



PICTURE PERFECT FACES IN THE STREET



CEMENT CANVAS (L TO R): Wadawurrung traditional owner Corrina Eccles, former cement works' employee Cor Horsten, and dual Paralympic gold medallist Kelly Cartwright OAM on the old Fyansford cement works' silos.

INSET (TOP): Chrissy Amphlett mural, Little Malop Street, and (above) *To the Unknown Mariner*, Brougham Street.

GREATER GEEELONG HAS A GROWING COLLECTION OF PUBLIC ART THAT'S READY TO BE DISCOVERED.

We're now home to more than 300 valuable pieces of public art and memorials, making ours one of the largest collections in Victoria. Recent additions include engaging sculptures, memorials, digital projections, temporary installations, arts events and street art.

The City is working with artists, businesses and the community to uncover and depict some of our stories, not only in Central Geelong but right across our municipality.

Public art helps tell local stories, creates a vibrant urban culture and connects residents and visitors to our history. It also contributes to developing our 30-year community-led vision for a clever and creative city-region.

A number of street art pieces honour our past, look to the future and redefine our cultural landscape.

Cam Scale's *To the Unknown Mariner*, located on the side of the former Port of Geelong Authority building in Brougham Street, pays tribute to our maritime history.

Baby Guerrilla's *Hopes and Dreams*, on the corner of Separation and Tallinn streets in North Geelong, tells the story of a migrant travelling to our region.

Life Underground by Michael Cassar takes us on a trail of discovery through Central Geelong, highlighting the role that Stuart Devlin played in our national story as the designer of our first decimal coins in 1966.

Ian Lowe's mural of rock legend Chrissy Amphlett in Little Malop Street also acts as a platform for a digital augmented reality experience, when viewed through the free *Geelong Arts and Culture Trails App*.

Developing partnerships with property owners and developers has significantly increased the number of opportunities to create more street art across Greater Geelong.

Renowned street artist and former East Geelong Tech student Tyler 'Rone' Wright has transformed the old Fyansford cement works' silos. The western side of the three silos is now a canvas of faces that celebrate our past and future.

The murals depict everyday Geelong people while paying tribute to our region's Aboriginal communities, industrial past, and those who have overcome adversity through hard work and determination.

The murals were commissioned by ICD Property Group.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I'd like to wish all Geelong residents a happy New Year! It's certainly going to be a busy one for council and the City as we gear up for this year's budget, a new three year council plan, and moving forward with Geelong's clever and creative vision.

Our team of councillors has a dynamic mix of experience and passion that will deliver positive results for the community this year.

The council meeting calendar will be busy as we introduce, Community Focus committee meetings, in addition to ordinary council meetings. These meetings will be spread across various locations throughout Greater Geelong and will provide the community with more opportunities to ask questions or submit information before council decisions are made. The committee members include all councillors and decisions will be made on council business at these meetings, so I encourage you to come along. Information on the times and locations of the meetings will be available on www.geelongaustralia.com.au/meetings.

Preparations are underway for the council group's first budget in May and we'll be focused on a budget that delivers on community expectations, and aligns with the region's current and future needs.

2018 is also the year we present the new Council Plan for

2018-21, a key resource for councillors, the organisation and the community. This plan will put the community first and guide our activities as a council. It will detail how we're working together for Geelong's future, aligned with the clever and creative vision, and what we'll be delivering to meet the opportunities and challenges our region faces over the next three years.

Geelong's event calendar will continue to keep residents occupied and attract visitors to our region throughout the year. White Night is coming to Geelong in October for the first time ever. Mountain to Mouth returns this year with its unique 'art meets adventure' format. The Lara Food and Wine Festival celebrates 10 years of local produce, and the Wooden Boat Festival will be on our shores again, this year expecting more than 170 entries.

The new council is excited by the opportunities our city has for the future. We will ensure the community is engaged and benefits in every way possible.



Cr Bruce Harwood
Mayor, City of Greater Geelong



MEET WITH US

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Tuesday 27 February 2018, 6.30pm, City Hall.

Tuesday 27 March 2018, 6.30pm, City Hall.

