

CORANGAMITE SHIRE news

SUMMER 2018-19 EDITION

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CORANGAMITE
SHIRE



New Mayor Neil Trotter and Deputy Mayor Ruth Gstrein elected Tuesday 22 November.

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER EDITION OF CORANGAMITE NEWS

It is a great privilege to be elected Mayor of Corangamite Shire Council.

I'm excited by the challenge of leading the Council for the next 12 months and I'm grateful to my fellow Councillors for showing faith in me.

Corangamite Shire has an excellent culture of cooperation between Councillors to ensure efficient decision making and responsible financial management. I believe that communities are best represented when Councillors work together to form a cohesive and formidable team. We are looking forward to getting on with business and working together to provide the services, support and advocacy our communities deserve. Together, we can deliver a strong message to other levels of government.

This Council remains committed to its priorities: roads, mobile coverage blackspots, Twelve Apostles Trail, Glenample Visitor Centre, Shipwreck Coast Master Plan and roadside vegetation management.

We will continue to advocate strongly for the State Government's degraded road network to be brought up to a standard that improves the safety of our residents and visitors, as well as keeping our dairy tankers and other industry related heavy freight vehicles economically viable.

I want to thank Cr Jo Beard for her dedication as Mayor over the past three years. Jo showed great leadership following the St Patrick's Day fires and as our spokesperson to State and Federal Governments on issues such as roads funding and the Shipwreck Coast Master Plan. Her genuine commitment to our communities has always been reflected in her actions and she will continue to be a valued member of Council.

I also want to congratulate Cr Ruth Gstrein on her appointment as Deputy Mayor. Ruth has served three terms as Mayor and will be a great support to me in my new role.

It has been a tough year for many in our fire-affected communities. The volunteer-based organisation BlazeAid (which has been a vital part of recovery efforts since day one) is on track to finish up recovery works before Christmas. In many ways, BlazeAid's departure is an important milestone. While there will be mixed feelings, it's healthy to move forward into a new phase of recovery in the New Year. I want to thank BlazeAid (and everyone who supported BlazeAid) for helping those affected get back on their feet.

Mayor Neil Trotter   



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Merry 
Christmas
and Happy
New Year

**FROM ALL OF US HERE AT
CORANGAMITE SHIRE.**

OUR OFFICES WILL BE
CLOSED FROM 1 PM, FRIDAY
21 DECEMBER. RE-OPENING
WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY 2019.

PLEASE CHECK OUR WEBSITE
FOR MORE DETAILS.



FIRE DANGER PERIOD NOW IN FORCE

THE DOs AND DON'Ts

The Fire Danger Period (FDP) is set each year by the CFA and can differ for each municipality depending on conditions.

The FDP for Corangamite Shire started Monday 19 November 2018.

During the FDP, fire restrictions will be in force to help prevent fires from starting. You will need a permit or to comply with certain requirements before you light a fire in the open.

If you don't obtain a permit, you could be breaking the law and may be prosecuted. You must also notify ESTA [the Emergency Services Telecommunications Authority, which receives triple-zero calls] so brigades are not called out unnecessarily.

CAN I LIGHT A CAMP FIRE?

Camp fires are allowed, as long as they meet these requirements:

- are in a properly built fireplace or trench at least 30 cm deep
- the size of the fire cannot be more than one square metre
- a three metre perimeter must be clear of flammable material
- a person must be watching the fire at all times, and have the means to extinguish it
- the wind is not more than 10 km/h [observed if leaves and small twigs are in constant motion]

If you are on public land, check with the land manager to make sure you comply with their specific requirements.

Remember, all camp fires are banned during a Total Fire Ban Day.

For more details and a *Can I or Can't I* fact sheet from the CFA visit:

www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warningsrestrictions/can/

FIRE SEASON PREPARE NOW

Not everyone thinks clearly in an emergency.

With fire season fast approaching, it's time to ask yourself these questions:

DO I HAVE A FIRE PLAN?

NO

visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare/your-bushfire-plan to download your Fire Ready Kit and Bushfire Plan

YES

Have I spoken to someone about my plan?

NO

Make sure your family, friends and neighbours know your plan

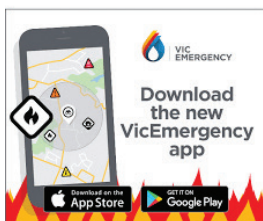
YES



Well done. Make sure you keep a printed copy of your plan for quick reference.

HOW DO I STAY INFORMED?

