VICTORIAN Minister for Planning Matthew Guy visited the Leneva-Baranduda growth area on May 15 to see this significant parcel of land first-hand. Wodonga Mayor Cr Mark Byatt, Wodonga Council’s Chief Executive Officer Patience Harrington and senior planning staff accompanied Minister Guy.

Leneva-Baranduda is set to provide a major growth opportunity in the state of Victoria, which will support the rapid economic growth of Wodonga’s central business area. It has the capacity to house more than 36,000 residents, which would double the size of Wodonga.

“Wodonga is experiencing one of the strongest growth rates in regional Victoria at 1.6 per cent per annum and we are expected to reach a population of 50,000 people by 2026,” Cr Byatt said.

“Leneva-Baranduda represents a unique opportunity to plan a comprehensive, integrated, sustainable and water-smart development within a major regional hub.”

While in the city, Minister Guy visited Junction Place and launched three new public open spaces as part of the central Wodonga urban renewal precinct.

The area will be transformed into three public open spaces including water features, public art, play spaces, trees and revitalised rail infrastructure.

Construction of the Urban Square, the first of the public spaces to get underway will commence in the second half of 2014.

“The refurbishment of the historic Goods Shed and a new restaurant are all exciting aspects of this urban renewal project,” Minister Guy said.

“The past 12 months have seen the commencement of site remediation, commencement and completion of work on key road connections, three market processes, commitment of the first new business in the new Broadgauge restaurant and $2 million restoration works to the historic Goods Shed and Station Building.”

He also planted the first of more than 500 trees at the precinct with Member for Benambra, Bill Tilley, during his visit.

PLANNING AHEAD: Wodonga Mayor Cr Mark Byatt standing in the future Leneva growth corridor with Victorian Minister for Planning Matthew Guy.

Consultation underway on Hovell St

THE first phase of a two-stage consultation process regarding the proposed Hovell St closure has commenced between key stakeholders and Wodonga Council.

Wodonga Council carried a motion to engage with key stakeholders in the immediate area who have now received an invitation to attend an information session this month.

During the session stakeholders can learn more about the proposal and provide their feedback to Wodonga Council, which will be included in a report to councillors.

Wodonga Council Chief Executive Officer Patience Harrington said that everyone interested in the proposal would have the opportunity to provide comment.

“Following stage one, a Section 223 publicly advertised consultation process will take place where everyone interested in the proposal can provide their feedback,” she said.

Ms Harrington also said that prior to any work being undertaken a number of road works to support the changes would be implemented by the council.

“These works would include an upgrade of Lawrence and Havelock streets and the realignment of Elgin Blvd,” she said.

A number of road upgrades around the central business area (CBA) to support changed traffic movements have already been completed, including Watson and Smythe streets and the construction of the Yarralumla Drive and Victoria Cross Parade networks.

The proposed works and Hovell St closure are all part of the council’s planning to make the CBA a more pedestrian and shopper-friendly destination, rather than a traffic thoroughfare.

Concepts and plans for Hovell St are only preliminary and residents should continue to read CityLife and check the ‘Latest news’ section of the council’s website for further updates.
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Council meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the third Monday of the month. There will be two meetings this month - June 17 and 24. Meetings are held in the council chambers, level two, city offices, 104 Hovell St, Wodonga and commence at 6pm. Agendas can be downloaded from the council’s website the Friday prior to the meeting and minutes are available after the meeting.

NEW honour roll incorporates ‘tree of life’

A NEW honour roll remembering Wodonga soldiers and peacekeepers has been installed on the external facade of the Wodonga Library.

The honour roll has a special connection for Wodonga Cr John Watson, whose father Ian is listed as serving in World War II. His grandfather also fought in World War I; however, he enlisted in the Riverina so is not on the Wodonga roll.

The existing soldiers’ honour roll was housed in the former Wodonga Civic Centre and is currently being restored.

It will be permanently housed in the clubrooms at the Wodonga RSL in Reid St.

This refurbishment was thanks to a $4700 grant from the Department of Planning and Community Development, Restoring Community War Memorials.