COMMUNITY FOCUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Tuesday 13 March 2018.

Tuesday 10 April 2018.

Visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/meetings for times and locations.

Meetings are open to the public.

This publication is part of the City's ongoing commitment to improve our communication and engagement with residents. We make every effort to ensure the information included is accurate at the time of publishing, but may be subject to change.

If you have any ideas to improve Community Update please email: communityupdate@geelongcity.vic.gov.au



To keep up with the latest information about our street art, download the **Geelong Arts and Culture Trails App**, on the App Store or Google Play.

L TO R: Grassy Knoll, Transvaal Square; Hopes and Dreams, North Geelong and Life Underground, near the Carousel, Geelong Waterfront.

YOUR COUNCILLORS

Meet the City of Greater Geelong's 11 recently-elected councillors.



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Cruise ship *Seabourn Encore* in Corio Bay earlier this year.

TOURISM – A BILLION DOLLAR INDUSTRY

Geelong and the Bellarine continue to grow as a tourism destination and the visitor economy is an increasingly important local industry.

Our region now enjoys 5.1 million visitors each year, generating \$942 million for our economy, and this is growing at about 15 per cent annually.

People come for holidays, to enjoy a coastal break, visit friends and family, eat out and enjoy our many attractions.

Tourism is thriving, but there's potential to grow ever further in emerging markets, such as international education, cruise ships and business travel.

Business travel currently accounts for about 10 per cent of tourism and has huge growth opportunities, particularly if our vision for a convention centre is realised.

Also, we have five cruise ships visiting Geelong this season, bringing nearly 5000 passengers to our shores. This shows the importance of having capacity for cruise ships to anchor in Corio Bay and is a boost for the community-led aspiration of attracting more local and international visitors to our region.

There's a lot to be proud of in our region – so get out there and be a tourist in your own backyard and show it off to loved ones or out-of-town visitors.

Looking for local travel inspiration?

Head to a visitor information centre. The main ones are at Little River, the National Wool Museum and Flying Brick Cider House. Or go online to www.visitgeelongbellarine.com.au

IS YOUR CHILD TURNING 3 OR 4 BEFORE 30 APRIL 2019?

Sessional kindergarten registrations are now open across the region.

Kindergarten teaches children valuable, age-appropriate life skills in a play-based learning environment. Through experimentation and participation in group activities, children make friends, build resilience and develop positive self-esteem.

There are a large number of kindergarten programs delivered throughout the region. The City of Greater Geelong, Bethany Kindergarten Services and Barwon Child Youth and Family (BCYF) are committed to working with families to ensure that, wherever possible, all eligible children have access to high-quality early childhood programs.

Kindergarten places are limited, so we encourage you to register your preferences for first-round offers as soon as possible.

For more information about the City's, Bethany's or BCYF's kindergarten programs, locations, and registrations visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/kindergartens, www.bethanykindergartens.org.au or www.bcyf.org.au

OUR CLEVER AND CREATIVE COLLABORATION

To make the 2017 Christmas season extra clever and creative, Myer, Deakin University, Central Geelong Marketing, Westfield Geelong and the City teamed up to bring the Myer Christmas windows to life.

Deakin University engineering students used computerised design, animatronics and digital puppeteering to recreate Corinne Fenton's classic children's book, *Little Dog and the Christmas Wish*.

Using computer software and gaming joysticks the budding engineers programmed toy models of the character Little Dog to move like a real dog.

They also created a Myer window using 3D printing, featuring key locations around Geelong, including the Carousel and the floating Christmas tree in Corio Bay.

Fourth year mechanical engineering student Andrew Blake said the project provided students with hands-on experience and benefited the community.

"It was a great experience to work with others and

to see our project come to life," Andrew said.

The students had access to the latest technologies and programs to complete the project.

"We had laser cutters and 3D printing tools – Deakin Geelong is home to the largest 3D printing lab in the southern hemisphere, so we had great facilities," he said.

"Seeing hundreds, if not thousands, of people at the Myer windows on Gala Day, and watching the expressions on kids' faces as the dogs moved was rewarding for us. It was great to see our hard work pay off."

