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GOLDFIELDS
SHIRE COUNCIL



CARISBROOK
RECREATION
RESERVE
**UPGRADE
COMPLETE**

**Community
Update**
Winter 2023

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FROM THE MAYOR

As we start to look to Spring – a time of growth and development – I wish first to reflect on what we've accomplished together these past few months.

I was thrilled that the 2023-24 Council Budget adopted at the June meeting continues to deliver 40-plus services and an exciting \$18.5 million plus Capital Works budget (including \$12.3 million in grant funding) that will stimulate our local economy and result in some fantastic community facilities and assets.

On behalf of Council, I wanted to share our appreciation to community members who have taken the time to attend in-person and online community information sessions and provide input – your time and thoughts are truly valued. It is because of this joint effort that many of the stories in this edition highlight completed projects and upgrades.

We are also now enjoying first-hand the upgrades to the Carisbrook Recreation Reserve which will be officially opened in August.

I know many of you are looking forward to seeing our roads and infrastructure restored following last year's floods. An independent assessor found we required \$9.8+ million of repairs to restore damaged roads, culverts, and other public infrastructure within our Shire. I'm pleased to say road upgrades are now well underway.

Soon we will be able to announce the recipients of the Community Grants program. In a new initiative, an additional category was introduced for projects that address the impacts of climate change.

Thank you to everyone who provided feedback on how we can better serve you via this magazine. We've taken what you've shared and made changes to this edition.

I hope you enjoy as my fellow Councillors take you behind the scenes of their work, what they're passionate about and how they advocate for their community.

If we continue working together genuinely as a community partnership, we will indeed achieve the vision we have for our communities.



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COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of every month, commencing at 6pm, at the Community Hub Maryborough. Upcoming Council Meetings will be held on 22 August, 26 September and 24 October.

Council Meetings are also live-streamed on our Facebook page, and the recordings are published at:

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



Maryborough to be featured on

Country
**HOUSE
HUNTERS**

In June, Maryborough hosted a visit from Catriona Rowntree and the Country House Hunters Australia film crew.

The crew filmed at locations around Maryborough, including The Station Cafe Restaurant Bar and our newly redeveloped Central Goldfields Art Gallery.

We look forward to seeing the Central Goldfields featured as part of the episode when it airs on Channel Nine later in the year.



CARISBROOK RECREATION RESERVE IS IN ANOTHER LEAGUE

Carisbrook and district bowlers, footballers, netballers and cricketers now have access to first-class facilities, thanks to the completion of a \$4.9 million upgrade.

The Carisbrook Women's Football team played their first game at the reserve on Sunday, 21 May, and on Saturday, 27 May, the Carisbrook Football Netball Club hosted their first home game.

The local bowling community will be able to enjoy their new facilities when the bowls season kicks off later in the year.

Thank you to the Carisbrook community and the Recreation Reserve user groups for their support during the project's development stage.

The project was jointly funded by the Victorian Government and Council and has delivered an accessible and inclusive modern sporting facility and community hub for the growing population of Carisbrook and the surrounding district.

The project also included the delivery of a new bowls pavilion with publicly accessible toilets and a newly constructed competition-grade netball court.

At the time of going to print, the official opening of the Reserve was due to be held on Saturday, 5 August 2023 at 12noon.



For more information, visit:

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

Station transformation nears completion

In the Autumn edition, we shared a detailed update on the reactivation of the Maryborough Railway Station.

The multi-staged project will highlight our rich goldfields history and is part of transforming the Station into a local visitor hub and renowned tourism attraction.

The current stage will create a visitor interpretation centre where residents and visitors to Maryborough, can enjoy a range of experiences from fun and imaginative to informative.

This stage of the project, expected to be complete in October, is jointly funded with \$1.8 million from the Victorian Government's Regional Jobs and Infrastructure Fund and \$200,000 from Council.

We look forward to sharing completed photos in the Spring edition.

To find out more about the project, visit:

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



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Working with our community

We believe a community's real success is reflected in how people interact, support and inspire each other.

