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Message from the Mayor

The weather may have cooled, but it’s shaping up to be a red hot winter in the Glenelg Shire with another busy calendar full of events and activities.

In particular, this month we celebrate the official opening of the highly anticipated Australian Kelpie Centre in Casterton. This $1.5 million centre, partly funded by the Federal Government, will showcase the iconic Kelpie story that has made our region famous. This is an incredible milestone for the Casterton community, who have been instrumental in creating the highly successful Kelpie brand and profiling the township as a destination of national significance. Our community looks forward to welcoming tourists from across the world as they share in the fascinating stories behind our region at this modern and accessible facility.

As this edition is read, council will be considering any public submissions to the draft budget and will vote to adopt a final version. The annual budget is an incredibly important document for our residents. For the next financial year council has committed itself to delivering on key outcomes for the community. The $52 million budget includes a $16 million capital works program and a $9.9 million investment in priority projects, such as $1.9 million for the All Abilities Play Space and Portland Foreshore development.

On a higher level, the State Budget has been released, containing a number of regional initiatives which will enable funding for local outcomes, building on previous advocacy efforts. In particular, the Budget will invest in local vocational pathways and TAFE opportunities and deliver improvements for our country roads following the formation of a dedicated regional roads body.

Lastly, the winter months signal an influx of ocean visitors as we welcome another whale season to our region. In this edition we’ve featured a handy whale watching guide to help you best spot one of the majestic creatures as they pass along our coastlines. Make sure you keep up to date with all of the latest whale sightings by subscribing to the Whalemail alert system, or by visiting the dedicated Whalemail Facebook page.

Flick through to learn more about what more has been happening in our shire and what you can look forward to this winter.

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World first Kelpie museum opens

After years of campaigning efforts, the hard work and determination of the Casterton community has come to fruition with the highly anticipated Australian Kelpie Centre officially opening.

The $1.5 million centre, partly funded by the Federal Government, was opened to a crowd of thousands at the 2018 Australian Kelpie Muster held on the June long weekend.

The Henty street building, situated in the heart of the Kelpie Trail, includes a Visitor Information Centre, meeting spaces, amenities and an interpretative display showcasing the story of the Kelpie working dog.

Mayor Cr Anita Rank said the centre was believed to be the first Kelpie museum in the world.

"Residents of Casterton should stand proud as the story of their town is now showcased for generations to come thanks to their highly successful Kelpie branding efforts over the past twenty years, it is an exciting milestone for the region," she said.

“Casterton’s identity as the birthplace of the working dog is iconic and this purpose built centre will draw visitors from right across the world to share in this fascinating history, opening the door to a new visitor economy in the town.

"Tourists, particularly the international market, have a great appetite for these rich pastoral heritage stories. The new centre will assist in further building and strengthening our shire’s profile as a key destination on the Melbourne to Adelaide touring route, and connections to the Great Ocean Road and Grampians tourist regions."

Cr Rank thanked the Federal Government for their assistance in turning the project into a reality.

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Your guide to whale watching this winter

Winter has arrived in Glenelg, bringing with it an exciting new year of whale watching opportunities along our infamous coastlines.

Affectionately known as Portland Bay’s favourite visitor, whales are seen from almost any cliff top area around Portland’s coastline at irregular times.

What whales visit the area and when

The Glenelg Shire attracts not one, not two, but three species of whales to our region’s waters.

Historically Southern Right and Humpback Whales visit Portland’s waters from June to October on their annual migration from the deep Southern Ocean, to the warm waters of southern Australia to mate and calve.

However, whale watching has become a year-round affair with the iconic blue whale frequenting the waters during the warmer summer months, enjoying the rewards of the Bonney Upwelling.

In fact Cape Bridgewater is one of the only places in the world where blue whales can be seen from the mainland feeding.

How to keep up with whale sightings

A new Whalemail webpage has been launched this winter acting as a one-stop shop for all things whale watching in the region.

The new webpage, housed on the www.iamportland.com.au tourism website, allows users to view details of whale sightings in the area, including maps, dates, time, location and type of whale, details on local whale viewing platforms and a direct link to social media channels.

This is in addition to the popular Whalemail Facebook page which provides up to date sighting details and other local wildlife attractions. Individuals can sign-up for direct Whalemail notifications by subscribing to www.whalemail.com.au.

The Portland Visitor Information Centre will also fly a yellow flag each time a whale sighting is reported so people now there is a visitor in town.