The Myer Christmas windows are proudly presented by Central Geelong Marketing, Westfield Geelong, Myer, Deakin University and the City of Greater Geelong.



TOP: Little Dog and Christmas Wish scene in one of the Myer Christmas windows. BOTTOM: Deakin Engineering students Declan Behan (left) and Andrew Blake were among the students who worked to bring Little Dog to life.



START-UPS RUNWAY TO SUCCESS

Runway Geelong helped kit home start-up Ecokit develop its business.

A new group of entrepreneurs and small business start-ups are emerging at Runway Geelong headquarters in North Geelong.

The City's Enterprise Geelong team is supporting small businesses in an entrepreneur and start-up program aimed at developing and establishing a new start-up business sector in our region, creating new employment opportunities and attracting more investment to Geelong.

The City funded a six month program for nine start-ups in 2017 after the businesses successfully pitched their business ideas to a panel of experts.

The program provided successful applicants, across a range of industries, with access to business coaching, mentors and investors as well as a purpose built co-working space in Geelong.

One of those businesses was Ecokit: a sustainable, eco-friendly, DIY kit-home company suitable for owner-builders.

Ecokit founder Camilla Novotna has spent the past three years developing an energy efficient kit-home that uses natural and recyclable materials.

She said after spending years developing the product she realised

they didn't know how to develop the business itself.

"Runway Geelong helped us define the target market, test it and gave us a firm direction. The mentoring and support from management, mentors, council and the other start-ups was invaluable," she said.

Runway also helped Camilla correctly restructure the company and improve marketing and business strategies.

After preparing their prototype for almost a year, Camilla said they were currently manufacturing it and would be building it in the next few months.

"We have a lot of interest and 2018 looks very positive so far."

A further group of businesses will be eligible to pitch for City funding through Runway Geelong from July 2018.

Runway Geelong is funded by the Victorian Government's LaunchVic initiative.

For more information, visit www.enterprisegeelong.com.au or www.runwaygeelong.com.au

ACCESS ALL AREAS

The City is dedicated to providing facilities that are accessible to everyone in our community.

From our access and inclusion swimming lessons, to gym and warm pool access, we welcome people living with a disability to enjoy our health, fitness and recreation services.

Leisurelink regular Rob McNish, who is a paraplegic, has been using the centre's gym for more than 20 years.

Rob says staff are always helpful and keep him honest during his sessions. "I enjoy the exercise and the social aspect of meeting people, having a chat and feeling connected to the community," he said.

Our family-friendly facilities welcome everyone.

Leisurelink, Waterworld, Splashdown and Bellarine Aquatic & Sports Centre have the following accessible facilities:

- ramp, beach or hoist entry access to main pools
- accessible change rooms and toilets
- accessible (disabled) car parking
- swimming lessons with access and inclusion-qualified teachers.

Leisurelink also has:

- a multi-use warm water pool with ramp access for gentle rehabilitation and exercise
- a 25-metre pool with ramp access for lap swimming
- wheelchair accessibility to all parts of the facility
- accessible change rooms with height adjustable adult change table and hoists
- accessible gym equipment, including upperbody krank cycle, water grinder and lowered treadmills.



Ruby enjoys an access and inclusion swimming lesson with instructor Khyl.



"I enjoy the exercise and the social aspect of meeting people, having a chat and feeling connected to the community."

Rob McNish using the upperbody krank cycle at Leisurelink.

BACK TO SCHOOL: PLAY BY THE RULES



Thousands of local primary school students took part in Walk to School month in October.

With the 2018 school year in full swing it's important to remember a few road and safety rules when you're dropping children off at school, or driving or riding in a school zone.

Speed limits in school zones

VicRoads sets the 40km/h speed limit in school zones. The City supports these limits as it protects all pedestrians, especially small children walking or riding their bikes to school.

School drop off

When you're dropping children off at school it's important to remember that you can't obstruct any part of the

footpath. This helps protect all footpath users. We ask parents to obey the parking rules around schools and avoid stopping in prohibited areas, even for a moment.

School crossing safety

School crossings are in operation when flags are displayed. Drivers must not proceed through the crossing when children or adults are about to start crossing, or are still on the road at

this time. This is the law regardless of whether a crossing supervisor is present.

