

# CORANGAMITE SHIRE news



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## SUMMER 2019-2020 EDITION

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Photo:  
Ben Wickenton



# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Mayor Neil Trotter and Deputy Mayor Ruth Gstrein, both elected for a second term by their fellow Councillors.

## WELCOME TO THE SUMMER EDITION OF CORANGAMITE NEWS

**It was a great privilege to be elected Mayor for another term at the November Council Meeting. I'd like to thank my fellow Councillors for their support and for voting for me.**

My first term as Mayor was rewarding but also challenging, and a steep learning curve.

I'd like to thank former Mayor Jo Beard for her guidance when I was first elected and Cr Ruth Gstrein for her support as Deputy Mayor. Her experience has been invaluable.

It's been frustrating at times, advocating for roads—the Princes Highway West, roadside vegetation, Regional Development Victoria funding — a lot of things have had money stripped away in the past year.

It's becoming increasingly difficult for regional councils to do what we need to do for our communities. It's an impediment to growth, productivity and community wellbeing. Waste and recycling also continue to be concerns.

This is the last year of the current Council term, with elections to be held in October 2020. That does not mean we will lose steam. We will continue to debate issues and objectives to ensure Council delivers appropriate services to

meet the needs of the community. We will continue to advocate vigorously for State and Federal Government support. The top priorities will be continuing to seek funding to fix the region's roads. We will continue to advocate strenuously for the investment needed to improve the arterial road network that is essential for the safety and economic security of our residents. Funding is required to upgrade local freight corridors to accommodate the agriculture supply chain traffic. With the agriculture sector forecast to grow, we need to future-proof the Shire in anticipation of increasing numbers of heavy vehicles.

The \$6.1 million Twelve Apostles Trail from Timboon to Port Campbell is also a high priority. Council is working to source funding from the State and Federal Governments to build the trail which will provide healthy leisure and social opportunities for residents and visitors.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors, I would like to wish all of our residents a safe and happy holiday season.

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Merry  
Christmas  
& Happy  
New Year



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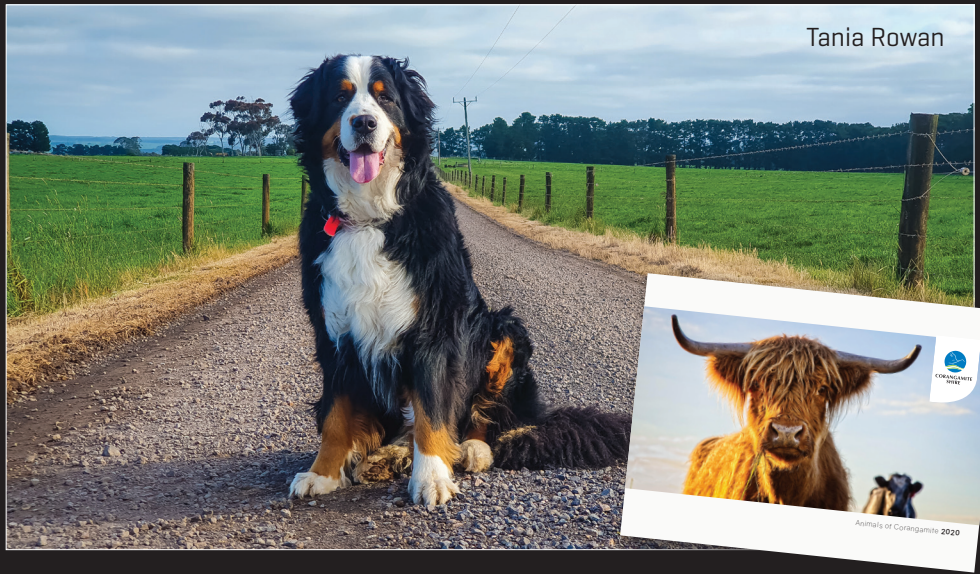
Our offices will be closed from 1 pm, Friday 20 December and re-open 8:30 am, Thursday 2 January. Please check our website for contact details during the closure. For urgent requests you can still contact us on 5593 7100.



# It's official we LOVE our animals!

Thank you to everyone who entered the Animals of Corangamite photo competition. We received more than 250 entries! Here are some of the shortlisted photographs. Please contact us on 5593 7100 if you don't receive your calendar in the mail before Christmas.

