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Information readily available on Hovell St

WODONGA residents can keep up to date about the proposed changes in Hovell St through the council's website, which is being updated regularly with information.

The council met with business owners on July 13 at an information session at The Cube Wodonga, taking the opportunity to speak to councillors and council officers about the proposal.

The council is still working through the feedback, which will help form a further report about the proposal.

Many people who attended the session at The Cube Wodonga were interested that the proposal was part of a wider capital works plan right across the city, of which funding has been allocated in the 2013-2014 budget.

These include the upgrade of the Lawrence/Havelock St intersection (\$700,000) and the realignment of Elgin Blvd, of which the council's share is \$1.1 million.

Both projects will significantly change traffic movement in Wodonga.

The participants at the session were also interested in learning more about how creating a civic precinct between Woodland Grove and The Cube Wodonga could act as a strong anchor point at its southern end to increase the shopping experience in and around the current central business area (CBA).

These works will encourage shoppers and pedestrians to move freely between the key areas of the city and create a pedestrian-friendly shopping environment.

It also responds to community feedback over many years, which called for the creation of civic areas and green spaces in the CBA.

SES set to expand

THE extension to Wodonga's State Emergency Service (SES) headquarters in Victoria Cross Parade will go ahead thanks to an \$80,000 grant from Wodonga Council.

At the June 24 council meeting, the council opted to make an adjustment to the 2013-2014 budget to allow the funding to occur in the next financial year.

SES controller - Wodonga unit Dave Huxtable said the crew are "extremely excited" as they have been pursuing the extension since 2010.

"What this now allows us to do is bring together all the major stakeholders - Wodonga SES, Wodonga Council and Master Builders Association of Victoria (MBAV) and begin seeking tradespersons to start building the extension," he said. "This expansion will allow us to move ever-increasing, yet vital equipment out into a functional warehouse, which

will afford us a more comfortable workplace to accommodate increasing volunteer numbers. It will become a place to learn and practice their core rescue training."

The council's contribution will go directly to the expansion of the garage, with air conditioning and carpet to follow.

Wodonga Cr Anna Speedie said the SES provides a vital service to the community and this extension will enable them to deliver this invaluable service; normally performed in extreme conditions and by volunteers.

The overall cost of the project is \$113,000 with a 'Trivia and Live Auction Night' planned on August 30, 2013 at The Cube Wodonga to raise the remaining capital costs. Tickets are \$30 (including a spit roast dinner) and are available from thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets

Mr Huxtable said they hope the works can be completed within six to 12 months.



MOVING AHEAD: SES manager regional operations Neil Payn, volunteer Read Hedditch, Wodonga Cr Anna Speedie and SES controller - Wodonga unit Dave Huxtable looking at the extension plans.



AWARD-WINNING: Wodonga's entertainment centre, The Cube Wodonga, constructed by Zauner Construction.

Cube and Zauner a winning combination

WODONGA'S entertainment centre The Cube Wodonga has been recognised in the building industry by recently winning two Master Builders Association awards.

The accolades come just prior to the building's first anniversary on August 24.

Lavington's Zauner Construction took out the Best Commercial Project valued up to \$10 million at the 2013 NSW Southern Central Region 2013 awards at Wagga, and the Excellence in Construction of Commercial Buildings Over \$6 million in the 2013 Regional Building Awards - North East category.

The Cube Wodonga was designed by Williams Ross Architects with Zauner Construction being awarded the \$8.8 million contract to build the community facility. Works commenced in mid-2011 and the performing arts centre was officially opened on August 24, 2012 by former Victorian Premier Ted Baillieu.

Wodonga Council's director planning and infrastructure Leon Schultz congratulated company director Garry Zauner on his company's efforts.

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Save the date!

Sunday, August 25
11am to 2pm



The Cube Wodonga

First anniversary celebrations

Join us for a free barbecue and see talented local artists perform.

Flying Fruit Fly Circus | PROJECTION Dance | Murray Conservatorium

For more details, keep checking thecubewodonga.com.au

Fire safety in the kitchen

VICTORIA has more than 3800 residential fires each year, with more than one third of fires occurring in the kitchen.

The 2013 Home Fire Safety Campaign is now underway and highlights the increased risk of home fire during the winter period.

CFA deputy chief officer Steve Warrington said there were 12 fatalities as a result of home fires last year, so it is important that the Victorian community remain aware of the risks during winter.

"The easiest way to do that is to download and complete their own home fire safety checklist," he said.

