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MAYOR'S MESSAGE



With visitor numbers set to increase dramatically, Council is driving home to Federal and State governments that investment is needed to ensure the safety and economic security of the Shire.

WELCOME TO THE SPRING EDITION OF CORANGAMITE NEWS

Spring is here at last and there's growth in the pastures. The trees are in bud, there have been some blue skies and the nights aren't as cold.

Council has been far from hibernating during winter, with road signs being maintained, line marking being prioritised, and gardens being planted to add colour to our towns.

With State and Federal elections looming, we are ramping up our advocacy efforts and driving home to all parties the priorities we would like to see supported.

We have prepared very specific and detailed cases for the most urgent areas that need attention for the physical safety of our residents and economic security of our communities.

We are asking the Federal parties for \$153 million to match the Victorian Government's Geelong City Deal package which includes infrastructure improvements to high-visitation tourism areas identified in the Shipwreck Coast Master Plan, including the Twelve Apostles.

With the experience of the St Patrick's Day Fires fresh in our memories, we are calling for urgent action from both tiers of Government to fix priority mobile phone black spots in high fire danger areas.

Again, roads are high on the agenda and we are actively lobbying all state and federal parties for appropriate funding to develop a long-term strategy for the Princes Highway West Strategy which carries much of the produce from the Great South Coast region's \$1.8 billion agriculture sector between

Melbourne and the South Australian border. The Great South Coast Infrastructure Group has calculated \$300 million is required to implement the recommendations of the strategy for the Princes Highway West.

To ensure the viability of our Shire's supply chain we are also campaigning for funding to upgrade roads for High Productivity Freight Vehicles, including \$850,000 for Timboon Curdievale Road and \$1.65 Million for Foxhow Berrybank Road.

We are also asking for \$12.5 million each from the Federal and State governments to complete the Twelve Apostles Trail from Timboon to Princetown.

At a state level we are seeking a \$10 million commitment for the Port Campbell Town Centre and Foreshore Project, and \$29 million to improve the North-South Loop. Another \$1.5 million for community safety improvements relating to roadside vegetation safety during emergencies is also on the list for Spring Street.

This all adds up to a lot of money but none of these asks are negotiable.

Each one of them is essential in ensuring the prosperity of our towns and farming communities.

The residents of Corangamite can rest assured that Council is making itself heard loud and clear at the highest levels, to ensure we get our fair share.



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nominate *somebody great*

Do you know somebody who should be recognised for their work in the community?



Nominations are now open for the 2019 Corangamite Shire Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year Awards. The awards will be presented at our Australia Day Celebrations at Terang Civic Hall on Friday 26 January 2019.

Nominations close Monday 1 October.

Nomination forms and guidelines are available from the Civic Centre or at corangamite.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay.

GET FIRE READY



THE ROAD TO RECOVERY SHIRE BOUNCING BACK

The Shire is well into recovery following the South West Complex Fire in March 2018, with the regional recovery structure in place, the community recovery committee appointed and its plan prepared.

State Government funding has allowed Council to appoint two positions to assist fire affected residents and coordinate local recovery.

While navigating the funding streams has been complex, community support for our fire affected communities has been overwhelming, along with the invaluable contribution of volunteers.

Financial donations have been received from around Australia via the Bendigo Bank, and donations of goods and clothing were received and distributed by local charities.

Other assistance included much-needed fodder

from the Victorian Farmers Federation and Need For Feed, and fencing assistance from Blaze Aid.

The significance of the fires was highlighted by visits from Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull and Federal Member for Wannon, Minister Dan Tehan, Premier Daniel Andrews, and Member for Polwarth Richard Riordan.

On each occasion they congratulated the volunteerism in our communities before meeting residents directly impacted by the fires. People have been affected in different ways, financially and psychologically, and face diverse and unique paths to recovery.

We all respond differently and some people take longer than others to bounce back so be kind to yourself and others. If you require confidential support, please contact the Farmer Community Support Workers on **5563 4000 or 5232 5180**.

ABOUT ROADSIDE GRAZING IT'S EASIER THAN YOU THINK

Could a roadside adjoining your property be grazed? If the roadside in mind does not have significant native vegetation and there is potential for your stock to graze over summer, please contact us to discuss a permit.

Council has reduced roadside grazing permit costs to \$1.

Corangamite Shire issues almost 90 permits a year allowing landowners to graze grass on low conservation roadsides between the months of September to May.

These permits allow landowners to reduce grass and fine fire fuels through the highest fire danger period for our community.

We recognise that grazing roadside areas strengthens fire prevention works carried out by Corangamite Shire and the CFA .

Some farmers have held permits for more than 10 years, and have come to rely on the ability to introduce the new grazing areas for stock over summer. Some permit holders also cut silage and hay from roadsides.

If you are unsure about native vegetation on your roadside, please contact our Local Laws team, who can visit your site and answer any questions you may have.

