

Groundswell

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Global kite-surfing spectacular to Torquay



Pic: Toby Bromwich / GKA World Tours

Kite-surfing professionals from across the globe will vie for world championship titles in spectacular contests on and over waves off Torquay in December.

Global Kitesports Association is bringing the final round of the Kite-Surf World Tour to Point Danger and hopes bumper crowds will turn out to view the high-flying acrobatics of 50 male and female competitors.

World champions in wave, freestyle and combination categories will be crowned in Torquay.

Kite-surfing combines elements of surfing, snowboarding, sailing, skateboarding and windsurfing, involving radical wave riding and freestyle manoeuvres.

The world tour is the peak international series for the sport, with a season running from February to December comprising eight legs, two in Spain and others in Cape Verde, Morocco, Portugal, Mauritius, Brazil, and now Australia.

Surf Coast Shire Council has joined Visit Victoria, Sport and Recreation Victoria and Great Ocean Road Coast Committee providing financial support helping bring the titles to Torquay and Australia for the first time, from 12-16 December and for the next two years. Global Kitesports Association partner Brand Dimensions also helped secure the fixture.

Four female and four male Australian kite-surfers will have chances to gain wild card entries to the international fixture during a qualifying event run by Kiteboarding Australia in Torquay from 7-10 December.

For more information on the World Tour event visit www.kitesurftorquay.com.au

Get Localised, Surf Coast!

A new free online directory is providing Surf Coast Shire businesses with unprecedented exposure to customers and project opportunities.

Since the launch of SurfCoast Localised in August, hundreds of Surf Coast businesses have joined the network, boosting their visibility and connecting with opportunities.

SurfCoast Localised acts as a local business finder for customers, a forum for operators to pitch contracts, and a network supporting business-to-business connections.

It will eventually list thousands of businesses from across the shire and outline the services they offer, ranging from civil works and accommodation to retail and trades.

Surf Coast Shire Council partnered with Geelong-based database company Localised to launch the platform to elevate the profiles of shire businesses and support local procurement. More than 1600 businesses across G21 region use Localised.

Research indicates that more than 80 per cent of local businesses are eager to support other local businesses but 47 per cent don't spend locally because they can't find local suppliers.

SurfCoast Localised is the new enabler and has the support of key groups

- Torquay Commerce and Tourism
- Business and Tourism Anglesea Association
- Aireys Inlet Tourism and Traders Association
- Lorne Business & Tourism
- Growing Winchelsea.

The database supports Google search engine optimisation and allows individual listings to include business descriptions, contact information, local map, website and social media links and personalised team member profiles.

Businesses can seek quotes for small jobs and post major projects and business events.

SurfCoast Localised was launched at a Localised networking meet-up in Torquay, which also presented local business operators with opportunities to deliver 30-second pitches.

The meet-up concluded Small Business Festival Geelong events in Surf Coast Shire. More than 200 people attended five events which focused on topics including digital advertising and marketing, secrets to business success and leading performance teams.

People can visit www.SurfCoast.Localised.com.au to connect to SurfCoast Localised for free.

Hinterland strategy

More than 90 submissions have helped shape Council's Draft Hinterland Futures Strategy, following community consultation.

The strategy is being developed to provide clear vision and direction on strengthening and sustaining the shire's hinterland economy and future, while elevating and protecting its rural landscape values.

Council will consider the draft strategy at its October 23 meeting, after having heard submissions earlier in the month.

If the strategy is adopted, next steps will include preparation of a planning scheme amendment to implement recommendations for land use planning and actions for economic development.

Council exhibited the strategy from 27 June to 24 August, including several open house and drop-in sessions in hinterland locations.



2018 Surf Coast Shire Australia Day Awards

IN PROFILE: EVENT OF THE YEAR

Lorne Pier to Pub



With 10 organising sub-committees, 700 volunteers and thousands of competitors, Lorne Surf Life Saving Club's Pier to Pub swim embodies community spirit.