Download the VicEmergency App



If you have a smartphone you can download this app for free from the App Store or Google Play. The app will alert you to any emergencies in your area.

VicEmergency website or hotline



1800 226 226

www.emergency.vic.gov.au for updates or call the VicEmergency hotline on 1800 226 226.

ABC Local Radio

1602 AM WARRNAMBOOL

94.1 FM WESTERN VICTORIA

Tune in to your local ABC radio station for updates and advice in an emergency.



The Cobden outdoor pool pavillion has received a fresh coat of paint.

SUMMER DAYS AT COBDEN POOL

Cobden swimming pool will be an even more attractive place to spend hot summer days this year with the 1970s brown pavilion updated to modern grey tones and a slew of events on the calendar.

“We tried to find something neutral. The pool is bright blue so you can’t compete with that,” committee president Rebecca Mahony said.

“Every year Dulux donates to a cause. We got picked this year. We were going to buy the paint to do it but we didn’t have to pay anything.”

The committee members pressure washed and masked the building and Dulux territory manager Dean Flett spray painted it.

Rebecca said she was very proud of the committee.

“We took over at the beginning of last year,” she said.

“Our main focus is on fundraising to get a sun sail. At the moment the only shade we’ve got is one tree.

“We’ve just repainted and given the building a facelift. We intend to paint and put new benches in both the men’s and women’s change rooms.”

The committee has ambitious plans for cementing the pool’s place in the community.

“We’d really like to engage the community more and be a community hub throughout summer,” Rebecca said.

“We’d like to support local business and services, such as coffee vans, bakers, shops and other businesses wherever possible.

“We welcome ideas from the community. If there’s anything they’d like to see or do, let us know.”

As well as working closely with the Cobden swimming club, the committee is actively promoting events to make the pool part of community life.

The second annual opening party was held on 1 December, including a big inflatable obtained by YMCA Ballarat Area Manager—Community Recreation, Craig Mathieson.

On 27 January a Triple J Hottest 100 party will be held with live streaming of the countdown, a barbecue and door prizes.

Following on from last year’s successful movie night, Hotel Transylvania will be shown on 1 February. A major sporting event spanning juniors to social swimmers and masters, with children’s activities and novelty events, is planned for March.

It all takes a lot of work and Rebecca said that, like most volunteers, the committee members were happy to put in the hours.

“Like any committee, we’re in it for the community.”

Rebecca encouraged residents to get the best value for money by investing in a season pass from the pool or the Civic Centre in Camperdown. Season tickets are \$165 for a family, \$84 for adults and \$74 for children.



CAMPERDOWN

Open 2-6:30 pm during school term
11:30 am-7:30 pm weekends, public holidays and school holidays

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

COBDEN

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

LAP SWIMMING: 6:30 -8 am
Mon, Wed & Fri

LISMORE

Open 2-7 pm during school term
12:00-7 pm weekends, public holidays and school 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 2:30-7 pm during school term
11:30 am-7 pm weekends, public holidays and school holidays

LAP SWIMMING: 7-8 pm, Tues & Thurs

TIMBOON

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

LAP SWIMMING: 6:30 -8:30 am
Mon, Wed & Fri

SEASON TICKETS 2018-2019

FAMILY	\$165
ADULT	\$84
CHILD	\$74

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Corangamite Shire Swimming Pools

CORANGAMITE SHIRE **YOUTH AWARDS**

2018

More than 160 people turned out to recognise the region's young achievers at the Corangamite Shire Youth Awards in November.



With more than 30 nominations across seven categories, awards were presented to:

MUSIC: GRACE MOLONEY

A talented and dedicated member of Tuniversal, Grace plays the guitar and sings at festivals such as Rock the Clock, Noorat Show, Robert Burns Festival as well as many community concerts across Corangamite Shire.

ENVIRONMENT, AGRICULTURE AND COMMUNITY SERVICE (INDIVIDUAL): SHERIDAN HEATH

Sheridan won three separate categories, demonstrating her huge contribution to communities across both Corangamite and Moyne Shires. She is involved in dairy cattle shows, breeding and showing some of Australia's best milking cows for her family's Jersey stud. Sheridan volunteers for BlazeAid, Regreen4fireaid, made gift hampers for fire victims, quilts for vulnerable young people, as well as shearing for RIST. Sheridan is a quiet achiever who takes time out of her own life to volunteer for others - fencing, tree planting, cooking and more.