We actively foster a positive and enabling relationship with local community groups and organisations to empower them to lead on the delivery of projects and initiatives.

Here are just some of the projects we are currently partnering with our community on across the Shire:



Community Grants Program

\$46,000 will be awarded as part of the 2023 Central Goldfields Shire Community Grants Program

For the first time, Council welcomed applications that addressed climate change.

Like in previous years, grants above \$500 were available to community-based organisations looking for financial support to deliver activities, programs, small events, equipment and infrastructure.

Applications recently closed, with grant recipients to be announced at the September Council Meeting.

For more information, visit:

[www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/
communitygrants2023](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/communitygrants2023)

Image (above): The 2022 recipients of the Community Grants Program.



Volunteering in the Central Goldfields

We are working closely with the Maryborough Volunteer Resource Centre and Maryborough Community House to better understand local volunteering needs.

Volunteers are crucial in small communities, bringing immense value and contributing to their well-being.

Thank you to everyone who shared their volunteering experiences with us via a survey during July.

To find out more about what we heard and the next steps, visit:

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

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Climate Action Stewarding Group

The Climate Action Stewarding Group (CASG) is a collaborative working group driving education and community-led climate action in the Central Goldfields Region.

The group was formed in June 2021 to guide the collaborative development of the Central Goldfields Climate Action Plan.

Current membership includes Council's Sustainability Officer; Councillors Liesbeth Long and Wayne Sproull; and members from the Goldfields Sustainability Group, Goldfields Renewable Energy Group, Dunolly Community Garden and Mill House Neighbourhood House.

Some exciting projects of CASG to date include supporting our Youth Council to lead this year's Climate Conversations, supporting Maryborough and Dunolly Community Houses to install solar, and working with *The Maryborough District Advertiser* to share inspiring stories of local climate action. A website for local climate action will also be launched in the coming months.

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A community plan for Daisy Hill

In response to community interest and feedback, we are working alongside the Daisy Hill community to support them in creating their own community plan.

Community leaders invite residents and community groups to share their thoughts and ideas on making the town a better place to live.

Community members can get involved via the following ways:

- Complete an online survey at: www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/daisyhillplan
- Complete a hard copy survey and return it to the Daisy Hill Community Centre
- Take part in a community workshop on Tuesday 12 September, 6.30 to 8.30 pm at the Daisy Hill Community Centre
- Or share your feedback on the draft community plan later in the year.



Reviewing our community planning

Thank you to the community leaders and residents who contributed to our community planning review in recent months.

Community planning is important as it helps us develop a process that empowers community members to lead the delivery of projects they've identified and source funding and resources communities wouldn't have access to otherwise.

The review was based on feedback provided by the community through conversations with local leaders and groups in Bealiba, Bet Bet, Carisbrook, Dunolly, Majorca, Maryborough, Talbot and Timor as well as the 'Let's Get Better at Community Planning' workshop held in May.

It identified that our next steps fall into three key areas: small triumphs, building a partnership model and funding a Community Development Officer role to support this work.

Council will recruit for the Community Development Officer position in September.

To find out more and read a copy of the summary report, visit:

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



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Welcome to Central Goldfields Project

The Welcome to Central Goldfields project was awarded a high commendation at the Local Government Professionals Awards for Excellence in June.

The award, presented in the Corporate and Community Planning category, was an opportunity to celebrate the project's success in raising awareness of workforce issues and the benefits of recruiting migrant people.

The key learnings and recommendations for this project will continue to be addressed as part of the Council's Economic Development Strategy 2020-2025.

Thank you to the community leaders, businesses and residents who supported the project.

For more information visit:

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

New courts for Deledio Reserve

We've been working in partnership with the Dunolly Football Netball Club to finalise detailed designs for a new netball court and a multi-use tennis/netball court and lighting at Deledio Reserve.

The courts will be a welcome addition to the reserve, with the club operating from a single netball court that requires upgrading. Their second court on site is no longer playable.