Tania Rowan



Rachel Murfett



Andrew Stubbings



Craig Boyd



Jasper Savage



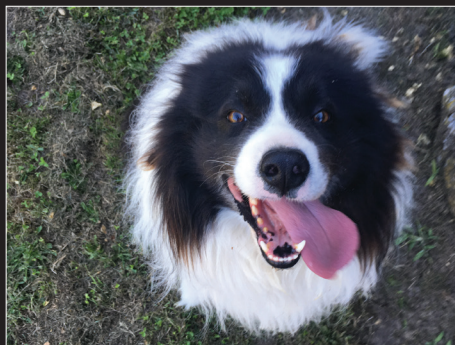
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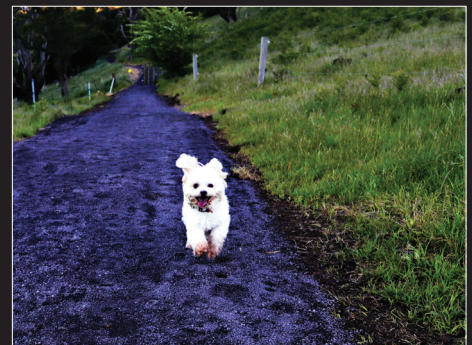
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Stephen Douglas



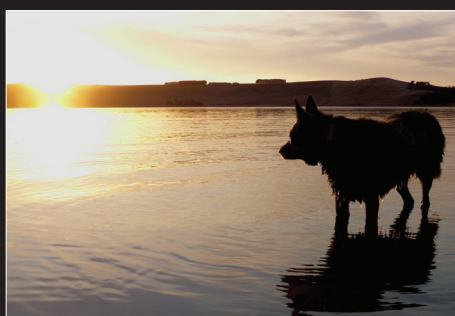
Angela Cameron



Gabrielle O'Brien



Bettina Stephan



Tamasine Chamberlain



Abby Barwise





## KAREN MORRISS EDUCATOR CATERPILLAR KIDS FAMILY DAY CARE, TIMBOON

### How long have you been at Corangamite Shire?

I have been involved with Corangamite Shire Family Day Care since 1998 and work from my own home in Timboon. In 2010, I worked at a long day care centre for a year and a half but returned to the low numbers and more personalised one-on-one care that family day care provides. This year I also started working with Mobile Child Care in Port Campbell.

### What is your background? How did you wind up in Family Day Care?

I have worked in the childcare industry for 28 years both in Australia and New Zealand and I currently hold a Diploma in Children's Services.

As a young mum it was really important to me to spend as much time with my children as possible. They were my life. To find a career where I got to always be there for them, but also making money to help support my family, was just perfect.

I became a single parent when my children were very young and family day care gave me the opportunity to support my three children on my own while continuing to work and always being here for them when they came home.

In 2006 I studied for my Certificate III in Children's Services and in 2007 received my Diploma. It was study that I was able

to achieve whilst my children were still young and while continuing to do family day care at home, supported by the Family Day Care unit staff.

### What does your role involve?

I get to share my interests and passions with the children, whether it be painting, gardening, yoga, music, halloween or even motorcycles! To know the children have learnt something valuable or even had fun while at care is a great feeling.

I love the educational side of play and always use my creativity to come up with new and exciting ways for children to learn whilst engaged in play. A day in care for my children includes lots of dress-up fun, art and craft experiences, outside play, writing activities, boardgames, music and dance and this year we have focused on daily yoga exercises.

### What attracted you to Corangamite?

It was the farming prospects. This area is advertised widely in New Zealand as a place to come farming. We were farming in New Zealand and moved over here and lived in Sydney for a year. My sister-in-law got us some interviews in this area, and we came to Timboon from Sydney.

### What do you enjoy about your job?

The best part of working with children, for me, is collaborating with the children,

## CHILDCARE OPPORTUNITIES AND INCENTIVES

Are you thinking about a career change or looking to study?

Have you considered Early Education and Care as a career choice? With the introduction of subsidised three year old kindergarten in the coming years, there will be future demand for Early Childhood Educators.

The State Government has a number of initiatives for those interested in careers in Early Years:

- Scholarships for educators wishing to upskill and those looking for a career change
- Pathway scholarships for Aboriginal people from Certificate III to postgraduate level
- Diploma and Certificate III in Early Education and Care courses added to the free TAFE list from 2020

More incentives may be available to Early Childhood Educators working with three year olds. For more information, call **Eliza Ogden on 5593 7148** or email [eliza.ogden@corangamite.vic.gov.au](mailto:eliza.ogden@corangamite.vic.gov.au)

finding their interests and together finding ways to extend on their learning in a fun way. I love being educationally based and taking the opportunity to make every play-based activity a learning experience for the children. I am passionate about Family Day Care as a childcare option and believe the 1:4 ratios provide a more child-focused and individually planned experience.

The biggest buzz for me is seeing how the children have grown and what they have learned since starting in care. I would highly recommend it to people as a rewarding career.