For more information, or to download a home fire safety checklist, people can visit homefiresafety.com.au

Home fire safety tips to help safeguard the home from fire:

- Never leave cooking, heaters, open fires or candles unattended;
- Don't overload power boards;
- Keep electrical appliances in good working order;
- Ensure cigarette ash and butts are extinguished. Never smoke in bed;
- Do not dry clothing less than one metre from heaters;
- Clean lint filters on clothes dryers after every use and always let dryers complete the cool-down cycle;
- Store all matches and lighters out of reach of children;
- By law every home must have at least one working smoke alarm installed on each level of the house. Clean and test your alarms regularly and make sure they are working;
- Install a fire extinguisher and fire blanket and know how to use them;
- Have a home fire escape plan and practise it regularly; and
- Never deadlock yourself inside the house. Keep keys in the lock when you are at home.

Informative bus tour of Wodonga

WANT to know what's going on in Wodonga? This is your opportunity.

Free community growth presentations and bus tours are conducted each quarter.

The presentation and bus tour will provide you and other members of the local community with an opportunity to learn more about the future direction of Wodonga and have your questions answered by councillors.

You will be given an insight into the forthcoming major projects and initiatives that are set to shape and enhance the dynamic city of Wodonga in the next 20 to 50 years.

The next community growth presentation and bus tour is planned for Thursday, July 11, 2013 from 9am to 11am (meeting in the council chamber, city offices, level two, 104 Hovell St, Wodonga).

Bookings are essential. Please phone Fiona Keeble at the council on (02) 6022 9202 to reserve your seat.



GREAT INITIATIVE: Youth celebrating the card at the launch with Wodonga and Albury councillors.

Youth card connecting both sides of the border

YOUNG people from Albury-Wodonga should have received their 2013 Youth Connect Card following its recent launch at The Cube Wodonga Courtyard.

Continuing last year's successful partnership, Albury and Wodonga councils have again joined forces to produce a combined card that offers young people aged between 12 and 25 a range of local discounts and connections to key youth-based support organisations.

Wodonga Mayor Cr Mark Byatt said that Wodonga Council had been distributing a card for the past 12 years.

"Young people in Albury-Wodonga want to live healthy, affordable and safe lives and the Youth Connect Card is one fantastic way that we support this," Cr Byatt said

"The free card is a great resource for our young people.

"It offers discounts to a variety of local businesses and information about local support

providers across the border."

Albury Mayor Alice Glachan said the partnership had produced an excellent result, with support from 15 local businesses.

"It looks terrific thanks to the young designers from the Wodonga FReeZA crew and the Albury Youth Council, and I know the card will be useful for young people in accessing services and support in the region," she said.

This year 14,000 cards will be distributed by schools, universities, TAFE colleges, other educational institutions, youth services and local businesses in Albury-Wodonga.

The Youth Connect Card links young people to a range of local youth-based services and offers discounts at businesses on the border.

For more information about the Youth Connect Card, phone Wodonga Council's youth services' team on (02) 6022 9300 or AlburyCity on (02) 6023 8111.

Planning for growth

THE draft Hume Regional Growth Plan will be on public exhibition until Friday, July 12, 2013.

Since 2011, the Department of Planning and Community Development (DPCD), working in conjunction with council representatives from across the Hume region, has developed a strategic framework based around a number of themes to guide future development within the region.

DPCD now seeks comment on the draft plan.

For more information and advice on how to give feedback, please visit the 'Latest news' section at wodonga.vic.gov.au

Simplifying aged care services

VISTORS to the YOURLifeChoices website can learn what aged care means, the services which help them to stay at home and live independently for longer, the costs involved and who can help.

They can also download the essential guide to aged care, which explains how aged care works and what can be accessed, and by whom.

Information on health, wealth, travel and work is updated regularly for fun in your 50s, 60s and beyond.

To simplify YOURLifeChoices, simply visit yourlifechoices.com.au

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Council meetings are open to the public and are usually held on the third Monday of the month. Upcoming meetings include July 15 and August 19. 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.

Local choir to shine with stars

CATHOLIC College Wodonga (CCW) students will perform alongside Australian songstress Katie Noonan (former frontwoman for indie band George) and classical guitarist Karin Schaupp at The Cube Wodonga this month.

The duo will perform on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at 8pm as part of their *Songs Of The Southern Skies* tour, which is titled after their first full length album that was released in 2012.

"It is a great privilege for us to work with such exciting young singers from around Australia," Ms Noonan said.

"The choirs will join us on stage for the final song of the first half – one of our favourites, Gotye's sublime and haunting 'Heart's A Mess'."

It is also a song dear to the heart of the Australian public. It has just

been named as the number 12 in the Hottest 100 poll of favourite songs of the past 20 years, as voted by more than 940,000 Triple J listeners.