The courts have been made possible thanks to \$727,707 from the Victorian Government and \$242,569 from Council.

The project is almost ready to appoint contractors to complete the work, with construction anticipated to be completed by March 2024.

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Rene Fox Gardens toilets

The public toilet facilities at Rene Fox Gardens are set to be renovated thanks to funding through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program.

We are currently waiting for Heritage Victoria's approval before the project can progress to appointing contractors to complete the work.

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Time for a spin!

New spinner play equipment at Dunolly Gordon Gardens playground has recently been installed.

The original playground equipment was damaged earlier this year and had to be replaced.

We thank the community for their patience while the new equipment was ordered and installed.



Councillor Liesbeth Long
Flynn Ward

It has been a pleasure to serve as Flynn Ward Councillor, especially because it gives me an opportunity to engage in a wide range of projects.

A recent one is to see the Maryborough District Agricultural & Horticultural Society Show resurrected. This much-loved event went into recess after the 124th show in 2016 and has been missed by locals ever since.

Aussie Agricultural shows are the pinnacle of rural innovation. They bring industries together, generate a socio-economic boost and play a vital role in the socio/economic fabric of regional Australia.

It's important to note this project isn't Council led, it will be wholly organised by the community, for the community, of which I am one. Things are looking promising, with a new Show Society recently formed and office bearers elected.

Fingers crossed, we will see the 125th MDA&HS make a comeback in 2024!

If you would like to get involved, please contact me by phone, text, email or on social media. #councillorliesbethlong



SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY



Encouraging healthy eating options at weekend sport

If you've noticed something different when visiting the Dunolly or Carisbrook Football and Netball Club canteens lately, we can explain why!

As part of the Victorian Government's Healthy Loddon Campaspe and Healthy Kids Advisor initiative, we have been working with the Dunolly and Carisbrook Football and Netball Clubs, and the Maryborough Giants, to support local clubs to offer healthy food options at their canteens.

The Healthy Sports Clubs initiative has provided both the Dunolly and Carisbrook Football and Netball Clubs with:

- New menu boards and signage that highlight healthier food and drink options.
- Small-scale kitchen equipment such as sandwich presses, display fridges, slow cookers, and air fryers to enable healthy food preparation.
- Resources include healthy recipes, case study videos, fridge set-up guidelines, and preparation and promotion tips for providing healthy food in a sporting club setting.

For more information about Healthy Loddon Campaspe, visit:

📍 www.healthyloddoncampaspe.au

or contact our Health Broker Adam Tarr (pictured above) on 0437 627 950.

For more information about the Healthy Kids Advisor initiative, visit:

📍 www.kitchengardenfoundation.org.au/healthy-kids-advisors

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Above (left to right): Secretary of the Dunolly Football and Netball Club Nat Conlin, Healthy Kids Advisor – Central Goldfields Shire Ciel Lindley, Healthy Loddon Campaspe Health Broker Adam Tarr and Central Goldfields Shire Mayor Cr Grace La Vella.

Live4Life program supports local youth

Maryborough Education Centre delivered accredited Youth Mental Health First Aid training for teachers and support workers along with Highview College and Council staff recently as part of the Central Goldfields Live4Life program.

Since the commencement of Live4Life Central Goldfields, 29 local adults have received Youth Mental Health First Aid training.

The training helps adults to recognise the signs and symptoms of common mental health problems among young people so that they can identify when a young person may need assistance and provide appropriate support and/or referrals to services.



Suicide is the leading cause of death of young people in Australia, and suicide rates are reportedly 40% higher in rural communities.

In 2021, Central Goldfields was chosen to be a Live4Life Community due to the collective efforts of Council, local schools and health organisations who recognised the need for more support for our young people in the Shire.

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Carisbrook Transfer Station pavement upgrade

55,000 glass bottles were used to make the new pavement at the Carisbrook Transfer Station.

The failing pavement was recently upgraded, thanks to Sustainability Victoria's Sustainable Infrastructure Fund.

