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Family Pass to the
play "Wreck of the
Admella"
by Doug Mann



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Community News

**JULY
2009**

Meeting today's challenges for our community's best future

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The Glenelg Shire Council has developed a budget for the next 12 months that will meet the challenges of these turbulent economic times.

The Mayor Cr Geoff White said the budget enables Council to maintain quality, breadth and depth of services and to deliver a substantial capital works program resulting in a significant return to the local economy.

He said the budget is not only financially responsible, but also contributes to the achievement of the strategies that the Council has included in its 2009-2013 Council Plan. Full details in middle pages.

All about
the
budget
Centre lift
out

2009/10 budget at a glance

\$11.2 million Capital Works Program including:

- * \$5.26 million on local roads and footpaths
- * \$1.3 million Buildings Asset Management Plan

Moderate rate rise of 5%

Maintain existing service levels

Highlights

- * \$400,000 for new pavilion at Cavalier Park, Portland
- * \$894,000 on Shire recreation and open space facilities
- * \$150,000 for stage 1 upgrade of Portland Airport
- * \$18,000 for lifeguards on Shire beaches
- * Additional \$10,000 for clubs and community groups through Council's Minor Recreation Grants
- * New public toilets for Heywood
- * Schematic designs for the proposed Casterton Children's and Family Centre

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A night at the cemetery

Pictured left to right:

Creative Director Joanne Davis, Portland Admella Commemoration Advisory Committee member, Anne Grant, Regional Arts Development Officer, Jo Grant, are leading the team involved in staging the community performance project 'Remembering the Dead - stories from the grave' at the old Portland North Cemetery during the Admella 150 Festival and commemorations from Wednesday August 12 - Sunday August 16.

Pieces by local performers aim to bring to life significant local history and creatively interpret the tragic Admella shipwreck story. Some of the stories to be highlighted include Captain Fawthrop's, and other crew members' of the Portland Lifeboat who are buried at the cemetery.

Read up to date Glenelg Shire Council advertisements in the Portland Observer and Casterton News.

Listen to MIXX FM 93.7 every Friday before 8am for 'Mayor on the Air', ABC South West Victoria 96.9FM with Jeremy Lee on Wednesday mornings around 7.15am and 3RPC 99.3FM for Shire Arts news with Joy Ralph each Tuesday between 10am and 12 noon.

Every effort is made to ensure the accuracy of the details provided in this Calendar. However, Glenelg Shire Council and its Officers reserve the right to withdraw, substitute or vary the details of events listed, and to rectify any errors at a later date.

ARTS CALENDAR

July to September 2009

DEBUTANTE DIARIES

A hilarious one-woman show performed by the brilliant Kate McLennan, who plays a range of 'debzillas'. A must-see for everyone who's been a Deb, is going to be a Deb, or who wonders what all the fuss is about!

Date & Time: Thursday, 2 July, 8.00pm
Venue: Casterton Town Hall
Cost: Full price \$25 Conc \$20 Student \$10 Family \$60

WHAT BIG TEETH YOU HAVE

A rap musical. This street-wise retelling of two old tales (The Three Little Pigs and Little Red Riding Hood) features the hippest wolf in the forest Mr BB Wolf, the beat-boxing wolf. A great holiday show that will appeal to children and adults.

Date & Time: Thursday, 9 July, 8.00pm
Venue: Portland Arts Centre
Cost: Full price \$15 Child \$10

THE KURSK

It is August 2000. A Russian nuclear submarine, *The Kursk*, mysteriously vanishes and as 23 sailors wait helplessly, trapped 80 metres beneath the Barents Sea, the most extraordinary tale unfolds. This powerful, moving, play recaptures the actual events of that tragic event.

Dates & Times: Saturday, 18 July, 8.00pm
Venue: Portland Arts Centre
Cost: Full price \$30 Conc \$25 Student \$10 Family \$66

REFLECTING ON A TRAGEDY

The wreck of the SS Admella, August 1859

Lino-cuts by Bob Stone, and works by younger artists provide a reflection on the tragic events surrounding the wreck of the SS Admella, which occurred in 1859.

Dates: 20 July to 16 August
Venue: Portland Arts Centre
Cost: Free

SADAKO AND THE THOUSAND PAPER CRANES

Sadako Sasaki is an ordinary feisty 12 year old who dreams of one day becoming Japan's greatest ever runner. Then suddenly she is struck down by a terrible illness caused by radiation from the atom bomb dropped on her home town of Hiroshima when she was only two. On an astonishing over-size origami set, this moving production magically unfolds before your very eyes.

Date: Wednesday, 22 July, 11.00am & 1.30pm
Venue: Portland Arts Centre
Cost: Full price \$15 Child \$10 Special school price also available

AT THE CENTRE OF LIGHT

The life of Mary MacKillop (1842-1909) was one of exemplary religious devotion. During her life as a teacher and later as a nun, she established close connections not only with Penola (SA) but also Portland. This play, by Rosemary Johns, attempts to capture a sense of the person who is now one step away from possibly becoming the first Australian saint.

Date: Friday, 31 July, 8.00pm; Saturday, 1 August, 2.00pm
Venue: Portland Arts Centre
Cost: Full price \$20 Conc \$15 Student \$10 Family \$52

THE WRECK OF THE ADMELLA by Doug Mann

This year marks the 150th commemoration of the rescue by the Portland lifeboat, of the few remaining survivors from the tragic wreck of the SS Admella in 1859. Doug Mann's play effectively captures the many days of frustration as would be rescuers – thwarted by the stormy seas – had to watch in anguish as more and more passengers and crew succumbed.

Dates: Thursday 13, Friday 14 & Saturday 15 August
Venue: Portland Arts Centre
Cost: Full price \$15 Child \$8 Family \$36

SMARTART

An annual exhibition featuring art works by Year 7 to 11 students from PSC.

Dates: 18 August to 11 September
Venue: Portland Arts Centre
Cost: Free

KAVISHA MAZELLA TRIO

The Trio play an energetic fusion of Italian folk and country music with Kavisha's original music and lyrics: new music with ancient roots. This show is rich in humour, pathos and audience participation.

Date & Time: Thursday, 27 August, 8.00pm
Venue: Portland Arts Centre
Cost: Full price \$25 Conc \$20 Student \$10 Family \$60

BAGELS TO BROADWAY

This very different "morning melodies" show shares the stories behind the composers behind the music: the Gershwins, Irving Berlin, Richard Rogers, Lorenz Hart, Oscar Hammerstein, Gus Kahn, Harren Warren and friends.

Date & Time: Wednesday, 2 September, 11.00am
Venue: Portland Arts Centre
Cost: Full price \$20 Conc \$20

ST KILDA FILM FESTIVAL

A screening of 2 x 60 minute sessions of excellent short films. The content of each session is different.

Dates: Saturday 5 September, 6.30pm & 8.00pm
Venue: Portland Arts Centre
Cost: \$10 one session \$15 two sessions

CARMEL WALLACE

A visual exploration of the south-west corner of Victoria and beyond.

Dates: 14 September to 9 October
Venue: Portland Arts Centre
Cost: Free

WALTZ-SING AUSTRALIA

This performance showcases 100 years of Australian Hit songs and the singers who made them famous. Among those honoured are Dame Nellie Melba, Peter Dawson, Gladys Moncreiff, The Seekers and Peter Allen.

Date & Time: Tuesday, 15 September, 11.00am
Venue: Portland Arts Centre
Cost: Full price \$20 Concession \$20

THE GRIMSTONES 'HATCHED'

Designed for all ages, this is a unique and exquisite magical, gothic fairytale. It is told with giant books, beautiful old-world marionettes and sign language.

Dates & Times: Wednesday, 23 September, 2.00pm & 6.00pm
Venue: Portland Arts Centre
Cost: Full price \$15 Child \$10

Glenelg Shire Arts Program

Ticket Prices & Bookings

Bookings for all performance events can be made at the **Portland Arts Centre**, corner of Glenelg & Bentinck Streets, Portland. Office hours are Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Phone (03) 5522 2263

Please Note: Tickets can be purchased by Credit Card or EFTPOS, in person or by phone.

Reserve Tickets must be paid for at least 48 hours before a performance.

Website Information

If you are connected to the Internet, you can look for up-to-date details of all events in the Glenelg Shire Arts Program on the following Websites -

www.glenelg.vic.gov.au

For your information

The GLENELG SHIRE ARTS PROGRAM is funded by the **Glenelg Shire Council** with assistance from **Arts Victoria**, and is devised and managed by the Cultural Services Officer. The Program annually presents Touring Performances and Exhibitions, in a variety of venues across the Shire.