Where to go

- Visit the Wade Street whale viewing platform and lookout which includes access to free binoculars for easy whale spotting.
- Drive along Hanlon Parade and park along the top of the cliff to observe whale activity in Portland Bay.
- Take a drive along the Lee Breakwater Road for a close up of whale activity.
- Drive toward Point Danger and along Maderia Packet Rd, the whales can be close to the cliffs along that section of coast.
- Take a trip toward Cape Nelson and stop at Yellow Rock for some whale watching. Follow the road all the way to the Cape Nelson Lighthouse and stroll along the cliff top watching out for visiting whales.
- Walk to the Cape Bridgewater seal colony and keep your eye out for visiting Southern Right whales in the bay.
In the region

Documentary profiles local indigenous history

The stories behind our region’s fascinating indigenous heritage have been profiled in the shire’s first ever National Reconciliation Week documentary as part of official celebrations to recognise the weeklong event.

The documentary, titled *Demystifying History – Indigenous Culture in the Glenelg Shire*, gives a detailed insight into local indigenous history from local Aboriginal leaders and Elders.

Mayor Cr Anita Rank said the documentary would help educate the community on the shire’s rich indigenous culture.

“The documentary, filmed and produced by local filmmakers Powerhouse Productions, features interviews with local Aboriginal leaders and Elders telling stories about their past and reflecting on the moments that have shaped our region’s identity. It is a fantastic glimpse into the moments that have defined our community,” she said.

The film “Demystifying History – Indigenous Culture in the Glenelg Shire was launched during National Reconciliation Week, allowing residents to develop a deeper understanding of our cultural narrative.”

The Glenelg Shire in partnership with Winda-marra Aboriginal Corporation, Dhaurnwurt-Wurrung Elderly, Gunditj Mirring Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation and Reconciliation Victoria, also hosted a series of community events to celebrate National Reconciliation Week including a reconciliation themed football match, a community morning tea and activities with local school groups.

The celebrations culminated in a Community Gathering at the Portland Civic Hall, where attendees learnt more about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island culture through a traditional smoking ceremony, a performance from the Windamara Aboriginal dancers and reflections from guest speakers Denis Rose and Jessica Lovett-Murray.

National Reconciliation Week takes place annually during 27 May – 3 June. The dates that bookend the week are two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey; the 1967 referendum and the historic Mabo decision.

To view the *Demystifying History – Indigenous Culture in the Glenelg Shire* documentary, please visit the Glenelg Shire Council YouTube channel or Facebook page.

The documentary reveals the stories behind the Budj Bim cultural landscape.

State budget a ‘big economic win’ for Glenelg

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“The reduction in payroll tax will assist our local business by reducing costs and enabling expansion, opening doors to new job creation. “Major investment in our TAFE sector will mean local students can stay local, creating a low cost pathway to further education. Additionally investment in vocational pathways and fast tracking of secondary students into apprenticeships and traineeships will assist in developing much needed trade skills.”

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Perfect end to Hooked on Tuna fishing competition

A tuna weighing almost 106kg claimed the top prize of the 2018 Hooked on Tuna competition, with anglers making the most of the perfect weather conditions during the last weekend of entries.

Melbourne angler Paul Hourmouzis caught the winning catch, an impressive 105.9kg barrel, to take the overall $5000 cash prize of the month long competition which ran from 31 March - 29 April.

He was closely followed by fellow Melbourne angler John DeGroot with his slightly lighter 104kg catch, with third place going to Jony Aï, also of Melbourne, with his 29kg effort.

Mr Hourmouzis described the win as ‘total elation’.

“It was a bit of a shock at first, but it was really satisfying to be able to finally reel in the 100kg catch that had been eluding me for the past seven years,” he said.

“I’ll share the $5000 prize amongst my crewmates, and no doubt on some further fishing equipment.”

Mr Hourmouzis encouraged other keen anglers to participate in next year’s event.

“The real drawcard of this competition is how accessible it is – anyone with a rod and reel has the opportunity to take home the top prize,” he said.

“I know I’ll absolutely be back again in 2019 to try my luck and hopefully retain my winning title.”

Mr Hourmouzis’ winning catch knocked off previous leader and third prize recipient Jony Aï, who had been leading the competition for a fortnight until the weekend’s ideal fishing conditions aided the mammoth fishing haul.

Mayor Cr Anita Rank said a record 240 people entered the competition, largely drawn from metropolitan post codes.