"It is often difficult for touring artists on the road to meet and work with local musicians," Ms Schaupp said.

"One of the great treats for Katie and I in touring *Songs Of The Southern Skies* is the opportunity to meet and perform with young talented people who love getting on stage and showing what they can do."

It is a terrific opportunity for the CCW choir, which is conducted by Fiona Dyball.

Although 2013 sees both Katie and Karin busy in their solo careers and other collaborations in Australia and overseas, their love of performing together has inspired them to reunite.

The Songs Of The Southern Skies shows and album explore music close to home and very close to their hearts, featuring some of Australia and New Zealand's best classical, folk, jazz and pop songs – from the Finn Brothers, Cold Chisel, Nick Cave, Icehouse, Bic Runga, Gurrumul, The Easybeats, Vince Jones and Gotye, through to traditional folk songs, a piece by Richard Charlton and a new Elena Kats-Chernin work - written especially for Katie and Karin.

With new arrangements, the songs are performed with the intimate combination of Katie's angelic and versatile voice and Karin's lyrical and fiery guitar.

Tickets are available from thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets and cost \$44 and \$37 (member/concession).

Bookings are essential.



TERRIFIC SHOW: Experienced musicians Katie Noonan and Karin Schaupp will put on an intimate performance at The Cube Wodonga.

Elgin Blvd and Havelock St works

THE capital works program for 2013-2014 includes two significant projects for the continued improvement of the Wodonga Central Business Area (CBA).

The projects are the reconstruction of the Havelock St/Lawrence St intersection and the realignment of Elgin Blvd.

Director planning and infrastructure Leon Schultz said the works proposed for the Havelock St/Lawrence St intersection will improve traffic flow, pedestrian and cyclist safety around the eastern edge of the Wodonga CBA.

"Traffic priority at the intersection will be changed to create a sweeping bend from Lawrence St into Havelock St, similar to the recently completed works that connected Watson St to South St," he said.

Other features of the design include dedicated cycle lanes and formalised pedestrian crossings to enable pedestrians to have safer paths of travel.

There is a budget allocation

of \$700,000 to complete these works.

It is anticipated that these works will commence in early-2014 and be completed by June, 2014.

Mr Schultz said the Elgin Blvd realignment will be a significant project for the Wodonga CBA.

"The works will reconstruct Elgin Blvd from Smythe St through to Hovell St," he said.

"These works will compliment the works that are proposed by Places Victoria on the Junction Place site.

"Elgin Blvd will be realigned to create a cross road with Jack Hore Place, which will create a better east west connection in the heart of the CBA."

Cycle paths will also be included as part of the reconstruction to enable safer access to the CBA for cyclists.

It is anticipated that these works will commence in November this year (no work during Christmas period) and be completed by June, 2014.

Border's digital economy sessions

WODONGA Council and AlburyCity are inviting residents and businesses to participate in the development of a local *Digital Economy Strategy*.

Digital Awareness and Innovation Workshops will be held at Wodonga Council, council chambers, 104 Hovell St, Wodonga from 5.30pm to 7.30pm on the following dates:

- Business workshop: Monday, July 8, 2013; and
- Community workshop: Tuesday, July 9, 2013.

There will also be two workshops at AlburyCity, Robert Brown Room,

553 Kiewa St, Albury from 5.30pm to 7.30pm on the following dates:

- Community workshop: Wednesday, July 10, 2013; and
- Business workshop: Thursday, July 11 2013.

RSVPs are essential to alburywodonga@attentiveconsulting.com.au

If you are not able to attend one of the workshops, you are able to contribute to the development of the *Digital Economy Strategy* by completing an online survey at AlburyWodonga.DigitalEvocity.com

Zauner's double award

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"They did a terrific job on The Cube Wodonga and likewise, on WAVES," he said.

"Both are wonderful community facilities that have been embraced by residents.

"It is a competitive industry on the border and we are lucky to have such high quality construction companies."

Zauner Construction is currently building its new headquarters – the \$10 million Northpoint Tower – in Griffith Rd, Lavington.

The building will have 360-degree

views across the city and has already secured tenants including Lavington Library, WAW Credit Union and a cafe.

The company has relocated to the building, which is close to completion, highlighting how far it has come from its origins in the early-1960s under Rudy Zauner in a former Bandiana Army hut.

Wodonga Council will host first anniversary celebrations for The Cube Wodonga on Sunday, August 25 from 11am to 2pm. This is a free community event.

For more details, keep checking thecubewodonga.com.au and the August edition of *CityLife*.

Battle Of The Bands 2013

Bands and solo acts wanted.

Applications close on Friday, July 19.

