A JOURNEY TO A CLEVER AND CREATIVE FUTURE

By 2047, Greater Geelong will be internationally recognised as a clever and creative city-region that is forward looking, enterprising and adaptive, and cares for its people and environment.

More than 16,000 people have contributed to Greater Geelong’s community-led blueprint to be recognised regionally, nationally and internationally as a clever and creative city-region.

The community vision document, Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future, which will guide our region’s development over the next 30 years, was endorsed by the City’s Administrators at the 25 July council meeting.

Chair of Administrators Dr Kathy Alexander described the document as an important step along a journey to transform the community’s aspirations into reality.

“At the heart of Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future is a series of community aspirations focusing on our region’s economy; tourism and employment; enhancing and protecting the environment; social and economic equity; arts and culture; connectivity, including internet and transport; and future leadership,” Dr Alexander said.

The benefit of conducting this valuable piece of community research is the clarity of a long-term focus for the region, which will assist us to attract business opportunities and investment, and inform how we grow.

“The councils of other cities around the world, including Melbourne, have successfully delivered long-term plans by sticking to them, orientating their budgets toward them, influencing the plans of other stakeholders, lobbying government for their support, and facilitating an environment that encourages private investment.”

Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future will change the way the City does business and engages with the community.

The outcomes outlined in the community-led vision document will guide the 2018–21 Council Plan, which will be reviewed annually. The City’s annual budget and action plans will be consistent with the document and future councils will report their progress and performance against its milestones.

All proposals to council will be required to demonstrate consistency with Greater Geelong: A Clever and Creative Future.

We’d like to thank our project partners and the more than 16,000 Greater Geelong people who contributed their ideas and enthusiasm to the 30-year vision document.

It’s been a wonderful and enlightening journey. And it’s only just begun.

Many of you will have read about our recent decision to continue operations at Barwon Heads, Chilwell and Highton libraries for 2017-18.

In making this decision we discovered that the Greater Geelong community had no input into the City’s current Social Infrastructure Plan. This plan was never made public in its entirety for community feedback.

A social infrastructure plan is an incredibly important framework for council, which identifies the service levels and facilities required at a local, district and regional level. It provides the foundation for strategic decision making and the allocation of millions of dollars every year. It’s therefore highly important that there is broad community engagement and support for this plan and its principles.

The City will now ensure Greater Geelong residents are engaged in a review of the current Social Infrastructure Plan. The process of community engagement will be considered by Council at its August meeting.

I strongly encourage you to get involved. You can find out more about the review at www.geelongaustralia.com.au.

As October’s election looms, now is the time to consider the council that Greater Geelong needs to lead our community into the future.

Under administration, the City is working hard to implement the Commission of Inquiry’s recommendations to assist the new council. There is now a range of new policies, strategies and arrangements in place, including:

- the clever and creative Our Future vision and strategy (see our cover story for more information)
- new customer focus and community engagement strategies, supported by organisation change programs
- a social equity framework
- reforms of our financial and ICT management
- a review of our Social Infrastructure Plan

- a restructured organisation with better financial and ICT management, and a focus on governance and continuous improvement
- a business case for a single new civic centre to reduce the high cost of staff spread over nine buildings in and around the CBD, and improve our services through better integration.

It could take up to four years to fully embed this work in the organisation, and it will require the full support and engagement of the new council.

I’d encourage anybody thinking about running for council to consider these new arrangements, and to familiarise themselves with upcoming candidate workshops and programs. To find out more, see page 11.

The City of Greater Geelong is a $500 million-a-year organisation. Leading the City, and this community, is not something to be played at.

Councillors must be able to make responsible and transparent decisions for Greater Geelong within a rigid set of governance expectations. To find out more about the role of councillors, watch our video at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/council/candidates.

I’d encourage our community to consider whether each of the candidates can lead a major organisation and take responsibility for a multi-million dollar budget.

Will they be able to work as a team to make decisions in the best interests of the whole municipality, rather than blindly focus on their own backyard?

Greater Geelong faces significant challenges as we work to establish a successful future.

To overcome these challenges the new council will need to be capable of strategic thinking, and able to come together to make difficult social and economic decisions that are aligned to the community’s vision for a clever and creative city-region.

It’s been an honour working as a team of administrators for this great community.