Apply at corangamite.vic.gov.au/Grazing-permit-application or call Council's Local Laws Unit on 5593 7100.

ARE YOU FIRE READY?

NOW IS THE TIME TO START

No matter where you live in Corangamite, whether you're in a town or on a farm, your property is likely to be at high to extreme bush or grass fire risk.

Residents need to start planning and preparing for the summer Fire Danger Period, which usually starts in late November each year.

By cleaning up around your house and garden, you reduce the risk to your family, but also to your neighbours and community.

Now is the time to:

- clear undergrowth and fallen branches
- move firewood away from the house
- clean leaves from gutters
- ensure that grass is cut

Spring is an ideal time to be in the garden and outdoors. Make the most of these opportunities to prepare for the Fire Danger Period and reduce your risk.

For more information on how to best prepare your property for the Fire Danger Period, visit cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare

WELLBEING SUPPORT

If you have been affected by the fires and require confidential emotional or psychological support, available 'on farm', please contact the Farmer Community Support Workers on 5563 4000 or 5232 5180.

General Practitioners also provide emotional and psychological support, and can arrange additional assistance. If you have urgent concerns about your own, or the mental health of others, please contact Mental Health Services on 1800 808 284 [24 hours].

Other 24 hour helplines include:

Lifeline: 13 11 14

Kid's Helpline: 1800 55 1800

MensLine: 1300 78 9978

Nurse on Call: 1800 02 2222

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/EVENTS

WANT TO HOST A COMMUNITY MOVIE NIGHT?

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now open to community groups for loan of the Shire's mobile cinema equipment from October 2017 to March 2018.

Corangamite Film Society provides a team of volunteers to help you set-up and run the movie of your choice.

EOIs close 29 September.

For more details and Expression of Interest forms, visit corangamite.vic.gov.au

Victorian Seniors Festival October 2018



DUSTY, DORIS AND ME



Wendy Stapleton sings Dusty Springfield and Doris Day

1.30 pm, 9 October
Theatre Royal Camperdown.
Tickets \$10 from the Civic Centre.

Youth achievement awards 2018

Friday 23 November
Camperdown Theatre Royal,
7:30 pm

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT OUR YOUNG ACHIEVERS

FOR TICKETS:
PHONE 5593 7100

GLASS IS MORE THAN HALF FULL SCHULZ ORGANIC DAIRY

A goal to keep six tonnes of plastic out of landfill each year by using glass milk bottles has been met with outstanding community support.

Schulz Organic Dairy hit its \$48,000 crowdfunding target only half way into the fundraising campaign and by the end of the campaign on 31 August had raised \$106100 from 1182 supporters..

"We know it sounds wild, but coming close to this figure will enable us to bottle 10,000 glass bottles per week," owner Simon Schulz said.

"We actually have to invest nearly half a million to take our plant entirely to glass."

"Demand has been strong for an alternative form of packaging — a biodegradable, returnable or recyclable form of packaging," Simon said.

His research as found he company could get about 10 uses per bottle and buying 10,000 glass bottles a year would replace 100,000 plastic bottles.

"We aim to be the same price or very close to it. If you pay \$2 for the glass and \$3.50 for the milk that's in it, you'll get \$2 back."

Schulz Organic Dairy runs 500 cattle, comprising Friesians and Jerseys and a few other breeds, on 1200 acres Simon's grandfather Hermann bought at Timboon in 1972.

The cows produce 3-3.5 million litres a year and the ratio between Friesian and Jersey milk is carefully controlled to balance flavour, mouth feel, fat and protein.



Simon Schulz is passionate about sustainability and ethical business.

The company employs 35 staff across production, café, admin, the Melbourne warehouse and drivers.

At the Melbourne Food and Wine Festival in July, Simon received the HostPlus Trailblazer Award for leadership in the industry.

"My grandfather was a Melbourne Food and Wine Festival Legend so it's a great honour to be put in the same league as some of the greats, like [Yarra Valley Dairy founder] Richard Thomas and [French Cheese Importer, author and Cheese Slices TV presenter] Will Stud.

"It makes me realise people recognise what we do. It reaffirms the business ethic and the path the business is on.

COBDEN SPRING FESTIVAL SPRING, REGROWTH & COMMUNITY

Friday 19 - Sunday 21 October

Australian music legend Deborah Conway and her husband and longtime musical collaborator Willy Zygiel will be a major drawcard for the 23rd Cobden Spring Festival.

The duo will headline the mid-afternoon to late concert at Cobden Recreation Reserve on the Saturday. Other artists include Avalon and Andrea Weel.

The festival will begin with the Bendigo Bank Junior Fishing Competition at Lake Cobden at 5.30pm on the Friday.