For more information and an application form, please visit : facebook.com/wodongayouthservices

**Friday, August 2
6pm
The Cube Wodonga**

Enquiries:
Wodonga Council's events co-ordinator on (02) 6022 9300 or sknight@wodonga.vic.gov.au

Tribute to Bunnings

Contract renewed during transition



MANY Wodonga men (and women) will be able to relate to comedian Harley Breen's show, *I Heart Bunnings*, coming to The Cube Wodonga on August 1, 2013.

They may have even been caught out going in for a tape measure and coming out with a trolley full.

Breen describes it as the "ultimate man-shed":

Two acres of timber, tools and trellises, guaranteed to make your man-ovaries ache.

It's a fantasy supermarket where dreams and wobbly bookshelves are made. It is the perfect place to wander around and feel like you've got the skills and materials (to build anything).

Breen is no stranger to successful tours and toured his hit solo show, *The Kingswood and I*, around Western Australia last year.

I Heart Bunnings is his follow up and will tour nationally, further building his unique brand.

If you love Bunnings or just listening to an unpretentious Aussie male tell some jokes, then get along and see Breen at The Cube Wodonga.

Show details:

Date: Thursday, August 1, 2013

Time: 8pm

Cost: Adult \$22 and member/concession \$18; Rubix Cafe dinner and show package \$45 (includes one main meal, drink and ticket to show)

Bookings: Bookings essential. Tickets available by phone, in person or online at thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets

Warning: Some mild coarse language. Show duration is 60 minutes with no interval.

WODONGA Council has made the decision to extend the contract for Meals on Wheels provision while a new service provider is appointed.

This will ensure the continuity of the service following the council's decision earlier this year to not continue to be the provider of Home and Community Care (HACC) services in Wodonga.

During the June council meeting, councillors said it was important that residents understood that their services would continue, which was why the contract with Albury Wodonga Health was extended until November and then further options provided for extension if required.

The Department of Health is in the process of appointing a new provider..

BELLY-OF-LAUGHS: Comedian Harley Breen will perform one of his hilarious routines in Wodonga.



Wodonga Children's Fair

'What I Want To Be When I Grow Up'
Sunday, October 27
Wodonga Racecourse,
Hamilton Smith Drive,
Wodonga

Expressions of interest (EOI)

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

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

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

- > Food vendors.

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 stallholders.

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

Raising awareness for elder abuse



FLYING BALOONS: The sky above The Willows was white and purple as seniors released balloons to say "no" to elder abuse.

LOCAL seniors came together recently to release white and purple balloons for World Elder Abuse Awareness Day.

A morning tea was held on June 11, 2013 at The Willows before special guest Gary Ferguson from Seniors Rights Victoria addressed the group.

Research indicates that elder abuse affects up to one in 20 older people, and that the most common type of abuse is financial.

June 15 was the official world awareness day with Wodonga Council turning the water tower purple to bring elder abuse out from behind closed doors.

Say "no" to elder abuse in the community.

Help make Wodonga a pet-friendly city and have a say

LOCAL pet owners and residents alike are being encouraged to contribute to Wodonga Council's new *Domestic Animal Management Plan* by participating in a community survey.

The council is calling for feedback that will be used to develop the four-year plan which aims to improve

animal welfare within the city.

Manger environment and community protection Mark Verbaken said that the survey would include an evaluation of the services that the council provides and delivers.

"Making Wodonga a pet-friendly community is important to us and this

survey will allow residents to tell us how we can meet the needs of not only pet owners, but all residents," he said.

The survey is anonymous. Residents can complete the survey at research.net/s/damp2013 or contact the council on (02) 6022 9300 to request a hardcopy.

Jonathon Welch and The Choir Of Hope and Inspiration



Workshop

Date: Saturday, July 27

Time: 10.30am to 5pm

Cost: \$45 includes morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea

Dr Jonathon Welch AM will be conducting workshops with local singers and choirs to learn a song that will be performed at *The Choir of Hope and Inspiration* concert the following day. Choirs and singers will have the opportunity to learn and discuss techniques in the master class sessions with Jonathon.



Concert

Date: Sunday, July 28

Time: 3pm

Cost: \$25

The Choir of Hope and Inspiration (formerly the Choir of Hard Knocks) began rehearsing in September 2006 under the leadership of Founding Music Director, Dr Jonathon Welch AM. Created specifically for people experiencing homelessness and disadvantage, the Choir has been highly acclaimed and awarded for their hard work, talent and commitment since inception.

Enquiries and bookings: The Cube Wodonga box office on (02) 6022 9311 | **Online:** thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets | **Venue:** The Cube Wodonga

NAIDOC spirit alive in 'purraays'

CHILDREN and families will be an integral part of NAIDOC Week 2013 celebrations in Wodonga, with a children's art exhibition and family fun day taking place.