“This is now the third year of the Hooked on Tuna competition and it is clear to see this is becoming a must do event for die hard anglers,” she said.

“Impressively, this is the first competition that has hauled the elusive 100kg barrel catches, all caught on the final weekend of the competition.

“This competition has become an important event on our busy events calendar, further positioning our profile as the southern Bluefin tuna capital and building our profile as a hub for active tourism activities.”

Strengthening the visitor economy and increasing visitor satisfaction are among the key objectives of Casterton’s new Destination Action Plan.

The tourism strategic plan, developed by Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism (GORRT) in partnership with Glenelg Shire Council and local community leaders, includes priority actions for the short to medium term to increase the town’s competitiveness as a key tourist destination.

Great Ocean Road Regional Tourism General Manager, Liz Price said the plan aimed to grow visitor expenditure and dispersal across the local area.

“The passion and enthusiasm from industry and community in Casterton to grow as a tourism destination has been captured in the Destination Action Plan,” Ms Price said.

“This plan identifies the priority, affordable, achievable actions that will assist Casterton in growing the visitor economy. It provides a roadmap to encourage all stakeholders to work collaboratively.”

The action plan was developed over a number of months using feedback from a project working group including members of key stakeholder groups, council and passionate community members.

Initial steps in the plan include a product and experiences audit to identify new opportunities and reveal gaps in the market which may be hindering visitation. Furthermore, the plan highlights the need to engage business and community in tourism programs to stimulate product development and new marketing opportunities creating a unique brand positioning for the town.

Mayor Cr Anita Rank, who is also a GORRT board member, said there were great opportunities to establish new food and art inspired experiences.

“What has become evident from this working group collaboration is the rich underground art scene and home grown foodie experiences which are in this talented community,” Cr Rank said.

“These are the sort of experiences tourists will travel hundreds of kilometres to enjoy. Together we must collaborate to put these attractions front and centre to develop Casterton as a key tourist destination, highlighting the wealth of experiences on offer.”
August
Wednesday 1 August 2018
Discover Bayview College Open Day
Location: Bayview College
Time: 9am – 3:30pm
Bayview College encourages prospective parents and students to experience the friendly and caring environment through a School Tour conducted by our staff and students.

Saturday 30 June – Sunday 15 July 2018
School Holiday Program
Location: Shire-wide
Entertain your kids these school holidays thanks to the bumper school holiday program, which will ensure no one is bored over the cold winter break. Keep your eyes on the Glengel Shire website and the Glengel Shire Facebook page for a full list of activities and booking details. Information will be made available in the fortnight leading up to the school holidays.

July
Saturday 7 July
Portland Kyokushin Karate Open Border Challenge
Location: Portland Secondary College
Time: 10am – 4:30pm
Portland Open Border Karate Tournament. Spectators welcome, $5 entry at door. Canteen on site, hot and cold food and drinks. For more information contact Michelle 0419 546 343.

Saturday 14 July 2018
Friends of the Great South West Walk Weekend Walk
Location: Mt Richmond to Tarragal Camp
Time: Departs 9am, Portland Visitor Information Centre
Soak up the spectacular scenery of the Great South West Walk over a winter weekend. For more information contact Rob 03 5526 5372.

Friday 20 July 2018
Portland Men’s Shed Victoria Breakfast
Location: Portland Men’s Shed, Cnr Hurd Street and Hedditch Street
Time: 8am – 10am
Head along to the PMSV General Meeting, held on the third Friday of each month.

Friday 27 July 2018
Watoto Children’s Choir in Portland
Location: South West Community Church, Julia Street
Time: 7pm – 10:30pm
The Watoto Children’s Choir, a group of orphans from Uganda, will visit Portland as part of a six-month Australian tour featuring a brand new concert, Signs & Wonders. The concert will feature worship songs that share the stories of the children and the hope they have because of God’s love. All performances are free and open to the public. For more information contact 0417 509 516.

June
Every Saturday Morning
Portland Parkrun
Location: Fawthrop Lagoon BBQ area
Time: 7:45am for an 8am start
The Park Run is a free, weekly, timed 5km run or walk held Saturday morning. It is open to everyone from professional runners to casual walkers, joggers and juniors. You can even push a pram or take the dog.

Friday 15 June 2018
Portland Men’s Shed Victoria General Meeting
Location: Portland Men’s Shed, Cnr Hurd Street and Hedditch Street
Time: 10:30am – 12pm
Head along to the PMSV General Meeting, held on the third Friday of each month.