The Fonterra Street Parade will be on at 11am on the Saturday, also Brekky in the Street, Kids' entertainment with The Mik Maks, rides and jumping castles, Roaming Reptiles,

a Junior Disco Cobden, Orchid Club's annual spring show and lots more. Sunday's events include a Fun Run/Walk, food and market stalls, pet parade, mini train rides, mini golf, Historical Society display, Blundstone Boot Toss, and Pioneer Park activities including a motor show. The South Western District Restoration Group will have displays and working engines.

To book a stall, go to cobdenspringfestival.com. au email stalls@cobdenspringfestival.com.au or call 0409 418 812.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

UNEARTHED

Corangamite Shire entrepreneurs have an opportunity to fast-track their business thanks to a \$284,000 business program. Corangamite Shire is working on the project with Warrnambool City Council, Moyne Shire, Great South Coast Food and Fibre Council, Deakin University, South West TAFE and Geelong-based business accelerator Runway. Unearthed will run for 12 months and will include events across the three municipalities, including meet-ups to help identify candidate entrepreneurs, “boot camp” workshops, master classes and individual mentoring. For more information about the program, contact Council’s Growth and Engagement team on 5593 7100.

EVENTS GRANTS

After a massive response to the first round of Corangamite Shire Council’s Events and Festivals Grant Program, applications for round two are now open. Applications will be accepted until 5 pm Monday 1 October 2018. Submissions will be accepted at corangamite.vic.gov.au/events-grants, or hard copy forms will be available by contacting Council on 5593 7100.

Applicants are encouraged to read the policy and the guidelines before submitting an application.

ONLINE BUSINESS

Corangamite Shire and neighbouring councils are cooperating to build a business-to-business digital network for our local business community: Great South Coast Localised.

The free web portal will help local businesses:

- advertise to the local business community and boost their search engine optimisation;
- ask for recommendations, introductions and quotes; and
- discover networking and professional development events.

If you run a local business, get connected at greatsouthcoast.localised.com.au/corangamite



Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator Samantha Fox, Manager Growth and Engagement Rory Neeson and Economic Development and Events Officer Tammy Young.

LINKING YOU WITH OPPORTUNITY CORANGAMITE BUSINESS CONNECT

The Corangamite Shire Economic Development team is committed to building a stronger, prosperous future for the Shire.

Corangamite Business Connect is about connecting with our businesses and includes a range of initiatives including newsletters with business specific content, business visits and the Business Corangamite Facebook page.

Council’s Growth and Engagement team hosts the Corangamite Business Connect program, where our staff visit you onsite at your business, providing the ability for business operators to speak openly about any issues and opportunities being experienced.

The program aims to develop the exchange of information between business and Council.

We will hear your feedback and share information about support and services that can help your business flourish.

Discussion points may include topics such as challenges affecting your business, expansion plans, recruitment or skill shortages, successes, and planning for the future.

If you are interested in a business visit, please contact Economic Development and Tourism Coordinator, Samantha Fox on 5593 7193 or samantha.fox@corangamite.vic.gov.au.

SMALL BUSINESS BUS

Whether you’re planning, starting or growing your business, the Small Business Bus can help you to develop your business ideas and capabilities.

Free 45-minute sessions are provided by an experienced business mentor.

Sessions are available from 10 am to 4 pm and can be tailored to address the specific needs of your business.

Please note that only one session is available for each business, and bookings are essential.

The on-board mentor can help you to identify a clear direction for your business, discuss key issues and priorities, and develop an action plan to achieve your goals.

- Wednesday 24 October, 88 High St, Terang
- Thursday 25 October, Curdie Street, Cobden
- Thursday 6 December, 35 High Street, Lismore

Please contact 13 22 15 for further information.

BUSINESS PROFILE

FROM THE HEART

EMU CREEK DELI AND GIFTS

It had always been Kim Haley's dream to open a little gift shop.

After 17 years working at the local supermarket, she decided to pursue the dream and opened Emu Creek Deli and Gifts at Skipton.

When Kim approached Skipton Hotel owner John Hutchinson about renting his corner premises, he said 'Why don't you put a coffee shop in?', she recounted.

"He decked it out and I put my stuff in.

"I'm extremely grateful to John because without him we wouldn't be here."

"I went and did a barista course in Beaufort because I'd never used a coffee machine before.

"I've become really fussy with my coffee now.

"We went to a place in Ballarat the other day and I said to my husband 'Let's have a coffee,'" I left it. I couldn't drink it.

"The last two months we've been making five slices a week," Kim said.

"Two of the girls who help me make them, make them from the heart."

Kim employs seven locals, including three juniors, and another local helps her with the books.

Sharing the load allows Kim to concentrate on sourcing products that resonate with her, many of which bear inspirational verses.

"I love my verses," she said.

"My favourite is 'Do not walk in front of me, do not walk behind me, just walk beside me and be my friend'.



Everything about Kim Haley's business comes straight from the heart.



"When I pick my stock it's hand picked from the heart.

"A lot I bought online. I went to the gift fair in Melbourne last year and bought up quite a lot.

"You walk into a shop and pick things up and say 'I'll go to them'."

