Over three weeks, Tastes of Central Geelong showcases the fabulous restaurants and cafes of Central Geelong. Afternoon Tea with Shannon Bennett • Eat the Street • High Teas • Themed Dinners

For the full Tastes program of events and more information visit CENTRALGEELONG.COM.AU/TASTES

#LOVECENTRALGEELONG

An initiative of Central Geelong Marketing
Indulge your senses at Tastes of Central Geelong – it's a 24 day festival of food, flavours and fun. Held throughout Central Geelong, sample gourmet food and drink, learn tricks of the trade from local chefs, wine and dine and participate in food-themed events. With hundreds of activities on offer, it doesn’t matter if you’re a seasoned foodie or a new found food lover, young or young at heart, there’s something for everyone at Tastes of Central Geelong.

Bon Appetit!

Guided Tours

The Sweet Tastes
Treat yourself to a fun-filled morning of desserts. Enjoy a variety of sweets and coffee from just a small sample of Central Geelong’s thriving cafe and dessert bar scene. This tour is one for the sweet tooth and coffee lovers out there.
Dates: Saturdays - 14, 21 & 28 July
Time: 11.00am
Cost: $25 includes tastings at five venues
Bookings (essential): www.trybooking.com/VRAX

Dumpling Discovery
Dumpling lovers rejoice! During Tastes we are bringing you a walking tour dedicated to dumplings. Spend the afternoon tasting a variety of mouth-watering dumplings that can only be found in Central Geelong.
Dates: Thursdays - 12, 19 & 26 July
Time: 1.30pm
Cost: $25 includes tastings at five venues
Bookings (essential): www.trybooking.com/VR4Q

Cheese & Wine Grazing
Graze your way through some of Central Geelong’s cheese and wine venues. Treat your taste buds to an afternoon of cheese, meat and wine tastings at a select few. The experts will have plenty of tips and tricks to share with you along the way. Need we say more?
Dates: Fridays - 13, 20 & 27 July
Time: 3.00pm
Cost: $25 includes tastings at five venues
Bookings (essential): www.trybooking.com/VR4U
*Patrons must be 18+ to attend this tour

Tastes for Kids

The first week of Tastes falls in the second week of school holidays which means kids can enjoy Tastes too! On offer is a variety of kids activities, including Unicornia, a Kids High Tea, cooking classes and crafts. Visit centralgeelong.com.au/tastesskids for information and booking details.

Eat the Street

Eat your way through Central Geelong’s laneways. Be guided through the laneways, stopping at eight venues treating your taste buds and mauling the brains behind the operation. This is one exclusive experience not to be missed!
Dates & Times: Thursday – 12, 19 & 26 July, 5.30pm
Cost: $90 food or drink at eight venues
Bookings (essential): www.trybooking.com/VOXG
*Patrons must be 18+ to attend this tour

Global Explorer
Taste gourmet foods from across the globe right here in Central Geelong. Your tour guide will lead you to the must try places to sample their delicious food, meet the makers and learn something new.
Dates: Wednesdays - 11, 18 & 25 July
Time: 3.00pm
Cost: $25 includes tastings at five venues
Bookings (essential): www.trybooking.com/VPAM

Vegan Adventure
Discover some of the delicious vegan friendly cafes in Central Geelong. Sample vegan food, sweets and treats from some of our favourites. Try the classics and find some hidden gems. You might just find your new local.
Dates: Tuesdays – 10, 17 & 24 July
Time: 10.00am
Cost: $25 includes tastings at five venues
Bookings (essential): www.trybooking.com/VP4E

Order LUNCH Through Deliveroo

For Central Geelong Workers

During Tastes you can order $10 lunchboxes online and have them delivered to your desk thanks to Deliveroo. For more information and to order visit centralgeelong.com.au/deliveroo.
New Recruits – Youth Connections brings together Victoria Police and young people from Afghani, Iranian, Karen, Pakistani and Burmese backgrounds to address challenges faced by new and emerging communities.

Corio Police commander, Senior Sergeant Craig Stevens and multicultural liaison officer, Leading Senior Constable Margaret McDonald lead the program for Victoria Police.

Snr Sgt Stevens said officers took young people to football matches, hiking, camping, rock-climbing and had competed against each other in a fitness test at the police academy.

“It’s a great way to break down barriers between police and CALD (culturally and linguistically diverse) communities, whose interactions with police have typically been limited or poor,” he said.

Police hold informal education sessions at the City’s ForT Youth Centre to educate the boys and their parents on topics such as career direction, positive relationships, understanding the law, policing, and parenting in western society.

“We (Victoria Police) saw an opportunity to work closely with young people at risk of becoming disengaged, and their families to better understand the issues they face,” he said.

Snr Sgt Stevens said challenges such as staying in school, remaining connected to the community, cultural differences and difficult family environments could result in young people turning to crime.

“We know that once young people are disengaged from school, they risk losing support networks, becoming more at risk of committing crimes.”