## FIRE DANGER RATINGS



Fire Danger Ratings tell you how dangerous a fire would be if one started. The higher the rating, the more dangerous the conditions.

Talk to your family about the fire risk where you live and make plans for what you'll do on hot, dry, windy days.

Check the Fire Danger Rating for your area every day and know which Fire Danger Rating is your trigger to act. If the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, Extreme or Severe, you're risking your life if you wait and see.

To check the Fire Danger Rating visit [emergency.vic.gov.au](https://www.emergency.vic.gov.au), the VicEmergency app or phone the VicEmergency Hotline on **1800 226 226**.

Don't rely on getting a warning if a fire starts. It's your responsibility to know when to leave.

## WARNINGS

**Advice** An incident is occurring or has occurred that may escalate to impact you. Access information and monitor conditions. Also used for All Clear and Safe to Return when there is no longer a threat.

**Warning (Watch & Act)** Conditions are changing and you need to act now to protect yourself and your family.

**Emergency Warning** You are in imminent danger and need to act now.

**Evacuation** An evacuation is recommended, or procedures are in place to evacuate.



Simpson CFA Captain Paul Parsell, Brigade member Cheryl Parsell, and Simpson & District Community Centre Coordinator Debra Smith.

## EMERGENCY BLUEPRINT FOR SIMPSON

The people of the Simpson district have taken responsibility for their own safety and developed an emergency plan for the 150 people who live in town and 300-400 more on surrounding farms.

When the St Patrick's Day fires ravaged the Shire in 2018, they came within 8 km of the town.

In the aftermath, community members started talking about their experiences and said they had been unsure of what to do. Some said they didn't even know about the emergency because it happened at night.

After a series of meetings, the Simpson Emergency Blueprint came into being. Residents themselves drove the process, with support from Council and emergency services.

The blueprint has three simple elements:

- a community profile with key information such as population, characteristics, events and community leaders' contact details, as well as what resources, capacity or skills they can provide
- an asset map showing buildings of high value to the community; and
- a flow chart showing what to do in an emergency

Local CFA brigade captain Paul Parsell said the blueprint was a direct result of the St Patrick's Day fires.

"A lot of people came up after saying 'We didn't know what to do,'" he said.

"The biggest issue that night was, driving to the first event and coming back, finding five trees over the road. That was in half an hour.

"The community wasn't prepared for the potential danger we faced."

Paul said meetings were held at the football club with community groups, Council, the SES and CFA.

Preparation and planning to leave early are the key considerations. The planning process has also encouraged people to create groups in their road or surrounding farms and "phone trees" to spread information among neighbours when mobile communications and apps don't work.

Simpson & District Community Centre Coordinator Debra Smith has arranged "Be Prepared" bags containing the town plan, emergency contact numbers and fire-ready guides from the CFA. The bags were funded by the Cobden & District Community Bank and are available at the community centre.

"People don't worry about it right now, but they know it can happen," Paul said.

Whenever another emergency happens, he said, "we want to be ones who can say 'We were prepared'."





The Fonterra Cobden team, producers of Western Star butter.

## FONTERRA IN COBDEN FOR THE LONG RUN

**In the heart of Cobden sit Fonterra's milk powder, fresh milk and butter plants, also known as the home of Australia's favourite butter for over 90 years - Western Star.**

The plant is Fonterra's largest in Australia, employing over 250 people who help turn local milk into Australia's number one selling butter and spread - Western Star.

The plant also produces milk and milk powder for Australian and Chinese markets.

Manager Nick Hayes said the team, largely made up of locals from Cobden and surrounding areas, has put in a new floor, a new butter maker and a new roof in the butter plant.

"Over the last nine months, there's been a lot of capital works enabling us to make more butter and spreads to meet the growing demand for Western Star," Mr Hayes said.

"We're fortunate to be the home of Western Star butter, and with more than one pack sold every second in Australia, it's important that we continue to make improvements at the site to make sure that we're running efficiently while producing high-quality dairy for Australians and export markets."

Earlier this year, Western Star was judged Australia's Champion Butter for the ninth time at the Dairy Australia Grand Dairy Awards 2019 - an awards program that recognises the 'best of the best' dairy produce made from Australian milk.

"Over in our milk plant, the beverages team has been busy making fresh milk that is exported to China under our Australian Dairies brand, a brand we sell exclusively in China," Mr Hayes said.

"Chinese consumers are willing to pay a premium for Australian milk, with 6.5 million litres of fresh milk imported from Australia and New Zealand into China each year - and we're making moves to capture some of this.

"We're using the existing microfiltration capability to produce milk that has a longer shelf life, with our Australian Dairies fresh milk hitting shelves in China within six days of leaving the farm.