Council was awarded \$70,000 towards the estimated \$140,000 project upgrade and used this opportunity to include a greater volume of recycled content in the reinforced concrete.

Concrete supplier, Hanson, worked with Council to develop a suitable product made from 34% recycled content including 14% glass.

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Above: Council's Strategic Waste Officer Louise Turner and Central Goldfields Shire Procurement Officer and Sustainability Victoria Buy Recycled Champion Josie Bell.



Cr Anna De Villiers
Tullaroop Ward

During the winter months, when some animals hibernate, humans decided to make it the time of the year to be active. It is footy and netball season!

Spending time at the Carisbrook Recreation Reserve, working in the canteen, was so special. It was a hive of activity. Parents, young people by the dozens, spectators and supporters. What an amazing way to combat the cold of winter.

In Tullaroop Ward we look forward to celebrating the grand opening of the new facilities at the Carisbrook Recreation Reserve on Saturday 5 August. A state-of-the-art bowls pavilion and new changing rooms for footy and netball. Five star facilities to welcome visiting sporting teams.

The highlight of my year was the conclusion of two well attended grant writing workshops for volunteers. I believe that great volunteering depends on sound financial support. Gone are the days where volunteers had bottomless pockets to support groups and causes they are passionate about.



Local quilters share a much-needed embrace



Above (left to right): Trish Walker, Mayor Cr Grace La Vella, Jenny Stewart, Wilma Ladiges and Carolyn Hendrickson.

A heart-warming story has emerged from the Golden Textures Contemporary Art Quilt Award – currently on display at the Central Goldfields Art Gallery – with one quilt on display that holds particular significance to the community of Carisbrook.

It is a quilt that represents the determination of a local quilter's group – Deep Creek Stitches – in response to the 2011 flood, to show love and support to their distressed community.

The group committed to a vision; to gift every flood affected household with a handmade quilt – and quite remarkably, they achieved just that.

The group put a call out to quilters from all over Australia and worldwide, seeking donations. The response was extraordinary, with tens of thousands of quilter's blocks streaming in from across the globe, resulting in the making and distribution of over 360 quilts. Since then, they have further gifted over 250 quilts for fundraising, as well as to nursing homes, hospitals, and for families fleeing domestic violence.

We pay tribute to the huge effort required by the group to achieve their goal and thank them for their ongoing generosity as they continue to make and gift quilts to the vulnerable, both locally and in surrounding communities.



Flood recovery works update

Works to restore our road network following the October 2022 floods are well underway.

We know our residents have been patiently waiting to see infrastructure and the road network restored.

Works are currently being delivered by local contractor Shay Excavations and Council's Operations team.

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 identified that \$9.8+ million of repairs are needed to restore damaged roads, culverts, and other public infrastructure in our Shire.

To find out more about the process, as well as the list of roads that have been upgraded so far to date, visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/floodrecoveryworks



Ongoing flood recovery support

In response to the 2022 floods, Council received funding from the Victorian Government to employ a Community Recovery Officer to support our residents in their recovery.

This includes working with all our communities to assist with their specific recovery needs and to consult with flood-affected residents to develop initiatives that strengthen and build capacity in response to the potential for future disasters.

If you or anyone you know is seeking support after the 2022 floods, please call our Community Recovery Officer Emilie Byrne on 0456 732 578.



Princes Park Grandstand

In March, we became aware of termite damage in one of the structural beams at the Princes Park Grandstand and the area was roped off to ensure community safety.

Since then, we've been working with a structural engineer to determine the best way to stabilise the beam. Once the most appropriate solution has been finalised, we will engage a specialist builder to carry out the rectification works.

In addition, Council has allocated \$200,000 in the 2023-2024 Budget to scope and design an upgrade to the Princes Park Grandstand – which will be informed by the Conservation Plan that was developed in 2021.

This will provide us with the detailed planning we need to advocate for the funding required to not only preserve this heritage asset but see it provide fit-for-purpose facilities that meet current standards and make this valued community asset more user-friendly.