The 38th edition of the Surf Coast summer fixture reached new heights in January with a capacity 5000-strong field for the first time, and received Surf Coast Shire Council's Australia Day community Event of the Year award.

"It was lovely to have such a large event that relies on volunteers recognised on the Surf Coast," club vice-president and Marketing Manager Felicity Koch said of the award.

"It was a pretty proud moment."

The race started decades ago as a friendly challenge between a few club members and has evolved into a summer community ritual. Though it draws elite athletes from many sporting codes, including Olympic swimmers, it remains an event for everyday heroes.

Ms Koch cites cancer survivors, families participating in tribute to lost loved ones, a woman overcoming fear after having lost her family to drowning.

"I guess that's why our volunteers love it so much. It is an event which captures the human spirit and human endeavour like no other," Ms Koch said.

"Maybe it is people who have just always wanted to do the Pier to Pub and trained for fitness, and it becomes a great personal achievement, or maybe its people like one lady who is deaf and blind and has done it five times now.

"We support them all however we can."

Work on the 2019 Pier to Pub is well underway. Organising of the world's biggest open water swim is a 12-month undertaking.

This month volunteers will be preparing for opening of registrations and assembling 5000 competitor packs, but year-round individual sub-committees handle areas including life-saving, securing of various permits, sponsorship, finance, marketing and media.

The money they help raise goes towards club life saving programs, Lorne Rotary, men's shed and P-12 college.

MEGA-SHARKS AT SURF MUSEUM

Curators at Torquay's Australian National Surfing Museum aim to extend a 20-year visitation high with two summer exhibitions. Prehistoric narrow-toothed mega-sharks and toothed whales will be in focus during a new Fossil Beach show from December. The exhibition will highlight significant Surf Coast fossil finds and the citizen scientists who made the discoveries. An exhibition underway until April profiles pioneering former pro tour surfer Derek Hynd, an exponent of friction free surfing on finless boards.

Enthusiastic response to Bells Pop Up

More than 500 Bells Beach Surfing Recreation Reserve users have helped inform an update of the Coastal Management Plan (CMP) for the reserve.

They provided enthusiastic survey responses during a three-week Bells Pop Up consultation, engaging at an on-site coffee 'Chat Van' or online to answer a wide range of questions about the reserve.

As land manager for the reserve, Council is legally required to review and update the CMP regularly under the Marine and Coastal Act 2018.

No changes to CMP guiding principles, core values or ongoing management approach are proposed for the update review.

As part of the three-week consultation in July and August, reserve users were invited to provide input on specific management actions to help inform the CMP update and development of a new five-year implementation plan for the reserve.

A draft update of the CMP will be available for public comment before going to Council and the Victorian Government for approval.

The survey results will become available when the updated CMP is released.



Response highlights included:

- A majority of users rated their experience at the reserve as excellent or very good.
- Most survey respondents live in Surf Coast Shire, visit the reserve at least fortnightly and surfing is their main activity.
- Most people use the reserve for more than one reason. Popular activities include surfing, walking, watching events and sightseeing, dog walking, running and cycling.

Service in the spotlight: Award-winning Program Management Office

Council has crowned a record-breaking year of project achievement with a major Victorian project management excellence award.

Council's Kurrumbee Myaring Community Centre project won the community services / development category at Australian Institute of Project Management Achievement Awards

Council has won the state award in three consecutive years.

The Kurrumbee Myaring Community Centre was one of more than 250 projects overseen by Council's Program Management Office (PMO) during 2017-18.

They ranged from playground and road upgrades to creation of additional landfill capacity and Torquay Town Centre Urban Design Framework.

Together they resulted in a record \$22 million in project delivery.

The Australian Institute for Project Management is the peak body for project management professionals. The awards focus on method used to plan and execute projects and reward strong project management practice.

The PMO project delivery framework was established in 2016 with strong emphasis on governance, project scope, definition and control, financial and risk management, communications, engagement, learning and continuous improvement.