VISUAL ARTS & MULTIMEDIA: KRISTY PARSONS

Kristy is passionate about art. She was a prize winner at the WRAD art competition in Warrnambool and has completed 26 hours of artwork towards the Duke of Edinburgh program.

PERFORMING ARTS: THE WIZARD OF OZ CAST CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE

All students - Jess O'Connor, Charlie and Declan Tickner, Hayley Cameron, Sarah Delwig, Olivia Maskell, Lachie Bennett, Daniel Nelson, Aimee and Katie Bosanquet, Stacey James, Ian Wilkinson, Millie Kempton, Syd Bateman and Isabelle Eldridge - who took



part in this year's production volunteered a large amount of time to attend rehearsals, learn lines and develop characters. The performance spanned three nights in June, with a rehearsal period spanning five months.

SPORT (INDIVIDUAL): ETHAN COATES

Ethan is an AFL boundary umpire. In 2017 he umpired the Warrnambool & District league grand final. Ethan joined the Barwon South West Umpire's Academy at the start of the year and umpired the 2018 Hampden league senior grand final. On top of his umpiring achievements, Ethan won his school age championship in swimming and athletics and went on to win the HSSA Age Athletics Championship.

SPORT (GROUP): LAWN BOWLS TEAM COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

The lawn bowls team - Jack Hookway, Noah Mungean, Joe Hutt and Jayson Haynes - was the state school lawn bowls champion in 2018. The team won at the Greater Western Region event in Ararat and went on to win at the School Sports Victoria event in Melbourne.

WORKPLACE ENDEAVOUR: HARRISON SMITH

For the past three years, Harrison's passion for sound and lighting has seen him run his own business outside of school hours. His technical knowledge and skills in this area are outstanding and his business has grown over the past year.

COMMUNITY SERVICE (GROUP): VCAL, CAMPERDOWN COLLEGE

Camperdown College's VCAL students - Izzy Bernaldo, Beau Parlour, Kane Leishman, Dylan Jones, Corey Jolly, Matt Clark, Billie Pike-Parker, Daniel Wright, Tyson Williams and Matt Hassett - organised a Mow Down racing event on behalf of the Vic Mower Racing Association of Victoria. The group also volunteers with BlazeAid, worked with the Mt Leura Committee, and catered for the Uniting Church's community meal.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 2018 NOMINEES:

Jorja Sharp, Tess Lourey, Jordan Gray, Charlotte Delaney, Amelia Kempton, Liam King, Isabelle Huggins, D'arcy Egberts, Michael Rowan, Laura Hickey, Isabel Rowan, Jack Hands, Tom Wright, Sarah McSween, Jayson Haynes, Amy McKenzie, Emma Daffy, Caytlyn Sharp, Tobi Cole, Sophie-Kate Shaw, Matthew Molan, Ally Jeffery, Tully Watt.



Peter Nicol and Jittima Sitirit are serving up authentic Thai at the Lismore Golf Club.

FAIRWAY COFFEE AND EATERY

LISMORE GOLF CLUB

With Italian-style coffee, western and Thai food, room for the kids to play and sweeping golf course views, a new Lismore business offers a cosmopolitan experience in a relaxing country setting.

“This space has been under-utilised and now we’re giving it some energy back,” Fairway Coffee and Eatery co-owner Peter Nicol says about the Lismore Golf Club on the Hamilton Highway.

Peter, a Lismore lad, moved to Melbourne in 1977 and, during a varied career, has spent 30 years in hospitality.

His partner, Jittima Sitirit, came from Pipun, Nakhon-Sri Thammarat in southern Thailand seven years ago to study hospitality at William Angliss Institute of TAFE in Melbourne.

The pair met while working in the Melbourne Entertainment and Convention Centre.

“My mum is Dorothy Nicol, who has the fashion collection,” Peter said.

“She’s nearly 90 so we came back to spend time with mum.”

Jittima, who had worked at Thai restaurants in Melbourne, said commuting to the capital for work could not last.

“When we moved back, at first we went back and forth to Melbourne. We needed to do something because we can’t go back and forth four hours every day.”

The space at the golf club was available and the pair decided to go into business for themselves.

“They had the kitchen but no tables or chairs so it took a few months,” Jittima said.

Groups come from Skipton and Camperdown for Jittima’s Thai cooking, which is the businesses point of difference, but Fairway Coffee and Eatery also offers western food such as the classic all day breakfast, home-made burgers, schnitzels, spaghetti, and sweet options including carrot, sponge and flourless orange cakes.

“We’ve got a sandwich bar and salad bar opening soon,” Peter said.