NAIDOC Week 2013 will be held from July 7 to 14 and is an opportunity for Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians to join together to recognise the valuable contribution Indigenous people have made to Australia.

Purraays is an Ngiyampaa word for 'children' and the title of the children's art exhibition.

Local Indigenous artist Walter Melrose presents Wodonga's Purraays (Children) Exhibition and has been conducting an Aboriginal activity



YOUNG ART: One of the pieces of artwork created by Wodonga preschoolers that will be on display in Wodonga's Purraays (Children) Exhibition.

program with children during the past four months.

Preschools involved include Belgrade Ave, Southern Rise, Stanley St, Jamieson Crt, Koori First Steps and Felltimber.

The exhibition will run from Sunday, July 7 to Monday, July 22, 2013 at Creators Artspace Inc., Gateway Village, Lincoln Causeway, Wodonga. An official opening will be held on Sunday, July 7, 2013 from 2pm to 4pm. Come early and enjoy a bush tucker barbecue lunch. Entry is free.

Another barbecue lunch will be held the following day on Monday, July 8, 2013 for the Family Fun Day at The Cube Wodonga (auditorium and courtyard). The free event will run from 11am to 2pm at the Hovell St venue and will feature:

- Free barbecue lunch provided by Department of Human Services;
- Traditional dancers and didgeridoo performers;
- Big Screen featuring 'Scenario One' film produced by local youth;
- Storytelling with Walter Melrose; and
- Stallholders with boomerangs, keyrings and traditional Aboriginal paintings for purchase.

For more information, please phone Wodonga Council's Aboriginal employment facilitator Alicia Wheatley on (02) 6022 9300 or email awheatley@wodonga.vic.gov.au

Marlene shares her culture

LOCAL Aboriginal artist Marlene Plunkett will have her artwork on display for all to see on the city flags during NAIDOC Week 2013.

Ms Plunkett's artwork will be on the Woodland Grove and Water Tower roundabout flagpoles from July 7 to 14, symbolising the valuable contribution Indigenous people have made to Australia.

Her original acrylic paint on canvas artwork titled *A Journey Of A Brave People* was transferred to the 4.5m by 1.8m knitted polyester flags.

Ms Plunkett said her painting signifies the vision of brave peoples of Arnhem

Land, which has been seen through the ages.

"My painting shows the then 12 clan groups that sign the petition and the ripple effect that it has had over the years," she said.

"These people showed the way with the vision of never giving up; taking their case to each Prime Minister that came into power. They stood together petition after petition showing us their powerful strength.

"I thank them for showing the rest of Australia, both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal, that standing together and not being divided will overcome all odds."

The border will host several events for NAIDOC Week including a Family Fun Day at The Cube Wodonga on Monday, July 8 from 11am to 2pm.

"NAIDOC Week to me is an important time as it is a week to celebrate with community and others the history and culture of our people," Ms Plunkett said.

"To have my art made into a flag for Wodonga has been great as I am very proud of my culture and my art."

RIGHT: Local Aboriginal artist Marlene Plunkett with her painting titled *A Journey Of A Brave People*. It will be on display on the city's CBD flags.



STAGE DOOR: Nicala Knight (19), Taylor Falkner (17) and Emma Corbett (22) will perform in *Dance Epic* this month.

An epic dance collaboration

MORE than 100 dancers from across the region will take part in *Dance Epic*, a mass collaborative contemporary/modern dance show, at The Cube Wodonga on Saturday, July 13.

Choreographed by Tim Podesta from PROJECTION Dance, the show is the culmination of two months of workshops in Albury-Wodonga, Wangaratta, Yackandandah and Beechworth.

"There are pockets of dance around the region and this was a rare opportunity to collaborate," Mr Podesta said.

"What I've found going to these different groups is how responsive they are; they want to mix and meet people of a similar age with a similar passion.

"There is a lot of excitement about being a part of a performance in this awesome space."

The dancers range in age from eight years old to adults, and will take to the stage as a collective for sections of the show.

The one-hour show will also include solos, pairs and group segments.

Show details:

Date: Saturday, July 13, 2013

Time: 10.30am

Cost: Free

Bookings: (02) 6022 9223 or

thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets

It's preschool time again

IT is that time of year for parents with young children to start thinking about preschool for 2014.

Applications are now being accepted for three-hour and 15-hour preschool programs from Wodonga Council's six sites.

Application forms are available at the city offices in Hovell St, community centres and online at

wodonga.vic.gov.au/preschool

First round applications close on July 31, 2013.