Friends of the Great South West Walk Weekend Walk
Location: Start at Wyperfield National Park
Soak up the spectacular scenery of the Great South West Walk over a winter weekend. For more information contact Rob 03 5526 5372.

Sunday 17 June 2018
Winter Solstice Fun Run
Location: Start and finish - Ploughed Field, Bentinck Street
Time: 7am – 1pm
The sixth Portland Winter Solstice Fun Run offers three challenging runs and achievement walks for participants, all set against the stunning scenery of Portland’s coastline.

Monday 18 June 2018
Digi Drop In
Location: Portland Business Hub
Time: 6pm – 9:30pm
Bring along your laptop or tech project you are working on and share ideas and digital opportunities with likeminded community members.

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Placement provides world of opportunities

Despite still being in high school, Maycie Lee Reeves is pursuing her career dream of working in the corporate sector thanks to an ongoing work placement program with council.

The Portland Bay School student has been working alongside the tourism and events unit for the past two school terms, receiving one-on-one mentoring to develop her skills in business administration, marketing and tourism development.

Maycie said the experience had been eye opening and had reaffirmed her interest in working in the world of business.

“I’ve really enjoyed being apart of the Tourism unit and getting a rare insight into the daily operations of a large organisation, it’s been incredibly worthwhile,” she said.

“In fact, I’ve loved it so much that I requested to extend the placement. Initially the placement was just for one school term, but I’ve continued working with the Tourism unit for a second straight term. The days I get to come down to the council offices are some of my favourite days.”

Maycie was quick to encourage others to pursue work placement opportunities.

“It has been such a welcoming and positive experience, I would highly recommend the program to anyone interested in exploring a career in the business sector,” she said.

Glenelg Shire tourism and marketing manager Liz McKinnon said Maycie had quickly become a key member of the tourism team.

“During her placement Maycie has been instrumental in driving further participation and awareness rates of some of our key tourism initiatives, particularly our Small Business workshops and Hooked on Tuna fishing competition,” she said.

“Thanks to her willingness and enthusiasm, she liaised directly with community members and business owners, providing an overview of each event, the direct benefits and how to get involved.

“Maycie’s enhanced confidence and resilience is testament to the success of this placement program in building strong pathways to further learning and employment.”

Sharing the message of autism awareness

The message of autism awareness has spread through the community, with a local business taking on a permanent initiative to improve the lives of those affected by autism following the success of a national awareness campaign.

Held throughout April, the council supported Autism Awareness Month offered a series of free events and initiatives, aiming to build community awareness and understanding of autism.

The campaign included a pool party, held in conjunction with the Portland Leisure and Aquatic Centre, a movie night at the Portland Arts Centre and a weekly Quiet Hour, which provided a sensory friendly shopping experience at local retail outlets.

As part of Quiet Hour, 17 participating businesses reduced radio levels, dimmed lighting levels and made minimal store announcements each Tuesday morning throughout April to make shopping easier for those on the autism spectrum.

Following on from the support from the community during Quiet Hour, Portland-based supermarket Daly’s IGA announced it will continue to offer the initiative on a permanent basis.

Daly’s IGA store manager Michael Kerr said it was an easy business decision.

“Implementing Quiet Hour is just one simple, yet effective, way that we can come together as a community and celebrate autism, as well as shedding a light on the daily struggles for those affected,” he said.

“From now on, every Tuesday morning between 10:30am to 11:30am we will dim our store lights by 50 per cent, mute the in store music, avoid unnecessary announcements and set the scanner volumes to a minimum.

“These small changes will help to ensure a friendly shopping experience that’s easy on the eyes and ears for all of our customers. We are proud to champion autism awareness in the Glenelg Shire.”
The PLACE celebrates 25 years

Over the past 25 years, the Portland Leisure and Aquatic Centre (PLACE) has become an integral part of the community, providing fitness facilities for all ages and abilities.

The idea for this popular asset evolved from a groundswell of community action, with a vision to create an all-year-round recreational facility. Since that time it has become the busiest council facility in the shire, averaging 3500 visits every week.

Managed by the YMCA, the PLACE has provided employment for hundreds of trained and fully qualified life guards, fitness and gym instructors and child carers. It has also been responsible for thousands of children learning to swim and together with the Portland Swimming Club has produced state champions.

Centre Manager Kerri Jennings said 25 years in the Portland community was something to celebrate.