Cr Watson said the council wanted the honour roll to be publicly accessible and to be a quiet, contemplative place for people to visit.

“The library wall fronting The Cube Wodonga Courtyard was chosen as the best location in consultation with Wodonga RSL members,” he said.

“It is an important part of our nation’s history and many names on the wall still have current links to our city as does my family name. Many are proud Wodonga families.”

Local artists, Ken and Vicki Luke, from Magic Design Workshop were contracted to design the new commemorative wall. They have incorporated the ode of remembrance, the names and a silhouette of a Cyprus tree, which is seen as a connector of Earth and Heaven, and was known in Eastern Europe as the ‘tree of life’.

Ms Luke said it was a rewarding project for her.

“It was a difficult space to work with and I am really pleased with what we ended up with,” she said.

“We wanted a quiet and respectful place.

“I chose to incorporate the Cyprus tree, which is often planted in cemeteries, as it is positive and reflects that people don’t die, they are always present. It’s very uplifting.”

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Wodonga Building Services

Vendors and purchasers

To facilitate the smooth sale or purchase of a property, there are a few areas to be considered in relation to building permits.

If you purchase a property that has illegal building works, you as the current owner of the property are liable for those works. As a preventative measure prior to purchase, it is recommended your real estate agent ask for permission from the owners to access the building file at the council to ascertain that all works on the property have a building permit and an accompanying final certificate or occupancy permit.

If you are selling a property, any illegal building works on your property will generally be discovered at contract stage and you will be required to submit an application for illegal works. This application has a penalty built into the application fee of 150 per cent.

A note about swimming pools and spas:

If you are buying a property with a swimming pool or spa, ask for a swimming pool certificate/compliance inspection to ensure the safety barriers comply with the regulations.
Wodonga Library is changing

FROM mid-June Wodonga Library is joining the Swift Library Consortium, a co-operative network of Victorian libraries which shares resources across the state.

Wodonga members will be able to place reservations and borrow from the combined collections of these libraries comprising of more than three million items.

Upper Murray Regional Library (UMRL) will cease operations from June 30 this year, so current members will be issued with a new Wodonga Library card. Indigo and Towong shire libraries are also joining Swift and the NSW branches are joining the Riverina Regional Library.

In order for all stock to be returned to its owner branch, no reservations will be able to be placed either online, at Wodonga Library or at any other UMRL branches from May 17 until the new system is in place. Where possible please return the items you borrow to the branch you borrowed them from.

This changeover requires the transition to a new computer system and new website (to be launched late-June) so the library will be closed on Tuesday, June 11 and Wednesday, June 12 to facilitate data transfer.

The new system will be in operation at Wodonga, Indigo and Towong libraries from June 13, and reservations from libraries outside this group will be available from early-July.

Wodonga Library hopes to minimise any inconvenience to its patrons.

New chapter for Stanley St Children’s Centre

PAST and present parents and their children were invited to the official opening of the Stanley St Children’s Centre last month with Victorian Minister for Children and Early Childhood Development, Wendy Lovell.

Wodonga Council received a $300,000 grant through the 2011-2012 Children’s Facilities Capital Program to redevelop the Stanley St Preschool and maternal and child health (MCH) service.

The council contributed a further $100,000 to its facility, which has resulted in the centre being able to offer kindergarten twice as many children.

“This is a great result for Stanley Street, which can now offer preschool to up to 66 children across two programs,” Minister Lovell said.

“The additional space means that the centre can increase its capacity without displacing its three-year-old program. “Having MCH and other early childhood services under one roof at Stanley Street is more convenient for families and allows a child’s progress to be better monitored, ensuring any issues are identified and addressed early on.”

The move to a fully integrated children’s centre follows the same model as the Southern Rise Children’s Centre. The next centre to be refurbished will be the Felltimber Children’s Centre in the 2013-2014 financial year.

Wodonga Mayor Cr Mark Byatt assisted in the official duties, and said it was a terrific outcome for both the community and the staff.