The majority of events are presented in the **PORTLAND ARTS CENTRE**, which is a member of Victorian Association of Performing Arts Centres (VAPAC).



~~~~~ Admella 150 Festival ~~~~~

Commemorating a tragedy; Celebrating volunteerism

From Thursday 13th August to Sunday 16th August 2009, Portland will come alive to commemorate 150 years of the wreck of the SS Admella, one of the worst maritime disasters in Australian history and an event of national significance.

Portland is hosting the final four days of the ten day Festival, themed 'Commemorating a tragedy; Celebrating volunteerism', which begins in South Australia on Thursday 6th August.

The Portland Admella Commemoration Advisory Committee (PACAC) invites all Portland and Glenelg Shire residents to participate in the many events and activities staged over the four days, many of them free.

"The Portland Opening night will be a fantastic mixture of historical drama and a free bonfire on the beach with fireworks and the Portland Citizens Brass Band – a interpretive re-enactment of what happened when the Portland rescuers brought the survivors into Portland 150 years ago," said Mr Keith Wilson OAM, Chair of the PACAC.

"We encourage everyone to come to the foreshore and help us kick off the Portland events," Mr Wilson concluded.



Erin O'Connor, Ron Colliver and Brad Charman rehearse for the Community Theatre Project, 'Wreck of the Admella' written and directed by well known former Portlander, Doug Mann. The play will be a feature of the Admella 150 Festival and will be performed each night at 8pm at the Portland Arts Centre on Thursday August 13, Friday August 14 and Saturday August 15 as well as a matinee at 3pm on Saturday.

An Historic Tragedy

Early on 6th August 1859, the coastal passenger steamer SS Admella, travelling from Adelaide to Launceston via Melbourne, was wrecked on a reef off Carpenter Rocks, South Australia, beginning an incredible story of tragedy and survival for 113 passengers and crew on board.

Of the 113 passengers and crew, 89 lost their lives, mostly due to dehydration, starvation and exposure. The survivors clung to the wreck for seven days without food or water in horrendous conditions as authorities and volunteers struggled to rescue them.

After several rescue attempts, on the 13th August, the Portland Lifeboat and crew rescued 19 of the survivors and the Henty vessel 'Lady Bird' brought them back to Portland, where they were met with rapturous celebration from the Portland community.

It was the first major rescue incident that involved the cooperation of so many organisations and individuals across the newly formed colonies of Victoria and South Australia.

Afterwards, the Victorian government's delayed decision to assist, cost the then Victorian Premier, John O'Shanassy, his premiership.

In many ways it was the basis of joining together these isolated communities into a regional group and was the beginning of many ongoing organisations across the south east of Australia.

The heroic lifeboat was preserved, and now enjoys pride of place in the Portland Maritime Discovery Centre.

Budget snapshot

The Glenelg Shire Arts and Culture Program provides a diverse variety of high quality performances and exhibitions at a very reasonable cost to audiences. About 32 arts performances and 12 art exhibitions will be presented throughout the year. Arts Groups in the Shire also benefit from the receipt of arts grants for community groups.

Program of Events

The Portland Admella Commemoration Advisory Committee (PACAC) expect many descendants of survivors and other interested people to join in this historical commemorative week.

Events will be staged in South Australia from Thursday 6th August to Thursday 13th August and include art exhibitions, performances, commemoration dinner, themed quiz night, guided bus tours. Further program information can be found on the website - www.admella.org.au.

Many of the Portland events are free and are on daily during the Festival

'Survivor' - Community Art Exhibition - Portland Library

'Reflecting On A Tragedy – The wreck of the SS Admella, August, 1859' - Community Art Exhibition - Portland Arts Centre

'Eighteen Fifty Nine - A Snapshot of Portland' – Exhibition reflecting life in Portland in 1859 - Portland Maritime Discovery Centre

'A Tribute to Portland's Heroes' - Multi Art Form Installation - The Arts Company History of Portland - History House

Wednesday 12th August

5pm Opening 'Survivor' Community Art Exhibition - Portland Library

Thursday 13th August

12.30pm Synchronised Bell ringing; celebrate survivors

6.45pm Official Glenelg Shire Opening of Commemoration - Portland Arts Centre

7.30pm 'Wreck of the Admella' by Doug Mann – Community Theatre Project - Portland Arts Centre – bookings ph: 03 5522 2263 Tickets Adult \$15/Child \$8/Family \$36

9pm Brass Band, Bonfire & Fireworks Portland Visitor Information Centre car park (outdoor event)

Friday 14th August

6pm Remembering the Dead - stories from the grave - Community performance. Old Portland North Cemetery (outdoor event BRING A TORCH).

7pm 'Songs of the Sea'; Food & Song – descendants gathering - Mac's Hotel

8pm 'Wreck of the Admella' by Doug Mann – Community Theatre Project - Portland Arts Centre – bookings ph: 03 5522 2263 Tickets Adult \$15/Child \$8/Family \$36

Saturday 15th August

All day Admella Bus Tours – Portland Lifeboat, Cemetery - start & finish at Maritime Discovery Centre

Afternoon Admella Cup Regatta – Race 1 - In shore Portland
1.30pm Rocket Shed Opening Rocket Shed - Cliff Street, Portland

2pm-4pm Admella 150 History Forum - Glenelg Shire Council Reception Room

3pm & 8pm 'Wreck of the Admella' by Doug Mann – Community Theatre Project - Portland Arts Centre – bookings ph: 03 5522 2263 Tickets Adult \$15/Child \$8/Family \$36

5pm Port Fairy Life Boat Arrives (circumstances permitting) Portland Harbour

6pm Remembering the Dead - stories from the grave - Community performance. Old Portland North Cemetery (outdoor event BRING A TORCH).

8pm-12am Admella Old Time Dance - South Portland Community Hall

Sunday 16th August

Morning Admella Cup Regatta – Race 2 - In shore Portland
11.30am Admella 150th Anniversary Plaque unveiling - Ploughed Field Portland

1pm Portland's Heroes – Captain Fawthrop and the Admella Rescuers – signage launch and tour (Old Portland North Cemetery)

2pm Admella Cup Regatta – Presentations In shore Portland

For more general information – www.admella.org.au
For information on Portland events, phone 1800 035 567
The Portland Admella Commemoration

Advisory Committee is:

Chairman - Keith Wilson, OAM; Cr Gilbert Wilson; Bernard Wallace; Anne Grant; Neville Doodt; Gordon Stokes; Bill Collett; Brendon Jarrett; Bob Stone and Lesley Jackson.



Portland Child & Family Complex

The Portland Child and Family Complex is really taking shape. The importance of good quality child care being provided in the Shire cannot be underestimated. It underpins the ability for parents to make themselves available for work which is vital for a healthy economy.

Prospective parents will be pleased with the design of the building which has a sunny northerly aspect, five play rooms, a community room and covered verandahs and landscaped garden for outdoor play.

The availability of a number of services being provided from one location will assist busy parents who will be able to seek Maternal and Child Health Services, playgroup, kindergarten and a wide range of health and support services in a **one-stop-shop**.

The construction of the centre is on schedule and expected to be completed by October. In the best interests of the children and

families the transfer of service from Henry House and Mitchell Park to the new complex will be undertaken at the end of the year with the complex ready to open toward the end of January 2010. At present Council officers are working on the design and landscaping for the outdoor play area with the architects. The plan is to use low maintenance, drought tolerant, native plants from the area.

At \$2.4 million this is a very big project for Council and whilst Council is providing a significant part of the funding we gratefully acknowledge support from the Victorian Government though the Departments of Human Services and Planning and Community and the Federal Government's Department of Transport and Regional Services.



Council's new Maternal and Child Health Team

The provision of Maternal and Child Health services has returned to Council as from July 1 2009.

This service includes physical and developmental assessments of children 0 to 6 years, breast feeding support, counselling on a range of health issues, opportunistic immunisation, and education sessions for new parents. It also provides extra support at home to families with particular needs, such as mothers experiencing post natal depression, children "at risk", teenage parents, families with a history of domestic violence, drug and alcohol abuse or mental illness. This service supports over 200 families annually with home visits and centre consultations. A subsidy for this service is provided by the State Government.

Team Leader, Catherine Austin, Jodie Hutchins, Bernadette Fitzgerald, Debbie Adams (casual) and Council's Children's Services Coordinator, Jodie Maybery. Absent Debra McMaster (casual) and Nicola Grayson (part time).

GSC Community and Recreation Directory

The Glenelg Shire Council administers a Community/Recreation Directory and encourages clubs/organizations to list their details on the Directory.

If your club or organization does not have their details listed and would like to do so or would like to update details provided in the past, please contact the Community Development Department, telephone: 5522 2254.

To check out if we already have your details go to the website www.glenelg.vic.gov.au and click on directories at the top of the page.

Budget snapshot