Construction of the wind farm and power lines in the area means plenty of new customers and Kim said she has some regulars who take a break between Hamilton and Colac.



"It's a word of mouth thing.

"We're doing one special a day to get more people in and using our Facebook page more than we used to."

When people do drop in they can have a coffee and a hearty meal among the eclectic gifts and retro furniture from the local op shop.

"I'm not about perfection," Kim said.

"It's about homeliness and coming from the heart."



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or visit www.rocktheclock.com.au

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03 5593 7100.



2018 CORANGAMITE CALENDAR

EARLY CHILDHOOD TEACHER SKIPTON KINDERGARTEN CALLAN SLATER



What is your background? How did you get into early childhood education?

I've been working in early childhood education for 26 years. Most recently I've been working as a kindergarten teacher in Ballarat. I returned to study this year and am studying a graduate diploma in student wellbeing. The part time position here worked in perfectly with study.

What attracted you to Corangamite Shire?

I used to bring my son here to play at Jubilee Park and have always been attracted to the lake and gardens around here so it was a great opportunity. I grew up in a farming family at Clarkes Hill so I feel right at home in a rural community. Even though I'm new to the community, it feels comfortable and welcoming.

What do you enjoy about your role?

I'm really passionate about social justice and teaching is a social justice role. In early childhood education it's really important we support children to develop their voice and use their voice. That's what makes a lifelong learner; when they can identify and express their ideas. This is their first opportunity to do that outside the family unit.

What are the biggest challenges facing early childhood education?

Being part of a rural community we have to constantly promote the importance of early childhood education. It's about making sure we have the enrolments, and local families use the service. If we don't get the enrolments it affects the long-term viability of the service. Making sure everyone knows we're here, and uses the service, is my priority. And getting out and meeting everyone.



The Scotts Creek and Cowleys Creek Public Hall as a great floor for bowls [above] or dancing, and a huge kitchen, as shown off by committee president Peter Baker [below].

SCOTTS CREEK IS BOWLING ALONG SCOTTS CREEK AND COWLEYS CREEK PUBLIC HALL

At first glance there's not much at Scotts Creek but on a Thursday night the locals come out of the woodwork to bowl at the public hall.

Peter Baker is President of the Scotts Creek and Cowleys Creek Public Hall Committee and Secretary of the indoor bowls club.

"The bowls club has 22 members," he said.

"We're one of nine teams in Heytesbury Indoor Bias Bowls Association.

"Ages range from 10 to 90.

"We take anyone who wants to learn."

Peter said the bowlers used the hall about 40 nights a year and there were about 10 other bookings a year.

"We've got the pony club next door. They use it a few times a year.

"They had the state titles a few years ago and used the hall for various things.

The hall is also used as a polling station during elections.



"There are still enough local members on the roll to have it," Peter said.

"The hall was built in 1955. The other one was burnt down in the 1952 bushfire that went through," he said.

"A new floor was put in about 25 years ago," Peter said.

"The old one was worn out. Then five years later we did the roof. The Shire helped out with both of them."

Anyone wishing to hire the hall can call Peter on 0408 523 507 or Secretary Sandra Lingenhausen on 0407 551 245.

SUMMER JOBS

Are you looking for a rewarding outdoor job?

One where you work with other members of the community and get to enjoy the summer months? Consider one of our six outdoor swimming pools open over november-march. A range of positions are available from duty manager, lifeguard and swimming teacher to volunteering positions assisting our community events. Qualifications are required, however, training courses are available. To find out more, contact Kira at the YMCA on 5329 2820 or ballarat.hr@ymca.org.au.





Karen Robertson [second from right] shares her passion for singing with the Tone Deaf Choir.

BEGINNERS FIND THEIR VOICE

TONE DEAF CHOIR

IT'S 16,000 km from Linz, Austria, to Lismore and Karen Robertson will trade the Austrian opera houses for the slopes of Mount Elephant.

"I was in London for seven years then I was in Austria for 23," the leader of Lismore's Tone Deaf Choir said.

"I was living with my sister, who lives in Lismore, and I was invited to go to one of the Shire meetings for the Live Well Group at Mount Elephant."

When the attendees were asked for ideas, Karen replied: "I guess I could start a choir".

"We started about a month later," she said.

"At the start my idea was to get a group of people together who don't think they can sing and introduce them gradually.

"The repertoire is not big and uses songs literally composed for choirs such as this to help them learn how to sing together.

"There's no pressure. If you don't get the right note, you don't get the right note. It doesn't matter. Eventually you will."

Anywhere between 10 and 18 choristers from Lismore, Derrinallum, Skipton and Vite Vite come to the Grimwade Room at Lismore Community Health at 3:30 pm on Mondays, said Karen, who travels from Portarlinton for



LIVE WELL
project

the sessions. "We only have a couple of men and they come because their wives come."

Anybody is welcome and no experience is preferred.

Karen said the choir had two concerts coming up.

