

# **COUNCIL NEWS**

**Friday 30 May 2025** 

#### **NEW CEO APPOINTED**

Mr Peter Harriott has been appointed as our new CEO following a thorough and competitive recruitment process.

Peter brings with him extensive local government experience and knowledge having worked in the sector for the past 30 years

His appointment marks the beginning of an exciting new chapter for our organisation.

We look forward to welcoming Peter to the Central Goldfields

when he commences his appointment on 1 July, 2025.

For more information visit:

www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/newceo

#### **COUNCIL MEETING**

The May Council Meeting was held earlier this week (28/05). The video recording of the meeting can be viewed online at: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/councilmeetings

#### **HEALTHIER REGION**

The Healthy Loddon Campaspe Active Living Census started Monday 26 May. Make your voice heard and help shape a healthier tomorrow.

Plus, if you complete the Census before this Sunday 1 June, you could win a \$1000, \$500 or \$250 voucher. It's part of a \$10,000 prize pool you can enter when completing the Census online. Healthy Loddon Campaspe is a region-wide partnership with the

Healthy Loddon Campaspe is a region-wide partnership with the Victorian Government to improve health and wellbeing in our communities, providing initiatives such as:

- Outdoor exercise equipment and instructors in our parks
- Bike, skateboard and scooter workshops, equipment, videos and community days
- Cooking, gardening and healthy food networking
- Winter evening lighting at sports grounds to encourage physical activity

Get started on the Active Living Census now by visiting: go.healthyloddoncampaspe.au/alc



### 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

#### **KINDER REGISTRATIONS**

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

To find out which kindergarten is best suited to your child we encourage you to contact our kindergartens directly for an appointment.

Visit: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/centralenrolment

#### **POSITIONS VACANT**

For our career opportunities, please visit: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/currentvacancies

#### **WINTER OPERATIONS**

The leafy parklands and streets we all enjoy over summer take considerable work to maintain, making autumn a busy time of year for our Open Spaces team.

A reminder to keep watch for crews pruning trees along our streets and to follow any road and path signage for everyone's safety. Pruning keeps trees healthy and neat, while keeping street parking and footpaths easy to use.

Street sweepers are also on the move in our towns, picking up leaves from gutters and roads to improve driving conditions and prevent drainage problems over winter. Mini sweepers will repeatedly return to parks and footpaths too, to make them less slippery.



#### **New trees**

The cooler months are the ideal time for new tree plantings, which will commence in coming weeks.

Earlier this year we asked residents where they would like additional shade, and we received over one hundred requests.

The tree stock is now delivered, and once the busy autumn maintenance period slows, we can start planting. The new trees will take between three and five years to become established, under the watchful eyes of our Open Spaces team.



#### **New footpath**

Our Roads and Works team replaced a 120 metre section of asphalt footpath this week, along a section of Gladstone Street between Franklin and Field streets.

Tree roots had caused damage to the path, so both have been removed and a new concrete section installed. As a shared pathway, it is now two metres wide.

We'll let you know about replacement

trees in coming weeks.



#### **ENERGY SAVINGS**

Ever wondered why your home still feels cold in winter, even with the heater running? The culprit could be hidden draughts.

Whether you're a homeowner or a renter, our next Home Energy Empowerment event, "A Masterclass on Draught-Proofing" will equip you with practical strategies to make your home work smarter, not harder.

The lunch'n'learn online session starts from 12.30pm to 1.15pm this Monday 2 June. There will be a live screening at Dunolly and District Neighbourhood Centre at 18 Havelock

Street or you can register to join live. To see the full program of events and book in

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#### **BUSINESS KICK STARTER**

Ready to turn your innovative idea into reality?

No matter where you live in our region or what type of business you're dreaming of, Startup Central Victoria's free 12-week preaccelerator program will help you test your idea and put it into action.

Weekly masterclasses will be held online Tuesday evenings and two bootcamps will be held in Bendigo on Sunday 22 June and 24 August.

For further information or to apply now, visit:

www.startupcv.com.au/events/accelerator-program

Expressions of Interest close on 17 June.



#### **KEEP IT CLEAN**

Our Waste Services team would like to remind users of our optional green waste service that not everything that is green goes into the green bin!

Beer bottles, hoses, plant pots, clothing – among a vast variety of objects being extracted at our Carisbrook Transfer Station processing plant, should be disposed of in general rubbish or recycling bins instead.

Contamination in loads of green waste has to be picked out by hand before this valuable and much sought after resource can start being processed into high quality, enriched compost.

To learn more visit: www.centralgoldfields.vic.gov.au/sorted Green waste is collected on the first and third Friday each month. The next collection will be Friday 6 June.



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