“Eighty per cent of customers are local and they can’t eat Thai every day.”

They are also diversifying into functions for golf club members, birthdays and recently did catering for 60 patrons at Waking the Giants.

The business uses Melbourne-roasted Genovese coffee and authentic Thai ingredients sourced from specialist grocers in Melbourne and Geelong.

“Some Thai dishes, we have to use specific chili or specific leaf that is hard to get,” Jittima said.

Jittima said she had modified her recipes for Australian tastes.

“For now my chili paste is not very spicy.



Australia Day

**SATURDAY 26 JANUARY
FROM 10 AM, TERANG CIVIC HALL**

Join us as we recognise the wonderful volunteers who help make our Shire a great place to live. Keynote speaker: Duncan Stalker OAM. Awards include Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year. www.corangamite.vic.gov.au

“Because I come from the south – we eat very spicy food – I have to decrease my chili.

“We don’t eat sweet too much. For example, green curry should be sweet and a bit salty but not very sweet.”

Peter said the location was a drawcard as well as the food and coffee.

“People come in and say ‘We’ll get take away’ then look and say ‘No, we’ll eat here.

“Mums can sit in here and the kids can play outside. They can relax and know the kids are safe.”

The café is open from 6 am until 4 pm and take-aways are available if customers order by 5 pm and pick up by 6 pm. Phone 0479 163 496.

2019 CORANGAMITE CALENDAR



Next year’s calendar features a coastal theme with a few fire recovery photos. A big thank you to Patient Eye Imaging. If you do not receive your calendar in the mail, phone us on 5593 7100.

CORANGAMITE LOCALISED

Over 20 Shire business have signed up already for a brand new online portal.

Corangamite Localised is an innovative network where businesses can gain exposure, build networks and discover more opportunities.

The free promotional tool can help reach customers who might not know they exist and will share information about big projects and procurements, business events and training.

It takes about 10 minutes to set up a profile on the website that aims to foster collaboration across Corangamite and Moyne Shires and Warrnambool City.

This means more business spending stays local, business and employment opportunities grow and the community benefits overall.

Connect at <https://greatsouthcoast.localised.com.au/corangamite>

NEW LIFESTYLE VIDEOS

Corangamite Shire is working with the 12 Apostles Food Artisan Group to develop videos focusing on the unique food experiences in our Shire.

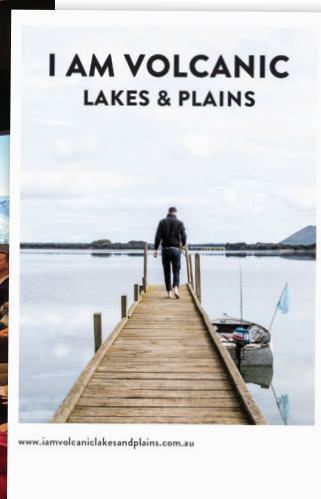
It showcases what we have to offer with the aim of encouraging people to visit and stop for a while. The videos will be shared on the Shire website, social media and other mediums.

The campaign aims to:

- create awareness of and showcase the unique tourism offering in our region
- encourage visitation, drive, stop and stay – to tap into free independent travelers
- promote our local produce, attractions and towns – with an emphasis on product, place & people
- promote tourism in the region and encourage population attraction; and
- support local business.



Liz Price from Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism [GORRT] presents to local business operators.



PROFILE BOOST FOR VOLCANIC LAKES AND PLAINS



Towns across the Shire will get a profile boost thanks to a series of new promotional videos.

The first videos have been developed for the four towns affected by fire in March 2018: Camperdown, Cobden, Terang and Timboon, with funding from Regional Development Victoria.

In coming months the campaign will be extended to promote other towns in the Volcanic Lakes & Plains tourism region, bounded by the Grampians, Goldfields, Otways and Twelve Apostles destinations.

The I Am Volcanic Lakes and Plains project—a collaboration between Council and the Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism authority [GORRT]—takes in townships across four municipalities and employs print, online and social media campaigns to increase visitation to local townships and regional events.

Local communities and business operators have helped develop content, stories and grassroots promotion of their town's attractions.

The stories and videos, shared on Instagram using the hashtag #iamvolcaniclakesandplains, Facebook and www.iamvolcaniclakesandplains.com.au extend Council's marketing reach far outside the region and will raise awareness of what Corangamite's towns have to offer.

A thirty second video will promote the Volcanic Lakes & Plains region and support the circulation of the destination guide, free with this issue of Corangamite Shire News.