TORQUAY TOWN CENTRE PROJECT

Council has allocated \$1 million to mobilise Torquay Town Centre Project stage one improvements. Mayor David Bell said the allocation, from 2017-18 budget surplus, demonstrated Council's commitment to the \$6 million stage one project, which requires support from other levels of government. Planned work includes Gilbert Street beautification and conversion to one-day traffic, intersection realignments, crossings and roundabout installation and footpath and laneway upgrades.

Australia Day awards open

It's time to elevate and celebrate some community champions.



Surf Coast Shire Council's Australia Day Awards are open for nominations in Citizen of the Year, Young Citizen of the Year and Community Event of the Year categories.

Mayor David Bell has urged people to recognise the contributions of citizens and groups by making nominations.

"Many of us would know someone we feel deserves special recognition for their contributions to community," Mayor David Bell said.

"These role models and unsung heroes walk, work and volunteer beside us every day. Make this the year that you nominate someone for this special honour.

"Their areas of contribution can range from community service to the arts, sports or environment."

Nominees should demonstrate excellence in their field, significant contribution to their local community and inspirational role modelling for Surf Coast citizens.

Last year's honours went to Citizen of the Year Julie Stevens, Young Citizen of the Year Dan Smith and Community Event of the Year, Lorne Pier to Pub.

Eligibility criteria for the three categories, a new easy-to-use nomination form and more information are available at www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/ausday.

Nominations close on 12 November and nominees will be notified later in the month.



Lions club members will host Australia Day events from 8am in Anglesea beside the Anglesea River near the Visitor Information Centre, and from 10am at Taylor Park rotunda, The Esplanade, Torquay.



It's time to prepare for the summer fire season

BE AWARE

Understand your risks.

You live in a high fire risk area, it's important to consider your unique circumstances and potential vulnerabilities and to develop bushfire survival plans that address the needs of your household.

BE PREPARED

Planning ahead could save you and your family. Make decisions now so you can act quickly and safely when the time comes.

Leaving early is always your safest option – that means the night before, or early in the morning on high fire risk days, before any signs of fire. Once a bushfire has started it may be too late to leave, you may need another plan.

Have back-up plans. Fires are unpredictable and initial plans can fail. Your back-up plan should identify last resort options, including designated Bushfire Places of Last Resort (Neighbourhood Safer Places).

Remember that while Bushfire Places of Last Resort may save your life in the event of being caught in a fire, they are a last resort. You should not expect emergency services to be at these locations. You should be prepared for hot, uncomfortable conditions.

It's a good idea to pack an emergency kit before summer that contains all of the items you'll need, such as protective clothing, woollen blankets, ID, medications, water, food and a battery powered radio. Remember to cater for everyone in your household, including pets.

GET CONNECTED

Throughout the summer, make sure you remain connected to the right information.

Be alert to the weather conditions and know what the Fire Danger Rating is each day. Fire Danger Ratings tell us how bad a fire may be – use it to guide your planning and to set your triggers for when to leave.

To receive warnings and incident information download the VicEmergency app and tune into ABC Melbourne.

The CFA website has a wealth of information and resources to assist your planning (see More Information).

FIRE UP! PROGRAM

Council's Fire Up! program provides opportunities for residents and visitors to connect with local emergency information to assist with bushfire planning.

You will find the Fire Up! team at local markets and community events. Come along to get information specific to your area and chat with local Council, CFA, and Forest Fire Management Victoria staff.

Check out the Fire Up! page on our website for details of the events we will be attending.



THE FIRE GAME

Play The Fire Game, an award-winning board game which increases family fire awareness. Copies of the game are now available for you to take home. Check Council's website for details.

PREPARE YOUR PROPERTY

Play your part to reduce fire fuels.

To protect the safety of your home and neighbourhood you need to do your bit by managing fuel loads around your house.