We wish Geelong well, and hope that the community will focus on achieving its vision.

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Megan Farlow from our Connected Communities team is the City’s Team Leader of Food Services and Seniors Festival organiser.

Megan has worked at the City for six years and when not organising a program of more than 100 events and activities for the Geelong Seniors Festival, she’s leading our food service team to deliver about 55,000 meals to the community.

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Megan is currently planning the 2017 Geelong Seniors Festival in October, which an estimated 12,000 people will attend.

“Seniors Festival is a month of celebration for seniors and something that many people look forward to every year,” Megan says.

“It gives so many people the chance to make friends and try new things in a friendly and welcoming environment, as well as connect with others who have similar interests.”

Megan says the festival includes a mix of old and new events each year.

“Many people get the program and map out a whole month’s worth of entertainment.”

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City Hall as you see it today was finished in 1917, although the first stage of the building (facing Little Malop Street) was built in 1855. Geelong City Hall is Victoria’s earliest surviving municipal building and has been Geelong Council’s headquarters, and used by the community, since 1855 – just five years after our first council meeting in 1850.

The building, including the symbolic six-columned entrance portico, is a fine example of the Victorian classical style. It was designed by prominent Melbourne architect Joseph Reed – who also designed Melbourne Town Hall and the State Library of Victoria. However, it was local architects Black and Slevin who finalised the designs in 1915, albeit largely following Reed’s original designs. A show stone was laid on 1 December 1915 to signal the start of construction of the final stages of the building. Construction started without much fanfare, probably because the First World War was underway.

The council at the time involved local students from the Gordon Technical College to complete timber carvings in the council chamber. A large stained glass window was also commissioned as part of the building. Designed by Arthur Pittock, a former art student of the Gordon, the window was removed in the late 20th century and is currently languishing in the City Hall basement. We’ve put forward a proposal to Heritage Victoria to restore and display this proud piece of heritage in the City Hall foyer.

The City marked NAIDOC week with a traditional ceremony on the steps of City Hall on Wednesday 5 July. This year’s NAIDOC theme, Our Languages Matter, showcased our local Wadawurrung language through song and a Welcome to Country. More than 100 people turned out for the event, which included young local Aboriginal woman, Meitta Scarlett, speaking about her future vision for Geelong.

Our Languages Matter celebrated the unique and essential role that Aboriginal languages play in cultural identity, linking people to their land and water and in the transmission of Aboriginal history, spirituality and rites, through story and song.

At the time of first European settlement there were hundreds of languages spoken across Australia. Today only about 120 of those languages are still spoken and many are at risk of being lost as Aboriginal elders pass on.

NAIDOC stands for National Aborigines and Islanders Day Observance Committee. Its origins can be traced to the emergence of Aboriginal groups in the 1920s, which sought to increase awareness in the wider community of the status and treatment of Australia’s First Nations people.
FAIR PLAY:
A MORE EQUITABLE SYSTEM FOR SPORT

In June the City’s administrators adopted the principles of a draft Fair Play strategy as the basis for determining the future provision, use and subsidy of community-level outdoor sport and recreation facilities.

Since then, the City has spoken to many sports clubs, community groups and residents to get feedback on creating a fairer system for sport.

The City maintains more than 300 community sports clubs, $85 million worth of sport and recreation facilities and 1700 hectares of open space.

Last year we spent $5.5 million on maintaining and operating outdoor facilities, and this year’s proposed budget allocates $10.24 million for sport and recreation upgrades.

As the largest supporter of sport in Greater Geelong, we want to ensure that all sports clubs and community groups continue to thrive.

There is a clear inequity and inconsistency in the way clubs are currently charged, and the level of subsidy provided by the City, for the use and maintenance of outdoor sport and recreational facilities.

The Fair Play strategy aims to address the current inequity, and we tested this approach with the community throughout a consultation period.

Consultation has now closed and we’re currently considering all the feedback.

We’d like to thank everyone who made a submission on the draft Fair Play strategy – you’ve helped create a fairer, more transparent and sustainable system for all.

For more information, email sport@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

SPASHDOWN’S LONGEST SERVING MEMBER

Jamil Hussain became a Swim Sport & Leisure member 38 years ago, originally joining Leisurelink then moving to Splashdown when it opened.