“The YMCA approach to health and fitness is that a person is made up of a body, a mind and a spirit, and each component must be nurtured for the person to achieve wellness,” she said.

“Over the years we believe this approach has increased the health and fitness of our community and provided a hub for creating social connections.”

To celebrate 25 years of the PLACE a FREE Community Open Day will be held on Wednesday 27 June.

Community members are invited to join the free breakfast at 6.30am, and stay for other activities held throughout the day. An official lunchtime event will also mark the occasion.

A record of memorabilia, newspaper articles and recollections will also be on display at the PLACE from June 23 – 30.

PLACE at a glance

- Five heated pools:
  - outside: 50m, 25m (with water slide), toddler
  - inside: toddler and 25m pools
- 50 fitness classes on offer every week
- 400 children enrolled in swimming lessons each week
- 300 school children participating in the school swimming program each week
- Home of the Portland swimming, cycling, triathlon, under-water hockey and runners clubs.

Future is bright for Island Park

Casterton’s Island Park has its sights set on hosting state and national level sporting competitions following recent flood recovery works at the popular sporting precinct.

Resurfacing works on the netball and tennis courts and the installation of fencing and lighting have seen the once flood damaged precinct become a modern, accessible and inviting sporting facility for Casterton generations to enjoy.

“Casterton’s Island Park was one of the worst areas affected by the September 2016 floods, with more than $1 million worth of damage to the sporting precinct. A total of seven courts were damaged because of this one in 100 year flood event,” said Cr Anita Rank.

“Fast forward to a little over 18 months later and the area is almost unrecognisable; with new infrastructure in place to ensure that Island Park is future proofed against further flooding events.

“This significant investment will ensure all user groups, including sports people of all ages and abilities will benefit well into the future from this well planned and implemented flood recovery effort.”

Cr Rank anticipated a wealth of new opportunities for the sporting precinct.

“Last year Casterton secured the Western Border Football Netball League grand final, boosting the profile of the Casterton sporting community across the South Australian border,” she said.

“The possibilities are now endless for Island Park, with state and national level sporting competitions potentially on the agenda for the sporting hub because of the quality of infrastructure. It is an exciting time for all things sport and recreation in the Glenelg Shire.”

The netball and tennis court repairs follow a $660,000 redevelopment of the precinct’s tennis and netball clubrooms late last year.

The recovery works were jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Victorian Governments under the Community Infrastructure Flood Recovery Fund.

Future is bright for Island Park

Casterton Sandford netballers Tori Perry and Scarlett Jarrad join Councillor Karen Stephens in admiring the new playing surfaces at Island Park.
**Winter 2018**

**Growing Glenelg**

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**Arts Glenelg**

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**Mozart and the Classical Age**

By the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra

Performers: Anna Goldsworthy, piano; William Hennessy, director

Genre: Classical music

Mozart and the Classical Age brings together three of the great Classical minds whose music epitomises the elegance, joy and clarity of this unmatched period of music history: Kraus, the Swedish composer sometimes called the “Swedish Mozart”; Mozart, the young impresario taking Vienna by storm; and Haydn, the father figure of the Classical period.

Anna Goldsworthy enthralled audiences with her MCO debut in 2014 with her intensely satisfying performances of Mozart’s final piano concerto. For this concert, she joins the orchestra for two gems rarely heard on the Melbourne stage: Mozart’s sixth concerto, written at age 20, and the exuberant D major concerto of Haydn.

Portland Arts Centre

Thursday 28 June, 7:30pm

Adult: $40  Concession: $35
Under 16s / Student: $20  Family: $100

Duration: 2 hours plus interval.


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**The Cole Porter Songbook**


Genre: Morning Music

Helpmann award winner Michael Griffiths explores the colourful life and timeless songs of Cole Porter including You’re The Top, It’s De-Lovely, Let’s Do It and Night and Day. Hedonism, grave misfortune, enduring love and a legacy that sparkles with wit and wisdom. Premiered at the 2015 Adelaide Cabaret Festival by invitation of Barry Humphries and top rated cabaret show Edinburgh Fringe 2016.

“Heartbreak is always bubbling under the surface as the beautifully melancholic tunes, such as Night and Day, transport the musical mind to another era full of glamour and tragedy…” - Herald Scotland.