"It's great to be a part of the team at Cobden where there are so many exciting things happening, and there's a real sense of pride that the products we make are in the fridges of families right around Australia and now China."

## COUNCIL MEETINGS 2020

- Tuesday 28 January, 7 pm  
Killara Centre, Camperdown
- Tuesday 25 February, 7 pm  
Killara Centre, Camperdown
- Tuesday 24 March, 7 pm  
Timboon Hall
- Tuesday 28 April, 7 pm  
Killara Centre, Camperdown

For agendas and minutes, please visit [www.corangamite.vic.gov.au](http://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au)  
Residents are more than welcome to attend Council meetings.



## Australia Day 2020

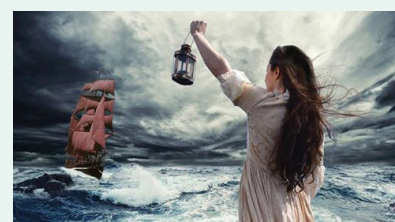
Sunday 26 January  
from 10 am  
Derrinallum P12 College

Keynote speaker, Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year, Community Event of the Year.

OZACT PRESENTS

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18 & 19 JANUARY

TICKETS: [www.ozact.com](http://www.ozact.com)



# SPORTS PROFILE



**Front L-R:** Anthony O'Connor, Jill Porter, Jill McKenzie, Jane Lee and Laurie Heffernan. **Back L-R:** Kerrin McKenzie, Jacob Densley, Brendan Williams, Stephen O'Connor, Lachie Lee.

## TERANG GIFT

**Ninety years after Roy Northeast won the Terang Gift (pictured right), he's still the only local to have won the prestigious foot race.**

Roy ran in 17 Stawell Gifts, he is immortalised in the name of the Roy Northeast 120 m Terang Gift.

Terang Athletic Club Secretary Jill McKenzie said the 2019 event at Terang Recreation Reserve on Sunday 1 December had 433 entrants and by far the biggest crowd the event had ever attracted.

"They were spread out all around the oval," she said. "The atmosphere was fantastic."

"The highlight was having the grandchildren and great-grandchildren of the legendary Roy Northeast there to congratulate all the finalists. They shook all their hands before the race. To have them there to present the cheque, sash, trophy and sponsor goods was fantastic."

The event was won by Luke Houlihan, from Flinders Athletics Club in Adelaide, in an adjusted time of 12.671 seconds off a 5.5 m handicap.

Sienna Figuera won the women's event, the Jill McKenzie 120 m Women's Gift, in

14.235 seconds [adjusted] off 5.25 m.

"The race of the day which had everyone in awe was the Terang Lions Club 800 m," Jill said.

"The winner was Jake Stevens from Mount Martha."

"He's an up-and-coming superstar. He was a backmarker on scratch. The frontmarker had a 198 m lead."

Local export Anna Kasapis (nee Worland) had the lead at 300 m.

"We thought she was going to do it. The two backmarkers passed her with 20 m to go and threw themselves on the line."

One person who was missing was the much-loved, Tony Arundell who had passed away in November. Known around the district as Mr Athletics, he had marked ovals at all the local schools for 50 years and was renowned for his meticulous work.

"His four sons came to present the sash and trophy to the winner of the Tony Arundell 120 Women's and Masters Event," Jill said. "That was a great tribute and a great thrill for the club."



### CAMPERDOWN

Open 2-7 pm during school term  
10:30 am-7 pm weekends, public holidays and school holidays

**LAP SWIMMING:** 6-7:30 am  
Mon, Wed & Fri.

### COBDEN

Open 3-7:30 pm during school term  
11 am-7:30 pm weekends, public holidays and school holidays

**LAP SWIMMING:** 6:30-8 am, Tuesdays

### LISMORE

Open 1:30-7 pm during school term  
12 pm-8 pm school holidays  
12-7 pm weekends and public holidays

**WATER AEROBICS:** 10-11:30 am  
Tues & Wed

### SKIPTON

Open 2:30-7 pm during school term  
11:30 am-7 pm weekends, public holidays and school holidays

**LAP SWIMMING:** 6-7:30 am  
Tues & Thurs

### TERANG

Open 3-7 pm during school term  
11:30 am-7 pm weekends, public holidays and school holidays

**LAP SWIMMING:** 7-8 pm, Tuesdays

### TIMBOON

Open 3-7 pm during school term  
10:30 am-6:30 pm weekends, public holidays and school holidays

**LAP SWIMMING:** 6-8 am,  
Mon, Wed & Fri

### SEASON TICKETS 2019-2020

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| FAMILY | \$169 |
| ADULT  | \$86  |
| CHILD  | \$76  |

