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**SURF COAST
ARTS TRAIL 2019:
Let's get digital**

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The 2019 Surf Coast Arts Trail will be at people's fingertips in more ways than one this year, with the popular event launching an online map.

The digital map – which can be accessed by hovering your phone's camera over the QR code (above right) – has been introduced to help people explore the trail on 10 and 11 August.

Now in its eighth year, the Arts Trail will feature more than 160 artists across 54 venues – from Winchelsea to Moggs Creek, and Wurdiboluc to Jan Juc.

The map is divided into four geographical zones, while there is also an opportunity to choose which art mediums you're interested in – painting and illustration, photography, multimedia, fibre arts and crafts, ceramics, glass and wood and installation and performance.

The digital map will complement the existing printed map.

With many artists only opening their doors to the public during the Arts Trail, the weekend provides a rare opportunity for the public to see artists and studios demonstrating their crafts.

The QR code works with most i-Phones (simply point your camera at the code and it will open the digital map) Most Android phones require a QR code reader app. Many free apps are available in your App or Google Play store.

Alternatively, go to the www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/ArtsTrail for the digital map link.

Farewell to councillors

Councillors Libby Coker and Carol McGregor were thanked for their contributions to the community, following their resignation from Council.

Anglesea Ward Cr Coker resigned after being elected the Federal Member for Corangamite, while Winchelsea Ward

Cr McGregor stepped down to focus on her career as a psychologist.

The Victorian Electoral Commission announced a by-election in August is required to fill the Anglesea Ward vacancy. The Winchelsea Ward vacancy was to be filled through a countback, scheduled for 2 July.

For more details and results, visit www.vec.vic.gov.au.

Towards Zero Race Torquay to launch in 2020

The Surf Coast will be cemented as a key location in Australia's summer of cycling, with the recent announcement of Towards Zero Race Torquay as a precursor to the 2020 Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race.

Held on the Thursday leading in to the Cadel Evans race weekend, Race Torquay will feature world-class racing with the best male and female riders competing for equal prizemoney on a multi-lap circuit around Torquay.

The race will start and finish on The Esplanade, overlooking the picturesque Torquay Beach, and will involve loops of approximately 13km taking in Bell Street, the start of the Great Ocean Road and the rolling roads to the west.

Race Torquay will open Australia's premier cycling weekend on Thursday 30 January, before the Family Ride, Swisse People's Ride and Elite Men's and Women's Races take place from Friday 31 January to Sunday 2 February.

To stay up to date with all the latest developments, including the official course announcement, sign up to receive email updates at www.cadelevansgreatoceanroadrace.com.au Council will notify residents and businesses of any and all traffic management changes well in advance of the event.



Eden Project proposal for Anglesea

Anglesea residents and the wider Surf Coast Community have provided input on the concept for a world-class eco-tourism attraction within the former Alcoa coal mine site.

UK-based The Eden Project sought feedback on its vision to transform an area into "a destination for immersive education and experiences which celebrate the local ecology and tell a story of sustainability". More than 700 people participated.

The concept features the guiding principles that Alcoa developed in partnership with the community through the Anglesea Futures conversations.

The next steps for The Eden Project include seeking relevant planning permissions and community engagement on more detailed design options.

For updates, visit www.edenprojectanglesea.com.au.

2018 Surf Coast Shire Australia Day awards

IN PROFILE: YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR PROFILE, PATRICK SPINAZZOLA.

Surf Coast Shire Young Citizen of the Year Patrick Spinazzola has been making waves since taking out the honour in January.



The Torquay Surf Life Saving Club (TSLSC) member was part of a prestigious week-long intensive training course in Sydney.

"I attended the Surf Life Saving Australia National Leadership College," he said "The program brings together 25 of the most influential surf life saving members aged between 20 and 30 in surf life saving in Australia."

The course helped the TSLSC Director of Life Saving enhance his leadership skills.

"It was a pretty rigorous application process so I was fortunate to be selected," he said.

"It was a great opportunity to learn about my leadership style and how best to work with others.

"A good piece of advice I received was 'people don't care what you have to say until they know that you care'.

"I learnt that you need to know how to best interact with people."

