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Mayor Neil Trotter

Welcome to the spring edition of Corangamite News

With the Victorian council elections finally going ahead, I would encourage prospective candidates to get in early. The ongoing restrictions will create a challenge for candidates and will favour those who start early.

It makes for a better council when you have contested elections. If you intend to stand, talk to councillors and ex councillors or councillors from other municipalities. The VEC website is your greatest resource if you are interested in standing.

I have really enjoyed my time on Council and have never regretted my decision to stand. It has been a very interesting, rewarding and satisfying experience. At times it has presented many challenges which has allowed me to grow in a stimulating environment. Listening and responding is at the utmost importance for a councillor.

As a councillor you are the conduit between the community and the first level of government. The issues we deal with have a direct influence on our communities and individual residents of Corangamite Shire.

Being on council encapsulates team values where you achieve very little

without the support of your fellow councillors. All council decisions are made collectively and determined by majority vote. You can be passionate and committed about an issue but unless you can convince your fellow councillors of its merit, it will not eventuate.

Council is required to be the umpire of contentious decisions. Planning issues are often difficult as you are dealing with people's dreams, hopes and aspirations. Therefore it is often difficult to balance those proposals with the philosophical viewpoint of the community.

We are often called upon to respond and lead in emergency situations. Throughout my time on council there have been several including Skipton floods, Derrinallum siege, St Patrick Day fires, Lake Purrumbete tornado, Port Campbell Easter tragedy and the current COVID-19 Pandemic. It can be very poignant when you know those involved and you develop a greater appreciation of the value of life and wellbeing.

I am continually amazed by the fortitude and resilience demonstrated by individuals and our communities.

Australia Day nominations

Who inspires you by helping others and volunteering in the community?

Nominations for the Corangamite Shire Australia Day Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year close Monday 2 November.

For more details, to nominate online or to download forms visit www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/australiaday

Once I was elected I became aware of a much larger picture, and have been privileged to meet with people from various communities and the broader community, and from the state and federal spheres.

In the eight years I have been on council I have enjoyed working with my fellow councillors to see the Shire become debt free. In that time, we have attracted significant funding for projects in the Shipwreck Coast Master Plan. We have attracted Federal funding for Princes Highway upgrades, investment in rail track upgrades on the Geelong-Warrnambool line and made improvements and investment in the Naroghid Landfill to mention a few.

I have enjoyed working with my fellow councillors and our staff at Corangamite. We have a very good team at Council. We run a very diverse range of services. I wish to thank all our staff for their willingness to engage with councillors and for the productive working relationship we enjoy.

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Council elections

Council elections will be held by post in October 2020.

Voters in each council across Victoria will receive a ballot pack in early October.

To vote, you must have been correctly enrolled before 4 pm on Friday 28 August 2020.

If you want to stand as a candidate, you can nominate from Thursday 17 September until noon on Tuesday 22 September.

Go to vec.vic.gov.au and use the Candidate Helper to complete the:

- nomination form
- candidate statement
- candidate questionnaire

To give voters information about your background, qualifications and what you stand for, you may also provide:

- candidate statement – a statement of up to 300 words* and a photo
- candidate questionnaire – responses to questions about your experience and qualifications

You will need to pay a nomination fee of \$250.

To be a candidate for a local council election, you must:

- be an Australian citizen or an eligible British subject
- be at least 18 years of age
- be on the voters' roll for the council in which you wish to stand
- have completed Local Government Candidate Training
- not be disqualified

You can't be a candidate if you:

- are an undischarged bankrupt
- have property that is subject to control under the law relating to bankruptcy
- are a member of council staff
- have been convicted of certain criminal offences
- are a councillor with another council, including interstate
- are member of an Australian Parliament, Ministerial Officer, Parliamentary Adviser or Electorate Officer
- are otherwise incapable of becoming or continuing to be a councillor

Important dates

Nominate as a candidate

Thursday 17 September to noon
 Tuesday 22 September (by appointment)

Ballot/uncontested ward leaflets mailed out

Tuesday 6 October to
 Thursday 8 October

Postal vote closes

6 pm Friday 23 October

Election results announced

Friday 13 November

First meeting and election of Mayor

Tuesday 24 November



Noorat resident Pamela Knight

\$30K gift to Mt Noorat

Noorat resident Pamela Knight has shown her love of the town's volcanic landmark with a substantial gift to the Mt Noorat Management Committee.

Her \$30,000 contribution is for fencing the crater to keep out livestock and protect remnant vegetation and future plantings of local native species.

"My great interest is towards the reestablishment of native vegetation to Mt Noorat," she said.

"I see the crater as the easiest commencement site but as time progresses, I hope further areas can be fenced and planted with native flora."

Mrs Knight moved to Noorat in 1950 with her late husband Robert and immediately fell in love with the place. She says she is an ecologist at heart.

"I have always been a lover of native bush. I grew up in the outer suburbs of northern Sydney, next to the bush. "It's important to our nation that we rediscover our country that we have destroyed."

Mrs Knight said she wanted the crater looking close to how it appeared before European arrival.

She said the endangered Silver

Banksias, for example, are very important. The last one in the crater died five years ago.

Informative signs also feature in Mrs Knight's vision for the mount.

"I want information on native flora, information that the crater is being revegetated and how this is being done. I would love to see Dead Man's Gully revegetated.

Mrs Knight said plants initially would need to be purchased but establishing a native plant nursery would be "a splendid longer-term solution".

Chair of the Mt Noorat Management Committee Chris O'Connor welcomed the contribution.

"Mrs. Knight's vision of the mount aligns closely with the recently completed Management Plan.

"Her contribution will go a long way to implementing some of the initial projects highlighted in the Plan."

Central Ward Councillor and Noorat resident Helen Durant praised the generosity.

"The philanthropy of Pam Knight and her late husband Robert, and their passion for the environment, is well known in the Noorat community," Cr Durant said.

Glass recovery

The State Government's 10 year 'Recycling Victoria' policy calls for a Container Deposit Scheme by 2023 to reduce litter by up to 30%.

This means Corangamite Shire will start looking at ways to keep glass separate from other recyclables so it can be re-used more effectively. This could be a glass-only bin for kerbside collection or drop-off facilities at transfer stations.

Over the coming months, we will be asking residents via a community survey for ideas about how a glass-only service could work. What are your needs? How much glass do you use? To discuss glass recovery, please contact our Waste and Sustainability Officer Jess Maxwell on 5593 7100.

Waste grants

Could you use \$500 to develop your awesome idea about reducing waste?

Maybe you're dreaming of starting a Repair Cafe or Boomerang Bags Group. Perhaps you and your neighbours would like to host a community garage sale when coronavirus restrictions are lifted.

The Can Do Communities program provides grants of up to \$500 to support not-for-profit projects that reduce litter.

Now is a great time to develop a project plan and apply for a grant.

Download the program guide, application and guidelines from www.reduce-recycle.com.au/community/programs and contact Barwon South West Waste and Resource Recovery Group to have a chat about your project idea.

Landfill improvements



Mayor Neil Trotter and CEO Andrew Mason at the new Corangamite Regional Landfill weighbridge office.

Customer service, security, and convenience will all benefit from the new weighbridge office at the Corangamite Regional Landfill.

The seven-month project replaced a 15-year-old building which was no longer fit for purpose.

Work was carried out by our building team with materials sourced from local suppliers to support the local economy.

An updated camera system reads registration plates when vehicles are on the weighbridge. This means a faster service.

Staff can monitor multiple camera angles of the site on their smartphones, improving safety and security for community members using the landfill.

New software will replace software installed when the weighbridge was put in more than 15 years ago. It will make transactions and waste information more efficient.

Take an aerial tour of Corangamite Regional Landfill via our YouTube channel.



Lake Bullen Merri vegetation after treatment, January 2019



Lake Bullen Merri vegetation after treatment, October 2018



Lake Bullen Merri vegetation after treatment, February 2020

Weed treatment

We treated 1600 km of roadside weeds in 2019-2020.

The \$265,000 program was up from \$250,000 in 2018-2019 and took in more roadsides.

The North Beach area of Lake Bullen Merri was also part of the program.

In the past year we did more work on woody weeds, such as mirror bush and sweet pittosporum in the south of the Shire.

In the north the focus was on emergent weeds such as stinkweed and pigwort. We also invested more on fighting weeds such as blackberry and ivy on roadside reserves in Simpson and Timboon. That included extensive follow-up control in Simpson's parks and reserves. All of these programs will be expanded this year. Additionally, a rabbit control program was undertaken in the south of Timboon.

Treating blue periwinkle is being extended onto some of our longer roadsides, such as the Curdievale-Peterborough Road. The ragwort, St John's wort

and ivy programs have been increased, treating over 709 km, of roadside.

Township programs will be revisited and expanded to include treating weeds in surrounding communities. New infestations will continue to be monitored and controlled.

Invasive species have a negative impact on the environment and agricultural productivity. They outcompete pasture and displace native vegetation on roadsides and reserves. Council and the community can help each other control weeds across our precious and highly productive region. Our work complements weed control by landowners and helps control weeds across the Shire.

For more information or to report a weed issue on a Council-managed roadside, call us on 5593 7100, or go to www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/Property/Environment/Weed-management

To report weed issues on arterial roads, call Regional Roads Victoria on 133 778.

Connect across Corangamite



When we can't follow our usual habits during coronavirus restrictions, it takes a little bit of effort and lateral thinking to stay connected.

Keeping strong social connections is really important for our mental health. Talking to family, friends and work colleagues through phone, email and social media, and sharing group experiences reminds us that we belong.

Connect Across Corangamite is a page on the council website with ideas and links to keep you stimulated while we all stay at home.

It has kids' activities, entertainment, fitness health and wellbeing tips, social connections, educational links, and tips to reduce anxiety.

Go to www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/connections

Taking some simple steps we can keep connected and help support each other in our community. There are many volunteer groups and clubs dedicated to serving the community. Our Community Directory at www.corangamite.vic.gov.au will connect you with organisations if you want to volunteer.

Emotional support

Red Cross
1800 232 969

Mental Health Services
1800 808 284

South West Healthcare
5593 6000

Colac Area Health
5232 5100

Headspace
1300 276 749

beyondblue
1300 224 636

Lifeline
13 11 14

Kid's Helpline
1800 551 800

MensLine
1300 789 978

Nurse on Call
1800 022 222

Heart & Soul

Community groups such as volunteer organisations, creative arts groups, and sport clubs are often recognised as the 'heart and soul of community and connection'. Corangamite Shire is home to hundreds of community groups which provide a vital source of social and cultural connection across the region. At present many groups have been unable to operate as normal as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. To acknowledge and celebrate the history and contribution of these clubs and to show our intention to return to the clubs when we can, Corangamite Shire is coordinating a 'Heart and Soul' campaign showcasing the important role played by the vast array of groups that exist across the region.

As part of this campaign, members of the community are encouraged to submit images or videos of historical moments or items that they feel encapsulate the social and cultural value of their club's past, present, or future. The collection of images submitted will be collated and shared via www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/heartandsoul

While at present we may not be able to support our various community groups in a physical capacity, acknowledging and celebrating their historic and future role in the community will reassure our groups that when we can return, we will.

Disclaimer: by participating you agree to have the images and stories you submit shared with the public.

Community grants

2020 Supplementary Volunteer Grants

Applications close:
Sunday 20 September

www.volunteeringvictoria.org.au/

Volunteering Victoria, in association with the Australian government, has released the 2020 Supplementary Volunteer Grants to organisations that involve volunteers across Victoria. Grants of between \$1000 and \$5000 are being offered to groups supported by volunteers to encourage and increase participation in volunteering.

Strengthening Rural Communities Grant

Applications close:
Tuesday 17 November

www.frrr.org.au/grants

The Strengthening Rural Communities (SRC) grants offer up to \$10,000 to grassroots charities and community led projects. The programs criteria is flexible and can be used for a wide range of purposes from delivering activities, programs, and services for community infrastructure projects.

Sports Club Grants

Applications Close:
Tuesday 29 September

www.sport.vic.gov.au/grants-and-funding

Sport and Recreation Victoria is providing the opportunity for Victorian community sport and recreation organisations to apply for grants of between \$1,000 and \$5,000 to assist in the purchase of sports uniforms and equipment, improve the capacity and accessibility of their club and increase the skills of their coaches, officials and managers.



Our Community Treasurer Awards

Is your treasurer the unsung hero of your not-for-profit organisation? Are you looking for a way to recognise and thank them for all the work they do?

Nominations are now open for the 2020 Not-for-profit Treasurers' Awards and this year there are two ways to celebrate. The first is a direct nomination of anyone who has served as a treasurer of an Australian Not-for-Profit at any time in the last 12 months. The second gives the treasurer a chance to win one of four \$5,000 donations for their Not-for-Profit group by writing about what lessons they have learned about surviving a crisis while fulfilling their role in 2020.

Nominations close Tuesday 6 October

For more information visit:
www.ourcommunity.com.au/treasurersawards

The Grassroots Pledge for community sport

Across Corangamite Shire, community sport clubs play a vital role in the social, emotional, and cultural wellbeing of many of our residents. Research from the Australian Sports Foundation estimates that 1 in 4 community sport clubs across Australia will face serious financial hardship as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

To support community clubs, digital sports agency Sports Geek and INTIX have started an online initiative called The Grassroots Pledge. This pledge encourages club officials to sign up their club and provides a platform where people can donate or pledge funds to their club of choice to help safeguard the future of sport in the community post COVID-19.

For more information please visit: www.grassrootspledge.com.au



Sam and Laura Anderson from Forage innovating throughout the pandemic.



Gnocchi-ng it out of the park

Sam and Laura Anderson at Forage on the Foreshore may have literally found a recipe for success during the challenge of coronavirus.

When social distancing restrictions closed down their Port Campbell café, the pair moved into making bulk gnocchi for sale to other businesses.

Having made gnocchi for 15 years, Sam now puts out an average of 100 packs a week.

There are three types: gluten free, sweet potato and traditional. They also sell three types of sauces, currently at markets only.

When dining in the café was prohibited in March, six staff went onto JobKeeper Payment and another got work elsewhere, but the Andersons had to let three of their team members go.

"It's hard because in summer we employ up to 18 people and then winter is about 8," Laura said.

"We hit rock bottom, then Sam came up with the idea."

Sam said the new business was prompted by a call from a pizza delivery business.

"Mr Brightside in Warrnambool rang up. They said 'You make the best gnocchi around here. Do you want to come and serve it?'" he said.

"The first night I made way too much. The next day I rang Emma Pope at the Corner Store in Timboon and said I had nearly 10 kg and she sold it in three days.

A friend lent Sam a cryovac machine and the new product line was in business.

Through networking and word of mouth, Forage now sells to about 12 businesses including Greavesys Fruit n Veg Terang in Terang, Kangarooie Meats, Victoria Markets Online, and Yield in Birregurra, as well as stalls and the Torquay and Warrnambool Community Garden markets.

"It came together organically," Laura said.

"When we first opened almost five years ago we got onto the Otway Harvest Trail, and we wanted to join the 12 Apostles Food Artisans Trail, but you need a product.

"We like networking with people who have the same ethos as us, which is having a small footprint."

Keeping a small environmental footprint has been helped by a Diversification Grant as part of Corangamite Shire Council's COVID-19 Economic Stimulus and Support Package.

"Because of the grant we were able to purchase an in chamber cryovac machine.

"We're now able to use home compostable packaging materials. We can also expand the business into doing sauces."

Laura said they had been doing some room service with a local accommodation provider and were working on a package to provide motels with heat-and-serve meals for their guests.

Sam explained: "A lot of travellers get here late because they don't realise how long it takes to get here, and nowhere's open. If it's in the fridge, they can just heat it up."

The motel is currently closed but Forage will continue to work with them once they reopen.

The café had started reopening with limited numbers until the second wave prompted a return to stage three restrictions. With the café closed again, the Andersons will concentrate on the gnocchi until it's worth opening again.

To find out more about Forage on the Foreshore visit www.forageontheforeshore.com.au

Business support

If you're in business, you've had to make a lot of changes in the past few months. Chances are you've had to navigate a lot of information relating to business support and funding.

Our economic development team is here to help. We have a dedicated webpage www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/covid-business with links to Federal and State Government support packages, financial support information and counselling, video tutorials and more.

Make sure you sign up for our Business Connect e-news, or follow the Business Corangamite page on Facebook. Please contact us on 5593 7100 if you need a chat or advice, or you can email ecodev@corangamite.vic.gov.au

Free Small Business financial services

If you are a farmer or small business operator experiencing challenges as a result of lower income or increasing costs, Rural Financial Counselling WSW can help. Their financial counsellors have training and experience in accounting, financial and agricultural industries. They have an in-depth understanding of industry programs and available government assistance. Their free services can help you:

- prepare budgets and cash flow projections
- conduct a feasibility analysis
- prepare a business plan
- assist with new loan or refinance applications
- impartial support during debt mediation sessions
- assist with applications for government assistance

To make an appointment for a financial counsellor to come to you, call 1300 735 578 or go to www.wsracs.com.au



Holly Smith is helping out those within the Camperdown community

Keeping Camperdown connected

Camperdown's Holly Smith says it doesn't take a lot to be connected with people.

Holly was working in Darwin when Coronavirus hit, and social distancing became our new way of life.

Returning to Camperdown, Holly had to come to terms with another significant absence.

She used to live with her grandfather, Stuart Leslie James, but he died last year.

"It was hard coming back into a community when I was constantly being reminded by the media that we had to isolate; we couldn't touch people; couldn't hug people. We couldn't even share cup of tea."

The solution arose through a random act of kindness which grew into a community movement supporting isolated friends and neighbours.

"A 92-year-old family friend was scared of supermarkets and scared of going out.

"I dropped around a hamper. It had tea, coffee, eggs, some carrots, some flowers. She called up and said she was so grateful because she was afraid to go to the supermarket, but she wasn't willing to ask.

"Before we knew it we had about a dozen families that were bringing around peaches and apples and a giant pumpkin.

"People were supplying little bits which meant that no-one was having any cost in a time when everyone was afraid of what COVID would mean for our economy and our personal savings. Just sharing and feeling connected.

"I'd come back to my friend and say 'Your herbs went to so-and-so's house.'

"It was really nice for her to know she was involved in people's lives and that people were involved in her life without having to feel unsafe."

Holly's job driving for Future Freight means she has the opportunity to pick up shopping or prescriptions for people who can't get out.

"If it's something they have to pick up in Warrnambool or Colac and I'm going that way, why not?" she said.

"It doesn't feel like a big deal. It's just what Camperdown does. Camperdown's always been community minded."

FIRE PACKAGE



Timboon action plan

Timboon residents have two new tools to help them be better prepared for emergencies.

Timboon Emergency Response is a grass-roots community effort aiming to ensure residents are empowered and prepared to respond.

The Timboon Community Action Plan will help to improve community safety in an emergency.

The plan is in two parts. First: a magnetic flyer that will be sent to all households in the district. Containing emergency contact numbers, map and other information to consider for your survival plan.

Second: the Community Emergency Action Plan which identifies actions the community will take to help reduce fire risk and prepare for emergencies.

Timboon Emergency Response has worked with the Timboon Hall committee which bought a generator for the hall with funds donated by the TOPS shop.

Co-convener John Renyard said Timboon Emergency Response formed to ensure the community had a plan for the future.

“We needed to have a community-driven group so we began a series of meetings over six weeks to start to draw up more depth of planning for Timboon,” he said.

“Each of those meetings we had

between 40 and 50 people in attendance.

“That led into the plan that will be distributed to all households in the 3267 and 3268 postcodes in Spring. That will have information every householder needs to have in the lead-up to fire season, and the preparations you need to have in place.”

Mr Renyard said the group would like to hear from community members who wanted to be involved in future planning.

“We’re looking for younger people to be involved going forward,” he said.

“We want to make sure we’ve got ongoing support for this particular group.”

To get involved, or for a copy of the Community Emergency Action Plan, community members can email TimboonEmergResponse@outlook.com or call Mr Renyard on 0408 354 734.

Timboon Emergency Response has built on work by the Timboon Community Bushfire Management Group, which formed in November 2018 as part of the CFA’s Safer Together program. The plan was developed with co-operation of the Timboon Recreation Reserve Committee, Camperdown Timboon Rail Trail Committee, DELWP and the CFA.

Prepare for bushfires

The Fire Danger Period usually runs from November to May each year, and people across the Shire are getting their properties fire ready.

From the start of October to the end of December, Council provides a weekly green organics kerbside collection for residents who pay for a kerbside collection service.

Residents can also make the most of free green waste disposal at transfer stations and Naroghid Landfill from 24 November to 8 December.

If you have a block in town, don’t forget to ensure the grass is kept low. Council officers will carry out inspections in spring and will issue fire prevention notices to properties that need to reduce grass, vegetation and fine fire fuels in town and near homes.

To safeguard yourself and your neighbours against bushfires this season, you can:

- Tidy up around your yard, especially gutters and leaves
- If you have one, clear your firebreak
- Move firewood away from your home
- Cut your grass
- Create and discuss a Bushfire Plan with your family
- Always have a secondary plan, in case something goes wrong
- Plan for your pets and livestock

For more information on how to prepare for the bushfire season, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare



Former Victorian Premier Dr Dennis Napthine is encouraging more foster carers in the South West

Push for more local foster carers

Former Victorian Premier Dr Denis Napthine AO is leading a regional campaign to boost the number of foster carers across South West Victoria.

Dr Napthine, who was a long-term foster carer with wife Peggy, is calling on people from all walks of life to consider foster care.

Called Share Your Care, the campaign aims to recruit new families and individuals to support children in their own communities who need a place to stay.

“It takes a village to raise a child and we as a community have really got to be prepared to look after all the children from our community if they can’t safely stay with their own family,” Dr Napthine said.

“We’ve got to put our arms around them and that’s why foster care - Share your Care - is so important. It is not without its challenges but bringing a big smile to the face of a child in

need is a priceless joy. Being a foster carer is one of the most joyful and rewarding things anyone can do.”

Carers come from all walks of life and live in all sorts of places - towns, cities, little rural townships, and out on isolated farms.

Carers are well supported by local agencies and the wider community. “There are professional people who provide advice, assistance and support, as well as financial assistance to make sure that foster carers are not out of pocket,” he said.

Dr Napthine said with demand for foster carers currently exceeding supply, and our communities facing new challenges every day, there was no better time to consider becoming a carer.

People wanting to find out more can go to www.shareyourcare.net.au

Follow #shareyourcarews on Instagram and Facebook.

Simpson mask makers

A close call with coronavirus proved Debra Smith was on the right track when she raised a team of mask makers in Simpson.

The Simpson and District Community Centre coordinator, husband Ken and son Aidan had to isolate when Aidan was tested for the virus. Ten of the 25 people Aidan worked with at Australian Lamb Company in Colac tested positive, but the Smiths got the all clear.

Debra has already been on the case when she noticed the lack of available masks in the district.

“It came about when ALC had its first positive case,” she said.

“I was in Colac and I thought I’d go and get masks. I went in and the shelves were almost stripped bare.”

“I thought we needed to make some so everyone in the community had at least one.

“I rang Gum Valley Patchwork and Linda generously donated 100 metres of fabric.”

Debra posted on Facebook calling for support and Lynda Page got in touch to donate some elastic.

Debra arranged a sewing bee at the hall on Wednesday 5 August—a day before stage three restrictions prohibited gatherings—and eight women made 45 masks that day.

“It was a real community effort and we can be pretty proud.”



Simpson mask makers at work

12A's trail

After years of hard work, planning and community consultation, we hope to see construction of the Twelve Apostles Trail will start in Spring.

Detailed design is in progress for the 19 km trail from Timboon to Port Campbell. It will be built in parts while design continues on other sections.

A crew of five has been working on 1.5 kilometres of existing track at Power Creek Reserve, between Lambert Street and Glerums Road.

They have prepared the track for re-sheeting by clearing debris, cutting back vegetation, and widening the track.

On-site consultation was held with landowners and community groups along the length of the trail concerning key elements of the trail alignment and design.

The Port Campbell community was keen to see less 'urbanisation' and ensure the impact on the vegetation and wildlife corridor from the east to west and vice versa of town was minimised.

They also highlighted township walking loops to link with the trail were important community planning projects.

Designers have prepared a third option for Lord Street and further consultation with Port Campbell community groups and residents has taken place.

Member for Western Victoria, Gayle Tierney announced \$4.5 million towards the Twelve Apostles Trail Stage 1.

The project is a welcome boost during the coronavirus downturn, providing opportunities for jobs and supporting local suppliers and contractors.



Port Campbell Town Centre

The Port Campbell Town Centre project is a step closer to reality, with Council adopting detailed designs at the August meeting.

The \$15.6 million streetscape is the largest infrastructure project in Corangamite Shire's history and the greatest investment Port Campbell has ever seen. Council has allocated \$5 million and will now lobby State and Federal Governments to fund the remaining \$10.6 million.

We want to move decisively on this project while the area is quiet to reduce the impact on business..

The final plan incorporates a long list of features requested by the community, including:

- Timber decking lookout and picnic areas under the Norfolk Pines
- A wider main road than first planning to cater for professional fishermen
- 90 degree parking has been retained and foreshore traffic remains two-way
- Al fresco dining on the foreshore
- Fisho and surfer's carpark remains the same, with a new lookout overlooking the bowl

- New street furniture and bike racks
- New lawn areas, garden beds and trees
- Integrated art by Vicki Couzens
- Bus parking moved to Lord Street, opposite the tennis courts
- Foreshore amphitheatre
- More car parks

To view the final detailed designs, visit www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/portcampbelltowncentre

A big thank you to Port Campbell residents for their input during each stage of the design process. A special thanks to members of the Community Reference Group.

The next steps include completing construction documentation to allow the project to proceed to tender (subject to funding). There will be more community discussion around the integrated artwork and street trees.

To discuss further, please contact Manager Growth and Engagement Rory Neeson on 5593 7100 or email rory.neeson@corangamite.vic.gov.au



Works teams continue to improve roads across Corangamite Shire



Roads program works

Council has allocated \$8.7 million for local roads in the 2020–2021 Budget including:

- Reseal program \$2.10M + \$300k for Slurry sealing treatment
- Gravel resheet \$881k + \$300k for gravel road upgrades
- Major rehab projects \$2.36M
- Bridges \$420K

Resheeting of the gravel roads has been progressing from the north of the Shire to the south. So far our team has tended to Bradshaws Road at Bradvale, Berrybank - Werneth Road at Berrybank, Bourkes and Coombes roads and the Seymour Street service road in Terang, Maguires and Keayang roads at Dixie, Wiridgil Road at Camperdown, County Boundary Road West at Bostocks Creek, Harlocks Road at Pomborneit North, and Depot Road.

Shoulders have been improved on Vite Vite Road and are planned for Kurweeton and Newminister roads and Boundary Road, Cobden.

As the ground dries out, resources will be shifted from resheeting gravel roads to rehabilitation and resealing during the crucial finer weather.

The 2020–2021 program includes rehabilitation and widening of 2 km of Linton Road. and 1 km of Talindert Road.

Between now and Christmas our teams will do preparation for rehabilitation works on Dalvui Lane, Blake Street, and Linton, Noogie, Wiridgil, East Hill, N Robilliards, Terang-Framlingham and Talindert roads. Preparation work involves drainage maintenance including construction of new culverts and cleaning and reshaping table drains.

Other final seals scheduled for this financial year are on sections of Church and Wright Streets and Depot Road in Camperdown, County Boundary Road East, Digneys Bridge, Eastern Creek, Jancourt, Koallah, Lismore-Pittong and New Cooriemungle Roads.

The timber deck will be replaced with concrete deck on Four Tree Road Bridge, culverts replaced on Kennedys Creek and Williams Roads and the approach to the Timboon Curdievale Road Bridge will be rectified.

We are also replacing kerb and channel as part of a road rehabilitation in Blake Street, Skipton.

2019 - 20 Works Completed

Road rehabilitation	13.5 km
Resheeting	106 km
Slashing	336 km
New footpath	1 km
Kerb	710 m
Spraying	1208 km



Family Day Care Educator, Coralie Lucas celebrated 20 years of providing care in Timboon

Two decades of providing care

Timboon's Coralie Lucas has been a reliable part of Timboon and District families' lives for the past two decades, watching children she cares for grow into adults.

The Corangamite Shire Family Day Care Educator, who notched up 20 years of providing childcare in her home in July, said it had been an inspiring and rewarding journey.

"I've had families where I take care of their first child and then continue on until they have finished having their children and they're all off to school," she said.