Funds have been allocated to undertake a schematic design for a potential Children's and Family Centre in Casterton.

Glenelg Strategic Futures Plan update

The Glenelg Strategic Futures Plan (GSFP) provides a framework for future land use and development in the Glenelg Shire and is the most significant strategic planning exercise undertaken by the Glenelg Shire in many years.

The GSFP identifies numerous strategic projects which need to be undertaken and / or implemented in order to improve the operation of the Glenelg Planning Scheme and other Council policies and documents.

The GSFP has been in preparation since 2005 and Council, the community and agencies are looking forward to seeing the recommendations of the GSFP implemented.

Community engagement has occurred on a number of occasions during the preparation of the GSFP resulting in 160 submissions from the general public.

From this public consultation a number of key themes have been identified:

- Houses on rural zoned land**
- Pressure for development on periphery of towns**
- Active coastal erosion**
- Future impacts of climate change**
- Wildfire management**
- Provision of reticulated sewer and water services to smaller towns**
- Ongoing vitality of small towns**
- Recognition of flood prone land**
- Appropriate sites for industry**

Many of the major strategic initiatives identified in the GSFP will require the preparation of significant amendments to the Glenelg Planning Scheme. Any modifications to the Glenelg Planning Scheme, whether it be a change to the zoning and overlay maps or a change to the scheme text requires a formal planning scheme amendment process to be followed.

The planning scheme amendment process is established under the Planning and Environment Act 1987 which is the legislative basis for land use planning in Victoria

The process for preparing and finalising a planning scheme amendment is quite involved. A typical planning scheme amendment takes in the order of 12 – 18 months from the time it is initially considered by Council to the time it is gazetted.

An *Implementation Strategy* has been prepared to identify how the recommendations of the Glenelg Strategic Futures Plan (GSFP) are to be implemented, with a focus on amendments required to the Glenelg Planning Scheme. The key themes as identified above have been given a priority rating with those given a high rating to be addressed immediately.

Budj Bim a National Heritage Landscape

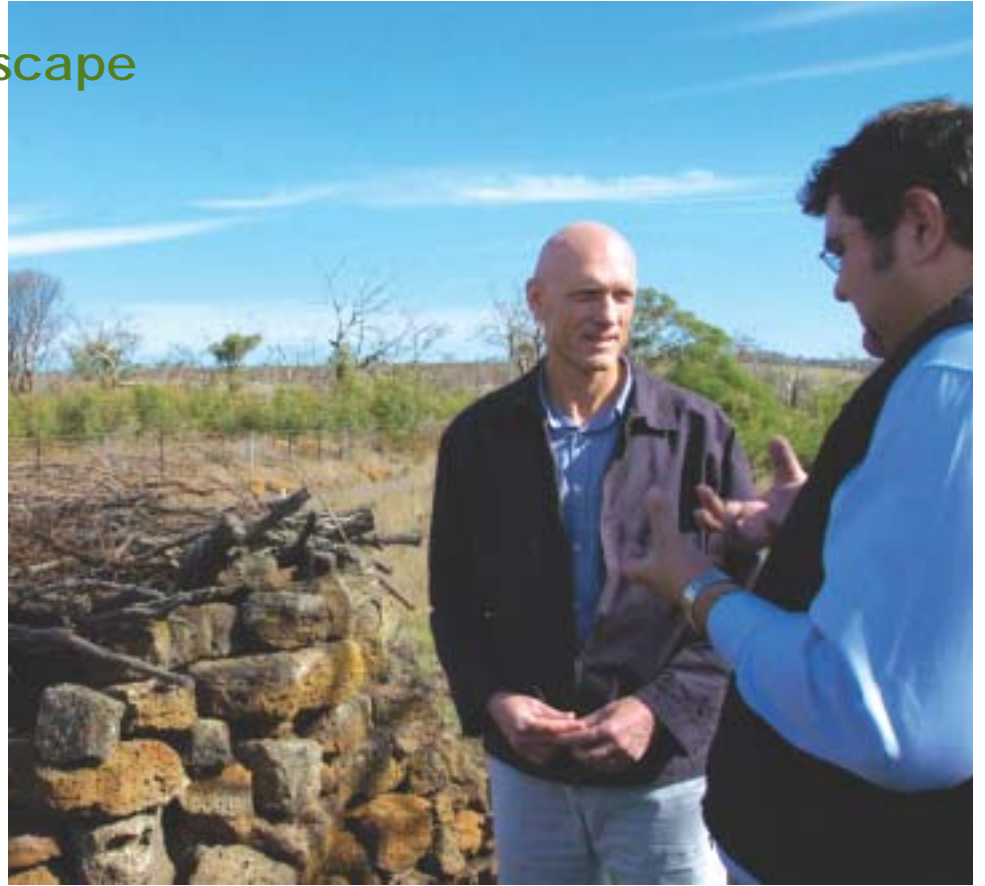
Budj Bim was included in Australia's National Heritage List – which recognises and protects our most valued natural, Indigenous and historic heritage places – in July 2004.

Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape – the first place included in Australia's National Heritage List – is the first site to receive part of the \$60 million heritage funding under the Australian Government's Jobs Fund – a component of the Economic Stimulus Plan.

Minister for the Environment, Heritage and the Arts, the Hon Peter Garrett, visited Budj Bim, to announce that funding of \$360,000 will be provided to the Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners and the Winda Mara Aboriginal Corporations, for the Budj Bim Tracks project.

The Tracks will allow people to bushwalk or bike ride from the Mount Eccles Visitor Centre through Allambie, Lake Condah, including track construction and improvement, and the development of interpretation and directional signage.

The project is ready to begin immediately and construction work is expected to support local jobs and business and also provide for future employment opportunities through increased tourism. *Photo Courtesy Portland Observer.*



Minister for Environment, Heritage and the Arts the Hon Peter Garrett with Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation chairman, Damien Bell at Budj Bim National Heritage Landscape where new bush walking and cycling tracks are to be constructed.

Reconciliation Week 2009: see the person, not the stereotype

The significance of reconciliation and recognising the important role the local Indigenous community play in the life of the Council was recognised on Friday, May 29 during National Reconciliation Week.

The community BBQ at the Portland Angling Club, now firmly established on the Council's event calendar included performances by Indigenous performers Kellie Frankland, Daniel Joseph, Skye Taikato and Brett Clarke and speeches by local school students on the importance of Reconciliation. Works by local artist Ray Thomas and the Sew Simply collective formed a colourful backdrop around the clubrooms.



Pictured left are performers Skye Taikato and Brett Clarke who entertained the crowd at the event. Pictured far right ~ part of the crowd enjoying the entertainment.

Reflecting on this year's theme for National Reconciliation Week, See The Person, Not The Stereotype, Mayor Geoff White said it was significant for the Council with the election of its first Indigenous councillor Councillor Ken Saunders during the last election. He is believed to be the only currently active serving Indigenous councillor in Victoria.

Council has commenced negotiations with the local Indigenous community for a new agreement to replace the Memorandum of Understanding adopted by Council in 2005.

"Whatever form this new agreement takes it will build on the existing commitments that Council has already made, including the process of reconciliation with Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islanders, in the context of redressing their profound social and economic position," Councillor White said.

Councillor White said the week provides the opportunity for both sides to talk and listen to each other, to acknowledge the historical facts of our past, to express sorrow for the damage this has caused the communities, to learn from these lessons and aim for true reconciliation in our community.

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New agreement between Casterton Visitor Information Centre and Council

Continuing on into 21 years of visitor servicing at the Casterton Visitor Information Centre, a new four year Agreement & Memorandum of Understanding between Glenelg Shire Council and Casterton Community Arts & Craft Association Inc. (CCA & CA) commenced on 1 June 2009.

The agreement provides for the continued operation of an accredited Visitor Information Centre in Casterton.

The CCA & CA will provide volunteer support for the Visitor Information Centre and continue to display and sell their handicrafts from the VIC ensuring that visitors to Casterton are able to find out things to see & do in Casterton.

Council's Planning & Economic Development Group Manager, Syd Deam and Jean McCallum, President of the CCA&CA, signing the new agreement.



Sustainable schools facilitator for South West

From 2009, Sustainability Victoria is funding 60 schools a year to undertake the ResourceSmart Schools AuSSI Vic program.

17 schools in south-western Victoria have received a funded place in 2009 and work is underway led by our regional facilitator Sally Jensen. Merino Primary School, St Johns Lutheran PS, Bundarra PS and Portland Secondary College are among the schools undertaking the Core Module of the AuSSI Vic program this year.

ResourceSmart Schools program called The Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative, or AuSSI Vic, is structured into 5 parts called Modules. These are Core, Waste, Water, Energy and Biodiversity Modules; bringing together strands that schools may have worked with before including 'Waste Wise', or 'Water Learn It Live It' into an accredited, National 5 Star system.

Local experts Cydoni Younie (Waste), Rebecca Phyland of Thornbill Eco Education (Biodiversity) and Peter Reefman of energised.com (energy) are resourceful contacts, coaches and consultants during the modules, as well as many others in the community. Schools including Portland South PS,

for example, will be accredited with some stars free of charge in recognition of their ongoing work and achievements.

With an emphasis on local and regional partnerships AuSSI Vic is a national, co-ordinated approach to education for Sustainability. Sally is working with schools across south-western Victoria in the Core Module of RSS AuSSI Vic.

Peter Reefman's consortium of 12 local schools are set to receive 'Solar in School' government funding to install solar panels and develop renewable energy education.

With community partnerships, whole school policy and long term planning, schools are set to contribute an informed and active young generation for the future.

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Australian Sustainable Schools Initiative
A Partnership of the Australian Government, the States & Territories

Budget snapshot

Council continues to recognise that climate change and environmental sustainability are important to our communities and the future of the Shire. Consequently the budget incorporates funding for resources that provides specialist advice and support to Council relating to natural resource management and other environmental issues.

Budget snapshot

Council provides for over 62,000 hours of service to assist people to be independent in their own homes and to remain socially connected. These services include household tasks (cleaning, laundry, etc.), personal care (dressing, showering, etc.) and property maintenance (lawn mowing, etc.). The Council provides services to over 700 clients and directly employs over 60 people. These services are important for the health and well being of some of our more vulnerable residents, especially as our community is ageing at a faster rate than the rest of the state.

Portland Shopping Bus (Personal Care)

Home and Community Care worker Kim Elliott takes Dawn McIntyre, Winifred Malseed and Betty Aroin for their weekly shopping trip.



Home Care

Carer Maree Johnson helps Thelma Lane aged 89 to stay in her home by taking her shopping and cleaning her house.