Portland Arts Centre

Tuesday 17 July, 10:30am

All tickets: $20

Duration: 60 mins, no interval


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**Hotel Sorrento**

Presented by Christine Harris and HIT Productions

Written by Hannie Rayson

Genre: Drama

Hannie Rayson’s award winning play, which inspired the film of the same name, tells the story of three sisters who grew up together in the seaside town Sorrento.

Hilary, the oldest of three sisters, lives in the family home in seaside Sorrento with her father and teenage son.

Portland Arts Centre

Thursday 14 June, 7:30pm

Adult: $40 Concession: $35
Under 16s / Student: $20

Duration: 2 hours including interval.


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**Vivaldi’s Violins**

By the Melbourne Chamber Orchestra

Performers: Sophie Rowell, violin; William Hennessy, director

Genre: Classical Music

A humble orphanage in Venice became home to a music academy and orchestra famous throughout Europe. Its young musicians were leading virtuosi of the day and feted well beyond Italy. Their leader was Antonio Vivaldi, who composed hundreds of violin concertos for his charges, including some of the most beloved music of the Baroque.

Leading violinist Sophie Rowell joins members of Melbourne Chamber Orchestra for a concert dedicated to some of the most spectacular of
Swing Man sends Callinan on a journey back to the incidents in his adolescence that set him on his path - a fracas at a Bush Dance, unrequited love at Ballroom Dancing, and the revelation that as a 17 year old he was abducted by Swing-era obsessed aliens who set him an ultimatum to learn how to Swing dance by the time he is 51.

‘Lindy Hop’ on down to watch the three-time Barry nominee ‘Shag’ his way through his ‘Boogie Woogie’ midlife crisis.

Portland Arts Centre
Tuesday 21 August, 7:30pm
Adult: $35  Concession: $30
Duration: 90 minutes. No interval.
Warning: Mild coarse language and adult content.
Tickets: www.portlandartscentre.com.au

26 / 06 / 2018 – 17 / 08 / 2018
The Shire Papers
Ephemeral items are any transitory written or printed matter not meant to be retained or preserved. This exhibition brings together a collection of ephemera from the Cultural Collection that gives an insight into how people lived, worked and went about their everyday life in Glenelg Shire.

Items in the exhibition relate to past events, civic history, commerce and business, recreation and promotion. The exhibition also includes original historic ledgers and documents.

Portland Arts Centre
Admission: FREE

12 / 08 / 2018 – 12 / 10 / 2018
Miss Maschmedt Visits
Zillah Maschmedt was a primary school teacher in Mount Gambier in the 1930s. In November 1934, around the time of the Portland Centenary celebrations, Miss Maschmedt visited Portland with her mother Arabella and sister Elza. In 1936, again accompanied by her mother and sister, Zillah travelled in the Mount Gambier to Nelson mail service car, stopping at farms and the Glenelg River along the way.

This exhibition of photographs by Zillah Maschmedt documents her visits to Portland and Nelson.

Portland Arts Centre
Admission: FREE
OPENING: Tuesday 21 August at 5.30 pm

21 / 08 / 2018
Swing Man
Featuring Damian Callinan
Genre: Comedy
Damian Callinan, renowned character and stand-up comedian, confirms what many had already suspected: he suffers from OTTDs [Over The Top Dance Syndrome].

After years of eschewing partner dancing and cutting up dance floors on his own, he discovers that the only cure is to learn how to Swing Dance.

Small night in with the Twoks
‘Small Night In’ is a new series of ‘bespoke’ music events curated and presented by the Portland Arts Centre. The vibe is pared back, contemporary, unique, warm, fun and local.

This August, duo The Twoks will headline the next Small Night In event.

The Twoks are Xani Kolac (electric violin/vocals) and Mark Leahy (drums). The pair have been making violin and drums dance/pop music on the arty fringes of Melbourne for the past six years.

With influences like Sigur Ros, Phoenix, Andrew Bird and Pat Benatar, this duo is an eclectic mix of dark and bright, art and pop. The Twoks have played St Kilda Festival (MEL), DARK MOFO (TAS), The Falls Festival (Byron Bay), Edinburgh Fringe Festival (UK) and the Port Fairy Folk Festival. Recently, The Twoks opened for Clare Bowditch and Adalita, as well as for 2Cellos at The Palais.

For further information visit www.thetwoks.com.

Portland Arts Centre
Friday 31 August, drinks starting from 6:30pm
Tickets: $30
Tickets: www.portlandartscentre.com.au
Casterton’s Croquet Club has made their presence known in Island Park thanks to the assistance of council’s Community Grants program. The recreational club was one of 36 community groups across the shire sharing in $77,000 worth of funding as part of the latest funding round, receiving a $1000 grant towards its signage project.