Youth team leader at the City, Danielle Parker chairs Geelong’s Multicultural Youth Network that helped develop the program with Victoria Police.

Mrs Parker works with young people in Geelong’s north and said New Recruits addressed key community concerns such as feeling safe, lack of understanding of policing as well as some antisocial behaviours in the community.

She said the program had resulted in increased attendance at school, better choices around friendship groups and an awareness of certain choices leading to negative pathways.

Snr Sgt Stevens said the program gave young people a sense of belonging and access to positive role models. “Some of them are now even interested in becoming police officers themselves.”

New Recruits – Youth Connections is funded by Victoria Police, and the Multicultural Affairs and Social Cohesion Division of the Department of Premier and Cabinet and delivered with the City’s ForT Youth Centre, North Geelong Secondary College and Northern Bay College.

New Recruits – Youth Connections is contributing to a clever and creative future.
**MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

The future of Geelong is under consideration in the Northern and Western Geelong Growth Areas project that will ultimately house 110,000 new residents beyond 2050. As our region’s population continues to grow, we need to be clever about how we cater for that growth and make sure we create great amenity and access to services, housing and employment opportunities to meet the community’s expectations.

In June I will be representing Geelong at the UNESCO Creative Cities annual general meeting in Krakow Katowice, Poland. This is a great opportunity to promote Geelong globally, to build mutually beneficial relationships with other UNESCO Cities of Design, and to pick up many important learnings that will benefit our region.

Dundee and Turin, which I’ve been invited to visit as part of the trip, are excellent examples of cities that have transformed their economies from a traditional manufacturing and automotive base by utilising the UNESCO Creative City designation. Given the similarities to Geelong, the invitation and opportunity to visit and meet with leaders from those cities will be invaluable.

Additionally, understanding the commercial models that underpin some of the world’s best waste to energy plants in Dundee and Turin will enable us to collaborate with surrounding councils and the state government on seeking a solution to the current waste and energy challenges we face.

I look forward to reporting my findings after my return.

This month Martin Cutter commences as CEO of the City of Greater Geelong.

Martin has a background working with private commercial industry and was the Director of City Operations at the City of Melbourne, overseeing its key core operational functions. We welcome Martin to Geelong and look forward to seeing him lead the organisation into the future at this crucial and exciting time for our region.

The future has been on everyone’s minds with the proposed Council Plan 2018–22 and Budget 2018–19 outlining community-focused projects and aims that will start Geelong on its path towards a clever and creative future. The proposed Council Plan 2018–22 and Budget 2018–19 were open for public comment until 29 May. I’d like to thank everyone who took time to provide their input. The documents will be presented back to council for adoption on Tuesday 26 June. With a strong community fingerprint, this Council Plan strongly reflects what’s important to local people with a hard waste trial, community infrastructure throughout the region and commitments to future key projects such the Northern ARC, the Convention Centre and the continued revitalisation of Central Geelong.

**YOUR COUNCILLORS**

Here are the City of Greater Geelong’s 11 councillors and their portfolios. Councillors can assist you with any queries in these areas.

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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 it may be subject to change. If you have any ideas to improve Community Update please email: communityupdate@geelongcity.vic.gov.au
TELL US WHAT YOU THINK!

We want to hear your views on the City’s community buildings, places, spaces and services.

During the next few months, we’ll be inviting all residents to tell us what community infrastructure and services they use, why those things are important and what else they’d like to have access to.

The information we collect will inform a review of our Social Infrastructure Plan and help us make decisions and set the direction for planning and investment in community buildings, places, spaces and services in the future.

We’d like to hear from you about places and spaces that play a critical role in your community and that provide opportunities for you and your neighbours to connect, play, relax, learn and interact.

This could include: neighbourhood houses and community centres, child care centres and kindergartens, maternal and child health centres, arts, cultural and heritage spaces, libraries, youth spaces, sports pavilions, aquatic and leisure facilities, open spaces and playgrounds.

The City has more than 500 social infrastructure buildings worth more than $250 million which provide a wide range of services and activities for our community.

In the last 10 years we’ve invested $273 million into existing facilities but we’re facing increasing challenges in planning, investing and delivering future community places, spaces and services. These challenges include rate capping, unequal availability and quality of infrastructure across suburbs, ageing infrastructure and increasing pressure to service growth areas.

It’s expected that Greater Geelong’s population will increase by 43,000 people, including an extra 21,000 dwellings, in the next 10 years.

To support this growth, we need to plan for good provision of community places, spaces and services across our municipality.

We’d like to hear from you about the social needs of your community. To find out more or have your say, visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/yoursay

HOUSING GROWTH: LOOKING FORWARD TO THE FUTURE

The strategy is a framework to ensure the City can meet the region’s housing needs to 2036. It directs where development should occur and guides sustainable urban development.