Respite Care

Carer Kim Elliott provides respite care for Julie Storrie. Their time out can include taking a walk and having lunch.



National Tree Day 4th August 2009

Local and regional schools, community groups and passionate people are invited to plant a tree or mentor a planting at a local National Tree Day event on 4th August 2009 at Cape Bridgewater.

Residents Pam and Brad own 60 acres and have committed to revegetating 40 acres! This impressive plan will be supported by willing hands and small trees on National Tree Day this year.

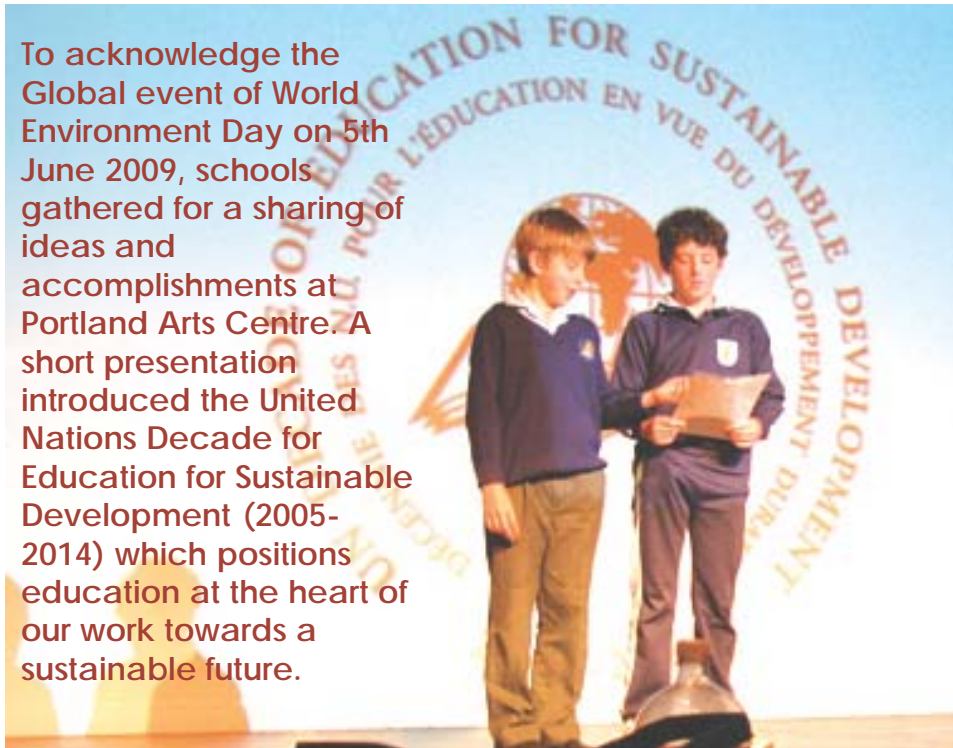
ResourceSmart AuSSI Vic Schools are quantifying their annual greenhouse gas emissions online through SETS (Schools Environment Tracking System www.schoolenergysavings.com.au). School communities are invited to offset their actual contribution to climate change by planting 1 or more trees and benefit from actively participating outdoors.

This exciting event is being partnered by DSE, the Lions club, Port Fairy PS and co-ordinated by Sally Jensen. For interest, partnership and inquiries please contact Sally on 0407 361 932 sally@ceres.org.au



WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

To acknowledge the Global event of World Environment Day on 5th June 2009, schools gathered for a sharing of ideas and accomplishments at Portland Arts Centre. A short presentation introduced the United Nations Decade for Education for Sustainable Development (2005-2014) which positions education at the heart of our work towards a sustainable future.



Glenelg Libraries

Explore, Discover, Connect

Survivor Exhibition

AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2009

Survivor Exhibition will be held from August through to September 2009 at the Portland DiscoverIT Centre as part of celebrations for the 150th Anniversary of the wreck of the S.S. Admella.

The wreck of the SS Admella in the early hours of August 6th 1859 was only the beginning of a horrific week for survivors who remained on board, in sight of land, while authorities and volunteers struggled to rescue them from the stricken steamer. The loss of 89 lives, mostly due to dehydration, cold and exposure makes the wreck one of the worst maritime disasters in Australian history. The 150th Anniversary of the tragedy will be commemorated and the survivors celebrated during the:

ADMELLA 150 FESTIVAL

“Commemorating a tragedy Celebrating volunteerism”



Commemorate the Admella Shipwreck anniversary by making an artwork in any medium. Entries are open to the community and close 29th July, 2009.

Mark Taylor, 20 years service as a volunteer at the Glenelg Libraries

Mark Taylor commenced with the former Glenelg Library Corporation – Portland Branch in February 1989.

He has been a conscientious part of the library team and one who other staff have come to rely on for his quiet, unassuming competence.

Mark has worked continuously every Thursday and Friday with the exclusion of school holidays since then.

Mark is very loyal and reliable and enjoys a good joke. He is a joy to have around, and his wonderful pronunciation and diction make him the perfect choice to call people when they have books to collect.

One of our favourite borrowers has complimented Mark on his velvety voice.

Mark's love of the staff room biscuit tin is a source of much ribbing. Mark has never been able to say 'no' to a biscuit!



However, it is on good authority, that we know Mark often takes the blame for an empty biscuit tin when he's not actually the culprit!

The Portland library has been fortunate to have Mark for so long and would like to take this special opportunity to thank him for all his good cheer and tireless effort over the past two decades.

Congratulations Mark

Your Tutor - FREE Online Homework Help!

Glenelg Libraries are happy to offer the *Yourtutor* service to students of the Glenelg Shire from grade 4 through to Year 12.

This is an online service providing real-time access to qualified tutors on a range of subjects, including English, Maths, Science, research and study skills.

The tutors are qualified experts in their subject areas who are specially trained in online tutoring for young people. They are all Australian educated and located. They have a range of backgrounds and qualifications, from certified teachers, professional tutors, and post graduate students, to university students finishing the final year of their honours degrees at prestigious Australian universities.

The service is available between the hours of 4pm - 8pm Mondays to Fridays.



Look for the *Your Tutor* symbol - Access in the library or from home on www.glenelglibraries.vic.gov.au

E-Books a Success

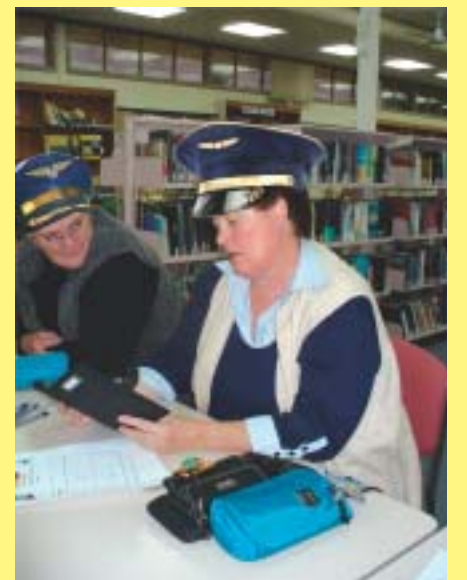
E-Book Reader Program – Glenelg Libraries

Glenelg Shire Libraries have successfully concluded their E Book Reader project trial after an intensive 2 month road-test by some local intrepid “pilots”.

The project involved eight local community people taking home one of the E Readers and testing them for ease of use, reliability, aesthetics, and anything else they could comment on, in a pilot program designed to assess the readers and digital content for suitability as a lendable item from the Library.

On the whole, the project was very successful and Glenelg Libraries will now assess all the pros and cons and will look

for the best option to utilize the E-Book readers as part of an ongoing program at the Library.



Pilots, Wendy and Anne with their kits.

Glenelg Libraries Outreach Library Station Schedule July / August / September 2009

- Merino:** Wednesdays 11am – 1pm, & 3.30 – 4.30pm at the Bush Nursing Centre
- Digby:** Tuesdays 4pm – 5pm at the Mechanics Institute
- Nelson:** Daily 9am – 5pm at the Nelson Visitor Information Centre.
- Dartmoor:** Fridays 11.30am – 1.30pm & 2pm – 4pm at the General Store

Glenelg Libraries
Portland Ph: 55222 265, Heywood Ph: 55270 6666, Casterton Ph: 5554 2444
or www.glenelglibraries.vic.gov.au



Budget 2009/2010

Council's budget for 2009/2010 has been developed through an extensive process. Importantly it reflects Council's objectives

When preparing this Budget, Council has carefully considered the need to reduce the impact of the global financial crisis, whilst ensuring that our fees, charges and rating strategy are affordable.

The Glenelg Shire has received \$581,000 from the federal government as part of its economic stimulus package. This money is being used for a variety of infrastructure programs using local tradespeople and suppliers. The Council also looks forward to working with the federal and state governments in receiving additional economic stimulus funding to promote economic activity across the Shire.

As the Shire is a significant purchaser of goods and services from businesses, industries and organisations across the Shire, the budget objective of maintaining current service levels, also directly and indirectly supports the Shire's economy.

Council is also one of the largest employers in the Shire employing approximately 350 people delivering a diverse range of services to our residents and visitors. The continuation of existing service levels will also result in the retention of the current staff level. Council employees live across the Shire

Enhancing community wellbeing

\$118,000 for youth development - including the implementation of the Youth Strategy and FReeZA Programs for around 2000 Shire youth.

\$60,000 for the implementation of community plans across the Shire

\$25,000 - for a schematic design for the proposed Children's and Family Centre in Casterton.

\$20,000 - for the development of a Memorandum of Understanding with the indigenous community.

\$18,000 - for lifesaving services on Shire beaches.

\$10,000 extra for Minor Recreation Grants.

\$40,000 now available for Shire groups annually.

\$8,000 - Sofffall Renewal Program

\$12,000 - Playground Equipment Replacement Program throughout the Shire.



Did you know?
Local government collects only three per cent of the total government revenue.
Commonwealth Government 70%
Local Government 3%

Council Plan 2009 - 2010

- * Responsible and responsive governance
- * Enhancing community wellbeing
- * Strengthening a vibrant economy
- * Building quality places

Responsible and responsive governance and decision making

It is proposed to increase the rate in the \$ for all property types by 5% for the 2009/2010 financial year. This will enable Council to:

- Retain existing operational service levels;
- Achieve an improvement in the underlying operational deficit;
- Ensure that valuable financial resources are properly allocated to provide the desired level of service in a cost effective manner, for present and future generations;
- Ensure that Council's long term financial position is sustainable;
- Continue Council's positive cash position to ensure appropriate levels of working capital and liquidity;
- Continue Council's maintenance; renewal and upgrade programs for all its assets.

Budget 2009/2010

process of consultation and review with Councillors, staff and the community. as set out in the Council Plan 2009 – 2013.

and their wages and salaries directly and indirectly benefit businesses, industries and organisations across the Shire.

Council has prepared a budget that seeks to balance residents' demand for services and infrastructure with the community's capacity to pay and the need to support and stimulate the Shire's economy. The average residential, farming and commercial/industrial rates across the Shire are amongst the lowest in Victoria.

The Glenelg Shire has been independently ranked as the most financially sustainable large Shire in Victoria for the past three years.

This budget is designed to build on the hard work delivered by the former Council and to ensure that the ongoing financial sustainability of the Shire is not jeopardised.