Southern Rise Children's Centre and Felltimber Children's Centre also offer childcare services for times outside your child's preschool session times. This needs to be arranged separately to your preschool application.

For further enquiries, please phone the early years' team on (02) 6022 9300.



No excuse for bad food handling

WODONGA Council's environmental health officers (EHO) are responsible for food safety within the community.

They ensure food businesses are compliant with the requirements of the *Food Act 1984* of Victoria and the Food Safety Standards Code, which are mandatory national food standards.

The council's environmental health team aims to work diligently with businesses to achieve a high standard of food safety.

However, the council takes continual non-compliance with the Food Act 1984 and the Food Safety Standards seriously in its efforts to ensure safe and suitable food is sold in Wodonga.

The council recently found it necessary to undertake a *Food Act* prosecution against a local business and provided evidence in the form of photographs, inspection reports and laboratory results.

The defendant pleaded guilty to 12 breaches of the *Food Act 1984* and Food Safety Standards Code.

On handing down the penalty the Magistrate pointed out to the defendant the importance, not only to the community, but also to the business in ensuring they produce safe food.

New library website

WODONGA Council has taken over the full operation of Wodonga Library and joined the Swift Library Consortium, a co-operative network of Victorian libraries which shares resources across the state.

Upper Murray Regional Library (UMRL) has ceased operating and the council has purchased the books/catalogue. The council has been in-charge of front-of-house operations for some time, and has now launched Wodonga Library's standalone website at wodongalibrary.com.au

Library members will need to collect their new card when they are borrowing next. They will be able to place reservations and borrow from the combined collections of Swift libraries, which includes more than three million items.

Recognising heritage

WODONGA Council has received a list of 83 sites that will be added to a new heritage list.

Private, commercial and council owned structures are among those that will receive greater heritage protection under the proposed planning scheme amendment.

These include the Water Tower, the former shire building occupied by Cafe Grove, a Serbian church and a smash repair business.

The council is seeking community feedback on the proposed C97 amendment to the heritage overlay in the *Wodonga Planning Scheme*.

The existing scheme currently protects 11 places in Wodonga.

In a study conducted by Wodonga Council, these places were evaluated for their heritage value from a list of 180 properties identified in 2004 to be of historical significance to the city.

Manager planning and building John Sidgwick said finalising the heritage study is a statutory requirement and has been in the pipeline for a number of years.



HISTORY REMAINS: Manager planning and building John Sidgwick outside the former shire building in Woodland Grove.

"It will not prohibit work being done on residential properties, it just means residents will need a planning permit for things like demolition, new building construction or external alterations," he said.

Mr Sidgwick said heritage buildings are a key thread in the fabric of the city.

"These iconic places add to heritage tourism, develop connections to our past, provide cross-generational and educational links between residents," he said.

"Take the 1924 water tower, for example, it is an iconic landmark in the centre of the city that remains in good condition.

"This aims to keep such important structures around for many, many years to come."

The draft amendment is currently available for public viewing at the city offices in Hovell St, Wodonga Library or wodonga.vic.gov.au/planning-scheme

Interested parties wishing to comment can submit feedback in writing to Chief Executive Officer, Wodonga Council, PO Box 923, Wodonga, VIC 3689 by Tuesday, August 13, 2013.

For more information, please phone Ellen Evans on (02) 6022 9300.



FALLING LEAVES: The famous pink piano at The Cube Wodonga has a new lease on life. How long artist Drew Locke transformed the resident piano in the last week of autumn to reflect the leaf shedding of The Cube Wodonga Courtyard's spectacular tree. Courtyard visitors had the opportunity to observe, and speak with the artist. The piano is available for anyone to play when The Cube Wodonga is open.

Call for residents to adopt a fire hydrant

WODONGA Council is calling on residents and business owners to adopt a fire hydrant in response to a recent incident in Wodonga.

Firefighters lost valuable time searching for a hydrant point that was buried beneath grass on the roadside shoulder.

There are more than 3000 pillar ball or groundball fire hydrants in Wodonga. Should a fire break out it is essential that firefighters can gain access to these plugs and hydrants to ensure an adequate supply of water.

As a resident or a business owner, you can help by 'adopting' the hydrant near your property.

Each hydrant should have a white post with a blue reflective marker on it. If the passing road is sealed, there should also be a blue reflective marker glued onto the road surface.

Things you can do to help:

- Please keep grass and soil clear from the top of the ground ball covers and do not landscape over them;
- Keep bushes and undergrowth clear from around the hydrant; and



ADOPTION DRIVE: Local firefighters with a street hydrant in Wodonga.

- Ensure that no vehicles park near the hydrant and restrict access.