Patrick is drawing on his experiences at the leadership college as Torquay Surf Life Saving Club gears up for the 2019-20 season.

The 23 year-old was thrilled to kick off this year with the Young Citizen of the Year Award as part of Australia Day celebrations. He was recognised for directly influencing a 150 per cent increase in life saving qualifications during the previous two years.

"It was a big honour and a big surprise," he said of the award. "I've grown up in the Surf Coast and I'm very passionate about the area, so it was very humbling."

He offered some valuable advice for young people considering getting involved in community groups and organisations.

"If you want to do something, don't wait. Get out there and do it."

Meanwhile, Council recently adopted the Youth Development Action Plan 2019-21 which will guide the development and delivery of programs and services for young people.

There are four key focus areas: connection to community and services, arts and culture, mental health and employment. Each area features actions Council's youth team will undertake – from advocating for improved transport services for young people in rural communities, to facilitating mental health initiatives.

Rural Hinterland Futures Strategy



The recently-adopted Rural Hinterland Futures Strategy will aim to strengthen the Surf Coast Shire's hinterland economy while elevating and protecting its rural and landscape values.

The strategy is the culmination of a significant body of work undertaken over many years, including several rounds of community engagement.

There are five key objectives in the Rural Hinterland Futures Strategy:

- Elevate the value of our environment and rural landscapes as the defining feature of the Surf Coast hinterland and its significance to the local economy.
- Encourage innovative agriculture and other businesses displaying sustainable land management practices to enhance our reputation as a forward thinking business destination.
- Stimulate agritourism to enhance the Surf Coast as a visitor destination.
- Support tourism activities which complement the landscape, agricultural and environmental values of the Surf Coast Shire.
- Secure enabling infrastructure to deliver the vision and objectives of the strategy.

The overall vision is that by 2040, the hinterland is a key contributor to the Surf Coast economy and a renowned visitor destination.

Surf Coast Multi-Purpose Indoor Stadium

The Surf Coast Multi-Purpose Indoor Stadium is moving closer to construction stage.

Council is undertaking all necessary steps to prepare for construction of the new stadium, to be located in the north of Torquay. It will be formed by adding three courts to the existing single-court stadium at Surf Coast Secondary College and is planned to be completed by the end of 2020.

Council has been working with Surf Coast Secondary College and potential user groups of the stadium throughout the design process.

The \$13.5 million project is made up of a Council contribution of \$2.6 million, developer contributions of \$2.9 million, and \$8 million in grants from the state and federal governments via the Better Indoor Stadiums Fund and the Building Better Regions Fund respectively.

Council resolved in December 2017 to transfer an estimated 3,176 sq m of Council-owned land to

the Victorian Department of Education and Training to create a single land title. People can view drawings of the stadium and stay up-to-date with the project via the Your Say section at www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au.

The stadium is a key project in the Torquay Jan Juc Developer Contribution Plan (DCP). The DCP is a legal agreement between Council and developers aimed at ensuring developers make a financial contribution to necessary community infrastructure.



2019-20 Annual Budget

The final 2019-20 Annual Budget has been adopted by Council after having considered submissions received on its draft budget.

Council received 134 community submissions, and lodged its own organisational submission, during the exhibition period for the draft budget. It was able to adjust the budget to accommodate community aspirations.

Along with works already underway, Council aims to deliver a record \$26.9 million capital works program in the 2019-20 financial year. To view the 2019-20 Budget and a list of key projects – from Lorne's Stribling Reserve Pavilion redevelopment to Deans Marsh Memorial Playground – visit www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au and search for 'Budget'.



Electronic waste is no longer accepted in kerbside bins or landfills, with Surf Coast residents able to take it to transfer stations in Anglesea, Lorne and Winchelsea instead.

The Victorian Government introduced an e-waste bin ban on 1 July 2019 to help protect the environment. E-waste refers to an item with a plug, battery or cord that is no longer working or wanted.

E-waste will be accepted free of charge at transfer stations in Anglesea, Lorne or Winchelsea. From there it will be collected and pulled apart. Valuable components will be able to be retrieved, and hazardous materials will be removed.