The budget is financially responsible, and also contributes to the achievement of the strategies that the Council has included in its 2009-2013 Council Plan.

Did you know?

Percentage of the total taxes collected by all Shires in Australia.

Local Government 20% State Government 27% Federal Government 3%

2013 objectives:

Efficiency and decision making

Strengthening a vibrant economy

Council will fund a significant capital works program of \$11.22 million in the 2009/2010 financial year, including \$5.26 million on local roads, footpaths, kerb and channel networks and \$894,000 on recreation and open space facilities.

\$5.7 million for the capital programs comes from operating revenues. This is a significant achievement for a municipality of this size. The balance of funds is derived from government grants; asset sales and loan borrowings.



Building quality places

\$1.3 million - Buildings Asset Management Plan to continue to improve its 185 buildings within the Shire.

\$70,000 - undertake and complete the Portland Bay Coastal Infrastructure Plan Business Case.

\$8,700 - upgrades at the Casterton Visitor Information Centre

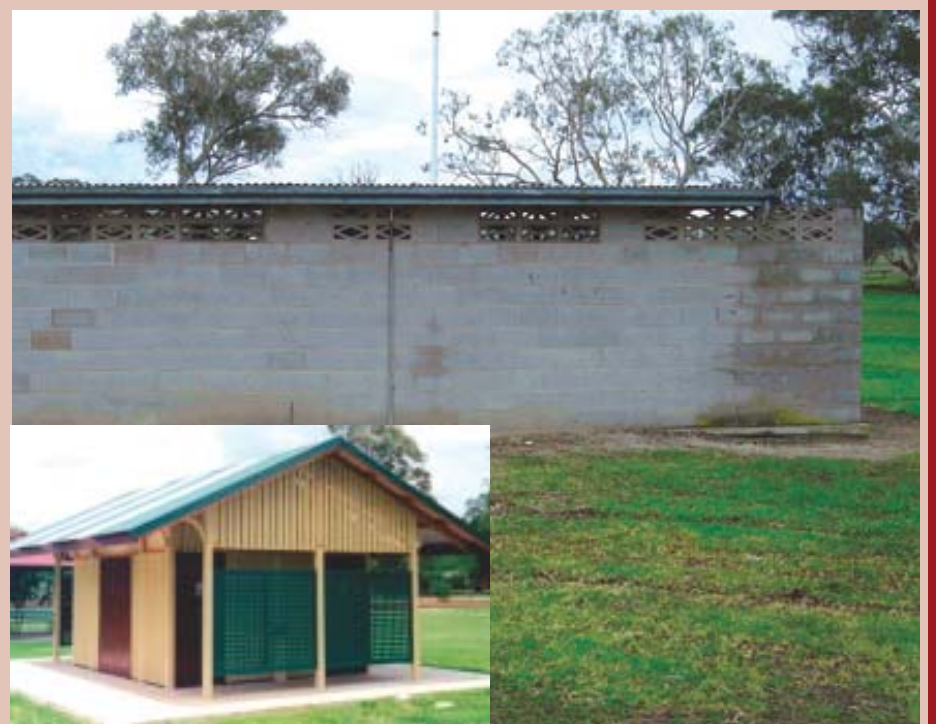
The Casterton Town Hall will benefit from internal works such as carpet replacement and a solution to reduce reverberation.

\$150,000 - Stage 1 of a major upgrade at the Portland Airport. Council is seeking \$1.8 million in government funds to assist in the upgrade of this strategic regional facility.

\$65,000 - repaint the Portland indoor and Merino outdoor swimming pools.

Public toilet facilities in Heywood will be replaced.

Island Park football oval toilet block in Casterton will be replaced with a brand new facility similar to the insert (below).



From the Building Department

Keep your building safe

If your building was built or altered since 1 July 1994, the State Government Building Regulations require you to keep a current copy of your buildings occupancy permit together with an annual essential safety measures report in the building.

All essential safety measures reports, records of maintenance checks, services and repair work to the building must also be kept on the premises so it is easily accessible for a municipal building surveyor or Chief Officer of the relevant fire brigade to randomly check for compliance. These documents are important as collectively they ensure that owners are fulfilling these obligations.

Although councils have a responsibility under building legislation for the enforcement of building safety in their area, owners have an obligation to ensure that essential safety measures and other safety measures are maintained and operate satisfactorily.

If the building was built before 1 July 1994, owners are also responsible for ensuring that any safety equipment, safety fittings or safety measures are maintained and fulfilling their purpose. Owners are also required to prepare and display an annual essential safety measures report. This includes exits and paths of travel to exits. It is also advised that records of maintenance checks, service and repair work be kept so they can be made available for inspection by a municipal building surveyor or chief officer. And remember, if building work is carried out, these circumstances may change, so it is worth checking with a municipal building surveyor or private building surveyor to see what is needed to do to comply with the Regulations or contact the Building Commission.

The maintenance of essential safety measures will ensure that the safety measures mainly dealing with fire situations within the building, remain at the required operational level throughout the life of the building. The type of maintenance depends on the complexity of the service, equipment or feature and the experience of the person carrying out the inspection or test.

Each year owners are required to prepare an annual essential services report on the building's essential safety measures. An owner may choose to engage specialist maintenance contractors to assist in the preparation of this report or if written delegation is provided, an agent may complete the report.

As an example, essential safety measures defined under the Building Regulations include:

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| Air conditioning systems | Fire hydrants |
| Emergency lifts and lighting | Fire windows |
| Ext doors and exit signs | Mechanical ventilation |
| Emergency power supply | Fire isolated stairs, passages, ramps |
| Fire control centres | Fire rated materials |
| Fire curtains and doors | Path of travel to exits |
| Emergency warning systems | Smoke alarms |
| Fire detectors and alarm systems | Smoke control systems |
| Fire extinguishers | Sprinkler systems |

For further information go to www.buildingcommission.com.au

New building bushfire guidelines for all Victorians

Six steps to assess your property's Bushfire Attack Level (BAL).

A new Australian Standard applies to the whole State and sites are now defined under six Bushfire Attack Level (BAL) categories from low to extreme.

For further information on the new residential building Standard contact your builder, architect, building designer, private or local Council's Building Surveyor. The Building Commission publication **A guide to building in Victoria after the bushfires** is also available at your local Council or via the website www.buildingcommission.com.au

You can also contact the **Bushfire Building Advice Line on 1300 360 320.**

- Step one** Determine your Fire Danger Index (FDI)
- Step two** Determine your site's vegetation types
- Step three** Determine the distance from the site to the vegetation
- Step four** Determine the slope of the land under the vegetation
- Step five** Determine the BAL
- Step six** Apply the construction requirements set out in Australian Standard AS 3959-2009

Do I need a plumber?

In Victoria, anyone who undertakes plumbing work is required to be licensed or registered with the Plumbing Industry Commission.

Plumbing work is defined under eight types of work, including: water supply, gasfitting, sanitary, roofing, draining, mechanical services (heating, cooling and ventilation), fire protection and irrigation (non agricultural).

Council's Municipal Building Surveyor Wayne Wilkie said only a licensed or registered plumber may legally undertake plumbing work in Victoria and that there are significant penalties for undertaking illegal plumbing work, including performing plumbing work if you are not a licensed or registered plumber.

"Recently we have been receiving reports of work, in particular roofing work, not being undertaken by qualified plumbers.

"If you are building or replacing a roof on your home, verandah, patio or shed", you will need to engage a qualified plumber.

In Victoria, all licensed practitioners must be covered by the required insurance - before they are issued with a licence. This ensures that both licensed plumbing practitioners and consumers are protected.

Only a licenced plumber may issue a compliance certificate. A compliance certificate is the means by which a licenced plumber self-certifies that the plumbing work complies with all



Cadet Building Surveyor Jeanette Gage inspects a new pergola. If you are building or replacing a roof on your home, verandah, patio or shed, please contact a qualified plumber to undertake the roofing.

legislative requirements.

Licensed plumbers are highly skilled professionals accredited by the Victorian Government industry regulator, the Plumbing Industry Commission. To be licenced a plumber must have obtained the required qualifications, have extensive experience and hold a prescribed level of insurance.

If you wish to report a case where plumbing work has been undertaken by a person who is not registered or licenced, initially you should contact the Plumbing Industry Commission, and ask to speak with the Duty Investigator.

*Special exemption can be obtained for contract shed builders to undertake their own roofing or other person accredited by the Commission.

Portland's Civic Hall gets a make-over

The final coat on the new ironbark floorboards in the Civic Hall, reveals the beautiful grain of the wood. The new floor is part of a program of technical upgrades to the Council venue, funded by a major grant from the Regional Infrastructure Development Fund. The original floor, which was 34 years old, has been replaced because Council is planning to purchase retractable, raked seating for the Hall in the near future, and the old floor would not cope with the weight of the proposed new seating.

The new floor complements the new stage drapes, stage lighting and audio-visual system that have also been installed in the Civic Hall over the last eight months. These improvements will allow for better quality events to be presented by the community, as well as providing an opportunity to accommodate more professional touring performances. Once the retractable seating is acquired, the Civic Hall will also be more comfortable from an audience perspective, and provide a venue that the community can use with pride.



Council roundup

Great South Coast Regional Plan

The Great South Coast Group, a partnership of the six councils of Southwest Victoria, has embarked on active engagement with State Government agencies to develop a Regional Strategic Plan.

A short statement of strategic issues and priorities for Great South Coast has been submitted to the State government. The more comprehensive Great South Coast Regional Plan will be completed by May 2010. There is a reference group that includes approximately 20 community and industry leaders from across the Shire who will help with input into that plan.

Green Triangle Freight Action Plan

The plan acknowledges the very significant role that our region plays in terms of the national and state economy. This includes dairy, livestock, energy & timber.