- Cut grass and keep it to a height of no more than 100mm (4").
- Cut back branches overhanging within two metres of your roofline.
- Clean out roof gutters and downpipes.
- Rake and remove dry undergrowth and leaf litter, including twigs, bark and branches.
- Remove building materials lying around your property.
- Store LP gas cylinders with the pressure relief vents pointing away and chained to the building.
- Ensure chemicals, toxic materials and other flammable fuels (e.g. woodpiles) are appropriately secured, covered and stored away from your home.

Council's Municipal Fire Prevention Officers can advise you on managing your risk, including any risks on your property that may impact on your neighbours. Call 5261 0600 to book a free property vegetation assessment.

Regardless of property preparation, many homes will not be able to withstand fires in Code Red, Extreme or Severe conditions. Be prepared with a well-practised plan.

Council's Landscaping your Surf Coast Garden for Bushfire booklet and the CFA's Landscaping for Bushfire: Garden Design and Plant Selection guide contain useful information about designing, developing and maintaining a fire-ready garden. Both can be accessed online (see More Information).

WHAT IS COUNCIL DOING ABOUT FIRE FUELS?

Council has an ongoing fire fuel reduction program with property owners in targeted high risk areas focusing on woody weed removal. This work complements fuel reduction undertaken by the state government in our national and state parks.

In spring Council will commence its annual spraying program which will be followed by roadside slashing. These programs reduce fuel loads on Council-managed roadsides, parks and reserves. Property fire inspection and an enforcement program targeting high-risk and other strategic areas also operates during the year.

BURNING OFF

Burning off dried vegetation, including leaves, branches and weeds is only permitted in the Surf Coast Shire outside the Fire Danger Period.

Open air burning can be dangerous and there are strict rules and guidelines governing times and what can be legally burned. In township areas burning off dried vegetation is permitted only on Wednesday and Saturday between 10am and 3pm and only outside the Fire Danger Period. Township boundaries generally extend to include 1-5 acre properties around the towns.

For details and information on who you need to notify, call **5261 0600** or visit www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/burningoff.

FREE GREEN WASTE IN NOVEMBER

Residents cleaning up their properties before fire season can take advantage of free green waste disposal at Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea transfer stations for the month of November 2018.

Up to three cubic metres of green waste per property can be deposited during the month of November, with the Green Waste vouchers sent to all ratepayers.

Garden clippings, tree prunings, grass and leaf litter are accepted. Agapanthus and noxious weeds in seed will be charged as general waste. Tree trunks will be charged the appropriate fee.

Transfer station attendants will assess each load and request identification - a rates notice, utility notice or driver's licence - showing a Surf Coast Shire property address.

For transfer station opening hours please contact Council on **5261 0600** or visit www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/wastesites

MORE INFORMATION

CFA www.cfa.vic.gov.au

Surf Coast Shire www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au

VicEmergency www.emergency.vic.gov.au

VicEmergency Hotline **1800 226 226**

Forest Fire Management Victoria **136 186** www.ffmpeg.vic.gov.au

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IT'S UP TO YOU TO STAY INFORMED



LOCAL NEWS

Listen to ABC local radio, commercial and designated community radio stations and watch Sky News TV.



1800 226 226 (freecall)
VicEmergency hotline



ONLINE

VicEmergency website:
emergency.vic.gov.au



SOCIAL MEDIA

facebook.com/vicemergency
twitter.com/vicemergenc



VICEMERGENCY APP

for Apple & Android

KEEP AN EYE ON THE WEATHER AND FORECASTS AT THE AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY.
WWW.BOM.GOV.AU. TO REPORT A FIRE (OR OTHER EMERGENCY) PHONE **000**.

PART-TIME WASTE DROP-OFF RELOCATED

Anglesea's part-time resident recycling and waste drop-off depot is in a new location.

Council shifted the depot from Diggers Road to the former entrance of Anglesea Landfill and Transfer Station on Coalmine Road. The move allows Council to better manage the facility, and responded to concerns raised by some residents and businesses that the former site was unsightly and not suitable.