Bouncing ahead

The current winter season for Surf Coast Basketball Association (SCBA) will go down in the history books, after it scored the role of managing competitions in Torquay.

Council previously coordinated local competitions but handed over the reins to SCBA – a move backed by Basketball Victoria.

The association is now responsible for running domestic competitions, as well as representative squads and junior development programs. It has been supported by both Council and Basketball Victoria during the transition period.

Ultimately, the association aims to cater for the growing community by introducing more competitions, having a greater emphasis on female participation, and fostering development opportunities for coaches and referees.

Surf Coast Basketball Association will be one of a number of sporting associations based from the Surf Coast Multi-Purpose Indoor Stadium, which is planned to be completed by the end of next year.

Traffic changes

SOUTH BEACH ROAD ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION

Regional Roads Victoria (RRV) is building a roundabout at the intersection of Surf Coast Highway, Messmate Road and South Beach Road, with detours in place while the works take place.

The two-lane roundabout will make it easier and safer to access Surf Coast Highway. In a Victorian-first, it will include lane separators on the approach to improve safety for drivers and cyclists.

Construction has started and will be completed by early December. The following detours and changes are in place:

MESSMATE ROAD

Messmate Road at Surf Coast Highway will be closed until early December.

Marked detours will be in place to direct drivers to use Coombes Road to access Surf Coast Highway.

SOUTH BEACH ROAD ROUNDABOUT CONSTRUCTION

South Beach Road at Surf Coast Highway will be closed from Monday 22 July until early December.

South Beach Road will remain open to local traffic. All other drivers will be directed north onto Horseshoe Bend Road or west onto Blackgate Road.

SURF COAST HIGHWAY

In early September, construction will be focused on Surf Coast Highway.

The highway will remain open throughout works.

Speeds will be reduced to 60km/h and there will be lane closures through the construction zone.

RRV will provide more details of traffic changes before the start of these works in September.

People are asked to keep an eye out for changes to traffic conditions, plan ahead, and allow up to 10 minutes extra travel time.

For further information, visit www.regionalroads.vic.gov.au and search 'Surf Coast Highway roundabout'.

Anglesea has 'bin' making a difference

The Food Organics Collection service will continue in Anglesea, with resounding community support and strong results in waste diversion achieved through the pilot.

Council will keep the Food Organics Collection service in place in Anglesea and analyse feedback and waste audits to inform potential future services across the shire.

Most Anglesea householders and visitors embraced the shift to placing food waste into kerbside organics bins along with garden clippings, and helped deliver a 22 per cent reduction of waste going to landfill. Food scraps are now being turned into valuable compost for farms and gardens.

Recent surveys revealed 83 per cent of people are either very satisfied or satisfied with the service.

Other key results from the pilot, measured between 12 December 2018 and 24 April, include:

- 22 per cent (103 tonne) reduction in waste sent to landfill
- 196 tonne reduction in greenhouse emissions
- 98 per cent of survey respondents know what goes into the kerbside organics bin
- The amount of recyclables found in kerbside landfill bins dropping from 15 to 4 per cent.



Council's survey also revealed some concerns including reduced frequency of landfill bin collections, accumulation of nappies, and how holidaymakers will understand the system.

This feedback has been helpful, and already Council has scheduled an additional landfill bin collection in Anglesea during summer, and increased communication to non permanent residents.

If you are a non-Anglesea ratepayer who would like to receive updates about the future of the service across the shire, sign up to a mailing list via www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/FOGolist.

Register now for 2020 kinder

When youngsters at Lorne Kindergarten were asked their thoughts on kinder life, it was hard to go past the response from Dex:

"I love everything at kinder. I love everything!"

Other highlights included playing in the obstacle course, doing puzzles, the swings, taking part in bush and beach kinder, and making cubby houses.

Council runs kindergartens in Anglesea, Jan Juc, Lorne, Torquay and Winchelsea. It's not too late to register for three-year-old or four-year-old kinder in 2020. Registrations are accepted year-round.

For more information and to apply, visit www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/kinder.