Glenelg Shire Council has advocated strongly for a range of actions to be included in the strategy

These cover the important areas of:

- o Road network enhancements
- o Rail upgrades
- o Regulatory reform

Out of thousands of applications to Infrastructure Australia, the GTFAP is one of 28 projects to be endorsed for future funding. Council is disappointed that the region missed out on the \$340 million that was required from the recent Federal Budget to implement the Plan. Council together with the Committee for Portland, and other industry participants is working hard to source funding for this important program.

Portland Bay Coastal Infrastructure Plan

There has been a positive response from users of the **new Trawler wharf** in Portland. The responsibility of the wharf was handed over to Council on July 1. Council has appointed a Local Port Advisory committee which will make recommendations to Council on its day to day running.

Council has allocated \$80,000 in this year's budget to provide traffic movement treatments to address the impact that increased recreational fishing is having on the foreshore area.

Glenelg Shire Council has been selected to participate in the Department of Treasury and Finance's *Regional Local Government Gateway* process. This process is used to assess large funding applications. The department will provide ongoing assistance to Council in project development, management and documentation for the \$40 million Portland Bay Coastal Infrastructure project.

TravelSmart update



Bundarra school students, Matt Drain and Jack Pridmore together with Council's TravelSmart Project Officer, Kerry Geyer and principal Sue Reiffel proudly display the new TravelSmart sign.

The TravelSmart program encourages and enables school children to actively commute to school on a regular basis. Glenelg Shire Council's TravelSmart Project Officer, Kerry Geyer, said the schools participating in the TravelSmart project are working their way through the Travel Planning process.

"Information collected during the recent survey completed by students and parents at the participating schools has been further built on with the completion of Focus groups in each of the schools. These gave parents and students the opportunity to discuss current travel habits including reasons for the choices being made and the barriers to using sustainable transport options of walking, cycling or using buses to get children to and from school," she said.

School working groups will now be able to use the results of the survey to develop action plans that address any issues and promote to children and their parents ways of making greater use of the sustainable transport options.

Participating schools are: Portland South Primary School, Bundarra Primary School, All Saints Parish Primary School, St Johns Lutheran School, Portland Secondary College and Portland Primary Schools.

The \$58,000 TravelSmart project has been funded by the Department of Transport in partnership with Council.

GLENELG YOUTH NEWS

National Youth Week 2009

As part of Glenelg Shire Council's National Youth Week Celebrations in early April three competitions were run using the Nintendo Wii Computer Game Console in Portland, Heywood and Casterton. The Wii-Lympics were highly successful and popular events and will now be a part of the annual Youth Week program.

Congratulations to Michael Jordan Day from Heywood and Jacob Forbes from Casterton who were the Wii-Lympics Gold Medallists, and received a Nintendo Wii Console as their prize. Thanks to all who participated!

Heywood winner Michael Jordan Day



Casterton winner Jacob Forbes



next FReeZA event

3 band line-up featuring local favourites **EMPRICA** and the launch of their new album **No More Show business**

Friday 21st August 8pm - 12 midnight

Fawthrop Centre, Portland

Tickets \$10 each - available at door only

First 20 people get the new EMPRICA CD free!

Fully supervised, drug and alcohol free event, suitable for ages 12 years and up.

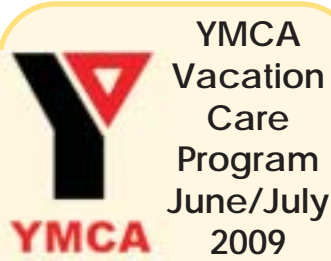
For further information please contact Amy Gartlan on 5522 2326.

We are looking for young people in the Heywood and Casterton areas that are interested in participating in planning a FReeZA event for young people in their town.

It could be a live music event, dance or art workshops, skate competitions, the possibilities are endless!

If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Amy Gartlan on 5522 2326 or email agartlan@glenelg.vic.gov.au

Glenelg Shire Youth Services is now on **FACEBOOK** - check out facebook.com/GSCyouth Add me for updates and information on youth programs and events - including FReeZAs!



Monday 29th

8.30am - 5.30pm
Scooters
Share a game
Scrapin'
Sausage rolls
Scones
Squishy faces

Tuesday 30th

8.30am - 12.30pm
Radio 3RPC "radio rave"
Smelter in the Park
 1.30 - 5.30pm
Swim / spa

Wednesday 1st

8.30am - 12.30pm
10.30am Cinema
"Hanna Montana"
 1.30 - 5.30pm
Football
Busy beads

Thursday 2nd

8.30am - 12.30pm
The Fun Shak (5-7yrs)
 or
Squash
 1.30 - 5.30pm
The Fun Shak (8-12years)
 or
Busy beads

Friday 3rd

8.30am - 5.30pm
Silly sports
KFC
Swim / spa

Monday 6th

8.30am - 5.30pm
Portland Indoor Cricket
Centre
Soccer
Tennis
Art & craft
Face painting

Tuesday 7th

8.30am - 12.30pm
Radio 3RPC "radio rant"
Wood work
Ppp shoppin'
 1.30 - 5.30pm
2.30pm Cinema
"Ice Age 3"

Wednesday 8th

8.30am - 12.30pm
Golf (8+yrs)
Face masks
 1.30 - 5.30pm
"Hummingbirds feather"
Koorie art

Thursday 9th

8.30am - 12.30pm
Portland Arts Program
11am "what big teeth you have"
Glenelg Library
 1.30 - 5.30pm
Swim / spa

Friday 10th

8.30am - 5.30pm
Christmas in July

This program is correct at time of printing but please check with YMCA.

Art Prize to commemorate 175 years

November 19, 2009 marks the 175th anniversary of European settlement in Victoria with the arrival of Edward Henty in Portland Bay.

To commemorate this event, Glenelg Shire Council is staging a \$2,000 acquisitive art prize, with an exhibition at Portland Arts Centre from November 10 to December 4, 2009.

The prize is open to paintings and works on paper including watercolour, drawing, printmaking and photography, or any combination of these media.

In creating work for consideration in the prize, artists are invited to respond to a statement from Marnie Basset's book on the Henty family:

"Once ashore, Edward saw it not merely as a harbour with wood and fresh water and good black soil, but as the doorstep to the untouched region that lay immediately beyond."

The prize will be judged by Glenelg Shire's Cultural Collection Officer, and an independent arts professional from outside the Shire.

Entries close October 2, 2009, with the winning artwork announced at a special function on Thursday November 19, 2009.

Stepping back 150 years

The new exhibition at Portland's Maritime Discovery Centre coincides with the Admella 150th commemoration. "Eighteen fifty-nine - a snapshot of Portland" provides a glimpse of Portland at the time of the Admella tragedy in 1859.

The exhibition examines a town that had only been settled for 25 years - the Portland that greeted the survivors of the wreck of the Admella.

A series of images taken in 1859 and sourced from the Vern McCallum Collection form the basis of the exhibition. The images include vistas of the bay and foreshore, street scenes and business houses, and photographs of prominent citizens outside their homes.

1859 was the year that the lighthouse and keeper's quarters were erected on Observatory Hill, major repairs were carried out on the old jetty, the Volunteer Rifle Corps was formed, and Portland's Botanic Gardens opened to the public. It was also the year that Burton's Circus visited town, performing in a large tent near Mac's Hotel, and a giant sea crab measuring 3'10" across its extremities was caught off Lawrence Rocks.

The exhibition also includes images from the Shires Cultural Collection, with additional material sourced from the extensive records of the Portland Family History Group, Portland Historical Society and other collections.

"Eighteen fifty-nine - a snapshot of Portland" will continue at the Maritime Discovery Centre until February 28, 2010.



John Eastman (1820 - 1881) Portland's lighthouse was constructed on Observatory Hill (now Battery Point) in 1859 and Eastman was the first Lighthouse Keeper. Photograph from the collection of Portland Family History Group



Poster designed by Florence Mellblom for the centenary celebrations in Portland, November 1934. From the Glenelg Shire Council Cultural Collection.

Entry forms outlining the full conditions of entry are available from the Customer Service Centres in Portland Heywood and Casterton. Entry forms may also be obtained by phoning Council's Cultural Collection Officer Trevor Smith on 03 5522 2319 or can be downloaded from the Council website www.glenelg.vic.gov.au

MUSIC GLENELG INC PRESENTS A WORLD PREMIER PERFORMANCE MASS

(in English, by Contemporary Melbourne Composer, Nicholas Buc)

to celebrate the Centenary of the Death of Blessed Mary MacKillop (co-Founder of the Sisters of Saint Joseph)

Featuring: *The Royal Melbourne Philharmonic Orchestra, The Australian Catholic University Choir, The Music Glenelg Festival Singers under the baton of International Conductor, Andrew Wailes.*

Saturday, 8 August, Civic Hall, Portland, Vic

Other performances:
Sunday, 9 August, Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre, Mount Gambier, South Australia;

Saturday, 15 August, Central Hall - Australian Catholic University, Melbourne;

Ticketing information musicglenelg@iint.net.au or 0417 166 206

Donations of \$2 or more to the [Australian Cultural Fund](#) (preferenced to Music Glenelg Inc.) are tax deductible.

For further information, please contact Music Glenelg Inc. Event Director, Graeme Firth on (03) 5523 2995 or E - musicglenelg@iint.net.au

Budget snapshot Collection conservation