Key directions include:

- Directing the majority of future housing needs to urban infill, Armstrong Creek and the Northern and Western Geelong Growth Areas.
- Over time, reducing the share of new development on the Bellarine to preserve its character.
- Facilitating infill development to increase the housing supply contribution from 35 per cent to 50 per cent by 2047.
- Supporting the population target of 10,000 people in Central Geelong by 2028.
- Maintaining the extent of rural hamlets: Breamlea, Ceres and Anakie.
- Limiting rural living developments to existing zoned land in Lara, Drysdale/Clifton Springs, Wallington, Waurn Ponds, Lovely Banks and Batesford.
- Implementing a permanent settlement boundary based on existing and identified urban areas with an appropriate consultation process.
- Preserving non-urban breaks.

The City has released its draft Settlement Strategy, which will guide growth and development across the region in the coming decades.

Northern and Western Geelong Growth Areas to house 110,000 people beyond 2050.

The City is progressing plans to create two major new growth areas that will collectively become home to 110,000 people – the current population of Ballarat – beyond 2050.

The project will guide the long-term development of self-sufficient Geelong neighbourhoods with affordable housing and employment opportunities.

The Northern Geelong Growth Area offers stunning panoramic views across Corio Bay and is well connected to Geelong’s employment precincts.

The Western Geelong Growth Area boasts more than 20 kilometres of river frontage, and following the future closure of Batesford quarry there is an opportunity to convert the quarry into a lake and significant open space asset.

A key feature of each growth area will be the tree-lined Clever and Creative Corridor, an attractive boulevard that prioritises public transport, walking and cycling between activity centres, schools and community facilities. It will connect each neighbourhood throughout the growth areas and provide access to local services.

Have your say on the draft future urban structure plans until 22 June 2018 at www.geelongaustralia.com.au/futuregrowth

Did you know? Our Settlement Strategy predicts Greater Geelong’s population will grow from 238,603 in 2018 to 387,900 by 2036.
SAFE TO EAT
Preparing food for an event, fundraiser or volunteering at a BBQ?

Tips to keep food safe for everyone.

- Don’t prepare food if you’re unwell – bacteria and viruses can easily transfer from you to the food and make people sick.
- Wash your hands with soap and dry them on paper towel. Use gloves – change them often and wash your hands.
- If you’re preparing food for someone with a food allergy – keep the food allergen-free by avoiding cross-contamination, and keep the packaging or ingredients list onsite.
- Throw out high-risk foods such as deli meats or rice that have been kept at room temperature for more than four hours.
- If taking food to an event make sure you transport it safely by keeping your hot and cold dishes separate. Make sure there’s enough food storage where you’re going (fridge/oven/warmer).

For more information visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/foodindustry

CHARGE UP IN CENTRAL GEELONG

You won’t lose power while you’re on the move thanks to new USB charging stations in Little Malop Street Central.

Stations are located in the mesh lighting towers near the corner of Moorabool Street and opposite Union Street.

STRIVING FOR EXCELLENCE IN CUSTOMER SERVICE

The City has a clear vision to deliver efficient, responsive and customer-centred service to you.

Our Customer Focus Strategy aims to improve the service we deliver to more than 238,000 residents and millions more who visit our region each year.

The strategy incorporates your feedback, takes into account our region’s changing population, and focuses on using the latest technology to deliver excellent service to you.

The strategy also outlines our Customer Service Charter, which details the level of service we’re striving for and how you can make your experience with the City as easy as possible.

We’ll keep asking for your feedback, reporting how we’re performing, and striving to work better together.

For more information on our Customer Focus Strategy, visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au

Customer-focused: Utilising new technology is part of our strategy to deliver excellent service to you.
**DID YOU KNOW?**

Did you know that in one week we go through 10 billion plastic bags worldwide? Or that scientists predict there’ll be more tonnes of plastic in waterways and oceans than tonnes of fish by 2050? Or that every bit of plastic ever made, still exists?

Plastic Free July is a great reminder for us all to think more about the plastic we can avoid using every day. The good news is that more than 60 per cent of us are already refusing plastic bags when we go shopping, but there’s plenty more we can do.

Simple tips to reduce plastic every day:
- Avoid pre-packaged fruit and veg – buy it loose and use green bags to carry it home.
- Remember your reusable shopping bags – they’re stronger and usually fit more than plastic bags.
- Refuse plastics that escape as litter, such as straws, takeaway cups, utensils and balloons.
- Avoid buying bottled water – buy a drink bottle you can re-use, and you’ll save money too.

**LESS PLASTIC THE BEST TACTIC**

In the small coastal town of Portarlington, an innovative approach is being trialled to combat foreshore erosion.

Traditional engineering techniques such as rock seawalls and groynes have been bypassed in favour of an exciting new ‘soft’ engineering solution.

Significant sand loss along Ramblers Road foreshore, near Portarlington, is being addressed by the construction of an offshore shellfish reef designed to reduce wave energy and erosion and possibly even help reclaim parts of the foreshore.