"One's at the community health centre on 3 September. They've asked us to come for a women's evening.

"Then the following week [10 September] we're at the Robinson Street clinic in Camperdown.

"We're also hoping to sing at Waking the Giants. We're hoping to have an original composition for the evening.

"The whole choir's doing it.

"I've asked them to give me a sentence each about something they feel or know about the mountain."

The Tone Deaf Choir is an initiative of the Lismore Progress Association and Corangamite Shire's Live Well Project, funded by a Victorian Government Age-Friendly Communities Grant.

For more information on the Tone Deaf Choir or Waking the Giants, call Val Lang on 0407 054 823.

WEERITE HALL TURNS 60

Weerite Hall will hold an "open house" on Sunday 18 November, 60 years after the original building was opened by the new member for Hampden Henry Bolte.

"We'll be inviting back past residents and hope people who went to school there come along,"

Hall Committee Secretary Peter Hay said.

"It will be BYO lunch but we'll have a barbecue available. We're going to have a car boot sale. That'll give it something a bit different."

To book a space, call Carolyn on 0418 538 212 or Barb on 0418 383 757.

MOUNT ELEPHANT MYTHOLOGY

WAKING THE GIANTS

DERRINALLUM P-12 College students will take part in the Waking the Giants thanks to guidance from contemporary performance ensemble 'In Helvetica'.

Waking the Giants, a creative celebration of the volcanic plains, will be at Mount Elephant from 12-14 October.

In Helvetica performance maker Toni Main is an Artist in Residence at the College.

"For the primary school students we're working primarily on the mythology of Mount Elephant and creating our own mythology to perform at Waking the Giants.

"With the Years 7 and 8s we're working on creating a verbatim theatre performance which is about getting words of the community and putting them into a text.

"The kids interviewed about 20 community members that have a connection with the mountain and we're creating a script from those interviews.

"I'm really excited to share what we've created with the rest of the community.

In Helvetica's Gene Holland will support the students with the music and is one of four composers who will perform at the Saturday night dinner show.

"We're going to be using the crater of the mountain to make the music," he said.

"The echo will be written into the composition. I went and had a play in a few places and heard the nature of the echo. I'm interested in exploring the mountain from a sound perspective."

Waking the Giants tickets are available from wakingthegiants.weebly.com.



Toni Main and Gene Holland are helping Derrinallum P-12 students explore Mount Elephant through performance.

BRIDGE DECK POURED CASTLE CAREY ROAD BRIDGE

The Castle Carey Road Bridge upgrade project is progressing well with the recent pouring of concrete for the deck.

The next main activity to be undertaken in the coming weeks will be the placement of containment barriers on both sides of the bridge.

Construction of the road approaches to the bridge will recommence in the warmer months later in the year.

The contractor for the works, Decmil, is on track to finish the project in advance of the scheduled completion date of March 2019.



The new Castle Carey Road Bridge will be better suited to heavy vehicles than the old timber bridge.

WHAT GOES IN THE YELLOW BIN?

Almost all plastics can be recycled, but only some can go into the recycling bin without contaminating the resource.

Contamination has been blamed for China's ban on imports of recycling from Australia.

What can and can't be recycled at the kerbside collection is not straight forward and this is especially so for plastics.

Corangamite Shire provides three types of bins for kerbside collection (waste, recycling and organics), with a yellow bin for recycling.

In 2018, an audit of waste in the Shire found we are doing well for most recyclable materials (e.g. cleaned glass jars and bottles, cans and aluminium foil) but we could do better with plastic.

The audit found only about 42% of recyclable plastic containers and 57% of other recyclable plastic being recycled at kerbside.

About 14.1% of recyclable plastic ends up in our waste bins, not the yellow bins.

On average, each household in the Shire generates about 4.9 kg of recycling each week; less than the regional average of 5.4 kg.

While plastics comprised about 13.7% of yellow bin contents, not all of it could be recycled.

All packaging should contain a symbol (see above) that says it can be recycled, based on the type of plastic, so the first step is to find the symbol on the label.

Anything with the number 3 or 6 mark can't go in the yellow bin.



Milk, juice and water bottles with the number 2 mark can go into the recycling bin, but films with the number 2 can't.

If you squeeze the plastic in your hand and it returns to its original shape or cannot be "scrunched", it goes into the recycle bin.

If you can scrunch the plastic into a ball and it stays largely in that shape, then you cannot put it into the yellow bin.

Cling wrap and thin plastic bags from supermarkets should be bundled together and put into the REDcycle bin at Camperdown Woolworths.

REDcycle processes the plastic bags to make a range of outdoor furniture from park benches to tables and bollards.

All rigid plastics are accepted in the recycle bin and always check with Council and read "Your guide to waste and recycling Corangamite Shire" (available at corangamite.vic.gov.au/Rubbish-and-Recycling) to ensure our recycling is accepted.

We should all avoid packaging that can't be recycled.