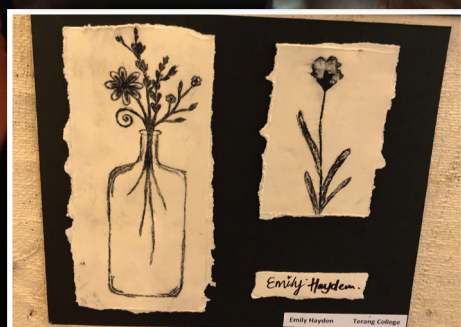
### FIND US ON FACEBOOK

**Corangamite Shire Swimming Pools**



# Youth Fest! 2019

Held at the Terang Civic Hall, Friday 29 November and attended by more than 250 people. A night of performance / visual art showcasing the talented, young people of Corangamite Shire.



## Congratulations to all the YouthFest! 2019 participants:

### ARTS

#### Bus Stop Shelter Boys:

Tim Fagan  
Matthew Pineo  
Daniel Nelson  
Otto Leonard-Pekin  
Ben Leonard-Pekin

#### Camperdown College

#### Young Writers:

Aimee Bosanquet  
Cailin Pearce  
Charlie Tickner  
Declan Tickner  
Kristy Parsons  
Emalia Kirchheiner  
Dalton Mitchell  
Pauline Sheldrick  
Hayley Cameron  
Beth Holmes  
Isabelle Eldridge

#### Camperdown College cast of 'Grease':

Charlie Tickner  
Tim Fagan  
Beth Holmes  
Lachie Bennett  
Nick Bennett  
Katie Wise  
Isabelle Eldridge  
Aimee Bosanquet  
Stacey James  
Aaron Kirchheiner  
Emalia Kirchheiner  
Dalton Mitchell  
Pauline Sheldrick  
Kristie Parsons  
Millie Kempton  
Grace Moloney

Stella Wickenton  
Selvia Suson  
Grace Moloney  
Isabel Rowan

Toby McKenzie  
Maurice Martin  
Hamish Williams  
Josh Gale  
Joel Sawyer  
Blake Oberin  
Liana Delaney  
Ben Matthews  
Emily Shanahan  
Charlie Tickner

### COMMUNITY SERVICES

Kane Leishman  
Grace Moloney  
Camperdown College  
VCAL class:

Corey Jolly  
Emily Smith  
Izabelle Bernaldo  
Meg Pickles  
Kane Leishman  
Tiana Hinkley  
Hannah Kurzman  
Charlie Conheady  
Cailin Pearce  
Harry Molan  
Caitlin O'Connor  
Thomas Nicholson

### SPORT

Caytlyn Sharp  
Lauren Ryan  
Annabelle Glossop

### ENVIRONMENT

Sienna Buckle

### AGRICULTURE

Brittany Abbott  
Caitlin Martin

### WORKPLACE ENDEAVOUR

Jorja Sharp





Year nine students from around the state are living at the Gnurad Gundidj School for Student Leadership at Glenormiston South.



Jayden Crawford [Hoppers Crossing] and Laura Cochrane [Mount Rowan] highly recommend the leadership camp. "It's a lifetime opportunity you shouldn't give up. Something you won't ever regret doing," Jayden said.

"Two of my siblings came here and changed for the better, but were still the same people," Laura said.

## EXPERIENCE OF A LIFETIME FOR STUDENTS

**Year nine students from around the state are gaining invaluable life experience at the Gnurad Gundidj School for Student Leadership at Glenormiston South.**

The Department of Education and Training initiative offers a nine-week residential program of personal development and team learning.

Getting out of their comfort zone to broaden their life experience, students come from other parts of the state while Corangamite participants travel to the Alpine School at Dinner Plain or the Snowy River Campus at Marlo.

Each term the school allocates between two and six places for each school in a different region across the state. In term three this year, 44 students came from North West of Melbourne and the Hume region in the capital's west.

A country student and a city student are paired in each room to gain an understanding of each other's life experiences. The class is grouped into four "Expo" teams that do two three-day expeditions each term including two days of demanding hiking at either the Great Ocean Walk, Budj Bim, Port Fairy and Killarney, or the Camperdown-Timboon Rail Trail.

Gnurad Gundidj Principal Sean Fitzpatrick made the transition from his beloved Timboon P-12 to be part of the exciting program.

"This is pretty pure when it comes to working with the young people. It's a case of 'How can I go back and learn how learners learn?'.

"Alpine School is in its 20th year next year. This campus has been in operation for 10 years."