Shellfish reefs were once spread throughout Port Phillip Bay and naturally protected our coastline. Changes to environmental conditions and the impacts of intense harvesting have resulted in a dramatic decline in the number and size of shellfish reefs.

The City is managing the engineering of the reef structure and we’re partnering with the University of Melbourne to monitor the project.

Initially constructed on land, the reef is a series of 1.25 metre-high steel cages filled with rock and shell that are then transported from land by barge to construct a 130-metre-long reef. Part of the reef will be ‘greened’ by seeding some cages with tiny young shellfish, known as mussel spat.

The reef should require minimal maintenance and marine life, including a range of macro algae, invertebrates and shell fish, are expected to colonise the structure.

The project has attracted the interest of coastal managers around Australia following recent presentations at the Australian Coastal Councils Association and the National Climate Adaptation Conference. Many coastal managers are keen to learn more about the technique and its potential to save costs and prevent environmental damage experienced with traditional engineering erosion prevention strategies, such as building rock seawalls and groynes.

The Ramblers Road shellfish reef project is contributing to a clever and creative future.

**OUR COAST RECOGNISED WITH NATIONAL AWARD**

The City and its partners recently won the Australian Coastal Councils’ Climate Adaptation Award for Our Coast, a joint initiative between the City of Greater Geelong, the Borough of Queenscliffe, Corangamite Catchment Management Authority, Barwon Coast, Bellarine Bayside Foreshore Committee and the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning.

This innovative project helps residents protect local assets, particularly housing, by providing accurate and up-to-date advice about coastal erosion, potential sea-level rises and ground water.

A key feature of the project was extensive community input, which has now provided our region’s coastal residents with well-researched climate adaptation options to help them plan for the future.

The Our Coast project model is now set to be used as a reference point for similar studies being undertaken by coastal councils around Australia.
Ita Buttrose AO OBE is a truly exceptional Australian: a legendary media trailblazer, businesswoman, best-selling author, committed community and welfare contributor and 2013 Australian of the Year.

Ita has twice been voted Australia’s most admired woman and has a long and distinguished career in the Australian media with a number of notable achievements. She was the founding editor of Cleo, the youngest ever editor of The Australian Women’s Weekly, the first woman to ever edit a major metropolitan newspaper in Australia as editor-in-chief of the Daily and Sunday Telegraphs, and the first woman director of News Ltd Australia. She has held senior executive positions with Australia’s leading publishing companies and knows all about running a small business as CEO of her own publishing companies.

“I know firsthand the role that resilience plays in overcoming business challenges” – Ita Buttrose

GEELONG SMALL BUSINESS FESTIVAL:
HELPING SMALL BUSINESSES THINK BIG

GEELONG BUSINESSES ARE PROVING THEY CAN ADAPT AND INNOVATE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF CHANGING INDUSTRIES AND ECONOMIES.

The Geelong Small Business Festival provides invaluable opportunities to improve and grow your business and connect with other local businesses. Join others looking to take their business to the next level by gaining expert insight and knowledge from leaders in business at more than 50 events held during the month-long festival in August. This year we’re thrilled to focus on the digital economy, innovation, Aboriginal business development and diversity.

Now in its eighth year, the festival forms part of the highly successful Victorian Small Business Festival.

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WIN...
Attend three or more events at this year’s Geelong Small Business Festival and go into the draw to win a SurfacePro laptop with accessories valued at $1,500.

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PREPARE TO BE INSPIRED!

ITA BUTTROSE
THE RESILIENCE FACTOR AND WHY IT’S CRUCIAL FOR BUSINESS SUCCESS

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DID YOU KNOW?

Last year, more than 3500 people attended Geelong Small Business Festival events.

TEACHER TURNED GLOBAL ‘EDUPRENEUR’

From school teacher to global educator, Maxine Driscoll found her calling by combining her passion for schools and teaching with a desire to innovate how schools teach in the 21st century.

Maxine’s growing list of achievements includes running online education and leadership courses, setting up schools, public speaking, authoring her new book – Leadership Matters – and using social media to take her business – Think Strategic – to educators around the world.

And it all started in Geelong.

A suggestion from a friend brought Maxine to the Geelong Small Business Festival to help develop her fledgling business, which later turned into her presenting at the festival.

“The first year I went to something like 20 sessions and the next year I went to 22 sessions. Then the following year I actually presented on social media,” she said.

“I was like a sponge, soaking up everything at the festival. The events give you so much – the mindset and tools you need.”

After a distinguished teaching career spanning more than 35 years, Maxine wanted to take education further, coach education leaders and develop creative and problem-solving principals and teachers to create better education for young people.

“Hearing what Naomi Simson (RedBalloon founder) has done made me think, if she can do it then so can I,” Maxine said.

“At the festival, you’re getting world-class business professionals speak to you, so the benefits are immense.”

She said as a small business you can be locked away working in your business, rather than on it.

“It’s the human connection you get from the festival, you need to hear other peoples’ stories to keep you motivated.”