“The extension and refurbishment of Stanley St Preschool has simultaneously provided an appropriate facility to increase kindergarten capacity with the introduction of Universal Access from this year and maintain current three-year-old groups,” he said.

“It also has the ability to provide this with ratio changes when introduced in 2016.”

Wodonga swings into baseball

WODONGA Warriors Baseball Club is on the search for new members for both juniors and seniors.

“The club has been conducting a successful recruitment drive and may field two senior teams this year in the North East Baseball Association,” said Club president John Colville.

Baseball is played in the winter months, with the season running until September.

The club also has senior and junior (under 12s) softball teams and competes in the Commercial Club-Run North East Baseball Association during the summer months.

The club was recently awarded a small grant from the Victorian Health Promotion Foundation (VicHealth) to purchase two new sets of catchers’ gear.

“Being a fringe sport, it is hard to attract players and we want to keep it affordable,” Ms Chadwick said.

“Equipment can be expensive and we have to get most of it from Melbourne.

“We want to provide as much equipment to new players as we can.”

Four other local clubs received funding in the same round including 1st Wodonga Scout Group, Belvoir Cricket Club, the Murray River Derby Dames Inc. and La Trobe University Cricket Club Inc. More than 930 applications were received around Victoria.

All ages and levels of experience are welcome to join the Wodonga Warriors Baseball Club.

For more information, please phone Ms Chadwick on 0407 592 722.

Inspirational Jim giving back

WODONGA’s Jim Duggan celebrated his 87th birthday during National Volunteer Week (May 13 to 19) and vows to continue to deliver Meals On Wheels for as long as he is able.

Mr Duggan, who has been volunteering for 13 years, delivers Meals On Wheels once a month, and also assists St Vincent de Paul and Skills Innovative Training Enterprise Inc. (SITE).

“I was just looking for something to fill in the time and I went to a meeting with people from different organisations, and I took on a couple of things including Meals On Wheels,” he said.

Wodonga Cr John Watson presented Mr Duggan with a birthday cake at the volunteer barbecue on May 15 at The Cube Wodonga.

The event, which was held in collaboration with the Albury Wodonga Volunteer Resource Bureau, thanked local volunteers for their contribution to the community.

“Australia-wide, more than six million (ABS 2010b) people are now volunteering annually, representing 36 per cent of the adult population. In Albury-Wodonga, more than 2000 volunteers are devoted to local organisations, which without them, would simply not exist.

“It is the volunteers who make a real difference in our community.”

BIRTHDAY CAKE: Wodonga Council’s volunteer co-ordinator Mel Nicholson, volunteer Jim Duggan and Wodonga Councillor John Watson.

THANK YOU: Wodonga Cr John Watson showed his appreciation at a barbecue lunch, pictured with local volunteers Graeme Crutchfield, Geoff Nicholas, Mark Williams, Heather Williams, Gail Watson and Jean Dudley.

Cr Watson said. “Their passion and dedication helps keep our visitor information centres, aged and youth services and sporting organisations running, and we simply could not offer these facilities to our residents without them.”
Participants stretch their comfort zone

THE Youth Leadership Program (YLP) 2013 kicked off with a four-day opening retreat held in Harrietville last month.

All 12 participants attended who come from diverse backgrounds and range in age from 19 to 24.

The participants were constantly challenged during the course of the weekend, which included activities such as a scavenger hunt, a personality questionnaire, a role play dinner and involvement in Bright’s Autumn festival.

A number of sessions were also held including one from guest speaker Benny Callaghan on ‘Leadership In The Native American Tradition’ as well as ‘The Weekend Fun: The Youth Leadership Program participants at Bright’s Got Talent.

Low vitamin D?

WITH the colder weather approaching in Victoria, it is important to take a balanced ultraviolet (UV) approach to help with vitamin D levels while minimising the risk of skin cancer.

From May to August, UV levels are generally below three all day, and sun protection is not required unless near highly reflective surfaces such as snow, outside for extended periods or when the UV reaches three and above (see wodonga.vic.gov.au for Wodonga’s UV level).