Thousands of children Walk to School

More than 7000 local students walked, rode and scooted to and from schools in Greater Geelong as part of VicHealth's Walk to School month in October. It was the biggest turnout yet with 34 primary schools taking part to help build lifelong, healthy habits. Well done to everyone involved!



Super Bowl: John Ireland and Shirley Lane with City of Geelong Bowls Club chairman, Peter McLean (centre) at the City of Geelong Bowls Club's new home in North Geelong.

OUR REGION'S WINNING SPORTS FACILITIES

More than \$20 million of regional sports facilities will be delivered in Greater Geelong this year, boosting participation across a number of sports and enabling our region to host more major competitions.

New facilities include a synthetic grass pitch in Norlane; rugby and gridiron sports fields and pavilion in Corio; football, cricket and soccer facilities in Drysdale; cycling pavilion in Belmont and lawn bowls facilities in North Geelong.

MULTI-USE SYNTHETIC PITCH AT THE LEISURETIME CENTRE

Leisuretime's new \$2 million synthetic pitch will provide for the huge growth of soccer as well as touch football, ultimate Frisbee and AFL 9's in Geelong's north.

The regional-scale facility will serve soccer clubs for training and overflow competition, support regional programs and pathways and increase local participation opportunities for emerging sports and activities.

It's funded by the City (\$1.4 million) and the Victorian Government (\$600,000).

RUGBY AND GRIDIRON HOME IN CORIO

It's 'game on' at Flinders Peak Reserve in Corio with the completion of a \$3.68 million project to make it Geelong's home of rugby and gridiron. The project is funded by the City and includes two new sports fields and a pavilion.

FOOTBALL, CRICKET AND SOCCER FACILITIES IN DRYSDALE

The \$6.7 million first stage of the highly-anticipated precinct is nearing completion. Once finished, it will provide an AFL/cricket oval,

multi-purpose field and pavilion. Local sports clubs and schools in the growing communities across the Bellarine will benefit from the facilities.

Stage one is funded by the City (\$3.2 million) and the Victorian Government (\$3.5 million).

REGIONAL CYCLING PAVILION

A new home base for Geelong cyclists was unveiled in January at Geelong Criterium Circuit in Belmont. The new pavilion is expected to boost both recreational and competitive cycling, encourage higher female participation and help Geelong attract more competitions.

It was funded by the City (\$934,000) and the Victorian Government (\$466,000).

REGIONAL BOWLS FACILITY

Construction of a new \$6.2 million bowls super centre is expected to be finished by mid-2018.

The project joins Drumcondra and Geelong West bowls clubs under one roof in North Geelong to form the City of Geelong Bowls Club. Its new home will include a fully accessible clubhouse, an undercover green with lights and an outdoor green.

The new facilities and venue will enable our region to host larger state and national bowls competitions.

The project is part-funded by the Victorian Government (\$650,000).

\$4.7M TO BUILD BETTER BIKE CONNECTIONS

Cycling in and out of Central Geelong and some key suburbs will soon be much safer and easier thanks to a partnership between the City of Greater Geelong and the TAC in the new Building Better Bike Connections project.

The City has received a \$4.7 million grant from the TAC's Safer Pedestrian and Cyclist Fund to create two cycling routes that will connect Central Geelong with Geelong's southern and western suburbs.

Based on best practice from around the world, the cycling routes will include a combination of protected bike lanes (where bikes are separated from cars) and a shared use system (where cars and bikes share the road). Streetscape/beautification works, treatments, signage and other changes will be made to roads as part of the project.

Works are expected to start in the second quarter of 2018 and will be finished by mid 2019.

This will mean safer riding, quicker journeys, less congestion and cleaner air.

Every day 40,000 trips are made in and out of the Geelong CBD by workers. Just two per cent of these trips are made by bike, yet 70 per cent are within easy cycling range.

A fast, reliable and connected transport network is part of our community-led 30 year vision for a clever and creative city-region. Our goal is for half of all journeys to work be made by public transport, walking or cycling.