Maxine found Geelong offered a lot for small businesses.

“I’ve found all sorts of things in Geelong, such as free business and tech mentoring and inspiring and creative people. It’s fantastic,” she said.

When she’s not hosting leadership workshops for educators and businesses or running online workshops for people in Africa, Asia, Canada, USA, UK, Europe or India, Maxine’s at home in Geelong connecting with businesses, often at an Entrepreneurs Geelong monthly breakfast.

“I love Geelong and how it’s turning itself around – silicon beach! I’ve had three websites built in Geelong – and they’ve had more than 250,000 visits from 180 countries,” she said.

“We’re showing Melbourne that we’re a genuine business hub.”

Maxine’s upcoming events:

- Tax essentials for small business – ATO
  - 14 June
- Starting a business – how to turn an idea into a business
  - 15 June
- Keeping the right staff – how to employ good people
  - 19 June
- Record keeping for small business – ATO
  - 26 June
- Performance management
  - 28 June
- Successfully managing equal opportunity
  - 15 October

98% of businesses said they’d apply what they’d learnt at the festival.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT NEWS AND EVENTS

Along with a huge calendar of events in August, our Economic Development team offers many events and services throughout the year to help take your business to the next level.

DOES YOUR BUSINESS PLAN NEED UPDATING?

Are you applying for a grant or business loan and need up-to-date data about Geelong?

Our Economic Development team provides the latest facts and figures about our regional economy. For trends in employment, building and housing, population and demographic profiles contact us.

Contact us:

E: ecodev@geelongcity.vic.gov.au 
P: 5272 4888

Subscribe to our ENEWS

Want all the latest news and updates on what’s happening for small businesses in Geelong?

To subscribe email ecodev@geelongcity.vic.gov.au and you’ll also receive information on grants and funding opportunities, as well as networking events.
NEW TECHNOLOGY COULD TAKE OFF

The City is considering the use of remotely piloted aircraft, or drones, to improve the safety and efficiency of our tree management program.

The City’s coordinator of tree management Alan Dawson said the team currently carries out about 60,000 tree inspections each year.

“Drone technology could significantly increase the efficiency of aerial inspections and reduce the number of man hours and machinery used to monitor large tree canopies for faults and hazards,” he said.

Alan said using drones could also improve worker safety.

“Drones could alleviate the need for employees to work at heights and near damaged or hazardous trees.”

It’s expected that drones could also be used by our engineering and surveying teams because of their ability to rapidly complete large area surveys, such as in paddocks and wetlands, when the teams are designing roads, developing wetland and drainage strategies.

New drone software provides accurate and efficient photography, video and mapping of trees and landscapes, reducing survey costs and the time taken to complete complex projects.

To ensure community and employee safety, City staff required to operate a drone would complete rigorous Civil Aviation Safety Authority (CASA) training and certification in drone operation and aviation law.

The City now issues permits to members of the public for the use of remotely piloted aircraft/drones on council land and reserves. For more information and permit applications, visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au

Taking flight: Drones could be used to improve the safety and efficiency of tree inspections.

WALK IN THE PARK

THE INNOVATIVE RAINGARDEN PROJECT IN JOHNSTONE PARK THAT HARVESTS STORMWATER, THEN CLEANS AND STORES IT TO IRRIGATE THE PARK, IS COMPLETE AND READY TO BE ENJOYED.

The raingarden features a series of terraced garden beds that filter stormwater to remove pollutants which would otherwise flow into Corio Bay. A 350,000-litre tank has been built underground to store the clean water, which will meet about half of Johnstone Park’s irrigation needs.

The harvested water will be distributed through the park via 20 kilometres of pipes, buried in garden beds.

The $1.85 million project is a key initiative of the Revitalising Central Geelong Action Plan, being delivered through a partnership between the Victorian Government and the City of Greater Geelong, and is just one of the many Revitalising Central Geelong projects that have been creating a hive of construction activity across the city in the past 12 months.

More than 1300 new plants have been planted within the raingarden and in new garden beds created around the edge of the park.

The project includes a new staircase and ramp, providing all-abilities access to the park’s basin. The park’s historic Medici urns have also been restored and placed at the top of the staircase.

The Victorian Government provided $1.7 million for the project, as part of the $195 million it has already invested in implementing the Revitalising Central Geelong Action Plan. The City contributed $150,000 to the raingarden.
**DID YOU KNOW?**

Johnstone Park was once a swamp, then a dam, before it was transformed into a park in 1872.

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**HIGHTON EARLY YEARS**

**CONSTRUCTION HAS STARTED ON HIGHTON’S NEW EARLY LEARNING CENTRE.**

The $5.5 million centre is being built on under-utilised land behind Bellaire Primary School and will replace the Highton Kindergarten – now outgrown after 60 years of service.

The centre will be well-equipped to cope with an increased kindergarten demand in Highton, which has the largest number of children aged from birth to four years of any suburb in Greater Geelong.