Sean said all of the Shire's schools have been involved during that time, with Camperdown and Terang Colleges longstanding participants. Cobden Primary joined in this term when the Gnurad Gundidj students ran lessons for the younger pupils, using the leadership skills they had learnt.

"The students live independently and are taught to contribute to the operation of the campus – a whole range of things. They develop their own community ethos and governance," Sean said.

Sean said the school had 19 staff with a teacher:student ratio of between 1:6 and 1:12 compared to the State average of 1:25.

"It allows us to build relationships with the students and help them direct their own learning."

That learning comes in three x 3-week brackets. The first three revolve around building foundation capabilities.

"They're not core subjects in mainstream education. We might have self and social awareness, questions and possibilities, metacognition, cultural diversity and decision making and action.

"It's about questions and possibilities, about challenging and inquiring about a range of things."

The second phase is the "I lead" strand—learning about goals and actions and creating students' visions of themselves as leaders and other aspects of how they contribute to the community.

"When you're a leader it's the team that's important. You develop yourself and your team," Sean said.

"We encourage the students to fail, discover and learn. It's a mixture of academic preparation and life preparation which will hopefully help them flourish."

The last three weeks concentrate on developing a Community Learning Project which students take away to implement in their school and home communities.





Timboon Kindergarten president Rachel Richardson, Win Leslie and Barb Foster.

## TIMBOON KINDER CELEBRATES 50 YEARS

**About 80 people attended Timboon Kindergarten's 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday 23 November.**

Alumni and past staff spent the day looking at archives, old photos and reminiscing.

After 15 years, Educator Barb Foster is still "the new girl" at Timboon Kindergarten.

"Other people have worked there much longer," Barb said.

"Carol Taylor is the longest-serving teacher, who worked there for 27 years. Her assistant Heather Worrall worked there for 28 years. Patricia Delaney worked there as an assistant for a long time too."

The kinder service had operated out of St Jude's Hall at the Church of England from 1965 until 1969.

After prodigious fundraising efforts, including selling Devonshire teas at the Heytesbury Show, fancy dress evenings and deb balls, the current building was opened in 1969.

In that first year, 58 children attended five sessions a week. Now there are 36 four-year-olds, 20 three-year-olds and extended hours of after kinder care.

Much of the early development was thanks to Bev Newey who was the teacher in the St Jude's days.

"I was the first president then I taught

for the first three months in the new building. We met three times a week," she said.

Setting up involved showing there was sufficient demand to warrant the Shire's investment.

"We had to go round all the parents in the Shire and get their names. Win Leslie put in a lot of work," Bev said.

"There were several others as well. Lucy Bennett, Cathy Sumner and Anne Magilton – they're just some.

"We did have a mini debutante ball and we had barbecues and all sorts of things to raise funds.

The original building has had extensive renovations and has been extended into the hospital building and a second build has been added.

A community barbecue on Saturday 23 November celebrated the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the kinder building's opening.

Mayor Neil Trotter opened a commemorative garden at the event. The garden has been realised by the combined effort and support of The Gwen and Edna Jones Foundation, The Ray and Joyce Uebergang Foundation, Timboon Op Shop, Timboon Men's Shed, Pearson's Nursery, Bunnings Warrnambool and The Timboon Kindergarten & District Parent Advisory Group.

## NEW POOL AND SPA REGULATIONS

**New regulations, set to take effect from 1 December 2019, aim to improve safety by ensuring pool and spa barriers meet required standards.**

The State Government regulations propose:

- Mandatory registration of pools/spas with local councils
- Mandatory safety barrier inspection and certification
- A process for dealing with barriers that do not meet safety requirements, and
- Fees for initial registration, and for lodgement of certificates of compliance and non-compliance.

Owners will need to register their pools and spas by June 2020, or within 30 days of completion.

Council will develop a register of all domestic pools and spas in the Shire.

Barriers will need to be assessed by a registered private building surveyor who will issue a certificate of compliance or non-compliance, which owners will need to lodge with Council.

Inspection compliance certificates will then be required to be lodged with Council every four years.

Owners wishing to do their own initial safety assessment can be guided by the Victorian Building Authority checklists at [www.vba.vic.gov.au](http://www.vba.vic.gov.au)

Work on an existing safety barrier, other than basic maintenance, is likely to require a building permit.

For more information, call Council on 5593 7100 or go to [www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/poolsandspas](http://www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/poolsandspas)



## MT NOORAT WALKING TRACK OPENS



**The walk up Mount Noorat is smoother and more accessible thanks to \$40,000 from the State Government's Pick my Project Grant program.**

The track was resurfaced from the entrance to the viewing platform during October.

A bench seat has been installed at the viewing platform and the picnic table at the beginning of the track was upgraded.