During this time, most of us need about two to three hours of midday winter sun exposure to the face, arms and hands (or equivalent area) spread during each week to help with vitamin D.

Sun exposure alone may not be a sufficient source of vitamin D for some sections of the population, such as people with naturally very dark skin and individuals who receive little or no sun exposure over a typical week.

If concerned, visit your GP.

Expressions of interest (EOI)

Wodonga Council’s early years team is looking for new families to take part in the ongoing smalltalk supported playgroup program for children aged between one and three years.

smalltalk is a free program designed to enhance the language and communication skills of young children, through simple parent strategies and play.

Groups are located in four locations across the city and are led by a trained facilitator and run during the school terms.

If interested in your child participating, please phone Ms Singleton on (02) 6022 9310 for more information.

Supported playgroup opportunities
The truth about ‘bad’ music

DESCRIBED as ‘an inconvenient truth’ of electronic dance music, Disco: The Vinyl Solution will be a lesson of satire and comedic genius to all of us.

Melbourne comedian, deejay, broadcaster and DJ Fiona Scott-Norman is in her element in this show, which is the sister show to her previous award-winning, The Needle and The Damage Done.

Taking in hip-hop, disco and partner dancing, clubbing, white supremacy and violence; Disco elegantly and articultatively concedes that the world’s been going to hell in a hand-basket since we stopped touching each other on the dance floor.

It’s essentially a solo stand-up based show with dance demonstrations – line-dancing, tap, interpretive, and swing dancing – and two simply jaw-dropping AV segments.

Part of the motivation behind Disco is to get people dancing with each other again, and the evidence so far is that it does inspire people to take dance classes and hit the floor.

The English-born performer admits that she doesn’t have ‘a single job description’. “I work as a columnist, satirist, comedian, deejay, cabaret director, and broadcaster,” she said. “Anywhere I can cause some trouble using words and/or music. When The Famous Spiegeltent is in town I’m one of the resident DJs, and I regularly deejay corporate events, festival openings, birthday parties, and weddings. What’s more, I enjoy playing weddings.

I know, how very controversial! “Back in the day I had two shows on 3RRR FM in Melbourne - Trash Is My Life, where I played really bad music and had my celebrity guests sing karaoke (for example, Disc jockey YMCA), and The F&K Show, which was a sexy chat program with Kate Langbroek.”

And being a DJ, the one thing that is clear is she knows her music and isn’t afraid to make a joke out of ‘bad’ music. So no matter your musical tastes or repertoire, enjoy a night out with Scott-Norman at The Cube Wodonga.

Age alert warning: Appeals particularly to a 30-plus crowd

Date: Friday, July 5, 2013

Time: 8pm (show duration is 70 minutes with no interval)

Cost: Dinner package $45 (includes main meal, drink and ticket), adult $22 and member/concession $18


Expressions of interest (EOI)

Wodonga Council is calling for expressions of interest from the following:

- Local dance and performance groups, musicians and choirs groups interested in performing at the fair.

Deadline for EOI is 5pm on Friday, July 26, 2013.

- Recreation clubs and organisations interested in participating in the fair.

Deadline for EOI is 5pm on Friday, August 2, 2013.

- General stalkholders.

Deadline for EOI is 5pm on Friday, August 30, 2013.

For more information or an expression of interest form, go to: wodonga.vic.gov.au/childrens-fair

Swing into golf croquet

GOLF croquet is for everyone and the new winter draw is now available.

It is a fun, shortened version of croquet and is played at the Wodonga Tennis Centre.

The Wodonga Tennis Centre Croquet Club Inc. holds come and try days on Thursdays and Sundays from 9.15am. The club recently hosted a tournament, which attracted more than 50 players from Victoria and New South Wales.

To become involved, please phone club secretary Veronica Ford on 0407 662 013.

Make Wodonga Yours


The council plan outlines the council’s key priorities for the next four years, while the budget outlines council income and expenditure for the coming financial year.

To have your say and to see full copies of the documents, go to makewodongayours.com.au/planbudget2013.