Find out more at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/BetterBikeConnections



Safe cycling: New bike routes will connect our southern and western suburbs to Central Geelong.

SOUTHERN LINK

The southern link will connect Central Geelong to Waurin Ponds, via Belmont. It will use Gheringhap Street, Carr Street, Moorabool Street, High Street and Settlement Road.

WESTERN LINK

The western link will connect Central Geelong and Herne Hill, via Geelong West. It will use Villamanta Street, Pizer Street, Bigmore Street, Gertrude Street and Sydenham Avenue.



PAKO'S POTENTIAL

There's something inherently special about Pakington Street's shopping precinct.

It's home to Geelong's biggest celebration of cultural diversity and offers some of the best shopping and dining experiences, with a backdrop of heritage buildings and a strong community spirit that contributes to its 'village vibe'.

The success of this area also brings challenges and vast opportunities for improvement.

We'd like your input to ensure this area continues to thrive and its full potential is unlocked.

We're developing an urban design framework for Pakington Street (Gordon Avenue to Church Street) to create a shared vision for the future of this important area.

It will help guide future growth and development, covering buildings, streetscape design, traffic and pedestrian movement, car parking, land use, development proposals and the City's investment in the area.

There are many ways to get involved:

- attend one of our community workshops in March
- complete our survey to tell us what you like or don't like, and your ideas for the area
- look for us in West Park at Pako Festa on Saturday 24 February.

To register for a workshop or complete the survey, visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/yoursay



Village vibe: Boutique shopping and dining in Pakington Street, Geelong West.



2018 HERITAGE AWARDS

The Geelong and Region Branch National Trust, together with the City, will be announcing the annual heritage awards on Wednesday 9 April, as part of the 2018 Australian Heritage Festival Awards (18 April-20 May).

Our region's awards recognise owners, architects, designers and skilled tradespeople who have worked to restore, retain and reuse Greater Geelong's special heritage places and buildings.

The festival, on Sunday 22 April, will include a guided heritage walk featuring some of Geelong's most historic buildings, and a Welcome to Country performed by members of the Wadawurrung community. It's a free event but registration is essential.

For more information visit www.nationaltrust.org.au/ahf/vic/ or www.geelongaustralia.com.au/events

GEELONG'S HOSPITAL PRECINCT

In 2018, the City will be planning ways to improve this precinct and we need your ideas to make it happen.

Since 1852, the area around Geelong's hospitals has attracted numerous health and well-being services, forming a medical precinct that continues to grow and improve the health of our community.

The medical precinct operates around the clock and must be safe, flexible and well connected to cope with our changing needs and increasing demand.

People from all walks of life with different degrees of fitness and ability need to access this area.

So how do we meet the needs of our community and integrate all these services to create a healthier and more inclusive city?

Contribute to the first stage of planning by completing our survey at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/yoursay. For more information, email doreilly@geelongcity.vic.gov.au

The survey is open until the end of February 2018.



FOR PET'S SAKE, BE A RESPONSIBLE OWNER



Pet registrations

If you own a cat or dog they must be registered. This is often the only way our Animal Management team can reunite you with a lost pooch or feline friend.

Have your details or your pet's details changed? Update them now by contacting our Health and Local Laws team on 5272 5272.



Try the City's new dog walking app Park Your Pet. It's free and you can download it via the App Store and Google Play. It features 100 dog-friendly parks, walking tracks and coastline reserves for your four-legged friends.

Controlling your dog

When you're out walking it's essential that your dog is controlled and on a leash.

There are a number of designated off-leash areas, including parks and beaches in Greater Geelong. However, dog owners must have their pooch under effective control. Effective control includes keeping your dog in sight at all times, and them being able to obey your voice commands.

Dog poo

When walking your dog in public please ensure you pick up after them. You can dispose of the litter in any regular waste bin provided by the City.

Lost cats and dogs

Have you found a lost cat or dog? You can help us rescue and reunite it with its owner as quickly as possible by phoning 5272 5272.

Keep your pets safe during hot weather

The RSPCA recommends that all pets must be kept in cool, shady areas on hot days. Ideally it's best to bring them indoors. Small pets, such as rabbits, guinea pigs and birds are particularly stressed by heat.