The new centre, opening in 2019, will include:

- Two kindergarten rooms catering for up to 66 children
- Maternal and child health services with one consulting room and general consultation space
- A large community space for playgroups and parenting programs
- 44 off-street carparks.

The building has a strong sustainability focus with design and construction set to achieve the Green Building Council of Australia’s five-star green energy rating. The centre is funded by the City ($3.9 million) and the Victorian Government ($1.6 million).

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**MAKE MY PAKO**

There’s something inherently unique about ‘Pako’, which is why the City is preparing an Urban Design Framework for Pakington Street (Geelong West) and Gordon Avenue.

Local residents, traders and business owners have shared their future priorities for the area through recent community workshops and surveys.

We received more than 300 survey responses to help guide future development relating to streetscape design, traffic and pedestrian movements, car parking and land use.

Key themes emerging from the survey included:

- Pakington Street’s sense of community is highly valued
- Support for ‘greening’ the area, including more open spaces and improved pedestrian and cyclist safety
- Support for the existing on and off-street parking availability
- Traffic flow, congestion and road safety need further attention
- There are vast opportunities for development in the Gordon Avenue precinct and the far northern end of Pakington Street.

Using this feedback, we’re preparing a report to identify project priorities and inform concept designs. Draft concept designs are expected to be developed in July, and soon after we’ll seek further feedback from the community.

For more information and to see the full survey results, visit www.geelongaustralia.com.au/mypako

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**DRYSDALE TOWN SQUARE TO GET UPGRADE**

Plans to upgrade Drysdale’s town square are progressing well, with designs cleared to start.

The upgrade will remove ageing infrastructure to create a more attractive and inviting space for local residents and visitors.

Details of the plans include an expanded Woolworths supermarket and new speciality stores fronting Wyndham Street, improved seating, an alfresco dining space, a new rotunda, footpaths, landscaping and more trees.

It will also include improved access for pedestrians and people with a disability.

Construction is expected to be completed in three stages, beginning with a Woolworths expansion (stage one), followed by construction of the alfresco area (stage two), and then Wyndham Street and the lawn area (stage three).

The final design of the town square is due to be completed by the end of the year.

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**2018–19 Budget – stay tuned**

Keep an eye out for all the details on this year’s budget in the August Community Update.
Geelong events have earned their stripes on the international sport events scene – with the spotlight firmly on the Australian International Airshow, Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Race, Festival of Sails and IRONMAN 70.3 Geelong.

Now, thanks to an increased cultural and creative focus, a host of cultural events have cropped up, including White Night Geelong, Mountain to Mouth, Geelong After Dark, the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition and the Archibald Prize.

This year we welcome the hugely successful White Night to Geelong. Celebrated producer David Atkins OAM will lead the charge, working with our cultural institutions, independent artists and the best creative minds to deliver a spectacular White Night Geelong in October.

White Night’s theme will pay tribute to our region’s maritime and indigenous heritage. It’ll transform city streets, parklands, laneways, public spaces and cultural institutions with brilliant projections, lighting displays and entertainment.

Last year, the Geelong Gallery successfully hosted the Archibald Prize for the first time ever. More than 8,000 people visited the exhibition, generating an estimated $6.1 million for our economy. The Archibald Prize returns to the Geelong Gallery this September.

Our National Wool Museum also stood out as the only Victorian location to annually host the world-renowned Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition, on loan from the Natural History Museum in London.

And last month we again hosted Mountain to Mouth, Geelong’s multi award-winning ‘extreme arts’ walk, which saw about 20,000 people pack Central Geelong for Geelong After Dark.

We also have Pako Festa, Australia’s largest multicultural event and the National Celtic Festival, regarded by many as Australia’s premier Celtic festival.

Geelong continues to develop a world-class calendar of events that could rival most capital cities and is unmatched by other regional centres.

We’ll be looking to step that up even further as we capitalise on our enviable location and provide better access for international visitors to our region.

As early as this year, we’ll see AirAsia flying into Avalon Airport and with it our events and region pitched to more overseas audiences.

Join in and watch as our cultural events turn the spotlight on Geelong.
World’s Best: It’s On Like Ping Pong!

Geelong will host a world tour table tennis event this winter, that will be broadcast to an international audience of more than 100 million viewers.

The Australian Open of Table Tennis is one of six platinum series events (like a grand slam) on the International Table Tennis Federation’s world tour. It will be held at the Geelong Arena from 24–29 July. Geelong has secured this annual event for the next three years.

Up to 200 athletes from more than 20 countries including Australia, China, Japan, Korea, Germany and France will compete for $400,000 in prize money in singles, doubles and mixed doubles events.

The competition will be broadcast to more than 80 countries, with more than 100 million viewers expected in China alone.

The event will include two community days (26–27 July), where people of all ages and abilities can take part.

Table tennis tables and equipment used during the event will be given to local clubs and schools.