The guide is circulated through Visitor Information Centres at Apollo Bay, Lorne, Port Campbell, Warrnambool, Port Fairy, Colac, Dunkeld, Portland and Hamilton.

It is being sent so residents can help promote the region to their own visitors, or discover new attractions for themselves.

I Am Volcanic Lakes & Plains aims to inspire imaginative approaches to attracting visitors, some of whom will choose to move here and contribute to our wider economic prosperity.

Please contact us on 5593 7100 if you would like copies of the guide.

This Christmas, support your local makers, movers + shakers





Ken Cust Jnr (left) and Ken Cust Snr (right) have worked at Corangamite Shire for a combined 70 years.

CUST DYNASTY CONTINUES

70 YEARS OF SERVICE AT CORANGAMITE SHIRE

Ken Cust has worked at Corangamite Shire Council for almost 70 years.

OK, so there have been two of them.

“I worked with Dad for four years. When I first started in 1989, he got two pays,” Works Team Leader Ken Cust Jnr said of his late father.

“My pay came out as ‘Ken Cust Jnr’ until he retired.”

When Ken Snr started at the Terang Depot of the then Shire of Hampden in 1950, the digging was all done by hand but when the Shire bought its first front end loader, he took on the role that would last the rest of his working life.

“For 40 years he looked after the rubbish pits.

“After he got the first one, he was the front-end loader operator right until he retired in 1993.

“He used to get a new one roughly every 10 years. The last one was bought in 1991.”

The first model, a Fordson, raised and lowered the bucket with a cable attached to a chain-driven drum.

In the days before OHS, there were no guards, no roll-over or falling-object protection and little forward visibility. Pets were also allowed.

“He took a dog with him everywhere,” Ken said.

Each Friday he took the loader to Goodall’s to get the friction plates ground then went to lunch.

“Mr Goodall would come down and say, ‘The dog’s on the loader and we can’t work on it’.

“I remember as a kid going in the [1970s] loader—you could do that in those days—and there was a hole in the floor. He’d be moving and the dog would just come up through it.”

The family had another connection with the Shire. Grace Cust, now 85, worked with the Shire in home help and looking after children during the 1980s.

MOBILE CHILD CARE

Corangamite Shire Mobile Child Care bookings are currently being taken for 2019.

Corangamite Shire Mobile Child Care is an early years educational and care service designed to provide high quality children’s programs within rural areas and towns throughout the Corangamite region.

Qualified and experienced educators provide a place of wonder, exploration, discovery and learning.

The program is available to children aged from six months to six years of age and attracts the Childcare Subsidy.

Corangamite Shire coordinates bookings and administers accounts.

VENUE	DAY
Skipton	Monday and Friday 9 am-3:30 pm
The Sisters Hall	Wednesday 10 am-3 pm
Ecklin Hall	Thursday 10 am-3 pm
Port Campbell Rec Reserve	Thursday and Friday, 10 am-3 pm
Glenormiston Hall	Tuesday 10 am-3 pm
Derrinallum Kindergarten	Wednesday 9 am-4:30 pm Terms 1 & 2
Lismore Kindergarten	Wednesday 9 am-4:30 pm Terms 3 & 4

For more information please contact Coordinator, Sue Currell on 5593 7189 or visit www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/MCC

LET’S READ!

The Let’s Read program is working to ensure every child is ready for educational success.

The project’s vision is for all Australian children to share books, stories, songs and

nursery rhymes with important people in their lives every day from birth.

Thank you to Beach Energy, which has contributed funding towards training, Let’s Read books, posters and DVDs and a family fun day at the Port Campbell Arts Space in October.





SAFE BARRIERS SAVE LIVES

With summer now upon us the backyard pool is often a place of fun and enjoyment. However backyard pools carry a high risk of drowning, particularly for children under five years of age. Ten children between the ages of three and five years drown in Australia every year. Almost 50% of all drowning deaths occurs in home swimming pools. Boys in this age group are twice as likely to drown as girls.