Remember: don't leave your pet in a car or vehicle – even when the windows are down animals can overheat and die.

Find out more at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/pets



BREATHING NEW LIFE INTO CLASSIC ROTUNDA

The City has upgraded parts of Portarlington's historic rotunda to improve safety, access and ensure its rich history in the town continues.

The iconic rotunda was built in 1886–87 and is a critical piece of Portarlington's history, currently serving as an information centre.

Improvements included replacing the old timber staircase with a new internal stairwell ladder, extending the upper balustrade and timber handrail and adding a new automated hatch entry to the bandstand area.

Upgrades to the ageing infrastructure mean the rotunda can host more music and special events throughout the year, such as during the hugely popular Celtic Festival.



Rotunda upgrades mean music performances can continue at the iconic venue.



Noteworthy: Margaret Belfrage uses the new ladder to step-up to the bandstand area at Portarlington's rotunda.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT WORKS IN PORTARLINGTON

As part of the City's road improvement program 8.5km of roads in Portarlington's north-east have been upgraded.

The improvements include sealing works to all unsealed roads bounded by Fisher Street, Hood Road, Mercer Street, and the Esplanade to provide wider, smoother roads and reduce dust in the area.

Residents will notice some loose rocks and stones on the surface at the moment – this is a normal part of the sealing process. Initially, rocks and loose stones are embedded into the bitumen

with a rubber roller, then normal vehicle traffic helps complete the process over a number of weeks.

The rock you can see on the surface protects the final road seal from damage whilst stone is embedding and the bitumen is soft. Once the bitumen hardens, after the peak summer period, we'll bring in a suction sweeper to remove any excess stones and complete the cleanup of the work site.

For more information about the project, see the News and Updates section at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/roads



Catching rays: More than 300 solar panels were installed at Leisurelink Aquatic Centre as part of the City's Zero Carbon Buildings Program.

SOLAR POWER TAKES OVER CITY'S BUILDINGS

Hundreds of solar panels have been installed on City buildings as part of our Zero Carbon Buildings Program.

Leisurelink Aquatic Centre, the Grove Community Centre (Ocean Grove) and Bellarine Aquatic & Sports Centre have new solar panels, while other community buildings, including The Arena and the National Wool Museum will follow in early 2018.

These improvements are estimated to save approximately \$200,000 and result in 1,600 fewer tonnes of greenhouse gases being released each year.

It's part of a Zero Carbon Emissions Strategy, which aims to halve the City's emissions by 2020 and is a win for Geelong's community-led clever and creative vision, which names a carbon neutral city-region as one of its measures of success.

Besides generating renewable energy, buildings included in the 2017–18 program will undergo efficiency improvements, including upgrading lighting, automating building control systems and upgrading heating/cooling systems.

Other buildings, including City Hall and Boorai Centre in Ocean Grove have already been fitted with solar panels.

The City is now recognised as a leader in sustainability after becoming the third council in Australia to be awarded One Planet Living certification, an internationally-recognised framework for sustainability.

CLEAN, GREEN ORGANIC MACHINE

Work is well underway at the City's new green organics composting facility at Carrs Road, Anakie.

The facility will be capable of processing up to 35,000 tonnes of residential green organics each year, collected from residential household green waste bins.

Composted and processed green material at the site can then be reused as a soil enhancer on farms

and in a number of other ways throughout our community.

The project is funded by the City and Sustainability Victoria's organic recovery fund.

The facility is expected to be completed in June 2018.



UPCOMING EVENTS

LARA FOOD AND WINE FESTIVAL



Lara Food and Wine festival turns 10 on 25 March

This year, the Lara Food and Wine Festival celebrates 10 fabulous food-filled years at Pirra Homestead.

Join the festivities and sample delicious food and wine while listening to talented local musicians.

There'll be over 80 exhibitors, including boutique breweries, cheese makers and plenty of savoury and sweet food.

There'll also be a donut eating competition for the kids and a master-class marquee featuring tastings and how-to classes.

Parking is free. Entry is free for children and \$5 for adults.