Cleared for Take-off

In a game-changing development for our local tourism industry, Geelong will be home to an international airport when Air Asia starts operating from Avalon.

It’s anticipated two daily flights between Avalon and Kuala Lumpur will begin in late 2018, connecting our region with more than 130 destinations throughout the Air Asia network.

The City, along with Tourism Greater Geelong and The Bellarine, is firmly focused on the enormous growth potential in the north and south-east Asia markets.

Our teams are working closely with Avalon Airport and Visit Victoria on strategies to capitalise on this opportunity with dedicated marketing programs, welcome infrastructure and visitor servicing arrangements.

As the visitor economy continues to grow and will benefit from this development, so too will residents who enjoy travelling – Air Asia was recognised as the best low cost airline in the world for the ninth year in a row at the 2017 Skytrax World Airline Awards.

Winter Fun These School Holidays

The Central Geelong Kids Fun Guide is your guide to what’s happening in Central Geelong these school holidays (30 June–15 July).

There’s a lot to keep the whole family entertained with more than 100 activities in our exciting Food and Fun program.

Highlights include the exciting Unicornia – a dreamy world of unicorns, mermaids and dragons. For 10 days children can immerse themselves in a colourful pop-up play experience celebrating all things unicorn. They can wander through a ribbon forest, explore magical treasures, play on a mermaid lake, paint rainbows, and make tasty food.

In the second week of the school holidays we’re teaming up with Tastes of Central Geelong to offer delicious food experiences, including the Family Cook Up at Rook where families can take part in Sri Lankan cooking classes.

At The Carousel, Bronte Steed will read from his book the Broken Horse, and children can decorate a horse biscuit. The Waterfront Kitchen will also host a group cupcake decorating activity.

For a full list of activities, special offers and competitions happening in Central Geelong these school holidays, visit www.centralgeelong.com.au, register your details and we’ll send you the guide before the school holidays start.

This program is an initiative of Central Geelong Marketing.

DID YOU KNOW? Last year, Geelong Major Events supported 22 events that generated an estimated $76.1 million for our economy.
WRAPPED TO HAVE SCARF FESTIVAL BACK

Celebrate the Scarf – as the internationally-renowned Scarf Festival returns to the National Wool Museum from 8 June–26 August 2018.

Experience this must-see exhibition showcasing eclectic and original scarves submitted by scarf makers from across Australia and around the world. From traditional designs to the experimental, each scarf represents this year’s theme: Living On The Land, with scarf designs incorporating a sense of place and connection, natural and built landscapes, and the places where we live, work and play. This year’s special program includes floor talks, tours in French, a ‘Scarf After Dark’ food degustation, and masterclasses with multi-award winning artists.

THE NATIONAL CELTIC FESTIVAL

8–11 June in Portarlington

The festival is regarded by many as Australia’s premier Celtic festival. Held over the long weekend, visitors can explore many venues and experience an arts event that unleashes the spirit and passion of the Celtic culture in a uniquely Australian setting. See national and international acts, including Irish performers Altan, Maggie Carty and Máirtín Staunton, plus Scottish group Paul McKenna Band. Get your tickets now!

MISTER MAKER RETURNS!

8 July at Costa Hall, Deakin University

Get ready mini-makers, your favourite arty party man is coming back to Geelong! Mister Maker will be joined on stage by his famous side-kicks the Shapes and the Mister Maker dancers. This is a brand new theatre show, perfect for children of all ages and grown-ups too. There’s a chance to interact with Mister Maker, games to be played and prizes to be won. Get your tickets now!

WHITE NIGHT GEELONG

13 October in Central Geelong

Drum roll…the precinct for White Night Geelong has been announced. Gheringhap Street and the Geelong cultural precinct around Little Malop Street is where you will experience the spectacular illuminated arts event – themed as a tribute to the region’s maritime and indigenous heritage.

JUNE

8 June–26 August Scarf Festival – Living on the Land, National Wool Museum
9 Geelong Cats v North Melbourne, GMHBA Stadium
15 Geelong Supercats v BACOE, The Geelong Arena
16 Guy Sebastian: Then and Now Regional Tour, Costa Hall – Deakin University, Geelong
16 Which Way Home, Potato Shed, Drysdale
16 Josephine Wants to Dance, GPAC
22–23 Hotel Sorrento, Potato Shed, Drysdale
23 Geelong Supercats v Frankston, The Geelong Arena
23–30 Shrek the Musical, GPAC
29–30 Winter Solstice, Potato Shed, Drysdale
30 Geelong Supercats v Bendigo Braves, The Geelong Arena
30 Melbourne International Comedy Festival Roadshow, GPAC