The project supports one of the five objectives in the Mount Noorat Management Plan: that walking tracks are accessible, well-maintained and cater for diverse experiences.

It will ensure the Noorat Community and visitors can get around the dormant volcano safely and enjoy their own unique experience, in their own way.

This project will stimulate further interest in the Noorat region, creating flow-on benefits to the local economy.

Upgrading the informal track and installing new infrastructure are priorities of the Noorat Community Plan and supported by the Noorat Residents Association.



Geoff Gritten, Richard and Sue Semple, Trish McGilchrist and Anyaa Gritten

## SHARING A MEAL AND BUILDING COMMUNITY

**The late American chef, author and broadcaster Anthony Bourdain wrote that you learn a lot about someone when you share a meal together.**

The Derrinallum Community Roast is a great example of how sharing a meal can create friendships and build a welcoming and inclusive community.

"A friendly Sunday roast! Everyone loves a roast," said Derrinallum Progress Association secretary Janine Davis.

"Lesley Brown started this before she became a councillor. She started it by inviting the new residents. Because it was so successful, we decided to make it an annual event."

Janine said the aim was to encourage young families who had moved to the town to join in.

"A lot of the older residents, they were brought up with the community mindset. The new ones coming in are starting to mix in which is good.

"We've also got a busload of former residents who come over from Abbeyfield House in Mortlake. They say it's great to be back in the Derri Hall. All the functions were here: birthdays, weddings and deb balls."

This year five new residents broke bread with about 30 of their new neighbours: Anyaa and Geoff Gritten, Sue and Richard Semple, and Trish McGilchrist.

Anyaa and Geoff had lived in Byron Bay for 20 years but Anyaa was ready for a change and to be nearer her family in Melbourne.

"It chose us, rather than the other way around", Anyaa said of Derri. "We'd never heard of it. My sister-in-law found the house online. We went for a view: 'This is it,' we said. The community made us feel welcome right from the start. They put on two dinners that year to greet and meet all the new residents. We don't eat meat. To our surprise, both of these events had a no-meat option."

Anyaa volunteers at the Derri Op Shop. She and Geoff attend two book clubs, the Camperdown writers group and the Corangamite Film Society. "There is no lack of things to do," she said.

Trisha came from Port Augusta after retiring. "I have a daughter in Geelong. I spent a year and a half looking in Western Victoria. The house here suited me, and it was in my budget. It has a pond and I have a duck. "I feel safe here. I never felt safe in Port Augusta."

It didn't take long for the hand of friendship to be extended once she arrived in Derri. "When I first moved here, I was in the pub and didn't know anyone from a bar of soap. Louise Molesworth asked me to her place.

The community here is wonderful."