NAIDOC Week celebrations

This year's NAIDOC Week invited people to work together for a shared future. 'Voice Treaty Truth' was the theme, acknowledging that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples have always wanted an enhanced role in decision-making in Australia's democracy.

Council celebrated NAIDOC Week – from 7 to 14 July – with a series of events titled 'Rewriting the Past' and 'Revisiting the Past', featuring award-winning author Jock Serong, and artist and curator Maree Clarke. A thought-provoking discussion Talking Treaty led by Wadawurrung traditional owner Corrina Eccles was also held.

Victoria will become the first state to enter into formal treaty negotiations with Aboriginal Victorians. According to the Victorian Government, treaty will promote reconciliation by fostering shared pride in Aboriginal culture and helping to heal the wounds of the past.

For more information, visit www.vic.gov.au/aboriginalvictoria/treaty.html.



Prosperous Places: The Project is a new means to realise potential and to shape a sustainable future for Surf Coast Shire.

Council recognises that in order for communities to prosper we must maintain a close eye on what is happening, address challenges and make the most of opportunities to strengthen our local economies in line with our values.

The Prosperous Places Project has been initiated by Council strengthen the shire's economy. It is necessary to ensure that the Surf Coast doesn't fall behind or fail to tackle the issues that will affect its future.

Prosperous Places will closely examine Surf Coast Shire and places within the Shire, to better understand how to proactively shape its future.

The Project will take about 12 months, allowing time for people to be informed, speak up and shape actions for building resilient economies across the shire.

Council has appointed a team of experts to guide the process, led by Michael Connell and Associates.

A skills and emerging industries audit, with funding assistance from the Victorian Government, will ensure that emerging businesses, new ideas and new opportunities are identified and future skill requirements documented.

Find more information at www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au.



It's time to make the switch!

With the Victorian Government re-opening rebates for rooftop solar on 1 July 2019, it's an ideal time for people in the Surf Coast to consider being part of the local surge in solar.

Council's Renewable Energy Taskforce launched the Powered by Positive program, which aims to help locals use less energy and make the switch to solar.

From 2016 to 2017, rooftop solar doubled in the Surf Coast while at the end of last year, 3242 homes and businesses had installed solar.

The Victorian Government is providing eligible homeowners with a rebate of up to \$2,225 off the installation of a home solar system.

Rebate applications re-opened on 1 July 2019.

For people wanting to make smaller changes, Council's Powered by Positive website (www.poweredbypositive.com.au) has a wealth of information including steps people can take in their daily lives to reduce their overall energy use and save money on their energy bills.

The Powered by Positive website also links people to local suppliers who can help, and has the latest information on available funding and rebates.



Service in the spotlight

Ranger services

Any day on duty with Council's Ranger Services team might include containing wandering stock, patrolling a beach, supervising a school crossing or investigating a dog attack.

And rangers Luke and Daniel wouldn't have it any other way. "I love the freedom and unexpectedness of it," Luke says. "You really don't know what you're going to experience every day."

Luke and Daniel are part of a 12-strong Ranger Services team which works around the clock seven days a week to help ensure public safety, community order and local law compliance across the shire. Ranger Services also oversees 20 school crossing supervisors.

They see their roles as far more than issuing fines.

"There's a time and a place for strict enforcement, depending on what it is, but there's also a time for education," Daniel says.

"That's a big push for us, to actually educate people as opposed to just 'here's a fine, here's a fine'."

"If someone doesn't know they've done the wrong thing and you can explain to them what they potentially have done wrong, and basically don't do it again in the future, you can turn a potentially hostile situation into a good result."

Luke estimates 'PR' can be about 60 or 70 per cent of ranger work, given the daily interactions with people in the community.

Luke has worked with Ranger Services for six years.

He gave away teaching studies to pursue a career as a ranger and his wider experience includes time with Colac Otway Shire as a ranger and fire prevention officer.



Rangers Luke and Daniel with Rex and Charlie at Moriac All Access Playground.

Daniel has recently joined the Ranger Services team full-time after almost nine years with Council's outdoor team as an arborist. He has skills in livestock handling from several years of farm work and has also served three years as an army reservist.

In 2018, Council's Ranger Services responded to about 600 animal-related customer service requests, including 140 for lost animals and more than 190 calls to animals at large.