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Worsley Cottage's upgrade nears completion

Repairs to the much-loved community asset are nearing completion.

Located in Palmerston Street, the project involves two of the existing side walls being underpinned and straightened along with stormwater drainage works and measures to address rising damp issues.

The \$438,286 project is made possible thanks to the Federal Government and Council funding. Thank you to the Maryborough Midlands Historical Society for their patience whilst the works are carried out.



Whirrakee Rise update

Thank you to the Whirrakee Rise residents who took the time to provide feedback on our plans to upgrade the open space area.

With your input, we can now take the landscape plan to market for pricing.

This next stage will allow us to determine what can and can't be included in the upgrade.

To learn more about the feedback, along with next steps, visit:

📍 www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/whirrakeerise



Goldfields Reservoir Dam project

Thank you for your patience when we recently closed a section of the Goldfields Reservoir walking track.

During the 2023-2024 financial year, we'll be carrying out works to stabilise the dam bank to ensure residents can enjoy the facility for many years to come.

The walkway closure allowed a geotechnical engineer to carry out investigative works to determine the project's scope.

We'll keep you updated as the project progresses.



Mayor Cr Grace La Vella Maryborough Ward

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

The rehabilitation of the much-loved Bristol Hill precinct has been a fantastic community project led by Maryborough Rotary Club, Goldfields Sustainability Group, Girl Guides and Maryborough Midlands Historical Society.

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

Seeing our community take ownership of their assets is wonderful and highlights the valuable role volunteers play in our community.

If you haven't already, I urge you to put your hand up to volunteer your skills, experience and expertise.

Until one has volunteered, one does not understand the incredible value of volunteering has in your life for both young and old, no matter what your abilities or disabilities, we can cater to all.



Councillor
Geoff Lovett



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Gerard Murphy



Councillor
Wayne Sproull



Maryborough Town Hall

The re-opening of the Town Hall to community use remains a high priority for Council.

We are currently working to appoint a contractor to carry out the electrical work needed for this community facility to re-open.

Finding a suitable contractor has been more difficult than anticipated.

With a renewed project scope, we are confident a contractor will be appointed in October with a view that the project will commence as soon as they can begin.

The project is made possible thanks to funding through the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and Council.

Long term, Council will continue to seek funding opportunities that would see us be able to restore the Town Hall to its former glory. Additional funding would allow us to carry out additional upgrade works so that the Hall could be widely used and open more often.

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Maryborough Outdoor Pool will remain closed until funding is secured

Council remains committed to seeing the heritage-listed Maryborough Outdoor Pool complex re-opened for community use.

A tender to upgrade the octagonal pool was awarded at the May Council Meeting.

Council awarded a \$1,376,510 contract to SJ Weir Ballarat Pty Ltd to see an entirely new pool shell constructed, recovery of as many of the original tiles as possible and repairs to the concourse.

We continue to work behind the scenes to plan and advocate for the money needed to restore the entire precinct so that it can be re-opened for the community to enjoy.

For more information, visit:

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Pool upgrades

Thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program, upgrades have been carried out at the Dunolly and Talbot swimming pools over the past few months.

The works at Dunolly and Talbot included repairs to pool shells, plant rooms and filtration and general building maintenance.

The funding has also seen plant room and filtration system upgrades carried out at Maryborough Indoor Sports and Leisure Centre.

Council has also allocated funding in the 2023-2024 Council Budget for the re-tiling of the 25-metre pool at Maryborough Indoor Sports and Leisure Centre. The tender evaluation process for this project is underway, with the works expected to be carried out next year.

Play Space Strategy

The community has advocated for a splash park for some time now.

In response, as part of our 2023-2024 Council Budget, we have allocated funding to prepare a Play Space Strategy, which will include a Splash Park Feasibility Study.

The Strategy will look at play spaces across the Shire – including the most appropriate location for a splash park.

We'll be advertising opportunities for community members to provide input into the development of the Strategy soon.