Kidsafe recommends parents and carers take the following precautions:

SUPERVISE

- Never take your eyes off children around water. Remember a child can drown in 20 seconds
- Active supervision involves parents and carers keeping an eye on children at all times. Don't expect older children to look after their younger siblings. Children have short attention spans and can be easily distracted
- Remain within arm's reach so you can get to the child in time if something goes wrong
- Take children with you if you leave the pool area, even for a minute
- Do not be distracted e.g. by reading or looking at your mobile

RESTRICT ACCESS

- Restrict children's access to the water through the use of safety barriers. The Victorian Building Authority website fully outlines the requirements and regulations in relation to swimming pool barriers and can be found at www.vba.vic.gov.au

- Keep hazards such as pot plants and furniture well away from pool fences to stop children climbing over the fence
- Never prop open doors or gates to the pool area
- Create a safe play area for children away from the pool

KNOWLEDGE

- Water familiarisation lessons can help children understand water safety, but remember you can't 'drownproof' children
- Enrol in a resuscitation course and update skills annually
- Keep a resuscitation poster around the pool area

NEW LEGISLATION

New state legislation will come into effect on 1 December 2019 to make registration of swimming pools and spas mandatory and introduce a new compliance regime to improve swimming pool and spa safety.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For any enquiries regarding backyard pools or spas or if you wish to arrange a free inspection of your pool or spa to check for compliance with regulations, please contact the Shire's Building Services Unit at building@corangamite.vic.gov.au or phone 5593 7188.

HOW DO YOU WANT MT NOORAT TO LOOK IN 30 YEARS?



Mount Noorat boasts a rich Indigenous and European heritage, uninterrupted vistas of the surrounding plains, important environmental and geological and productive agriculture.

Corangamite Shire would like to hear from you about what you would like Mount Noorat to look like in the future.

Your input will contribute to the development of the first Mt Noorat Management Plan, which is due for completion during mid-2019.

The plan is being developed by Council and the Mt Noorat Management Committee to ensure the land is managed in the best interests of Noorat and the wider community.

To have your say, please take 10 minutes to complete this survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/MtNoorat by **Friday 4 January 2019**. We have extended this closing date into the New Year to allow as many responses as possible.

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19, 20, 26 & 27 JANUARY
TICKETS: www.ozact.com



New Planning and Building Services Manager Aaron Moyne.

NEW FACE IN PLANNING AND BUILDING

New Manager Planning and Building Services Aaron Moyne says joining the Corangamite Shire team has been a refreshing career change and a chance to broaden his horizons.

“It’s an opportunity to develop my management skills, take greater responsibility and continue my professional development in local government,” he said.

“I’m also excited about working in a great part of the state, a really good region with a strong agricultural sector and key environmental assets.

“I’m buoyed by the direction Council takes in promoting economic growth and business investment.”

Aaron leads a team of seven staff who provide statutory planning services—such as issuing permits; strategic planning—which involves growth and development opportunities, and building services—issuing permits and inspecting construction.

“My vision is to provide strong accessible planning and building services for the community, to support sustainable long-term growth of the Shire, and build community relationships,” he said.

After growing up in the Adelaide Hills, Aaron graduated from the University of South Australia at the start of 2011 and went on

to spend seven and a half years at Moyne Shire Council.

Beginning as a statutory planner, he moved on to be the Strategic Planning / Energy and Major Projects officer.

“That involved me representing Council on major projects including renewables,” he said.

“I spent a lot of time liaising with wind farms in their project development and planning application processes and representing Council’s position and advocating for the community.

“The experience I gained in the energy and major projects role exposed me to projects of a large scale and the issues and infrastructure associated with the projects which was important to understand the views of the community and improvement which could be made to the planning system.

“There are a number of operational and approved projects in Corangamite, with new projects to begin construction early in 2019 and with that Council plays a direct role through overview and administration of planning permits.

“With those projects come considerable impacts but also important benefits for the local community and the Shire.”

GRANTS AVAILABLE

ARTISANAL SECTOR PROGRAM STAGE ONE

Stage one grants support projects that address the immediate needs of artisanal producers in the agricultural and/or food sectors; to make essential small-scale investments in equipment, skills and services that result in business growth or productivity improvements.

Eligible artisanal producers can now apply for grants of up to \$5,000 per applicant.

For more details visit:

www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/artisanal-sector-program

ON FARM ENERGY ASSESSMENT, TIER 1, TIER 2, TIER 3 GRANTS

Agriculture Victoria has rolled out free on-farm energy assessments and on-farm energy grants as part of implementing the \$30 million Agriculture Energy Investment Plan.

On-farm energy assessments analyse on-farm energy use (electricity, gas and diesel) and identify opportunities to make energy savings, improve output volumes per energy unit, and convert to renewable energy sources.

The Agriculture Energy Investment Plan (AEIP) supports on-farm businesses to improve energy efficiency, manage energy costs, improve energy reliability and support own-generation capacity.