This service co-ordinates, administers and supports the conservation, storage and display of cultural and heritage artefacts. The service is involved in cataloguing all collection items estimated to total 7,000 different items. This service also supports Council's tourism effort through the management of History House and the Maritime Discovery Centre museums.

Narrawong Playground ready for use

The highly anticipated Narrawong playground was installed at the Narrawong Recreation Reserve in mid April by Playspace Playgrounds Inc.

The Glenelg Shire Council Recreation and Open Space Strategy completed in 2007 notes that the Narrawong residents expressed their desire for an all ages playground and BBQ facilities as well as making a recommendation for a rest stop playground in town.

Discussions were held with several Narrawong residents to decide on a suitable location and equipment. To maintain a uniform approach and improve communications a playground committee was formed in conjunction with the Narrawong District Association. The playground committee inspected various sites based on proximity to residents, current and intended use and space requirements. This site, next to the oval at the Recreation Reserve was determined to be the most feasible.

Council allocated \$90,000 to this project and ensured the playground committee was involved in developing the concept plans. Three quotes were sought for design, construction and installation of the playground and regular liaison with the successful supplier took place.

With the funding recently allocated from the Federal Government, shade sail, seating and pathways will be constructed at the playground to the value of \$37,800 to ensure it is an enjoyable and functional space.

A great deal of positive feedback on the playground has been received and Glenelg Shire Council would like to thank the volunteer playground committee, recreation reserve committee and residents for their dedication and input into this project.



Students at the Narrawong Primary School along with all the other children in Narrawong are very excited about having a new playground. Council has funded the \$90,000 project through its 2008/2009 Capital works program. Further works are being undertaken as part of the Australian Government's Community Infrastructure Fund. This will include new paths, shade structures and seating.

Budget snapshot

In excess of 180 sporting clubs and 40 committees of management benefit directly from Council support.

Read the Play:

Raising youth mental health and wellbeing awareness through sport

Glenelg Shire Council have been working in close collaboration with Kempe Engineering, Aspire, Portland Police, local health agencies, service clubs and sporting clubs and associations in an endeavor to implement READ THE PLAY, a mental health literacy program targeting youth through local football and netball clubs before the end of the 2009 season.

Mental health promotion staff from Aspire: A Pathway to Mental Health Inc. have delivered training to volunteers from participating sporting clubs in June to enable them to take on a mentoring role in their club. Each mentor with Aspire staff support will have delivered an information session to their junior members of the club before the end of August.

The clubs and associations participating in the program include

Heywood, Heathmere, Westerns, Tyrendarra and Portland Football Netball Clubs as well as the Portland and District Junior Football Association.

Kempe Engineering has played a central role in introducing and nurturing the program in the Glenelg region and will contribute \$5000 to get the local program started. Western District Employment Access is the other major sponsor of the program following their announcement of a \$5000 donation from

the WDEA Charitable Trust to contribute to this program.

Other contributors include Dr. Denis Naphthine, Portland Rotary Club, Portland Lions Club, WestVic Workforce and Keppel Prince.

If you would like further information on the program or wish to become a mentor please contact Angela Solly, Recreation Services Officer at the Glenelg Shire Council on 5522 2207.

Budget snapshot

The South Portland Hall will see some much needed improvements to the kitchen (\$20,000) as well as a new timber floor (\$50,000). The hall is used almost every day by a variety of groups for dancing and darts.



Budget snapshot

The Glenelg Shire Council spends almost \$1.5 million on the ongoing maintenance of more than 52 hectares of open space.

These include

- ~ 39 playgrounds,
- ~ 13 sporting ovals,
- ~ 38 toilet blocks,
- ~ 3,900 street trees
- ~ numerous wetlands, parklands and landscaped areas.

Recreation Snapshot

▼ Designs and quotes are currently being sought for new signage at all the Recreation Reserves that are either managed or have input from Council. The sign will have the name of the park, a list of resident clubs and a directive to contact Council for contact details of resident clubs or bookings. Council is hoping to have these signs erected by the end of 2009.

▼ Council is planning to host an Intensive Community Fundraising Seminar which will cover similar topics including: how to win grants, how to run successful events, how to raise secure funds and how to get businesses to support your community groups. This will be available to 50 participants and will take place in August in Heywood, if you would like further information or to register please contact Angela Solly on 5522 2207.

▼ **REMINDER:** To all those clubs that have not yet returned their license agreement to use a Council managed reserve, could you please sign and return **as soon as possible**. We require the three copies signed and returned and once we have signed them, we will send one back to you. If you have any queries please contact Dayle King on 03 5522 2230 or Angela Solly on 03 5522 2207. Your assistance with this would be appreciated.

Access Corner

The Rural Access Program - *Building Inclusive Communities* is funded by the Department of Human Services and aims to support rural communities to include people with a disability, maximising opportunities for community membership and participation.



Contact Brad Charman, Community Development Officer, Access and Inclusion on 5522 2213 ~ TTY 5522 2377 Mob 0466 004 704 or email bcharman@glenelg.vic.gov.au

Recharge Scheme

The Recharge scheme is about encouraging local business to provide a power point so people can recharge the battery on their electric wheelchair or scooter.

RECHARGE is a MetroAccess/RuralAccess initiative. This initiative was first developed in the shire of Nillumbick and is proudly supported by Vicroads, Department of Human Services and Mobility Aids Australia Pty Ltd.

Based on the success of the scheme, the Glenelg Shire Council is now encouraging local business and organisations in our area to participate. We hope to have various businesses and organisations across the municipality supporting this initiative to inturn, support people who use electric wheelchairs or scooters when they are travelling in and around our community.

RECHARGE stickers are displayed on the windows of participating businesses so people can easily find them. There are also Recharge stickers placed above or near power points so scooter users can identify which power point has been designated for people to use.

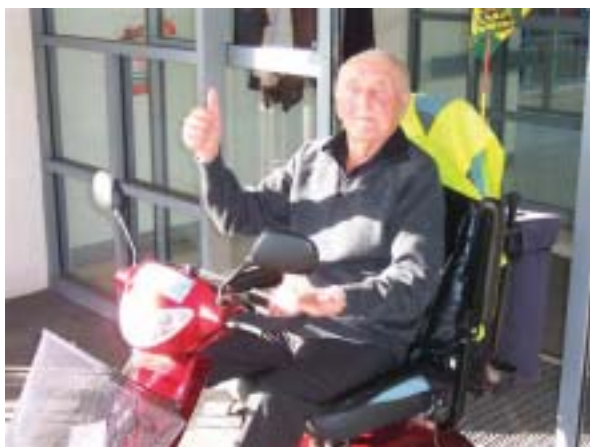
All RECHARGE logos and associated information is consistent, thereby ensuring that the community can recognise this initiative wherever they live, work or visit across the state. Promotional campaigns also inform the community of RECHARGE point locations and explain how traders can get involved.

To become a program partner, local business and organisations need to be physically accessible and willing to provide a power point so people in electric scooters or wheelchairs can recharge their battery. Even if the power point offered

never gets utilised, it's about giving people the confidence to get to and from their destination knowing they have support if needed.

The cost to recharge an electric scooter or wheelchair for up to one hour is under 20 cents. So, for a very small cost, businesses and organisations in the community can make a very big difference in the lives of people who use a motorised mobility device.

Should you require more information about the RECHARGE scheme or wish to become involved please contact Brad Charman, Community Development Officer (Access & Inclusion) on 5522 2213 or by email on bcharman@glenelg.vic.gov.au



Scooter enthusiast Les Fisher aged 97 recharges his scooter at the Fawthrop Community Centre.

Budget snapshot

Council will continue its work in addressing issues outlined in its Disability Action Plan such as those items identified by the Rural Access Worker or through the Disability Advisory Committee

Win...Win...Win...Win...Win...Win...

Win a FREE family pass to the play "Wreck of the Admella"

Answer this question...

On what dates, times and where will the play be performed?

Dates:

Times:

Place:

Send your entries by Monday July 20, 2009 to
Community News Competition
Glenelg Shire Council, PO Box 152. Portland 3305.

Name

Address

Phone



Grants Assistance from Glenelg Shire Council

Community Grants

Next round September-2009
Contact Fontella Koleff on 5522 222389

Minor Recreation Grants

Next round closes on July 20 2009
Contact Dayle King on 5522 2230 or Angela Solly on 55 22 2230

Tourism Events

Next round closes July 10
Contact Liz Foreman on 5522 2206.

Public Halls

Next round closes on July 20 2009
Contact Dayle King on 5522 2230 or Angela Solly on 55 22 2230.

Major Projects Grants Cultural

Applications can be made throughout the year.
Contact Karl Hatton on 5522 2301.

Small Grants Program from the Arts Advisory Committee

Application can be made throughout the year.
Contact Karl Hatton on 5522 2301.

Budget snapshot