JULY

6 Food Truck Friday, Little Malop Street Central, Geelong
7 Geelong Supercats v Kilsyth Cobras, The Geelong Arena
8 Makers and Growers’ Market, Steampacket Gardens, Geelong
10–13 321 Blast Off, Potato Shed, Drysdale
14 Geelong Supercats v Melbourne Tigers, The Geelong Arena
15 Morning Showtime – Isi Dye, Potato Shed, Drysdale
16 Josephine Wants to Dance, GPAC
20–21 Point of No Return, Potato Shed, Drysdale
21 Geelong Cats v Melbourne, GMHBA Stadium
24–29 Australian Open of Table Tennis, The Geelong Arena
28 GBG Winter Plant Sale, Geelong Botanic Gardens
28 Geelong Cats v Brisbane, GMHBA Stadium

AUGUST

1–31 Geelong Small Business Festival, various locations
3 Food Truck Friday, Little Malop Street Central, Geelong
5 Makers and Growers’ Market, Steampacket Gardens, Geelong
6 Circus Quirkus, The Geelong Arena

HELP US HELP YOU!

Do you help organise a public event?

If you do, don’t forget to list it on the Events Geelong calendar. Visit www.eventsgeelong.com.au

Also, don’t forget to create a MyGeelong account so you can update and manage what people see and read about your event.
TASTES OF CENTRAL GEELONG • 6 – 29 JULY 2018

This delicious selection of events is only a bite sized portion of the Tastes program. Find the entire program, more information and bookings at centralgeelong.com.au/tastes

AFTERNOON TEA WITH SHANNON BENNETT

Indulge in an afternoon of enjoying sweet treats and bubbles at this Afternoon Tea with Shannon Bennett. Hosted by GT Editor Kyle Oliver will be interviewing Shannon on life as one of Australia’s top chefs.

Where: The Pier Geelong
Date & Times: Saturday 21 July, 1:30pm-3:30pm
Cost: $55 inc glass of sparkling wine, Indulgent afternoon tea & prizes
Bookings (essential): trybooking.com/VQYA

What’s For Dinner

During Tastes there will be themed dinners, dinner activities, cafes open late for dinner and drinks specials. Grab your friends and enjoy delicious banquets, tasting menus, degustations, Yum Cha, Greek Meze and so much more.

For dinner events visit centralgeelong.com.au/dinner

WIN 4 Date Nights

Never miss a beat – sign up to the Tastes of Central Geelong food mailing list and keep up to date with all the foodie events within Tastes. Plus you’ll have the chance to win four dinners for two at Wah Wah Gee, Denneys Italian, City Quarter and Edge Geelong ($100 voucher per venue, total value $400). Enter at centralgeelong.com.au/competitions/92

View terms and conditions online.

High Tea Party

Our High Tea Party will be happening for three glorious weeks in various locations throughout Central Geelong. Some delicious High Teas include a Willy Wonka High Tea, Italian High Tea, Cocktails & High Tea and many more.

For High Tea Party events visit centralgeelong.com.au/hightea

DESSERT WARS

We’ve compiled a list of Central Geelong desserts you need to try. Try them all and then vote for your favourite in the Central Geelong Dessert Wars. Just by voting, you’ll have the chance to win a cake and cocktail package at Cake Bar valued at $200.

To cast your vote visit facebook.com/centralgeelongmarketing between 1 and 31 July. Terms and conditions apply.

Learn & Master

A series of food and drink-related classes including lunchtime culinary student demonstrations, cooking classes, a cheese board masterclass, cocktail workshop and more.

For Learn & Master events visit centralgeelong.com.au/learnmaster

Tastes Test

A collection of special food-themed activities, lunches, brunches, buffets and tastings. Events include a street party, bar takeover, drinking in the dark, lunch with Chloe Shorten, Food Truck Friday and more.

For Tastes Test events visit centralgeelong.com.au/tastestest

CENTRAL GEELONG Bake Off

Enter your signature dish for the chance to be crowned Central Geelong’s Bake Off champion. Winners of each category win two tickets to the Tastes Afternoon Tea with Shannon Bennett and a dinner for two at the Davidoff Restaurant. The overall winner will receive a KitchenAid Mixer thanks to Chefs Essentials, valued at $799.

Venue: Westfield Geelong.
Ground floor (located near Coles)
Dates: 17–21 July
Never miss a beat...

Download the Central Geelong App in the App Store or Google Play Store.

Happy Days

Is it high time you and your hard working colleagues let your hair down and gathered for an after work drink? Restaurants, bars and cafes all over Central Geelong invite you and your colleagues to enjoy refreshments at their establishment. We’ve compiled a list of must try happy hours during Tastes.

For more information visit centralgeelong.com.au/tastes

Just desserts

Get your Just Desserts and finish this year’s Tastes festival on a sweet note. Venture into Central Geelong’s Laneways for street entertainment thanks to Piano Bar, Cake Bar and The Workers Club. The cafes, restaurants and bars in the laneways precinct will also be putting on an array of sweet treats and dessert specials for you to try.

Date & Time: Sunday 29 July, 1pm-5pm

Special Offers!

There are plenty of special offers available during Tastes of Central Geelong. Visit centralgeelong.com.au/tastes to see a full list of special offers.