For more details visit:

www.business.vic.gov.au/support-for-your-business/grants-and-assistance/agriculture-energy-investment-plan



Cr Ruth Gstrein and Camperdown College students Eagan Winsall, Ruby Walsh and Selvia Suson cross Brooke Street at the new outstand.

SCHOOLMATES GET THEIR PATHWAY

Three Camperdown College students showed community leadership to organise a safer road crossing for their schoolmates.

Selvia Suson, Ruby Walsh and Eagan Winsall were in Year 6 when they noticed the footpath on Brooke Street didn't link up with their path down Wilson Street as their class walked from the primary campus to the stadium.

"We walked to the stadium every week from the primary school," Ruby said.

"We realised it doesn't make sense that the footpath just stops there," Selvia added, pointing at the grass between the kerb and the pavement on the corner.

"We mentioned it to Miss Norton and she helped us write to the Council," Ruby said.

In the letter from June 2017, the students wrote: "We need a clean, clear path to walk along between our Junior Campus, Senior Campus and the Stadium. We would appreciate your help in providing this for us."

Central Ward Councillor Ruth Gstrein was the contact between the students and Council's works department.

"The girls identified a problem and spoke to their teacher who said 'Write to the Council'," Cr Gstrein said.

"That's what they did and they got it done.

"We did a walk-around then spoke with the assets team and worked out a solution that was good for everybody."

Footpath extensions and outstands were built just down from the corner in time for Walk to School in October 2018, using some of the \$10,000 Council received from VicHealth for Walk to School.

Walk to School is a VicHealth initiative to encourage primary-school students across Victoria to walk, ride or scoot to and from school to build healthy habits for life.

Corangamite Shire and Heart of Corangamite Network provided activities, healthy breakfasts, and traffic safety presentation from Victoria Police thanks to the VicHealth funding.

While the three architects of the improved crossing are now in Year 7 at the Errey Street campus, they're satisfied.

"I've had to walk past to pick up my sister from the primary school," Selvia said.

"My sister is in Year 5 and she uses it every week to go to the stadium," Ruby added.

"It's much better."



ARE YOU A RESPONSIBLE DOG OWNER?



Dog owners in Corangamite Shire are reminded to carry a bag and dispose of their dog's poo in public places or risk a fine of up to \$200.

Council has issued the reminder in response to a number of complaints received from residents over the winter period.

Our local laws officers will be targeting responsible dog ownership in townships leading into summer.

This includes dogs on leashes in signed areas and dog poo disposal.

Bag it and bin it. Picking up after your dog is part of responsible pet ownership.

The local law relating to dog poo disposal has been in force in Corangamite Shire since 2010.

Public places in Corangamite Shire cover any residential streets, pathways, parks, nature strips and beaches.

There are 3000 registered dogs across the Shire.

It's in everyone's best interests to keep our streets and parks clean from dog poo.

Biodegradable DogTidy bags can be purchased at local vet clinics or supermarkets.

For more information or to report any dog issues in Corangamite Shire, please call us on 5593 7100.