Our shopping choices can put pressure on manufacturers to change their practices.

By remembering to check the label for the recycling number and instructions both before purchase and disposal we can minimise waste and contamination.

RAGWORT CONTROL

Ragwort is a regionally controlled weed affecting agricultural areas that receive higher than 750 mm of annual rainfall.

For the Shire, the region affected by ragwort is generally restricted to areas south of Cobden and commonly exists on dairying and cattle farms.

Grazing on ragwort can cause liver damage in cattle and can taint milk.

Spring is a great time to control ragwort before its summer flowering and seeding period, helping prevent its spread.

Recommended measures include applying a registered herbicide, cultivation and physical removal. If using a registered herbicide, seek advice from your local chemical/farm supplier and only use at the recommended rate. Council will again be controlling ragwort on Council roadsides to assist in the overall effort in our Shire to control this problem weed.

CUP FEVER

TOUR COMING TO CAMPERDOWN

Australia's most famous trophy, The Melbourne Cup, will be in Camperdown on Saturday 13 October.

Each year, since 2003 the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour celebrates the heroes and stories intrinsically linked to the Victoria Racing Club's 158-year old race.

For your chance to see the \$200,000, 18-carat gold Lexus Melbourne Cup trophy up close, come to the free community breakfast at the Theatre Royal from 8:30 am – 10:30 am.

It will be followed by a Street Parade down Manifold Street from 10:30 am – 11 am.

The Cup will visit Sunnyside House and Merindah Lodge on its way to the Camperdown Agricultural Show where there will be a question and answer session with the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour Ambassadors. From 5 pm – 10 pm, The Cup will be on show at a People's Cup Gala Evening at Camperdown Golf Club.





Treated Blackberry 2017-18 program – Sadlers Rd – Lake Bullen Merri – Photo Roland Herbert

ROADSIDE WEED CONTROL

SPRING UPDATE

Corangamite’s annual Roadside Weed Control Program will get underway from late spring, with more than 1500 km of roadsides to be treated for the 2018-2019 program.

This work will follow on from the 2017-2018 program, which treated 1535 km of Council roadsides targeting species such as blackberry, ragwort, boxthorn, sweet pittosporum and pampas grass.

This year Council’s budget for treating roadside weeds has been increased again on the back of a substantial increase the previous year.

This increase will allow Council to not only follow up on the roadsides previously treated but extend further into areas that have not been treated before. Total budget expenditure for treating weeds on Council roadsides this year is expected to amount to \$245,000, an increase of \$10,000 on the previous year.

Of this, only \$54,000 comes from funding by the Victorian Government.

The majority of work for the 2017-2018 program was focused on controlling Blackberry, with over \$160,000 allocated to control this weed on 1280 km of Council roadsides.

The increase in Blackberry control last year enabled Council to extend the program onto

roadsides not previously treated in previous years of the program, including more roadsides located within the central region. This work is set to continue and expand further in this years’ program.

Council also expended over \$60,000 of funding last year to treat other noxious and environmental weeds such as boxthorn, ragwort, gorse, sweet pittosporum, mirror bush and ivy. Similar to the control of blackberry, this work will be also be followed up and expanded upon in this years’ program.

Council’s continued work and increasing investment in controlling roadside weeds greatly contributes to the overall weed control effort across the Shire, better enabling our rural communities to manage weed threats across our region.

For more information on the program please contact Council on 5593 7100 or visit us on the web at corangamite.vic.gov.au/Weeds. Agriculture Victoria provides information on weeds and weed control on their website at www.agriculture.vic.gov.au, and your local chemical and farm supplies store is a great place for local advice on control methods and herbicides that are fit for your purpose and region.

WATT WINS GOLD IN USA

Another month, another achievement for Dixie’s Tully Watt.

In August, the reigning under 21 modern pentathlon national champion became the first Australian female to win gold in the individual event at the International Championships for Pony Club Tetrathlon.

The event at the Tryon Equestrian Centre in North Carolina included a 3 km run, 200-yard swim, 10m air pistol and showjumping on an unfamiliar horse.

“There were 16 female competitors from the UK, USA and Ireland. We were away for three weeks as a part of the exchange,” Tully said.

“We spent the first two weeks travelling around North and South Carolina. We did a range of activities including rock climbing, white water rafting and volunteering at a riding centre.”

In July the Mount Emu Creek Pony Club rider student received the prestigious Pierre de Coubertin Award from the Victorian Olympic Council.

“Every school can pick one student from year 10 to 12, who has participated in the school PE program and displays values consistent with the Olympic movement,” she said.

SHARP AIMS TO INSPIRE

TERANG’S track and field star Caytlyn Sharp has added another ward to her trophy case: the Marg Angel Junior Sportsperson of the Year Award.

She received the honor at the Victorian Disability Sport and Recreation Awards ceremony in Melbourne on 1 August.

