



### LAST QUARTER

A reminder to ratepayers who pay by quarterly instalment that their final instalment for this financial year is due by 31 May. If you are experiencing difficulty with payments, please contact our Customer Service Centre at the earliest opportunity. For more information including payment options, visit: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/payingyourrates](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/payingyourrates)

### WASTE BATTERIES

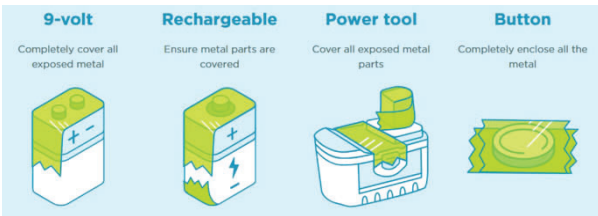
Batteries cannot go into any of your bins because they can cause fires, either in the bin itself or in the trucks that collect your waste. They also contain toxic substances that are harmful to you and the environment.

Batteries need their metal parts taped over and then disposed of at a battery drop-off point for recycling. That way, you keep your household and our environment safe from harmful materials.

Battery recycling drop-off points are free to use and located at:

- Coles Maryborough
- Crameri Mitre 10
- Woolworths Maryborough
- Aldi Maryborough

To find other battery recycling drop-off points, visit: [www.bcycle.com.au/](http://www.bcycle.com.au/)



### FEEDBACK INVITED

#### Draft Budget and Draft Revenue and Rating Plan

The Draft Budget 2025-2026 is now available for the community to review and provide feedback.

It's focused on delivering the key objectives of the 2021-2025 Council Plan as well as our commitment to delivering services to our community.

We're also inviting feedback on the Draft Revenue and Rating Plan 2025-2029.

It's developed every four years and determines the most appropriate and affordable revenue and rating approach which, along with other income streams, will support Council to deliver on objectives of the Council Plan.

To view the documents and provide feedback until Thursday 22 May visit: [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/budget2025](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/budget2025)

#### Draft Play Space Strategy

350 residents helped inform the development of the Draft Places for Play: Play Space Strategy which is now available for community feedback.

The Strategy will guide future development and management of play spaces across the shire for the next ten years.

To view the Draft Strategy and provide feedback before Thursday 22 May visit: [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/playspaces](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/playspaces)



#### Princes Park Grandstand concept designs

For Council to seek funding from the Federal and State governments to restore the Grandstand, draft concept designs are required.

Since August 2024, Council has been engaging with the wider community and Grandstand user groups to help inform the draft designs.

There is now an opportunity for the wider community to view the draft concept designs and provide input before Thursday 22 May by visiting: [www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/grandstand](http://www.engage.cgoldshire.vic.gov.au/grandstand)

### FREE HOME ENERGY PROGRAM

To help our community save on energy costs and improve home comfort, we're bringing specialists to a series of workshops to help you develop a plan to suit your budget and living situation.

Home Energy Empowerment Program launches on Monday 12 May, with our first Home Energy Efficiency Planning session from 5.30 to 7pm at the Maryborough Library. The session is free to attend.

The session is suitable for homeowners and renters, offering practical solutions and advice from simple DIY projects to larger energy transition upgrades.

The session will be led by energy accessor, trainer and educator, Lucinda Flynn from Going Green Solutions, covering:

- the building shell (draughts, insulation, windows)
- what's important to know about your main appliances
- simple behaviour changes and DIY projects
- how to consider suppliers and whether solar is right for you
- available financial assistance and other resources to help

For more information and bookings visit: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/EmPower](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/EmPower) or call our Customer Service Centre on 5461 0610.



## Home Energy Efficiency Planning Session

Monday 12 May  
5.30pm-7pm  
Maryborough Library

FREE  
EVENT



### BRIGHT IDEA

To improve community safety and encourage healthy exercise into the winter months, Princes Park, Princes Park netball court and Jubilee Oval will light up on Friday nights.

Starting tonight, lights will stay on between 5pm and 9pm every week for thirteen weeks.

This is thanks to the Victorian Government's Healthy Loddon Campaspe initiative. For further information visit:

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



### VOLUNTEER THANK YOU EVENT

To celebrate National Volunteer Week, we would like to recognise and thank our wonderful volunteers for their dedication and contribution to our community.

Please join us for supper on Monday 19 May at 5.30pm at Maryborough Harness Racing Club (337 Bucknall Street, Carisbrook.)

This is a ticketed event and open to all volunteers in the Central Goldfields community - Please book before Friday 16 May 2025 at: [www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/thankyou](http://www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/thankyou)

or email: [events@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@cgoldshire.vic.gov.au) or phone 0408 326 157.

Please indicate if you require transport when you RSVP.



### COMMUNITY FLU CLINIC

Our 2025 vaccination program is now underway with the next flu clinic at the Community Hub, Station Domain, Maryborough next Friday 16 May from 1.30pm to 5pm.

Bookings are not required but if you do prefer to make a time or wish to discuss the vaccine, please contact our Immunisation team on 0428 894 724.

For further information visit:

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

### OPERATIONS REPORT

#### Grading update

Maintenance grading has been completed on Slaughteryard, Mcdermaids, Firmans and Old Ballarat roads, Biltons and Peace lanes, and Peel Street in and around Talbot this week.

Next our crew moves to Amhurst and Lillicur, working along McIntyres, Baker, Lillicur, Mine and Blacksmith Gully roads, and Peacock Track.

#### Maryborough

A major intersection upgrade will commence at the junction of Clarendon Street, Palmerston Street and Dundas Road, Maryborough from Monday 12 May, also part of the TAC Safe Roads and Streets Program.

Road closures and diversions will be in place for up to three weeks. For everyone's safety, kindly follow the directions of traffic management and reduced speed limits in the area.

#### Talbot

Commencing on Monday 12 May, the asphalt shoulders are being rebuilt along a section of the Talbot-Avoca Road - between Moores Flat Road and Old Avoca Road. Please keep an eye out for our crew working in the area during the week and keep to reduced speed limits.

The whole length of the road from Talbot to the Pyrenees Highway now has a maximum speed of 80km/h from this week, with new signs now in place.

The speed reduction is part of the Transport Accident Commission's Safe Roads and Streets program.



### KINDER REGISTRATIONS

Registrations for 3 and 4 year old kindergarten in 2026 will open on Monday 2 June.

To find out which kindergarten is best suited to your child we encourage you to head along to the kindergarten open days:

- Tabot Kindergarten: Thursday 15 May, 3 to 5pm
- Dunolly Kindergarten: Wednesday 21 May, 2.30 to 4.30pm
- Goldfields Family Centre: Wednesday 21 May, 4 to 6pm
- TL Stone Kindergarten: Friday 23 May, 3 to 5pm
- California Gully: Thursday 29 May, 2.30 to 4.30pm
- A.G. Leech: Friday 30 May, 2.30 to 4pm

For more information visit:

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

You can book a tour of Roseberry House in Inkerman Street, Maryborough by visiting:

[www.roseberryhouse.com.au/maryborough-childcare-centre](http://www.roseberryhouse.com.au/maryborough-childcare-centre)



### POSITIONS VACANT

For career opportunities, please visit:

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

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