WHAT'S ON : JANUARY-MARCH 2019

JANUARY	WHAT, WHEN & WHERE	CONTACT
Tuesday 1 January	Terang New Year's Day Races - Kids' Day Out. 1-6 pm	Ph: 0400 557 625
Wednesday 2 January	Movie Night: Port Campbell tennis courts	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au
	Terang Harness Racing (night)	Find on Facebook or 5592 1785
Thursday 3 January	Summer by the Sea - Mutton birds, Loch Ard Gorge	www.summerbythesea.vic.gov.au
Saturday 5 January	parkrun Timboon. Free timed 5 km run/walk on Timboon Rail Trail, 8 am every Saturday	www.parkrun.com.au/timboon
Sunday 6 January	Port Campbell markets, 9 am-2 pm at the tennis courts.	Ph: 0417 781 343
	Mount Elephant open day. Every Sunday from 1-4 pm	www.mountelephant.com.au
	Summer by the Sea - penguin viewing at London Bridge	www.summerbythesea.vic.gov.au
Wednesday 9 January	Summer by the Sea - 'Blue' a documentary on the state of our oceans, PC Arts Space	www.summerbythesea.vic.gov.au
Friday 11-13 January	Camperdown Car & Bike Show	Find on Facebook or Ph: 0499 022 505
Saturday 19 January	Sungold Milk Camperdown Cup	Ph: 0400 557 625
	Live theatre 'The Tempest' at Loch Ard Gorge	www.ozact.com
Sunday 20 January	Live theatre 'The Tempest' at Loch Ard Gorge	www.ozact.com
	Cobden Miniature Railway (every Sunday over the school holidays), 11 am-4 pm	www.cobdenminiaturerail.org.au
Tuesday 22 January	Council meeting, 7 pm, Killara Centre Camperdown. Agenda available on website.	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au
Saturday 26 January	Australia Day Celebrations, Terang Civic Hall from 10 am	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au
	Timboon Pool Reverse Triathlon - run, bike and swim. Starts 10 am - BBQ to follow	
	Live theatre 'The Tempest' at Loch Ard Gorge	www.ozact.com
Sunday 27 January	Live theatre 'The Tempest' at Loch Ard Gorge	www.ozact.com
FEBRUARY		
Friday 1 February	Movie Night: Cobden pool	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au
Saturday 2 February	Terang Market Day, 9 am-1 pm at All Saints Church	Ph: 0427 922 221
	parkrun Timboon. Free timed 5 km run/walk on Timboon Rail Trail, 8 am every Saturday	www.parkrun.com.au/timboon
	Shine for Samuel Charity Golf Day. From 8:30 am, Camperdown Golf Club	Ph: 0409 218 159
Sunday 3 February	Twelve Apostles Plunge. 1.2 km ocean swim in Port Campbell bay. Short course option 400m	www.shipwreckcoastswimseries.com.au
	Camperdown Rotary Market, 9 am-2 pm in The Avenue	Ph: 0447 139 639
Tuesday 5 February	Mount Elephant open day. Every Sunday from 1-4 pm	www.mountelephant.com.au
	Corangamite Arts session (Tuesdays) 10 am-2 pm, Camperdown Showgrounds pavillion	Ph: 0409 581 496
Thursday 7 February	Thursday Pictures, 7 pm, Killara Centre. Movie: 'Don't Tell'	www.corangamitefilmsociety.com
Saturday 9 February	Corangamite Arts session (Thursdays) 10 am-2 pm, Camperdown Showgrounds pavillion	Ph: 0409 581 496
	Skipton Market, 9 am-1 pm at the Mechanics Hall	Ph: 5340 2204
Friday 15 February	Movie Night: Camperdown pool	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au
	DLCA History Group meeting	Ph: 0427 962 987
Saturday 16 February	Terang Harness Racing (night)	Find on Facebook or 5592 1785
Sunday 17 February	Cobden Miniature Railway (every Sunday over the school holidays), 11 am-4 pm	www.cobdenminiaturerail.org.au
	Trestle 10. Fun Run. Choose from distances of 1.6, 5 or 9.6 km along Timboon Rail Trail	Find on Facebook
Friday 22 February	Terang & District Lions Club Fun Run / Walk. Run or walk 6 km. Starts in Noorat.	Find on Facebook
Saturday 23 February	Corangamite Relay for Life. Leura Oval. 5 pm Saturday to 11 am Sunday	Ph: 1300 65 65 85
	Noorat Community Garage Sale, 8 am-4 pm	Ph: 0415 272 094
Tuesday 26 February	Council meeting, 7 pm, Killara Centre Camperdown. Agenda available on website.	www.corangamite.vic.gov.au
Wednesday 27 February	Terang Races	Ph: 0400 557 625
MARCH		
Saturday 2 March	Heytesbury Show, Simpson Recreation Reserve	Find on Facebook
	Terang Market Day, 9 am-1 pm at All Saints Church	Ph: 0427 922 221
	parkrun Timboon. Free timed 5 km run/walk on Timboon Rail Trail, 8 am every Saturday	www.parkrun.com.au/timboon
	Movie Night: Lismore Pool	Ph: 0448 324 331
Sunday 3 March	Camperdown Rotary Market, 9 am-2 pm in The Avenue	Ph: 0447 139 639
	Mount Elephant open day. Every Sunday from 1-4 pm	www.mountelephant.com.au
Tuesday 5 March	Corangamite Arts session (Tuesdays) 10 am-2 pm, Camperdown Showgrounds pavillion	Ph: 0409 581 496
Thursday 7 March	Thursday Pictures, 7 pm, Killara Centre. Movie: 'The Women on the 6th Floor'	www.corangamitefilmsociety.com
Saturday 9-10 March	Skipton Market, 9 am-1 pm at the Mechanics Hall	Ph: 5340 2204
	Cobden Vintage Rally and Tractor Pull. 10 am-4 pm, SWDRG Rally Ground.	Ph: 0448 711 476
Friday 15-17 March	Terang Country Music Festival	www.terangcountrymusic.com