The award followed her gold medal in the T/F20 open women’s high jump at the International Federation for Intellectual Impairment Sport (INAS) World Athletics Championships in Thailand in May 2017.

Caytlyn hopes to compete in the 2020



Caytlyn Sharp



Tully Watt competes in North Carolina.

“My future goals are mostly about self improvement, improving my running and swimming times for example.

“I don’t really like to set goals that are dependent on other people, like winning a competition. I can only control my own actions so I try not to go in with any unrealistic expectations. That way if I did my best I can always walk away happy no matter how I place.

No I’m definitely not planning on 2020, hopefully 2024. I know where my weakness are and I’m going to be working really hard on continuing to step up. I also really value school and with Year 12 next year sport may have be on the back burner for a little while.

I also have my last U/19s world championships next year so I’m looking forward to that.

Paralympics but her main event, the 200 m, is not on the schedule. “Paralympics for T/F20 only has 400/1500, long jump and shot put. I actually want to compete in long jump.”

That event is no surprise given Caytlyn names Australian long jumper Brooke Stratton as her inspiration.

“Next month I have Greater Western Region sport for School Sports Victoria, then State champs if I make it, then All Schools State [vic] and Nationals [in Cairns] then Athletics Australia Nationals in Sydney in March.

“Next year I hope to qualify for INAS global Games in October in Brisbane, and Para Champs in Dubai in November.”

Caytlyn says her motivation is “to just do better, be better, and inspire other intellectually disabled kids to take up sport”.

To that end, she is an ambassador for INAS **#WeAreSport** campaign. “**#WeAreSport** is about inspiring and encouraging other intellectually disabled girls to try sport, to be strong, and to give it a go!” she said.

LOCAL PAIR IN BULLDOGS NEXT GENERATION ACADEMY

As the AFLW goes from strength to strength, two Corangamite football players have been selected for the Bulldogs Next Generation Academy.

Cobden’s Shae De Francesco has played footy for five seasons: three seasons with Deakin University, one with Terang-Mortlake under 14’s team, then Cobden Bombers.

She was selected for the academy despite a dislocated knee, broken right pinky and Osgood-Schlatter disease (growth related knee inflammation) during the year.

“I hope to gain some friendships and more experience not only from the coaches but also the players and how they see the game,” she said.

Shae said father, Deca Bradbury, was the biggest influence on her game.

“I know it seems like I never pay much attention when he’s telling me things, but he has been behind me the whole time I’ve started my footy career and I couldn’t thank him enough for it. After every game he will give me things I should work on for the next game and before a game he usually says ‘good luck’. I’ve also had my uncles [Josh and Jarrod Stafford] and my grandfather [Geoff Stafford] to help me as well.”

“A couple of years ago I played one game for South Warrnambool at an exhibition game, and afterwards we met Moana Hope and she had been my biggest role model as AFLW went uphill.”

Shae said she loves getting ready the night before and getting those butterflies before every game because she loves playing with her mates.

“I love giving someone a good tackle and getting a free kick or taking a hard mark or kicking a goal or beating the opposition to a contest. I love making my family proud when they come and watch me because they are half of the reason I get to play.

Shae also play Cricket with Western Waves, seniors with Mortlake and under 16’s, plays with the Volleyball Association in Mortlake, netball with Woorndoo-Mortlake Tigers and has thrown javelin at state level school athletics.

Camperdown resident Casey Willis, who this year won back-to-back Best and Fairest for South Warrnambool U18s, said being selected for the academy was one of the highlights of her season.

Other highlights included training with the U18



Shae De Francesco

Rebels squad and making the U16s Futures Squad for the Greater Western Victoria Rebels, and getting the chance to compete against Hamilton Kangaroos in the grand final.

She said she hoped the academy program would help her become a better leader and role model for the bottom age girls.

“I hope to learn new plays and different set ups during games, new drills and skills. Gain a better experience of the things that goes on before and after footy matches and gain a better experience of the game itself. I would also like to learn about recovery methods and routine. Also, make new friendships with a different bunch of girls.”

Casey said travelling for games and training, and trying to fit in school work after getting home late, and playing netball for Camperdown, had been exhausting but she loved running out onto the football field, singing the song after a win and being with her teammates.

“Another thing I love about the game is working together as a team to score goals, and the feeling you get when you work together as a team to get the reward you want.”

South Warrnambool Female Football coach Alicia Drew has been a big influence on Casey.

“Being my first football coach she has been my first big influence; she has helped me get where I am today. Another influence in my game is Renee Saulitis., Meeting her last year whilst training for South Warrnambool, becoming friends and her teaching me skills and drills has helped me a long way.”

Casey described herself as a determined, agile and a patient player. “At the end of it all I am determined and willing to give it my best.”