# WHAT'S ON : JANUARY-MARCH 2020

| JANUARY                | WHAT, WHEN & WHERE   | CONTACT   |
|------------------------|--|---|
| Wednesday 1 January    | Terang races Kids' Day Out. From 1-6 pm  | Ph: 0400 557 625  |
| Thursday 2 January     | Movie night, Princetown Rec Reserve. Starts on dusk. BYO chairs and blankets<br>Mutton bird watch, Loch Ard Gorge, Mutton Bird Island viewing platform. 9-10 pm                  | www.corangamite.vic.gov.au<br>www.summerbythesea.vic.gov.au                         |
| Saturday 4 January     | parkrun Timboon. Free timed 5 km run/walk on Timboon Rail Trail. 8 am every Saturday   | www.parkrun.com.au/timboon  |
| Sunday 5 January       | Mount Elephant open day. Every Sunday from 1-4 pm<br>Cobden Miniature Railway from 11 am- 4pm. Every Sunday during school holidays   | www.mountelephant.com.au<br>www.cobdenminiaturerail.org.au                          |
| Monday 6 January       | Film night 'March of the Penguins', Port Campbell Arts Space. 7:30-9 pm  | www.summerbythesea.vic.gov.au   |
| Tuesday 7 January      | Movie night, Simpson Rec Reserve. Starts on dusk. BYO chairs and blankets  | www.corangamite.vic.gov.au  |
| Thursday 9 January     | Penguin encounters, London Bridge viewing platform, 9-10 pm  | www.summerbythesea.vic.gov.au   |
| Friday 10-12 January   | Camperdown Car & Bike Show   | www.camperdowncarandbikeshow.com  |
| Wednesday 15 January   | Meet the Fishos, Port Campbell foreshore. 10:30 am-12 pm   | www.summerbythesea.vic.gov.au   |
| Thursday 16 January    | 'The Secret Backstory of Famous Shipwrecks', 7 -8:30 pm, Port Campbell Historical Hall   | www.summerbythesea.vic.gov.au   |
| Saturday 18-19 January | 'The Tempest' Loch Ard Gorge. Shakespeare's timeless tale of magic, mystery and mayhem<br>Camperdown Cup   | www.ozact.com<br>Ph: 0400 557 625   |
| Sunday 19 January      | 'Sardines & Sharks!' presentation. Port Campbell Arts Space, 7:30-9 pm   | www.summerbythesea.vic.gov.au   |
| Thursday 23 January    | 'Whale News' Update on local southern right population, PC Arts Space, 7:30-9 pm   | www.summerbythesea.vic.gov.au   |
| Sunday 26 January      | Australia Day celebrations, Derrinallum P12 School from 10 am<br>Timboon pool triathlon. Starts 10 am. Reverse - run, bike and swim. BBQ to follow                               | www.corangamite.vic.gov.au<br>Ph: 5598 3285   |
| Tuesday 28 January     | Council meeting, Killara Centre, Camperdown from 7 pm. Agenda available on website   | www.corangamite.vic.gov.au  |
| FEBRUARY               |  |   |
| Saturday 1 February    | Terang Market Day. All Saints Church from 9 am-1 pm<br>parkrun Timboon. Free timed 5 km run/walk on Timboon Rail Trail. 8 am every Saturday                                      | Ph: 0427 922 221<br>www.parkrun.com.au/timboon                                      |
| Sunday 2 February      | Twelve Apostles Plunge. 1.2 km ocean swim in Port Campbell bay<br>Camperdown Rotary Market. 9 am-2 pm in the avenue<br>Mount Elephant open day. Every Sunday from 1-4 pm         | www.shipwreckcoastswimseries.com.au<br>Ph: 0447 139 639<br>www.mountelephant.com.au |
| Tuesday 4 February     | Corangamite Arts session. Every Tuesday. Camperdown Showgrounds pavillion. 10 am-2 pm  | Ph: 0409 581 496  |
| Thursday 6 February    | Thursday Pictures. Theatre Royal Camperdown. Screenings start @ 7:30 pm  | www.corangamitefilmsociety.com  |
| Saturday 8 February    | Skipton market. 9 am-1 pm at the Mechanics Hall<br>Shine for Samuel Charity Golf Day. Starts 11 am, Camperdown Golf Club   | Ph: 5340 2204<br>Ph: 0409 218 159   |
| Sunday 16 February     | Cobden Miniature Railway from 11 am- 4pm. Every Sunday during school holidays  | www.cobdenminiaturerail.org.au  |
| Friday 21 February     | Movie night, Cobden pool. Starts on dusk. BYO blankets and chairs  | www.corangamite.vic.gov.au  |
| Saturday 22 February   | Noorat & Community Garage Sale. 8 am-4 pm  | Ph: 0415 272 094  |
| Sunday 23 February     | Trestle 10 Fun Run, Timboon  | Find on Facebook  |
| Tuesday 25 February    | Council meeting, Killara Centre, Camperdown from 7 pm. Agenda available on website   | www.corangamite.vic.gov.au  |
| Saturday 28 February   | Terang & District Lions Club Fun Run / Walk. 6 km, starts in Noorat, finishes at Terang RSL<br>Golf Day, Skipton, 4 person ambrose, BBQ, 10 am. Shotgun start at 11 am           | Find on Facebook<br>Ph: 0400 133 624  |
| Saturday 29 February   | Heytesbury Show, Simpson Rec Reserve<br>'Cultural Capitals' choral recital, Presbyterian Church, Terang, 3 pm  | Find on Facebook<br>Ph: 0409 772 479  |
| MARCH                  |  |   |
| Sunday 1 March         | Camperdown Rotary Market. 9 am-2 pm in the avenue<br>Mount Elephant open day. Every Sunday from 1-4 pm   | Ph: 0447 139 639<br>www.mountelephant.com.au  |
| Tuesday 3 March        | Corangamite Arts. Tuesdays & Thursdays. Camperdown Showgrounds pavillion. 10 am-2 pm   | Ph: 0409 581 496  |
| Thursday 5 March       | Thursday Pictures. Theatre Royal, Camperdown. Screenings start @ 7:30 pm<br>Terang Market Day. All Saints Church from 9 am-1 pm  | www.corangamitefilmsociety.com<br>Ph: 0427 922 221                                  |
| Saturday 7 March       | parkrun Timboon. Free timed 5 km run/walk on Timboon Rail Trail. 8 am every Saturday<br>Cobden Vintage Rally & Tractor Pull, 7-9 March from 10 am-4 pm at the SWDRG Rally Ground | www.parkrun.com.au/timboon<br>Ph: 0448 711 476                                      |

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