Croquet Club secretary Ellie Norris said the grant had been invaluable in growing the club’s profile within the community.

“We’ve had an ongoing image problem here at the Croquet Club with many community members assuming we are part of the Bowling Club due to our close proximity to the bowling greens and the lack of off-street and welcome signage. It’s been a real issue to try and attract new members when most people don’t realise where we are located,” she said.

“When the community grants funding round opened earlier this year, the club seized the opportunity to submit an application for new signage at our club facilities in Island Park. “We were absolutely thrilled when we were notified that we had been successful as the project had been well overdue.

“Within a matter of weeks the colourful off street and welcoming signage had been installed and we have already noticed our club’s presence increasing within Casterton - people will no longer assume we are part of the Bowling Club anymore.” Ms Norris said after the signage success, the club already had their sights set on the next project.

“With the new signs in place, as a club we’ve been able to focus our attention to the next stage of improvement works, which is a shade sail for our rest area,” she said.

“We’ve found in the summer time there is limited shelter from the heat, which poses a health risk for both our members and visiting players. We hope to submit a grant in the next funding round to alleviate that health risk and to help make croquet more accessible all year round.”

The next funding round of council’s Community Grants program will open in July 2018. For further information on the program, including eligibility requirements, please visit www.glenelg.vic.gov.au/Community_Grants.
Works are continuing to progress on the Portland Library redevelopment in Bentinck Street, with an official opening of the new look building scheduled for July.

The $400,000 project will see the library space transformed into a more inviting and functional facility, with a redesigned layout, dedicated working spaces and modern furniture and fittings, including a new slide in the revamped children’s zone.

Library and information services manager Yvette Parker said the new building would better meet the evolving needs of the community.

“We can’t wait to officially welcome new and existing library members to our bright, refurbished and more user-friendly library space,” she said.

“Once complete, the facility will be equipped to address our service areas which have been growing in demand, particularly our silent study areas and public computer access.

“But the best part is that the new library will have something for everyone. From the youth ‘chill out’ zone to the local history section, the building will provide an adaptable and practical space for the community to meet, learn and share ideas.”

Ms Parker thanked library members for their patience during the redevelopment process.

“The understanding of our library members has been well and truly demonstrated over the past few months,” she said.

“The temporary library space, whilst practical, has not been able to offer the full suite of services, such as meeting rooms for community groups. However the support and willingness of our members to adapt has been overwhelming.”

The Portland Library will remain at the temporary location at 56 Percy Street until construction is complete.

The redevelopment of the Portland Library has been funded by a $300,000 grant from the Victorian Government’s Living Libraries Infrastructure Program. In addition, Council is also co-contributing $100,000 and will fund additional improvements to the staff area and the roof of the building.

For further updates and information about the Portland Library redevelopment please visit the YourSay Glenelg webpage at https://yoursay.glenelg.vic.gov.au/portland-library-redevelopment.
Council is calling on community members to recognise their local heroes by nominating them for a 2019 Australia Day award.

Alison Jenkins, who nominated 2018 Joint Citizen of the Year Sharron Gill for the award, says she was proud to see Mrs Gill’s long standing contributions to the Casterton community formally recognised.

“Sharron’s continued dedication, support and involvement in local events, clubs and organisations ensured she was a most worthy recipient of Citizen of the Year,” Ms Jenkins said.

“Nominating her was an obvious choice and it was lovely to see her recognised for all of her achievements. Casterton is so very fortunate to have someone such as Sharron who actively volunteers her time across many groups and organisations.”

Ms Jenkins encouraged other community members to nominate their local heroes for the 2019 Awards.

“If you know someone who has made an impact on your life and the lives of others in your local community, take the opportunity to nominate them for a 2019 Australia Day award,” she said.

Categories for the 2019 Australia Day awards are:

• Citizen of the Year - awarded to a Shire resident aged over 25
• Young Citizen of the Year - awarded to a Shire resident aged under 25
• Senior Citizen of the Year - awarded to a Shire resident aged 60 or over
• Community Group of the Year - awarded to an organized community group based in the Glenelg Shire

Nominate a local hero all year round

Alison Jenkins, Wendy Smith and 2018 Citizen of the Year Sharron Gill are encouraging other community members to nominate their local heroes.

Youth based mental health initiative Live4Life has returned to the Glenelg Shire following a highly successful program pilot last year.