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SUPPORTING YOUNG PEOPLE



Co-designing Maryborough's learning hub

By offering diverse learning experiences, career advice, and mentors, the Learning Hub will build aspiration and interest in local education, training and work pathways.

In March, 40 local businesses and young people in Maryborough, came together and identified the need to tackle a gap in employment in Central Goldfields Shire with no post-secondary training to support young adults to stay within their communities.



The outcome was the endorsement of a Learning Hub to provide young people with employment opportunities.

In preparation for the Learning Hub, invested stakeholders will run pilot projects to test key program features such as industry tours, after-school student mentoring, and study spaces.

Co-designing a Learning Hub is a significant milestone for Maryborough and is part of a broader strategy for change facilitated by the Triggering Innovation Leadership Transformation Research and Development group (TILT R&D).

The partnership is between La Trobe University, The Australian National University (ANU), and Fraunhofer IESE, who have provided industry 5.0+ technical support from Germany.

This partnership demonstrates an ongoing commitment to continue supporting Maryborough to build its Learning Hub and other regional innovation projects in the Central Goldfields Shire.

To learn more, visit: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/tilt

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YOUTH FEST

Central Goldfields will recognise our local young people's contributions to our community during the Victorian Youth Fest in September.

Thanks to the Victorian Government's FReeZA program, we've secured \$2000 in funding for a youth-led, local event during the month-long festival. Exceptional young people nominated by the community will be officially recognised at a ceremony hosted by the Mayor and Youth Mayor and highlighted on the Shire's social media accounts.

More information will be provided closer to the date.

ENGAGE WITH US



HAVE YOUR SAY... WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

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

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

To participate:



Visit our dedicated engagement website at www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au



Call our Customer Service team on 5461 0610



Visit our Customer Service Centre at 22 Nolan Street, Maryborough

Or scan the QR code:



Engaging
Central
Goldfields



YOU SHARED WE LISTENED

We want to bring you the news and stories you want to hear most.

In the Autumn edition, we invited feedback on our magazine, with all participants going in the running to win an iPad.

Dunolly resident Catharine Nurse was the lucky recipient of the iPad – congratulations!

Below is a summary of what you shared with us. You'll see that we've already started making changes in this edition.



Above: iPad winner Catharine Nurse.

Most excited by:

Stories that included opportunities for young people, progress updates, sustainability news and support for new parents.

Want more of:

Event and activity news to increase opportunities for communities to connect, share achievements, celebrate successes and support each other.

Interested to see:

The people who work for Council and what they do, new business and tourism initiatives, community feedback opportunities and support tools and information on how to better aid different community groups.

A big thank you to everyone who took the time to provide feedback.

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Did you know we publish a full-page advertisement in The Maryborough District Advertiser every Friday?

It's jam packed with the latest news and information from Council – including current opportunities to provide feedback. Don't read the paper? You can access it online via our website and Facebook page.



PADDYS RANGES WARD NEWS



Above: Lights, camera, action! Talbot was transformed into a film set in July when it became the backdrop for a new Australia Post commercial. Photo credit: The Maryborough District Advertiser

Help shape Talbot's future

Feedback is currently invited on the Talbot Draft Structure Plan.

Two in-person engagement feedback sessions with the community were held in July with hard copy and online feedback invited until 14 August, 2023.

The purpose of the Plan is to provide direction around population growth, future housing demand and areas for infill and greenfield development for Talbot upon the implementation of a reticulated sewerage scheme for the township.

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

For more information visit:

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

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Talbot footpath complete

Construction of a new 200-metre footpath along Ballarat Street North from Ohara to King Street (east side) in Talbot is complete.

The project was funded as part of our 2022-2023 Council Budget.

Town Hall toilets complete

\$406,437 has been invested at the Talbot Town Hall, with brand-new accessible toilet facilities expected to be ready for use in August.

The project has been made possible thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure program.



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

A joy of being a rural ward Councillor is the richness of community life.

Following the house fire in Talbot, impacting a young couple, their two young children and two dogs; a neighbour jumped onto Facebook and immediately offered practical support.