Council continues to promote, support and encourage physical activity by its ongoing commitment to a wide range of sporting and recreation activities across the Shire. Council has allocated an extra \$10,000 for its Minor Recreation Grants. This brings the annual amount available to Shire sporting and recreation groups to \$40,000 with the next round available in July 2009.

Calendar of Events

1/7/09-30/11/09

A Snapshot of Portland 1859

Location: Portland Maritime & Visitor Information Centre, Lee Breakwater Rd
Free Exhibition of Portland in 1859

12/7/09

Open Garden ~ Timandra by the Sea

Time: 10am - 4pm
Location: 82 Wyndham St Narrawong (Princes H'way)
Contact Name: Alison Aplin
Phone: 03 55295 143 0418825625
Cost: \$5 adults, child under 16yr free. All proceeds to Rotary. Timandra by the Sea is a naturalist's one acre garden. Guided tour at 2pm. BBQ, tea, coffee available.

18/7/09

Great South West Walk, Twilight Walk

Contact Name: Rob
Phone: (03) 5526 5372 or 0428 381 772
Web: www.greatsouthwestwalk.com
Lake Monibeong - Noble's Rock car park - inland track.

25/7/09, 22/8/09, 26/9/2009

Town Green Saturday Fresh Market

Time: 9am-2pm
Location: Town Green, Percy Street, Portland
Contact Name: Faye
Phone: (03) 5523 4956
Fresh produce & local craft.

8/8/09

World Premiere Mary McKillop Mass

Full details of festival on page 12.

10/8/09

Portland Tourist Association AGM

Time: 7.30pm
Location: Richmond Henty Hotel Blue Room Portland
Contact Name: Laurelle Jasper
Phone: 0409350573
Email: jasperl@bigpond.com

10/8-16/8/09

Admella 150th Festival

Full details of festival on page 3.

15/8/09

Great South West Walk, Day Walk

Location: Bolwarra School to Cubby's Camp
Contact Name: Jan
Phone: (03) 5523 2696
Web: www.greatsouthwestwalk.com
Contact leader for more information.

29/8/09

Belly Dancing Raq Shaki Night Fundraiser

Time: 7pm-10pm
Location: Portland Arts Centre, cnr Bentinck/Cliff St
Contact Name: Gypsy Star
Phone: (03) 0418 717 555
Email: mischelle.star@bigpond.com
Cost: \$5 Adults, gold coin donation for Children & Free for children under 5. Raising money for the local Fire Brigade. Art in motion & dancing with the Belly Dancers from Portland, Koroit, Mt Gambier and Ballarat.

30/8/09

Casterton Rotary Market

Time: 10am-2pm
Location: Rotary Rest Point adjacent to Glenelg Inn, Casterton
Contact Name: Ian Lewis
Phone: (03) 5581 2994
Plants, produce, home made cakes, jams & preserves, BBQ & delicious food, clothing, jewellery & lot more.

12/9/09

Bentinck Street Market

Time: 10am-4pm
Location: Bentinck St, Percy Street, Portland
Contact Name: Colin
Phone: 0427 009 284 or 03 5523 2953
Fresh produce & local craft.

12/9/2009

Great South West Walk, Guided Walk

Location: Mt Napier & Byaduk Caves
Contact Name: Jenny or Wendy
Phone: (03) 5578 8206 or (03) 5572 2309
Web: www.greatsouthwestwalk.com
Explore this ancient landscape with a local leader.

Budget snapshot

Council's on-going commitment to tourism in the Shire is continued in this Budget with funding for the 3 Visitor Information Centres that cater to around 100,000 visitors per year. Visitor numbers to the Shire continue to increase each year and Council's ongoing funding support ensures that the economic gains that tourism brings benefits to all parts of the Shire

Assistance from the Federal Government

Council was pleased to receive \$581,000 from the Australian Government's Community Infrastructure Program for eight projects submitted by Council.

The projects cover a wide range of activities, age groups, interests and localities. Council staff are focusing on local suppliers and contractors where possible, to complete these projects. This will assist in stimulating local economies and at the same time provide good projects for local communities.

Two projects have already been completed; **the Kelpie Walking Trail in Casterton and the Apex Pathway in Heywood.** The remaining projects are due to be completed by September 30 in line with the funding agreement.

The recently completed Kelpie walking trail in Casterton is one of eight projects funded by the Federal Government.



These projects are funded through the Australian Government's Community Infrastructure Fund.

Extension of Apex pathway, Heywood - completed

Construction of cricket practice net facility Portland - draft plans available and seeking quotes

Upgrade of Kelpie Walking Trail Casterton-completed

Upgrade of Tennis Courts Nelson-contract specifications have been advertised

Installation of Water Bore Irrigation System, Portland - preparing specifications for quotes

Upgrade of Senior Citizens Centres in Portland, Heywood and Casterton - quotes being sought

Drill Hall - works continuing

Upgrade of Reserve Park Narrawong - quotes being sought

Council meeting dates and times

Council meets at 7pm in the Council chambers at the Portland office on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Members of the public are invited to attend the Ordinary Council meetings.

A summary of the Agenda is placed in the Portland Observer on the Friday prior to the meeting. Agendas can be picked up from Council on the day before the meeting or can be viewed on the website www.glenelg.vic.gov.au

Ordinary Council Meetings 2009

28 July

25 August

22 September

27 October

24 November

1 December Statutory Meeting

Contacting Council

Council's Customer Service Centres provide personal service each weekday excluding public holidays.

PORTLAND ~ Cliff St Portland

Postal Address: PO Box 152, Portland 3005
Email: enquiry@glenelg.vic.gov.au
Ph: 03 5522 2200
Fax: 03 5522 2290
TTY 5522 2377
Office Hours: 8.30am – 5.00pm Mon to Fri

CASTERTON ~ 67 Henty St Casterton

Ph: 03 5554 2444
Fax: 03 5581 2216
Office Hours 9.00am – 5.00pm Mon to Fri

HEYWOOD ~ 77 Edgar St Heywood

Ph: 03 5527 0666
Fax: 03 5527 1099
Office Hours: 9.00am – 5.00pm Mon to Fri.



Visitor Information Centres

Portland (Maritime Discovery Centre) 5523 2671
Casterton 5581 2070
Nelson (08) 8738 4051
Hours: 9am to 5pm. **Closed Christmas Day**

After-hours Emergency Numbers

Council provides after hours emergency assistance in the following areas.

Roads, Drainage & Fallen Trees
0403 55 22 22

Council Buildings & Facilities
0403 55 22 22

Stock & Animal Control/Local laws
Portland/Heywood 5522 2282

Casterton 5554 2405

Home Support
5522 2204

www.glenelg.vic.gov.au



Help Us To Return Your Pet

Early this year Council sent out 6,000 renewal notices to pet owners reminding them to renew their cat/dog registration by 9 April 2009. Around 5,000 pet owners have responded to the notice, however around 1,000 people have not.

Under the State Government's Domestic (Feral & Nuisance) Animals Act 1994 all owners of dogs or cats, over the age of 3 months, whether they are "Indoor" or "Outdoor" pets are required to be registered with Council each year.

The Act also requires an owner registering their pet with the Glenelg Shire Council for the first time, to have their dog or cat microchipped before applying for registration.

Should pet owners fail to renew the registration, they may incur a fine of \$234 for failure to register a dog or cat. If you have received a final notice and no longer have the pet, please advise Council by ticking the relevant boxes and returning the notice to any Customer Service Centre within the shire.

The benefit of registering your pet with Council is that you can be more at ease should your pet become lost. Registration and microchipping your pet enables Council Rangers to get your pet back to you in a safe and timely manner. To assist us, please notify Council if you have recently changed any of your contact details.



Budget snapshot

The Glenelg Shire is the eleventh largest municipality in Victoria and covers an area of 6210 square kilometres. Council is responsible for the maintenance and renewal of an extensive road and bridge network that includes 1,147km sealed roads, 1,484km of gravel roads, 5000km of roadside vegetation, and 52 bridges. This represents a significant financial and operational impost on Council to ensure that such infrastructure is appropriately maintained; renewed and upgraded. Consequently the proposed capital works program includes almost \$2.6 million for local road works such as rehabilitations, resheets, and resealing for various roads throughout the Shire.

NO burning off in towns



Glenelg Shire Council does not allow open air burning in the boundaries of Portland Heywood or Casterton at any time

New boat ramp lane

The construction of an extra lane at the Portland boat ramp is now complete.

The new concrete boat ramp, floating pontoon and walkway plus line marking, lighting and bollards enhances the current facility, provides all tide and weather access for launching and retrieval of boats and reduces waiting time and congestion in the area during peak periods

Due to a significant increase in tourism, especially as a game fishing destination, this new infrastructure is a welcome addition to the Portland boat launching facilities and for the municipality.

The floating pontoon will allow vessels to dock along all edges with the walkway providing crew access from vessel to land.

The total cost of the project is \$527,000 with \$378,200 provided by **Marine Safety Victoria's Boating Safety and Facilities Program** with the balance funded by Council. The overall project was part of Council's 2008/2009 Capital Works program.

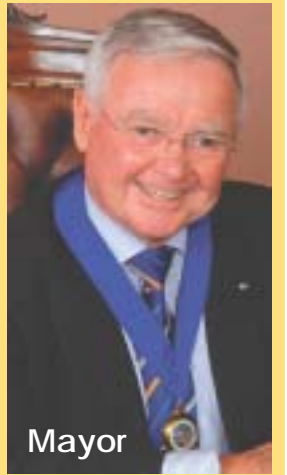
The project, was undertaken by local builders GR Carr Pty Ltd .



New boat lane at the Portland boat ramp, which has been constructed with funds from **Marine Safety Victoria and Council**, is now completed. **Marine Safety Victoria's contribution of \$378,200 is made possible through its Boat Safety and Facilities Program.** This program is a reinvestment into recreational boating funded from a portion of recreational boat operator licensing fees and vessel registration fees.

Know your Council

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