If the post or road marker is missing or if there are any faults or damage, you can either:

- Phone (02) 6022 9300;
- Use Snap Send Solve from your smartphone; or
- Email info@wodonga.vic.gov.au

The Artful Badge



Little Gifts

Artist Linda Fish reveals the artful process of creating miniature art. Using collage, drawing and assemblage, participants are invited to bring materials (fabric, photographs and imagery) and join in on the art of badge-making.

Venue: Wodonga Library, 126 Hovell St, Wodonga
Date: Friday, July 5
Time: 2pm to 4pm

Ages: 14 years and over
Cost: Free event. Pencils, pastels, pens and badge-making materials and equipment provided. For more information, please phone Wodonga Council's cultural development co-ordinator Bree McKilligan on 0409 425 290.

Circus workshop



Activate

This is your chance to learn a few circus tricks - hula hoop, juggle and diabolo! Graduates of Flying Fruit Fly Circus will share their skills with you.

Venue: The Cube Wodonga Courtyard (in the event of wet weather, it will be moved into the foyer)
Date: Thursday, July 4, 2013
Time: 10am to 11am

Ages: Nine to 25
Cost: Free
Dress: Layers and comfortable
Bookings: RSVPs essential to The Cube Wodonga box office on (02) 6022 9311. Limited places available. For further information, please phone Wodonga Council's youth participation officer Shelley Knight on 0478 306 954.



The dangers of sitting too long

WORLD renowned speaker, Professor David Dunstan, will address local employers on the dangers of sedentary behaviour in the workplace at a half-day conference on July 15.



Prof. Dunstan is the head of the physical activity laboratory at the Baker IDI Heart and Diabetes Institute in Melbourne and is an Australian Research Council Future Fellow.

Prof. Dunstan's research focuses on the role of physical activity and sedentary behaviour in the prevention and management of chronic diseases.

The conference responds to new evidence that links long periods of sedentary behaviour, primarily sitting, to increased risk of obesity, diabetes, cardiovascular disease, some cancers and premature death.

Recent population studies have estimated that around 50 to 70 per cent of the average adult's life is spent sitting.

Sitting six-plus hours per day makes employees up to 40 per cent more likely to die within 15 years than someone who sits fewer than three, even if the person meets the recommended guidelines for physical activity. People with sitting jobs have twice the rate of cardiovascular disease as people with standing jobs.

The conference also includes David Perry from Peacock Brothers to provide advice and demonstrations on the use of standing desks as well as case studies from local workplaces that have implemented cost effective and replicable strategies to decrease prolonged sitting in the workplace.

The conference will be followed by a workshop with Prof. Dunstan and Mr Perry on workplace strategies and actions to break up sedentary behaviours including demonstrations of some standing desks options, and a physiotherapist on

stretches and activities in the workplace.

The conference and workshop have been organised by Healthy Together Wodonga in partnership with the Wodonga Chamber of Commerce. Invitations are extended to interested parties to attend the conference and/or the workshop.

Conference details:

TAFESpace, Havelock St, Wodonga

Date: July 15, 2013

Time: 10am to 1pm with lunch to follow

Cost: Free

Workshop details:

TAFESpace, Havelock St, Wodonga

Date: July 15, 2013

Time: 2pm to 3.30pm

RSVP: htw@wodonga.vic.gov.au

For more information, please phone Tracey Farrant on (02) 6022 9300. To become involved in Healthy Together Wodonga, please visit wodonga.vic.gov.au/healthytogether and sign-up for the team's e-Newsletter.



DIVERSE SHOW: *Happy As Larry* will tour Wodonga.

Jana returns home to be the 'Performer'

FORMER Wodonga dancer Jana Castillo will play the 'Performer' in Shaun Parker & Company's touring production of *Happy As Larry* at The Cube Wodonga this month.

Ms Castillo, 25, will return to her hometown after a busy year of travelling as a freelance dancer.

Happy As Larry has already toured the United Kingdom, with auditions held back in 2010.

"This role fits me quite well or at least, when I was young," Ms Castillo said.

"When I was younger I was called a Betty Bunhead, as I was really obsessed with ballet and was a perfectionist."

The cast of characters is developed from the Enneagram, a psychological system that maps nine personality types: the Perfectionist; the Giver; the Performer; the Tragic Romantic; the Observer; the Devil's Advocate; the Optimist; the Boss; and the Mediator.

Set to a vibrant electro/acoustic score, the performers bring fun and danger to the fore in this innovative and moving dance work.

Jana is the daughter of well-known local artist Janine Castillo, and says she has been "dancing since the womb".

"I am a twin," she said.

"I was on the left-hand side and never stopped moving. I fell in love with music at a young age as mum plays piano.