After taking his son to swimming lessons, he decided to use the gym and go for a swim himself, both of which he continues to do today.

Jamil can regularly be seen swimming, using the gym, or in the sauna and spa. His favourite part is the people he meets; he says everyone is respectful and courteous, but can also have a joke and a laugh, which he thoroughly enjoys. Another factor to his continued membership is the friendly staff who greet him every time he walks in the door.

Coming to Splashdown has improved Jamil’s health and fitness dramatically.

Along with his physical health, Jamil has improved energy levels and mental health. Jamil strongly recommends people get to Splashdown, (or Leisurelink, Waterworld or Bellarine Aquatic & Sports Centre) so they can get the same health and fitness benefits he enjoys.

Jamil says that in the last 30 years Splashdown has remained true to its foundations, including the friendly welcoming attitude and the commitment to health and fitness and that’s why he keeps coming back.

Splashdown would like to thank Jamil for his years of membership, and we look forward to seeing him for many years to come.

FMm BEA EPR E drawing at Splashdown with free pool entry, waterslides, pool games & prizes, face painting, air brush tattoos, James the Fire Engine rides, photo booth, balloon sculpting, music with DJ Ali, obstacle course & tug of war.

Splashdown Coppards Rd, Whittington, T: 5248 4555
WWW.SSL.GEELONGAUSTRALIA.COM.AU
LANEWAYS PROJECT BOOSTS LOCAL JOBS AND ECONOMY

The Laneways project being delivered by Revitalising Central Geelong focuses on enhancing the popular eating and shopping area of Little Malop Street's West End.

The works are currently underway with construction due for completion before the busy Christmas period.

Not only will the works encourage additional investment and attract more people to the precinct, the works will also support local Geelong businesses.

For the Laneways streetscape enhancements, more than $1.6 million is allocated to local Geelong contractors. The project uses local labour, materials and construction from concreters, kerb and channel layers, street furniture manufacturers, pavers, landscapers, manufacturing and installation of arbour structures and plumbing. About two thirds of the workforce on site in the laneways are from Geelong, doing everything from waste management to pouring concrete.

The bluestone pavers are sourced from a Port Fairy company called Bamstone, who supply all of Geelong, City of Port Phillip and City of Melbourne’s bluestone requirements.

Asco, based in North Geelong, are manufacturing the arbour structures that will provide shade and greenery to the precinct.

King’s Landscaping will be installing all of the kerbs and bluestone pavers, as well as the landscaping of the precinct and required irrigation.

Local success story, street furniture construction company JC Brown, has made products for Geelong before, and its portfolio extends into multiple revitalisation projects across other major Australian sites including Adelaide Airport, Manly Waterfront and Swanston Street and Acland Street in Melbourne. For the Laneways project, JC Brown will provide seating for the expanded alfresco dining areas and planter boxes. The architects of the Laneways project are working closely with the furniture designers to ensure the right product in terms of usability, longevity and fit for the precinct.

All materials removed from the precinct during excavation, or to make space whilst works are underway, are either stored at the local City depot for re-use, or for re-installation once paving is complete. The excavated concrete and pavers are being taken to Fyansford or Point Henry for recycling.

For project updates go to www.revitalisingcentralgeelong.vic.gov.au
To go in the draw to win, make any purchase during August, September & October at participating stores on Malop Street, Lt Malop Street, James Street, Dennys Place and Shorts Place in central Geelong, and submit your entry.

SHOP TO WIN!

$1000 CASH EACH MONTH!

Weekly Vouchers!

Keep up to date with Revitalising Central Geelong works: www.revitalisingcentralgeelong.vic.gov.au

The Green Spine Project
Transforming Malop Street with an eight metre wide botanic walk with mass plantings, additional seating and artworks on the south side of the street and one-way separated bike lanes on both sides of the road.

The Laneways Project
Revitalising Little Malop Street’s West End, James Street and Shorts Place North with additional trees and plantings, public art, new paving surfaces, street furniture and improved lighting.