Council impounded 151 animals during the year, with a return rate of about 95 per cent, responded to 34 dogs attacks and managed 76 barking dog complaints.

The shire is home to more than 6080 registered dogs and almost 1000 registered cats.

Daniel says Council's Ranger Services team members were proud to be part of, and contributing to the Surf Coast community.

"We're here doing it because we love being here," he says.

JULY

1-31 Love Winter in Aireys
26-28 Lorne Film

AUGUST

1-31 Love Winter in Aireys
2-3 The Sound Doctor presents, Anglesea
10-11 Surf Coast Arts Trail
17-18 Anglesea One Act Play
31 Winchelsea Spring Flower and Craft Show
31 Wonderfalls Trail Run, Lorne

SEPTEMBER

14-15 Amy's Gran Fondo
21 Surf Coast Century, Anglesea
22 The Trail Running Series, Anglesea
21 Angair Wildflower & Art Show, Anglesea

OCTOBER

1-31 Art of the Minds. National Mental Health Month
3-6 Festival of Performing Arts, Lorne
4-5 The Sound Doctor Presents, Anglesea
20 Sprint Series Adventure Race, Anglesea

MARKETS AND FAIRS

TORQUAY FARMERS MARKET EVERY SATURDAY

SEPTEMBER

1 Winchelsea Growers and Makers Market
15 Cowrie Market, Torquay

OCTOBER

6 Winchelsea Growers and Makers Market
6 Aireys Inlet Market
20 Cowrie Market, Torquay
26 Freshwater Creek Steiner School Fair

Visit www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/events for more info.

Grants support art with a cause and community projects

Two projects salvaging messages of awareness and hope on the issue of plastic waste and the environment have received Council's first Arts Development Seed Fund allocations.

The works To Hell or Heaven in a Handbasket by Katey McRae, Kellyann Vaughan and Josephine Lange (pictured below with Cr Smith), and A Living Entity by Maxine Bazeley and Clare Walton will each be supported by \$5000 grants.



Cr Martin Duke with Arts Development Seed Fund recipients Clare Walton and Maxine Bazeley, with child Delfi.

The small grants contributions will provide welcome boosts for community-focused projects, ranging from \$800 to help Anglesea Surf Life Saving Club pay for a venue for a bronze medallion camp to \$3500 for Torquay Community House to share among six user groups.

Other grants included:

- Anglesea Repair Café, \$1827 for an electrical test and tag machine and training;
- Deans Marsh Cricket Club, \$2000 for research and preservation of records of Deans Marsh Community Hall, memorial reserve and community groups;
- Torquay Jimi Crispe Group, \$3000 for recording of a Surf City Album by local musicians; and
- Winchelsea Community House, \$1500 for occasional care play equipment.

The Arts Seed Development Fund sought submissions on the theme Detritus, aiming to inspire art works which would change attitudes to plastic use across the shire.

To Hell or Heaven In A Handbasket artists Katey McRae, Kellyann Vaughan and Josephine Lange said the seed funding was greatly appreciated.

"As the artist you are always thinking about selling, who is going to buy it? This opportunity lets us be artists in our own right and we are extremely grateful for that," Josephine Lange said.

To Hell or Heaven In A Handbasket includes three interactive components focusing on the theme of plastic waste in the sea. It will centre around a symbolic vessel woven from discarded sea rope and fishing line by Kellyann Vaughan. Participants at three workshops led by Katey McRae will make human doll figurines bearing plastic footprints to ride in the vessel, accompanied by a soundtrack recorded by Josephine Lange featuring the wind, sea, conversations and stories.

A Living Entity will incorporate a large-scale mural, public performance and collaborative education encouraging community sharing of ideas on the issue of public waste.

Artist Clare Walton said the seed funding would allow her and fellow artist Maxine Bazeley to work with partners and community on a project they were passionate about.

"We will be inviting the community to engage in workshops to help design the message of 'Leave No Trace' in the form of a mural to be installed at the local Torquay skate park, which will be launched in late 2019 with a Leave No Trace community event bringing together artists, musicians, activists and the community," she said.