Council provides the bins for non-permanent residents and visitors to drop off small amounts of rubbish and recycling when they are unable to meet regular garbage collection schedules.

The new site, with surveillance cameras, will open after hours only, from 4pm to 9am daily.

Outside these times rubbish and recycling should be taken directly to Anglesea Transfer Station.



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Council is continuing its conversation about waste and recycling and wants you to be a good sort.

That means taking special care sorting your household waste to ensure that it goes in the right bins and can be handled in the best way.

Make sure that everything that can be recycled goes in the recycle bin. Keep green waste out of your landfill bin and in the organics bin, and be sure to use recycling drop-off programs like REDcycle at Coles and Woolworths stores for soft plastics.

Council bin audits have revealed that 16 per cent of content in landfill bins should be going into recycle bins, and that 40 per cent of content in landfill bins is organic material like garden and food waste. Focus on reducing your food waste!

People are doing a great job keeping overall contamination in recycle bins at just four per cent but single use plastic bags remain the single biggest problem. They should not go into recycle bins.

Here are some tips to help you focus on being a better sort.

LANDFILL

Things in your landfill don't just go away, they are trucked to Anglesea and put into the ground. There are environmental costs and it also costs more to process landfill waste than recycling.

Know exactly what can go into organics and recycling bins to help reduce landfill.

RECYCLE

Things in your recycling bin are sent to Geelong and sorted for processing. Contamination of recycle bin contents remains a big issue. Putting the wrong things in a recycling bin can mean that the rest of the contents are sent to landfill.

All items should go in loose, with no plastic bags.

Leave plastic lids on plastic bottles but remove jar lids and put them in separately.

ORGANICS

This bin is for leaves, twigs, small branches, lawn clippings, cut flowers and weeds, which are all sent to Shepparton for processing into compost and mulch and put to good use on parks, gardens and farms.

Make sure you avoid contamination, no plastic bags, dirt, stones, rocks, bricks, rubble, oversized branches, painted or treated timber or garden pots.

For more information visit www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/WasteAndRecycling



Anglesea ward councillors Margot Smith and Libby Coker with an organics kitchen caddy and bin.

ANGLESEA FOOD ORGANICS PILOT

Anglesea residents will pilot a new food organics collection service from December this year.

People will be able to put food scraps including fruit, vegetables, meat, bones, dairy products and bread into their green lid organic bins.

The contents will be processed into compost, mulch and soil conditioner at Corio Waste's Shepparton plant, then put to good use on parks, gardens and farms.

Residents will be able to collect the organic matter in specially-issued kitchen caddies.

Council is piloting the program in Anglesea to ensure the system is right before rollout to households across the shire.

COUNCIL SERVICES DURING HOLIDAY PERIOD

As this is the last Groundswell before Christmas, please note the following arrangements for the holiday period:

OFFICE HOURS:

Council's normal office hours are 8.30am to 5pm Monday to Friday, apart from

Friday 14 December, 8.30am to 1.30pm

Monday 24 December 8.30am to 4pm

Tuesday 25 and Wednesday 26 December, closed

Tuesday 1 January, closed.

WASTE COLLECTIONS

There will be no kerbside waste collection on Christmas Day. Collections will occur the day after usual collection (ie – usual Tuesday to be collected Wednesday, usual Wednesday to be collected Thursday, finishing with the usual Friday collection on Saturday 29 December.

As indicated by the pink square on your waste collection calendar, an additional kerbside recyclable materials collection service will operate the fortnight after Christmas Day. If you live in an urban area, you can put out all three bins (garbage, recyclables and green waste) on this day.

If you're a rural resident, please put out your yellow-lid bin (recyclables) only.

All transfer stations and the Anglesea Landfill will be closed on Christmas Day.