WHAT'S ON: OCTOBER - DECEMBER 2018

OCTOBER

Thursday 4 October	School holiday movies @ Theatre Royal Camperdown. 1:30 pm. Corangamite Film Society, Killara Centre, Camperdown, 7:30 pm - 11:59 pm	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au 0419 847 449
	Timboon parkrun every Saturday, near Distillery, 8 am. 5 km timed run	www.parkrun.com.au/timboon
Saturday 6 October	Terang Market Day, All Saints Church, 9 am - 1 pm Cobden Live Music & Dance, Cobden Civic Hall	0427 922 221 0490 344 355
	Oktoberfest, Port Campbell SLSC, 7pm, \$40	Marina Deppeler 0447 347 193 Bec McAuliffe 0402 108 487
Sunday 7 October	Daylight saving starts at 2 am. Turn your clocks forward one hour. Camperdown Rotary Market, The Avenue, 9 am-2 pm Cobden Miniature Railway from 11 am - 4 pm. Every Sunday during school holidays	Pat Robertson on 0447 139 639 cobdenminiaturerail.org.au
Friday 12 October - Sunday 14 October	Waking the Giants volcano music event. Mount Elephant	Val Lang at vlang@ansonic.com.au
Saturday 13 October	Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour Skipton Market, Skipton Mechanic's Hall, 9 am-1 pm Camperdown Show, Camperdown Showgrounds, 8 am - 5 pm	Theatre Royal , 8:30 am; Manifold Street parade, 10:30am; Camperdown Show, 1 pm; Camperdown Golf Club, 5 pm Jan Murphy on 5340 2204
	South West Brick Club, St Paul's Church, Camperdown, 10:30 am -12 pm	0409 608 717
Friday 19-Sunday 21 October	Cobden Spring Festival Rock the Clock, Camperdown	
Saturday 20 October	Caulfield Cup Luncheon, Nexus Service Club of Terang, 12:30 pm, Dalvui Trotting Track	Wendy Driscoll 0418 522 004 or Susan Keane 0437 177 634
Friday 26 October - Sunday 28 October	Terang Art Show, Terang College Hall, 7:30 pm Friday - 4 pm Sunday KC18, Kennedys Creek	0427 954 214 kennedyscreekmusicfestival@gmail.com
Saturday 27 October	VicMow and Camperdown College Mowdown, Frederick Street Oval, 10:30 am - 3:30 pm Lakes & Craters Band - Cabaret, Theatre Royal, Camperdown, 6:30pm - 11:59 pm An Evening of Celtic Music, Timboon Hall, 7:30 pm	Sue Maskell on 5593 1616 Barb Tucker on 0418 537 831 5595 0361
Sunday 28 October	St Patrick's School Fete	

NOVEMBER

Thursday 1 November	Corangamite Film Society, Killara Centre, Camperdown, 7:30 pm - 11:59 pm Timboon parkrun every Saturday, near Distillery, 8 am. 5 km timed run	0419 847 449 www.parkrun.com.au/timboon
Saturday 3 November	Terang Market Day, All Saints Church, 9 am - 1 pm Cobden Live Music & Dance, Cobden Civic Hall	0427 922 221 0490 344 355
	Lismore Market Day	
Sunday 4 November	Camperdown Rotary Market, The Avenue, 9 am - 2 pm	Pat Robertson on 0447 139 639
Tuesday 6 November	Cobden Quilters, Cobden Senior Citizens Centre. First & third Tuesday of each month Skipton Market, Skipton Mechanic's Hall, 9 am - 1 pm	Anne Box on 5595 1112 Jan Murphy on 5340 2204
Saturday 10 November	South West Brick Club, St Paul's Church, Camperdown, 10:30 am - 12 pm Darlington Arts & Crafts Group, Darlington Mechanics Institute Hall, 1 pm - 4 pm	0409 608 717 Carmel O'Connor on 0407 056 020
Saturday 17 November	Noorat Show, Noorat Recreation Reserve, 8:30 am - 5 pm	0455 669 984
Sunday 18 November	Cobden Miniature Railway from 11 am - 4 pm. Every Sunday during school holidays Weerite Hall 60 year celebration, Weerite Hall	cobdenminiaturerail.org.au
Friday 23 November	Corangamite Shire Youth Achievement Awards, Theatre Royal Camperdown, 7:30 pm	03 5593 7100

DECEMBER

Saturday 1 - Sunday 2 December	Lakes & Craters Horse Trials	0411599410 camperdownhorsetrials@hotmail.com
Saturday, 1 December	Guzzlers Show 'n' Shine with drive-in, Camp Cooriemungle Terang Market Day, All Saints Church, 9 am - 1 pm Cobden Live Music & Dance, Cobden Civic Hall	0417983578 0427 922 221 0490 344 355
Wednesday 12 December	Christmas under the Elms, Derrinallum	
Friday 14 December	Christmas Street Party, Lismore	
Sunday 16 December	Cobden Miniature Railway from 11 am - 4 pm. Every Sunday during school holidays	cobdenminiaturerail.org.au
Friday 21 December	Port Campbell Christmas Tree	