1. The competition commences 9am Tuesday 01/08/2017 and concludes 9am Tuesday 31/10/2017. 2. All weekly gift vouchers will be randomly selected from entry forms submitted to participating stores during the previous week. Entry into the weekly draw closes at 2pm AEST on each Friday during the competition period, being the 04/08/2017, 11/08/2017, 18/08/2017, 25/08/2017, 01/09/2017, 08/09/2017, 15/09/2017, 22/09/2017, 06/10/2017, 13/10/2017, 20/10/2017, 27/10/2017 at 108 Moorabool Street, Geelong. 3. The first major cash prize winner will be selected on Thursday 31/08/2017. The second major cash prize winner will be selected on Friday 29/09/2017. The third major cash prize winner will be selected on Tuesday 31/10/2017. 4. Total prize pool = $6,100 (including radio giveaways). Full terms and conditions available at www.revitalisingcentralgeelong.vic.gov.au
Downtown Juice, 74-78 Little Malop Street (entrance on James Street)

How long have you had your business? Downtown has been under new ownership for roughly six months. Our first store opened in April on James Street.

What’s your favourite thing about Central Geelong? All the different eateries that keep popping up!

What excites you most about the Laneways project? Seeing the finish line and bringing more business to the area.

What’s something you want people to know about your business? We are a locally owned business with our juice production warehouse located in Geelong. Our juices are all natural, no chemicals or treatments. What you see is what you get. Our store sells more than just cold pressed juice. We have partnered with Fit Fast Food and Bearded Bros (both Geelong owned businesses) to offer healthy meals and snacks.

What’s your best seller? Our Doctor C juice is a big hit for these cold winter months, packed full of Vitamin C to ward off those pesky colds.

Tip for this year’s AFL premiers? I guess we have to say Geelong, but also Richmond!

Hutch, 77 Malop Street

How long have you had your business? Jenna and I took over Peach at the beginning of 2016, but in June 2017 we launched our new store Hutch. So 18 months all together.

How did you get into this business? Jenna had sold her candles (Love Ludie) in the store for some time, when Courtney the previous owner let her know that she was planning on selling. Em jumped on board very quickly and within two months it was ours.

What’s your favourite thing about Central Geelong? We love all the new spaces that are popping up every week, there are so many restaurants, bars and different cuisines. There’s more to offer than ever before and it’s only going to continue to grow.

What excites you most about the Green Spine project? The transformation that is about to happen at our doorstep. It will create not only a beautiful space but a destination for everyone to visit.

What’s something you want people to know about your business? We are the new go-to for girls and guys. We have those brands that no one else has discovered yet. We are a destination for not only clothing, but to come hang out and have a chat.

Rook : Sri Lankan Fusion, 92-92 Malop Street

How long have you had your business? One year this month!

How did you get into this business? My wife, Dee, and I came up with the idea to give something back to Geelong. A different experience combining Sri Lankan cuisine, Ceylon tea and the best coffee I could find.

What excites you most about the Green Spine project? It promises a magnificent atmosphere in Central Geelong and has the potential to increase the number of people in the city. It encourages families from all around Geelong and the Surf Coast area to visit with their friends and feel the colourful Geelong with some amazing food vendors like us and many others.

What’s something you want people to know about your business? That we’re an amazing cafe, restaurant and a tea lounge where you can enjoy a mix of local and Sri Lankan cuisine. We also offer Sensory Lab coffee with a range of premium Ceylon teas from Sri Lanka, including 10 black tea blends and four green tea blends.

Tip for this year’s AFL premiers? Go Cats!
BRINGING GEELONG’S CREATIVE FUTURE TO LIFE

Geelong will be home to seven new sculptures over the coming months as part of the City Arrivals and Waterfront Linkages project.

These new sculptures will add to the City’s already impressive public art collection: an essential part of ensuring Geelong is recognised as a clever and creative city-region into the future.

A priority of the Revitalising Central Geelong partnership team, the artworks will identify key entrances to Geelong’s CBD, and improve the link between the CBD and the waterfront.

The City Arrivals and Waterfront Linkages project will enhance these public spaces and provide a fascinating sculpture and art trail for visitors and residents to discover throughout the city.

To keep up to date and discover the story behind the artworks, visit www.revitalisingcentralgeelong.vic.gov.au or follow Revitalising Central Geelong on Facebook.

Scouts
by Mark Cuthbertson

Turning the cute, fluffy bunny concept on its head, the artwork recasts the rabbit as a sinister invasive species, responsible for much environmental damage across the nation. Thomas Austin brought the first rabbits to Australia through the Port of Geelong, from where they escaped and spread in 1859.