TICKET GIVEAWAY

To celebrate Lara Food and Wine Festival's 10th birthday, we're giving away 10 great prizes!

First prize is a double pass to the event plus a \$100 hamper. Two runners up will receive a double pass plus a bottle of wine each and there are seven double pass entries. Also, by attending the event, you'll go in the draw to win door prizes, including a holiday valued at \$3000.

Enter at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/comp

Entries close midday, 15 March 2018 and the competition is drawn same day. Winners will be contacted and announced on the Events Geelong Facebook page. Terms and conditions apply.

NIGHTJAR IN THE CITY



Friday nights in February at Johnstone Park

Friday nights will be transformed in February with Nightjar in the City. Try food from around the world, see street performers, enjoy a drink from the bar or visit the children's area for a family-friendly night out. The event starts at 4.00pm each Friday during February.

GREAT AUSTRALIAN BEER FESTIVAL



17 February at the Geelong Racecourse

Spend a summer's day meandering through Australia's biggest alfresco craft beer garden, sipping, sampling and tasting some of the 150 craft beers and ciders on offer. The event starts at midday and runs until 8.00pm.

PAKO FESTA



24 February at Pakington Street, Geelong West

Pako Festa is our region's largest multicultural celebration. Enjoy an exciting program of free entertainment. Try fabulous food from around the world, see traditional dancing, live music and watch the famous Pako Street Parade. Pako Festa runs from 9.00am-5.00pm, with the parade starting at 11.00am.

GEELONG HIGHLAND GATHERING



18 March at Goldsworthy Reserve, Corio

Get your kilt on and see all things Scottish! There'll be pipes and drums, Highland dancing, Scottish Highland Games and traditional Scottish food.

FEBRUARY

On now-4 March Kylie on Stage, Geelong Gallery

On now-13 May 53rd Wildlife Photographer of the Year, National Wool Museum

9-10 Dancehall, Potato Shed, Drysdale

9-11 SuperFoiler Grand Prix (sailing), Waterfront Geelong

10 Geelong Heritage Wine Walk, Central Geelong

12 Queen's Baton Relay - Rippleside Park to Eastern Beach Reserve

17 Geelong's Best Busker Finals, Little Malop Central

17 Great Australian Beer Festival, Geelong Racecourse

17-18 IRONMAN 70.3 Geelong, Waterfront Geelong

18 Rip to River (new date), Ocean Grove

18 All Ford Day, Deakin University Waurin Ponds

18 Festival of Glass, Drysdale

24 Pako Festa, Pakington Street, Geelong West

24 Splashdown Family Fun Day, Whittington

24 Geelong Athletics Gift, Steampacket Gardens, Geelong

24 Moorpanyal Park 1000 (swim), North Shore

24 Sunshine Boy - the Life of Leigh Bowery, Potato Shed

25 Barwon Heads Kondak Triathlon, Barwon Heads

MARCH

2 Food Truck Friday, Little Malop Central

3 Geelong All Holden Day, Geelong Showgrounds

3 A Day on the Green - Robbie Williams, Mount Duneed Estate

4 Strawberry Fair, Wallington Primary School

6, 13, 20, 27 Over 50's Mornings, Little Malop Central

10-12 Wooden Boat Festival of Geelong, Waterfront Geelong

11 Bellarine Agricultural Show, Portarlington

11 A Day on the Green - Almighty Monster Line-up, Mt Duneed Estate

11 Chryslers by the Bay Show 'n' Shine, Geelong Grammar School, Corio

13 The History of Rock and Roll, Potato Shed, Drysdale

14-18 Barwon Heads Festival of the Sea

16-18 Head of the Schoolgirls Rowing Regatta, Barwon River, Geelong

18 Geelong Highland Gathering, Goldsworthy Reserve, Corio

18 Triathlon Series - Race 5, Portarlington

18 John Butler Trio, Leura Park Estate

18 Twilight at the Track, Geelong Racecourse

23-24 The Zipper, Potato Shed, Drysdale

24-25 Autumn Plant Sale, Geelong Botanic Gardens

27 Geelong's BIG Play Day, GMHBA Stadium

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