You can also request to be heard by a sub-committee of the council through this website. Submissions close on June 12, 2013 at 5pm.
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WALKING MEETING: Wodonga Cr Michael Fraser congratulates The Personnel Group staff members Stephen Shiel, Emma McKenna and Paul Power for staying active at work.

LONG LIST OF AWARDS FOR YOUNG SWIMMER

PROMISING young swimmer Benjamin Bayes-Smith was recognised for his achievements and dedication at the May council meeting when he received a Wodonga Council Young Achiever Support Scheme (YASS) award.

Benjamin, who is a proud member of the Wodonga Swimming Club, qualified for four individual events at the Australian Age National Championships in Adelaide last month.

Having improved his personal best times in all four events at the championships, Benjamin advanced his national ranking in backstroke by ten places.

In recognition of his success at the recent 2013 national championships, Benjamin received the Coaches Performance Award from Wodonga Swimming Club, adding to the long list of monthly swimming awards he has received in the past.

This dwelling on the crn of Laurence and Havelock streets is an L-shaped shiplap weatherboard with a green corrugated iron hipped and gabled roof.

It has several internal and external art deco design features that indicate that it was built in the late-1910s or early-1920s, a timeframe supported by the oral history of former residents.

The semi-circular entrance porch is supported on metal posts and has a curved brick balustrade wall and red concrete floor.

There are diamond shaped windows on either side of the double front doors and timber sash windows in the front and side walls. The gable ends feature decorative half timbering.

The original low wirework and metal pipe fence curves around the corner, reflecting the front porch.

PEEK INTO THE PAST

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Cadets to be first aid trained

AROUND 30 Army cadets and staff from the 37 Army Cadet Unit from South Bandiana will undertake training in first aid thanks to a $1500 grant from Wodonga Council.

The community group was recently awarded the funds at a presentation for the Financial Assistance To Community Groups Fund, along with six other recipients.

Captain (AAC) Neville Wiggins, RFD, said the training would not only assist with cadet activities, but would benefit the entire Wodonga community.

“These cadets who will be first aid trained attend many local high schools and numerous community events,” he said.

37 Army Cadet Unit meets Thursday evenings, during school terms, at Bandiana South Army Barracks from 6pm to 9pm.

The primary focus of the Australian Army Cadet Scheme is to provide positive leadership opportunities to young men and women between the ages of 12.5 and 18 years.

Cadets provide opportunities for cadets to participate in a variety of activities that can range from military type experiences; these include, leadership training, camps and bivouacs, peer mentoring, and inter-unit competitions.

“We encourage young people to develop to their fullest potential,” Capt Wiggins said.

“We do, however emphasise, that the Australian Army Cadet Scheme is about building self-esteem and self-discipline; we are not about boot camp type training or behaviour management.”

The unit’s next recruitment course starts on Thursday, July 18. An enrolment and information night will take place on Thursday, June 20 at 6.30 pm at Building 915 in Lord Rd at South Bandiana Army Base. For further information send an email to 37ACU@cadetnet.gov.au or check out our Facebook at 37ACU ALBURY/ WODONGA.

The council’s Financial Assistance To Community Groups Fund has been running for more than eight years. Other recipients in this round included:

- Albury-Wodonga Down Syndrome Family Network Group;
- Biralilee Park Neighbourhood House;
- Bonegilla Fire Brigade;
- Humo Veterans Information Centre;
- Water Parklands Lake User Group; and
- Jam Support Group.

The final round of funding for 2013 closes on Monday, October 1, 2013. See wodonga.vic.gov.au/fatcgf for fund guidelines and an application form.

MRS Mac’s beloved Story Time yarns took on a woolly theme last month as Wodonga Library assistant Heather McNamara took her reading session outside beneath a large crochet tent. The crochet art installation was entitled ‘The Crochet Oasis’ at Wodonga Court and Woodland Grove.

The installation created by artist Susie Losch forms part of Wodonga Council’s Little Gifts program, which is based on delivering little gifts of unexpected joy and inspiration to the community.