Located on the corner of La Trobe Terrace and Little Malop Street, it highlights the important link the new Little Malop Street bridge provides for pedestrians and cyclists.

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by Lani Fender and Damien Elderfield

Grassy Knoll pops out of the green space of Transvaal Square: a key pedestrian linkage between the CBD and the waterfront.

This engaging artwork consists of multiple stainless steel columns pushing up out of the ground and captures children’s imagination as they see their reflection and interact with the artwork.

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The child and community centre, set to open in 2019, will be the biggest integrated centre of its kind in Greater Geelong.

The centre will include a new kindergarten, long day care and maternal child health and family support services. It will also feature a range of community spaces including meeting rooms, a commercial kitchen, art exhibition areas and co-working spaces with internet access.

It’s funded jointly by the City ($10 million) and the Victorian Government ($7.24 million).

The new sports facilities, including a multi-purpose pavilion with community spaces and a social room, will be completed by August 2018.

Sports facilities will include two multi-use sports fields, netball courts, cricket practice facilities and a playground.

The City’s facilities will be built next to the new Armstrong Creek Education Precinct – an inclusive school, combining both primary (P-6) and special (P-12) school elements under one governance model. Armstrong Creek Education Precinct opens in term one 2018, and will accommodate more than 600 students.

To find out more, visit www.schoolbuildings.vic.gov.au or phone 5243 5444.
LEOPOLD COMMUNITY HUB

Construction has started on Leopold’s new library and community centre.

Earthworks and in-ground plumbing and electrical services have been completed. The ground floor foundations and concrete slab are expected to be completed in August.

Following this, you’ll see the structure start to take shape when the pre-cast tilt panels are installed in September.

The community hub will provide a much needed civic centre for the rapidly growing Leopold community.

Stage two works include a library, youth area, multi-purpose community rooms and public open space.

Construction is expected to finish in September 2018, with the facility opening to the public soon after.

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ROADS & ENGINEERING UPDATES

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OUR CUSTOMER SERVICE COMMITMENT

The recently adopted Customer Focus Strategy 2017–20 is our commitment to deliver service excellence to the community.

The strategy sets out a standard of service that people can expect when dealing with the City. It also underlines our plan and goals to achieve customer satisfaction.

OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU:

- We’ll act in line with our values.
- We’ll act according to the legislation.
- If you want us to look at or fix something, we’ll give you a reference number.
- We’ll act according to the legislation that governs us.
- We’ll encourage customer feedback and view it as an opportunity to improve what we do.

YOU HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY TO:

- Contact our officers directly, if you have their details.
- Let us know if your details change, such as address or animal registration details.
- Respect and treat all our facilities, equipment and property with due care.
- Be polite and respectful towards our employees and other customers.
- Understand that we can ask you to leave, cease a conversation, or contact the police if your behaviour is considered hostile, threatening or abusive.

COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND SUPPORT FUND NOW OPEN

We’ve introduced an integrated grants scheme to better target the future funding of community projects.

We’re pleased to announce a range of grant programs to assist not-for-profit organisations with local projects and events that benefit the wider Geelong community:

The funding streams are:

- Healthy and Connected Communities (formerly known as Community Grants)
- Creative Communities (formerly known as Community Arts and Festival Grants)
- Environment and Sustainability
- Community Facility Infrastructure Fund (new)

Online submissions are now open and close 25 September 2017. For more information, visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/grants

CITY’S BUDGET TO ADDRESS SOCIAL INEQUITY

Following a consultation process, the City’s 2017–18 Budget was adopted in June.

This year’s budget is designed to address disadvantage in the Greater Geelong region.

You can view the budget online at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/budget or copies are available at all Customer Service Centres.

Our key priorities for the 2017–18 budget include:

- addressing social inequity
- revitalising Central Geelong and the Waterfront
- improving community access to grants
- improving productivity for customers and the organisation
- aligning assets to community needs.

WANT TO RUN FOR COUNCIL?

KEY DATES

Friday 1 September: Entitlement date – last day to be enrolled to vote on State or council roll
Thursday 21 September: Nominations open
Tuesday 26 September: Nominations close
Saturday 28 October: Election day

GENERAL INFO SESSIONS

Presented by Municipal Association of Victoria

- Introduction to local government, the Local Government Act, role clarity, conflict of interest.
- What’s expected of a councillor.
- How to become a councillor – including eligibility to stand, wards, nominating as a candidate, campaigning legalities, voting system.
- Questions and answer session.