I rushed around to the neighbour with dog food – feeding hungry, anxious dogs one of many immediate needs. The Talbot Post office kindly provided a place to leave many generous donations.

It was brilliant to see beautiful Wareek Hall packed for the annual Hall Trivia fund-raiser. The challenging questions kept everyone very much alert! \$2,300 was raised towards the Hall upkeep – a fantastic result.

Cemetery Trusts perform such a needed role. It was exciting to join the Timor Cemetery Trust to cut the ribbon on the magnificently restored heritage gates.

Lastly, it was great to have Christmas in July at Daisy Hill return after the pandemic restrictions.





YOUTH-LED CLIMATE CONVERSATIONS

After participating in Climate Conversation Month last October, this year, our Youth Council is leading the conversation!

The environment and climate change is one of the Youth Council's five focus areas, and the group is eager to build on the Climate Conversation initiative piloted by the Climate Action Stewarding Group (CASG) last year.

Planning has begun, with support from CASG, to design an event for young people to share their thoughts about climate change. With intentions to partner with Highview College and Maryborough Education Centre, the event is planned to run during term three.

The youth-led climate conversations will raise awareness of local climate change issues and opportunities and provide our young people with an opportunity to highlight action priorities from their perspective.

We look forward to sharing the outcomes of these conversations.

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Above (main image): Youth Councillors and members of the Climate Action Stewarding Group at a planning workshop in July.



Central Goldfields Food Network

We were thrilled to have so many community members attend our two Central Goldfields Food Network workshops in April and May.

The community-led Food Network was launched earlier this year, with more than 60 stakeholders and community members attending two workshops in April and May.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to kickstart collaboration around food access, food security and healthy eating habits in our region.

Your input will now help inform an issues and opportunities paper that will be used to develop a Food Strategy for the Shire and the Healthy Loddon Campaspe's regional food system framework.

The Network is a collaboration between Council, Healthy Kids Advisors, Maryborough District Health Service and Healthy Loddon Campaspe and supported by the Victorian and Australian Governments.

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Greening our streetscapes

We invited residents to contact us earlier in the year if they wanted a street tree planted outside their property.

We received around 84 requests across townships throughout the Shire, which will provide more shade and make our streetscapes look even better.

The trees have been planted with our Parks and Gardens team looking for the support of residents in watering the trees as they establish their roots.

Tree planting and increasing canopy cover in our urban areas is an important strategy within our Climate Action Plan – this will help keep our townships cool and our community active, despite increasing temperatures associated with climate change.



Art Gallery news



Gallery makes world stage

The Central Goldfields Art Gallery has made it to the world stage.

The Gallery is featured in the exhibition "Unsettling Queenstown" at the 18th International Architecture Biennale in Venice, Italy. The design for the revitalised Gallery was submitted to The Biennale by project architects Nervegna Reed Architecture.

What's on at Central Goldfields Art Gallery



Golden Textures Contemporary Art Quilt Award
Until 20 August 2023



Fiona Somerville: Landscape
Until 13 August 2023



Christopher Orr: Hidden in Plain Sight
17 August to 29 October 2023



Terminus: Jess Johnson and Simon Ward
24 August to 5 November 2023

Central Goldfields Art Gallery is open Thursdays to Sundays, 10am to 4pm. Entry is free and all are welcome. Visit www.centralgoldfieldsartgallery.com.au or follow the Gallery on Facebook and Instagram.



What's On

Keen to know what's on around the Central Goldfields?

For upcoming events, visit visitmaryboroughandsurrounds.com.au or follow the **Visit Maryborough Facebook page**.



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

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Carisbrook Redback Women's Football team celebrating a win in their newly upgraded facilities. Photo courtesy: *The Maryborough District Advertiser*

Community Update magazine

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

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

Join our team

Have you ever considered joining our team?

Central Goldfields Shire is a great place to work. If you are passionate about delivering great customer service, working for a progressive and innovative Council, and making a difference in your local community, consider a career with us!

For more information, including current job opportunities, visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentvacancies