



Welcome

Summer is still lingering on, but we know the cooler days must be just around the corner. Here is all the news from Warrnambool City Council's Sustainability team. Don't forget if you would like to contribute to an upcoming newsletter just contact Helen Sheedy – hsheedy@warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Sustainable Living Festival 2017

Beautiful skies saw another fantastic Sustainable Living Festival take place in February. The event this year took place over two days for the first time on the 24th and 25th February.

On the Friday the first school's day was held. Student leaders representing Warrnambool's primary schools took part in workshops exploring a range of themes including Sustainable Transport, Waste Reduction and being Water Wise. The feedback from the day was fantastic with all the kids having an educational, fun day and committing to taking what they learnt back to their school communities.

In the evening the first ever Wannon Water Roobaix was held. This event was designed for anyone with two wheels to participate and go into the chance to win a new bike from the gang at Café Cycles Company to the value of \$500. The attendance for this was not huge but all who participated had a lot of fun finding the answers to the sustainably themed clues.

The Saturday event on the Civic Green was once again the feature point of the festival with large crowds on attendance across the day.

Ian McBurney was a fabulous MC for the day keeping the crowd informed of the fantastic variety of guest speakers and activities happening throughout the day.

All in all a great two days of activities with a lot of great feedback being received.



Garden Planting

Autumn is a great time to get out and get the vegetable patch restocked after summer. The conditions are ideal to plant the following:



Artichoke
Broccoli
Cabbage
Cauliflower

Broad beans
Brussel Sprouts
Carrots
Garlic
Spring Onions
Lettuce
Onions
Radish
Rosemary
Spinach
Leek

THE SUSTAINABLE LIVING FESTIVAL

A range of exhibitors, guest speakers and performances celebrating & inspiring sustainable living.





What's happening at City Sustainability?

There's always a lot going on in the Sustainability department so we thought we would share with you some of our highlights!

Community Development Fund

Council's annual Community Development Fund grants program is once again opening for applications. This Council program offers grants of up to \$3000 for community groups in the areas of events, sport and recreation, and of course Sustainability! So if your group has a great idea but no money to implement it – this is a fantastic opportunity!

A Speed Date Your Grant Specialist information evening will be held on Wednesday the 10th May from 6pm-8pm. The application process will be open from the 11th May until the 30th June 2017.

For more information see the Warrnambool City Council website at www.warrnambool.vic.gov.au

Growing Warrnambool's Native Coastal Plants

Australian Plant Society have released a new brochure which is a gardeners guide to growing native coastal plants. This beautiful brochure is available from Warrnambool City Council or for more information contact the Australian Plant Society at apswarrnambool@gmail.com or visit their website at www.apswarrnambool.org.au



Middle Island update

Great news from the Middle Island committee, our penguin population is continuing to thrive and grow. The 2016/17 breeding season is coming to a close and the numbers of penguins being reported returning to their nests on the island have been fantastic.

Unfortunately this summer we have had a huge problem with people trespassing on Middle Island. The effects this has on the Little Penguin population who call Middle Island their home is huge. WCC needs locals to be their eyes on the action. If anyone is seen trespassing on the Island please immediately call Local Laws on 5559 4800 or the Warrnambool Police on 5560 1333.

Middle Island is closed to the public and in order for our penguin population to continue to inhabit the island and it will remain closed in the future.



Contact us

If you would like more information on any of the items in the newsletter or if you wish to be removed from the mailing list please contact **Helen Sheedy** (Sustainability Officer) on hsheedy@warrnambool.vic.gov.au or (03) 5559 4439





Reduce, reuse, recycle!

This year at St Pats (Koroit) they have some new play equipment! The parents of the school brought in some old boats that were “reused” to make a marine based playground.

They now have an old Hobie catamaran that all the kids love to play on and an old windsurfer board that is also a hit! Great work St Pat’s what a great lesson you are teaching the kids!



What would you like Warrnambool to look like?

Over the next year Council will, in consultation with the community, develop a 30- year Community Plan. In 2018 the Council Plan will be reviewed to ensure alignment with the community’s long term vision for Warrnambool. Would you like to have your say in Warrnambool’s future? This is a great opportunity and its easy. Just visit www.yoursaywarrnambool.com.au Simple!



Earth Hour – this week end!

Earth Hour its celebrating it’s 10th birthday this year. When Sydney was first city to switch off Barack Obama announced he would run for president, Straight Lines by Silverchair was number 1 in the charts and we were buying our first i-phones. What a long way we have all come! Don’t forget to switch off on Saturday night between 8.30pm – 9.30pm.



Sustainable Easter

Easter is just around the corner and there are heaps of hints and tricks to help make your Easter more sustainable. From rolling your foil egg wrappers into a big ball to make sure they get properly recycled to making Easter baskets from recycled materials.

For heaps more ideas visit

<http://knswb.org.au/10-eggs-cellent-ways-to-make-your-easter-sustainable/>





Sustainability Events Calendar.

The Place of Wonder Workshops

Kylie Treble from the Place of Wonder is going to be holding a number of upcoming workshops with a difference:

Sustainable Grocery Shopping Tour

A tour of a supermarket will take place to learn about some commonly purchased products to help consumers make more sustainable shopping choices.

Date; Friday 9th June 2017

Time; 5.30 – 6.30

Cost; \$40pp includes notes.

Location: TBC – a supermarket will be chosen close to the location of the majority of attendees

Contact: Kylie Treble

Pantry Audits

Kylie is also available to come to your home to undertake a pantry audit. Together you will go through your pantry with the idea of making it healthier, more sustainable and saving the pantry owner money. The cost depends on what the pantry owner would like help with, it could be recipes, food prep ideas etc, and Kylie will work to your budget, time and come to you – how convenient!

Also be on the look out For Kylie's new book 'Connect' which features Sustainable hints for your kitchen, garden and Living habits along with recipes.



'Connect' is due for release in April.

Warrnambool Makers Club Event

Warrnambool Makers Club will be holding a BBQ at the home of blacksmith Murray Adams where you can see his incredible collection of equipment, art and skills.

Date; Wednesday 29th March

Time; 6.00pm

Cost; \$10 pp includes BBQ, drink and presentation

Contact; Murray Dancey 0418 725 912



Produce Exchange:

A produce exchange is held on the first Saturday of the month. This is open to everyone who has produce to share. Simply come along and place your excess food on the communal tables and choose something you would like to exchange.

No money changes hands!

CWA Hall, 30 Kepler St, Warrnambool

Autumn dates are: 1st April, 6th May and 3rd June

More info: sonatural2@gmail.com

Fresh Local Markets

Market featuring local produce, products and plants.

When: 1st and 3rd Sunday of every month.

Where: Lake Pertobe – Summer carnival site.

Time: 9am – 1pm

