and share.*



“Come on into our lounge room! We provide a safe and welcoming parenting space where you can have a free cuppa, catch up with other parents, change or feed your little one. I’m here if anyone wants to have a chat or find local services and events that suit your family’s needs or help with kinder registrations. You don’t need an appointment, just come by.” – Dianne, The Nest Facilitator

The Nest supports families with where they’re at in life. John (pictured left) believes “The Nest is worth its weight in gold, and that it’s a good place for mums and dads to learn new things, connect with other parents and socialise”.

John’s partner also regularly drops into the Nest and is really happy to have such a welcoming and easy to be place in central Maryborough.

The Nest runs from Monday – Friday from 10am to 4pm with a variety of activities and programs.

Scan the QR code for up-to-date program information.



Follow on Facebook for updates: facebook.com/theparentingnest

BEING A PARENT *Being a parent is hard.*

If you feel overwhelmed, want to add to your parenting toolbox, or meet up with other parents then come along to the free parenting group.

‘Being a Parent’ is led by other local parents with varied parenting experiences, who facilitate discussions on parenting ideas and techniques in a safe and nurturing environment each school term for two hours a week.

The next group starts in Term 4, 2022.

Call The Nest on 03 5461 0685 or email thenest@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au to learn more and register.

“Coming to the ‘Being a Parent’ sessions has been a helpful and informative way of feeling more confident in my parenting. For me, the most valuable part was the information about acknowledging our kids emotions and helping them to name them and to work through them instead of pushing them down only to explode at a later date. I found there to be non-judgemental support for trying new parenting ideas with supportive feedback and suggestions.” – Rebecca, a local parent of two children aged 9 months and 10 years.



Above: Rebecca, Being a Parent participant.

CENTRAL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Kindergarten provides a strong foundation for your child’s learning and development. Kinder improves language and engages children through play-based programs to help them be healthy and confident. Kinder registration information is available on Council’s website at www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment

Coming up in the Central Goldfields!



OCT 2022



Throughout October Climate Conversation Month

engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/
climateaction



Sunday 30 October Redwood Carnival at Maryborough Harness Racing Club

5464 2451

JAN 2023



Sunday 1 January Maryborough Highland Gathering

highlandsociety.com.au/
highland-gathering/

NOV 2022



Wednesday 16 – Sunday 20 November Energy Breakthrough 2022

See page 12–13 for more event details.
eb.org.au



Thursday 26 January Central Goldfields Shire Australia Day – Maryborough

centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/
australiaday2023

DEC 2022



Friday 2 – Sunday 4 December Chopped

chopped.com.au



Saturday 15 October Goldfields Community Festival

See page 3 for more event details.
facebook.com/
GoldfieldsCommunityFestival



Saturday 22 & Sunday 23 October Dunolly Gold Rush Festival

See page 6 for more event details.
facebook.com/
DunollyGoldRushFestival



Saturday 28 January Pride Festival Maryborough

See page 7 for more event details.
pridefestivalmaryborough.org.au

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

There are plenty more events on offer...

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