TUESDAY 15 AUGUST
5.30pm–7.30pm
Grovedale Community Hub

WEDNESDAY 23 AUGUST
1.00pm–3.00pm and 6.00pm–8.00pm
City Hall

MONDAY 28 AUGUST
1.00pm–3.00pm
Wathaurong Aboriginal Co-operative
North Geelong

TUESDAY 5 SEPTEMBER
1.00pm–3.00pm
The Fort Youth Centre, Corio

ENCOURAGING WOMEN TO STAND FOR COUNCIL

Info session presented by Women in Local Democracy (WILD)

Sessions will be held at Courthouse Youth Arts, 60 Little Malop St Geelong.

WEDNESDAY 16 AUGUST
4.30pm–6.30pm

WEDNESDAY 30 AUGUST
7.00pm–9.00pm

‘GEELONG: A CITY REGION PERSPECTIVE’

Info session presented by Committee for Geelong

- Strategic issues and challenges relevant to potential councillors.

WEDNESDAY 6 SEPTEMBER
5.30pm–7.30pm
Gordon Gallery, 6 Fenwick St, Geelong

CANDIDATE INFO SESSION

Presented by City of Greater Geelong

- Overview of City of Greater Geelong, council business program and key priorities.

WEDNESDAY 13 SEPTEMBER
6.30pm, Council Chamber, City Hall

ELECTION PROCESS

Info session presented by Victorian Electoral Commission

Tuesday 19 September 6.30pm
Council Chamber, City Hall

For more info on becoming a councillor visit www.standforcouncil.com.au, email standforcouncil@mav.asn.au or call 9667 5555

Victorian Electoral Commission: vec.vic.gov.au

To register your attendance for any info session, email cduadmin@geelongcity.vic.gov.au or call 5272 5096.

For more details go to www.geelongaustralia.com.au/council

WANT TO RUN FOR COUNCIL? FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT CDU ADMINISTRATION AT CDUADMIN@GEOLEONGCITY.VIC.GOV.AU OR CALL 5272 5096.
### UP Coming Events

#### Iconic Industry
- **24 August–1 October**
  - **National Wool Museum**
  - Iconic Industry explores the iconic value of the industrial built fabric in Geelong. Five artists were selected for their diverse practices responding directly to vacant industrial spaces and the memories that have shaped what it has meant to live in Geelong. The project addresses the departure of industry from Geelong as a significant current moment in history.

#### The Art of Wool
- **8 September–19 November**
  - **National Wool Museum**
  - Discover fashion and fine art at The Art of Wool exhibition, which matches award-winning garments by Woolmark Prize designers with inspirational paintings and artworks by leading Australian artists. The exhibition shows the significance of wool in the artistic and design imagination of Australia from the 19th Century through to today.

#### Light the Night
- **22 September at Steampacket Gardens**
  - Families and friends will walk together carrying one of three coloured lanterns: gold to remember a loved one, white for their own blood cancer journey or blue to show they care. Light the Night starts at Steampacket Gardens and is the Leukaemia Foundation’s annual fundraising walk to help more Australians beat blood cancer.

#### Junior Squash Championships
- **29 September–8 October**
  - **Leisuretime Centre**
  - Geelong is proud to host the Australian Junior Squash Championships at the Leisuretime Centre. We’ll see hundreds of entrants from all over Australia competing in Geelong. The tournament is the pinnacle event on the Australian squash tour and brings significant economic benefit to our region. Entry is free for spectators, so come and enjoy all the action.

#### Australian Junior Squash Championships
- **29–8 October**
  - **Geelong**
  - For info on these and many more events in our region:
    - Leisuretime Centre, Geelong
    - Australian Junior Squash Championships at Leisuretime Centre
  - The Australian Junior Squash Championships is the pinnacle event on the Australian squash tour. The event includes a junior boys' event, junior girls' event, and the Australian U19 Mixed Doubles. It is a showcase of the best junior talent in the country, with players from across Australia competing for national titles. The event provides significant economic benefit to Geelong, attracting visitors from all over the country and beyond.

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