"Seeing the children develop and watching them change and learn things is really fantastic."

"Being in the home it is more relaxed, and more family orientated which helps the children confidently interact with one another."

To find out more about becoming a Family Day Care Educator contact Corangamite Shire on 5593 7100.



Kindergarten tours

Family and Children's services have taken a new approach to welcoming families into services while current restrictions are in place.

Virtual tours of Western Plains, Cobden, Timboon and Simpson and District kindergartens, Terang Childrens Centre and Skipton Pre-school are available for families to access on our website at www.corangamite.vic.gov.au

Staff have embraced the opportunity to be involved and have done a fabulous job presenting a welcoming and informative snapshot of the services.

Plans are in place to replicate the virtual tours across all services including Family Day Care, Mobile Child Care and Long Day Care services.

In the future we hope to have virtual tours of Childcare and Family Day Care, providing families the opportunity to get to know the educators and the environments.

Quick Response Grants

Could your community group use \$500 for a small project?

Our Quick Response Grants program recognises that a small amount can make a big difference.

Grants are allocated at each monthly Council meeting, distributed proportionately across the five wards.

In recent months Council has helped a bowling club update its kitchen utensils, a hall committee seal its floors, and a men's shed replace a broken power tool.

The program reflects Council's commitment to supporting opportunities for people to engage in healthy and active lifestyles, the arts, recreation, sport and education.

Guidelines can be found at www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/grants

The application can be completed online below or can be submitted by email to: garry.moorfield@corangamite.vic.gov.au



Lucy Quinn

Community
Recovery Officer

How long have you been at Corangamite shire?

I am a newbie to the Council team! I started in July this year.

What is your background? How did you wind up in community recovery?

My background is in event management, real estate, and hospitality. I was working as an Event Coordinator at Silverstar Mountain Resort in Canada until I returned home due to the current pandemic.

What does your role involve?

My role as a Community Recovery Officer focuses on community development and coordinating projects related to community recovery, resilience, and wellbeing.

What attracted you to Corangamite?

I was attracted to Corangamite due to its proximity to my hometown, Warrnambool. I loved growing up in South West Victoria and am happy to be back after spending some time

living elsewhere. Another attraction is the local bakery's hedgehog slices, a delicacy that was not available in Canada.

What do you enjoy about your job?

I love getting to support the community. I also enjoy the group of people that I work with, One of the team, Hana, gives us a riddle each day to keep us on our toes.

What are some of the biggest challenges facing community recovery in Corangamite Shire?

We have a few challenges in community recovery that we are endeavouring to resolve including social isolation, technology skills/ internet access, and people being hesitant to ask for help.



Darren Mounsey

Labourer -
Environment &
Emergency

What is your background? How did you wind up at Corangamite Shire?

I was part time for 13 years at Cobden Golf Club. I started as bar manager, then was manager. I also worked for WestVic Staffing Solutions for 12 years as a field officer. During COVID-19 I had a few months off and was looking for something different, then this came up. It's a different line of work and an opportunity to meet new people.

What does your role involve?

We started with the 12 Apostles Trail at Timboon. We've widened and cleared growth away from the track so people can get access it more easily. Now we're up at Mt Leura reserve doing painting, tidying up all the furniture, regravelling all the steps and the paths. We're also doing some new seating, pruning, clearing and fencing.

We've put in 30 plants and fenced around them. We've done 150-odd new trees and we've got another hundred or so to go.

What attracted you to Corangamite?

For me, it's a great place to live. I know most of the people in the area so it's comfortable. It's a nice, safe place for people to live, especially for families with young kids. I've been involved with local sporting clubs. I'm President of Cobden Football Netball Club, I'm a life member of the junior basketball association in Cobden and was involved in cricket for years, squash, tennis. I still play golf.

What do you enjoy about your job?

It's good to have the outdoors and to meet new people. The Shire guys have been really friendly and welcoming.

**GET TESTED
IF YOU'VE GOT
THESE SYMPTOMS**

If you have any of these symptoms, however mild, get tested and stay home.



Fever



Runny nose



Sore throat



Cough



Chills or sweats



Shortness of breath



Loss of sense of smell or taste

Getting tested means you keep yourself, your friends, family, workplace and your community safe.

It's not over yet.

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