On extreme fire danger days, the Lorne and Winchelsea transfer stations will be closed and reduced hours will apply at Anglesea Landfill (5am to 10am). On Code Red days the Anglesea Landfill and all transfer stations will be closed. Kerbside waste collection and litter bin services in high-risk areas may also be affected on these days.

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRES

Maternal and Child Health Centres will be closed 25, 26 and 31 December and 1 January.

The service will have a nurse in attendance on 27 and 28 December, at Torquay's Kurrabee Myaring Community Centre.

Parents visiting the shire who require support with breastfeeding or special needs while on holidays are welcome to attend the service.

There will be a modified service level to some centres during the busy holiday period.

Enquiries can be made on 5261 0549.

People can also contact the Maternal and Child Health 24-hour line on 132 229.

WHAT'S ON

OCTOBER 2018

27 Freshwater Creek Steiner School Fair

NOVEMBER

- 2 The Sound Doctor presents 'All Our Exes Live in Texas' at Anglesea Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- 2-5 Winchelsea Uniting Church Art & Photography Show @ Globe Theatre 10am – 5pm
- 3 The Sound Doctor presents 'Mama Kin Spender' at Anglesea Memorial Hall 7.30pm
- 3-5 Anglesea Open Studios Weekend
- 3-4 Toast to the Coast
- 3 The Impossible Paddle - Torquay to Barwon Heads
- 5-17 Torquay Theatre Troupe presents Any Given Monday
- 10 Bolt Blowers Surfing Competition @ Jan Juc Beach
- 11 Centenary of Armistice Remembrance @ Point Danger, Torquay
- 17 LSV State Teams Trials @ Fairhaven
- 17 Lorne2Lorne Cycling Event
- 24 Surf Coast After Glow Trail Run, Point Addis to Torquay
- 25 White Ribbon Day

DECEMBER

- 1 LSV Surf Boats National Selection, Lorne
- 2 LSV Surf Boats, Lorne
- 2 Aireys Inlet Community Carols, Aireys Inlet Hall
- 8 Carols by the Sea Elephant Walk Torquay
- 12-16 GKA Kite Surf World Cup Cosy Corner, Torquay
- 15 Jan Juc Kite Festival, Back Beach, Torquay
- 15 Carols on the Lorne, St Cuthberts Church, Lorne
- 22 Carols by Candlelight, Anglesea Green
- 24 Christmas Eve Outdoor Service - Anglesea Lions Park
- 27 Anglesea Roo Run, Point Roadknight
- 28 Rock2Ramp Swim, Point Roadknight
- 28-1 Falls Music and Arts Festival, Lorne

JANUARY 2019

- 1 New Year's Day Regatta, Anglesea River
- 2-24 Kids Art Bash, Anglesea Art House
- 3 Nightjar Festival, Torquay
- 4 Bells Bash Cliff Run, Jan Juc to Bells Beach
- 4 State Junior Carnival #3, Cosy Corner Torquay
- 5 Danger 1000, Cosy Corner Torquay
- 6 Seniors SLSC Full Carnival #2, Anglesea Beach
- 6 Tim Gates Classic, Beach run at Fairhaven
- 10 Nightjar Festival, Torquay
- 11 GMHBA Lorne Mountain to Surf Run
- 12 GMHBA Pier to Pub Ocean Swim
- 17 Nightjar Festival, Torquay
- 18-20 Deans Marsh Dog Trials
- 20 Surf Boat Carnival VSRL, Anglesea
- 20 Festival of Colours, Lorne
- 26 Australia Day Celebration and Awards, Anglesea and Torquay
- 26 Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race - Swisse Peoples Ride
- 26 Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race - Deakin Uni Elite Womens Race
- 27 Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race - Elite Mens UCI World Tour race

MARKETS GALORE!

Surf Coast Shire is home to many community and commercial markets during summer.

Don't miss the bargains and fun.

Go to the markets and events calendar pages at www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au for listings or pick up a 2018-19 Surf Coast Markets brochure at Visitor Informations Centres or Councils office.