In just 12 months the initiative has seen more than 33 per cent of all enrolled secondary school students from across the shire having received teen Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training, exceeding the program’s expectations.

Glenelg Shire Council youth development officer Cathryn Walder anticipated that Live4Life would continue to be just as successful in 2018.

“We are pleased to welcome our 2018 Live4Life Glenelg crew which is made up of 33 young adults from all corners of the Glenelg Shire,” she said.

“As part of the unique initiative, the crew will spend the next 12 months undertaking training and activities to become positive Mental Health Ambassadors. They will coordinate a number of activities throughout the year with the aim of reducing the stigma around mental illness.

“This year the crew has decided upon the theme ‘Perfectly Imzperfect’, encouraging young people to celebrate their unique traits.”

Ms Walder thanked the community for their willingness to participate in the initiative.

“The initiative, which was developed to help increase the mental health knowledge of local youth and connected community members, has been incredibly well received since its launch in 2017 and this is largely thanks to the support of the community,” she said.

“Throughout 2017 we trained nearly 400 students in year 8, year 10 and year 11 in teen Mental Health First Aid and 65 adults also undertook this vital training. We really achieved a great deal in a short amount of time.

“I anticipate that with the help of our 2018 Live4Life Glenelg crew, the initiative will continue to support, improve and invest in our young people’s mental health.”
The stories behind the shire’s youngest and brightest will be featured across social media, following the launch of a dedicated Facebook page for the Glenelg Shire Childrens Services unit.

The ‘Glenelg Shire Children’s Services’ Facebook page is officially live and will act as the go to source for timely updates for all of council’s early learning services.

Glenelg Shire children’s services manager Janine Johnstone said the new page would provide a space for family members, educators, prospective families and the wider community to gather together to keep abreast of important information and to share Glenelg run children’s services activities and experiences.

“The Children’s Services unit are excited to launch this new page and give our community a behind the scenes insight into the world of early childhood education,” she said.

“The page, which will feature photos and stories from our kindergartens, day care, occasional care and maternal and child health services, will allow families to witness learning milestones, discover new activities and access important information on children’s development.”

Ms Johnstone said the page had already received an overwhelming positive response.

“In such a short amount of time the page has experienced resounding success, with high levels of engagement and interaction,” she said.

“We hope to continue to grow this new online method of communication and interaction with our community and highlight the range of services our early learning services offer that reflect the diversity of children’s interests, abilities and needs, and supports parental involvement in play, learning, healthy eating and care.”

Like or follow the new Children Services Facebook page at www.facebook.com/glenelgshirechildrensservices

Children’s Services team joins social media

Look out for Enrolment Week

Do you have a child that’s ready for four-year-old kindergarten next year?

Families are encouraged to enrol their child during the official Enrolment Week period from 23 – 27 July to secure a 2019 kindergarten place.

Heywood Kindergarten Teacher Corinna Bell said kindergarten was the vital first step in a child’s education journey.

“Children learn more in their first five years of life than at any other time. Therefore, kindergarten is a critical stage in a child’s learning and development, ensuring they have the best foundations for primary school and beyond,” she said.

“All Glenelg Shire kindergarten programs offer a supportive learning environment for children, giving them the opportunity to be creative, interact with others and explore the world.

“The friendly and well-qualified staff are with the children every step of the way to make the kinder journey as smooth as possible.”

Information packs will be available online, as well as at the Kathleen Millikan Centre, the Portland Child and Family Complex and the Heywood Customer Service Centre.

For more information visit the enrolment webpage via the Glenelg Shire website at www.glenelg.vic.gov.au/kindergarten or contact the Children’s Services team on 5522 2211.

Applications open 23 – 27 July 2018

Any applications submitted after this date will be accepted and processed after the first round of offers are made.

Locations

Four year-old kindergarten programs offered at:
• Heywood Kindergarten
• Jaycee Kindergarten, Portland
• Kalbarri Kindergarten, Portland
• Karreeta Peeneept Mara Portland Child and Family Complex
• Kathleen Millikan Centre, Casterton
• Dartmoor Children’s Centre (dependent upon enrolment numbers)

Eligibility

• Your child must turn 4 by April 30 in the year of attendance
• If your child was born between January and April you can choose which year to enrol your child, including the year the child is eligible or the year after.
• Some children are eligible for a second year of funded kindergarten. Find out more by visiting the Department of Education and Training website.
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