Wodonga Council’s cultural development co-ordinator Bree McKittrick said the program aims to create curious happenings that capture people’s attention and bring new life to spaces in Wodonga’s central business area.

“The crocheted tent is a collective piece, created using a combination of family and friends contributions, unique op shop finds and Ms Losch’s personal crochet handwork,” Ms McNamara said.

Inspired by a love of colour and pattern, Ms Losch said she was taken by the idea of using the khaki strength of an army tent and covering it with a vibrant soft covering.

Mrs Mac’s Story Time sessions cater to children from birth to five years old and form part of Wodonga Library’s regular events calendar (see wodonga.vic.gov.au/whatsont).

Residents will continue to notice the Little Gifts program being rolled out in the CBD.

New water fountain for all park users

BELVOR Park in Wodonga now caters for man and his best friend, with a new multi-purpose drinking fountain recently installed near the dog park.

Based on residents’ requests, Wodonga Council installed the new fountain outside the dog park which will provide animals and walkers or cyclists access to drinking water.

Wodonga Council’s recreation officer Loxa Edwards said the fountain was requested by users of the park — cyclists, dog walkers and joggers — and would increase their visitation experience.

“The drinking fountain has been designed so that animals can drink from the base, while their owners can enjoy fresh water from above,” she said.

“The fountain has been positioned on a new concrete path between existing bike and dog trails, with new bike racks fitted close by.”

Ms Edwards said that funding for the drinking fountain was made possible through the building maintenance budget.

The dog park, which was previously maintained by a local community group, is now managed by the council’s civic services team and can be accessed via Reuss Rd, near Church St.
**Hume Murray Farmers Market**  
**Date:** Saturday, June 8 (Labour Day weekend) and Saturday, June 22  
**Time:** 8am to noon  
**Venue:** Gateway Village, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga  
**Enquiries:** Hume Murray Food Bowl on (02) 6058 2996, email info@hmfb.org or visit hmfb.org  
*Come along for fresh produce, and prepared foods grown and made on the region’s doorstep.*

| Foster & Allen | **Date:** Tuesday, June 11  
| **Time:** 7pm  
| **Venue:** The Cube Wodonga  
| **Cost:** Adult $15, member/concession $12  
| **Tickets and enquiries:** The Cube Wodonga box office on (02) 6022 9311  

**Online:** thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets  
*Foster & Allen – Ireland's most famous and successful double duo return to Australia in 2013.*

**What’s on at Arts Space Wodonga**  
**The Vibe**  
**Date:** Friday, June 14  
**Time:** 6pm to 9pm  
**Venue:** Arts Space Wodonga  
**Cost:** $6.50  
**Enquiries:** Arts Space Wodonga  
**Online:** thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets  
*The Vibe is a series of gigs for local established and emerging young performers. Headline act: The Hands Homebound; support acts: The Northern Folk, Hugh Fuchsien, Chris Pianto and Vivacity.*

**Little Me Market**  
**Date:** Sunday, June 16  
**Time:** 10am to 2pm  
**Venue:** The Cube Wodonga  
**Enquiries:** Jade Tauber on 0421 082 388, email info@littlelemarket.com or visit littlelemarket.com  
**Cost:** Free entry for public; Site fee for market stallholders.  
*Little Me Market is a boutique market specialising in handmade and babies’ and children's items.*

**Beading Workshop**  
**Date:** Tuesday, June 18  
**Time:** 1:30pm to 3pm  
**Venue:** Wodonga Library  
**Cost:** Free  
**Enquiries:** Wodonga Council’s cultural development co-ordinator Bree McKilligan on 0409 425 290.  
*Join local artists, originally from Bhutan, learn traditional skills and craft your own unique bead creation. Age 10 years and over.*

**Fluff and Stuff mini-workshop**  
**Date:** Thursday, June 20  
**Time:** 5.30pm to 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Arts Space Wodonga  
**Cost:** $12 per session includes materials. Bookings essential.  
**Enquiries and bookings:** Arts Space Wodonga public programs officer Stacey Harrison on (02) 6022 9600. June workshop is bauble fabric.