"My grandma loved theatre and ballet. She made me a little tutu when I was four."

Ms Castillo started ballet lessons when she was seven after begging her mum.

It has led to some amazing roles and places around the world including being involved in the movement design on *The Hobbit* film in New Zealand.

"I was in the initial process in assisting to design movement for the goblins," she said.

"I always find myself in weird projects.

"My last show was a magical theatre show and I met the guy who did Harry Potter and got to play out my eight-year-old dream of making a flower levitate."

Show details

Date: Saturday, July 20, 2013

Time: 2pm and 8pm

Venue: The Cube Wodonga

Cost: 2pm - All tickets \$20; 8pm - The Cube Wodonga member/concession \$20, all tickets \$25.

Bookings: (02) 6022 9311 or

thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets

First joint visitor guide

WODONGA and Albury councils have launched their first combined *Albury-Wodonga Official Visitor Guide* this month, after previously producing separate publications for each side of the border.

The joint Tourism Victoria and Destination NSW branded *Albury-Wodonga Official Visitor Guide* has been jointly developed to ease confusion within the industry and



equally as important, the visitors who support the industry.

Useful information including accommodation options, local attractions, entertainment venues and pull out maps of both cities can be found in the guide to enhance both short and long term visits to the area.

Visitors and residents alike will find the new guide in visitor information centres from July 1.

Special recognition for seniors

IN recognition of the contribution that seniors have made and continue to make in the local community, the Governor of Victoria will host a reception for seniors at Government House on Thursday, October 3, 2013.

This reception leads into the Victorian Seniors Festival for 2013.

Wodonga Council is seeking nominations to take six to eight senior residents to attend the reception as significant achievers within the community.

If you know a senior that has been

contributing to Wodonga and is a resident of Wodonga, then please nominate them now.

A nomination form is available from the 'Seniors' section under 'Community services' on the council's website at wodonga.vic.gov.au.

Alternatively, please contact Debbie Jaraie at The Willows on (02) 6022 9620 or djaraie@wodonga.vic.gov.au for a hardcopy to be mailed to you.

Nominations close on Wednesday, July 31, 2013.



BEADS GALORE: *The Get Beading!* workshop held at Wodonga Library on June 18 provided local Bhutanese residents the opportunity to showcase their traditional beading artistic skills. The workshop was held during Refugee Week (June 16 to 22, 2013) and was open to all members of the community.

Jade Skies
Date: Now to Saturday, July 13
Venue: Arts Space Wodonga
Time: Arts Space Wodonga opening hours
Cost: Free
Enquiries: Arts Space Wodonga on (02) 6022 9600
 Jade Skies, an exhibition by artist Ann Collins explores light, colours, textures, moods and seasons.

Battle Of The Bands 2013
Date: August 2, 2013
Time: 6pm
Venue: The Cube Wodonga
Cost: The Cube Wodonga member \$4, other \$5
Enquiries: Shelley Knight on (02) 6022 9300 or sknight@wodonga.vic.gov.au
 The FReeZA Crew proudly presents Wodonga's annual event showcasing the city's talented young musicians.

School holiday activities - Sea-themed stories and craft for primary school aged children
Date: Tuesday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 9
Time: 10am to 11.30am
Venue: Wodonga Library
Cost: Free
Enquiries and bookings: Wodonga Library on (02) 6022 9330

School holiday silk and fabric dyeing
Date: Tuesday, July 2 and Tuesday, July 9
Time: 10am to noon
Venue: Baranduda Community Centre
Cost: \$30 for both sessions
Age: For children nine years and over
Enquiries and bookings: Baranduda Community Centre on (02) 6020 8643
 Come and learn how to transform any fabric into colourful art pieces. Participants are invited to bring fabric or clothing they may want to add a beautiful kaleidoscope of colour to.

Playstation Play-offs
Date: Thursday, July 4 and Thursday, July 11
Time: 2pm to 4pm
Venue: Wodonga Library
Cost: Free
Enquiries and bookings: Wodonga Library on (02) 6022 9330

Holiday Yoga and Yummies For Youngsters
Date: Friday, July 5 and Friday, July 12
Time: 10am to 11.30am
Venue: Baranduda Community Centre
Cost: \$10 per session
Enquiries and bookings: Baranduda Community Centre on (02) 6020 8643
 Join Deb Ryan to learn how relaxation and yoga can be playful and fun for little ones, whilst still having health benefits. For ages five and up, Deb will also create simple and natural snacks with

the children that will be easy to prepare at home.

Hume Murray Farmers Market
Date: Saturday, July 6 and Saturday, July 20
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.

Holiday Performing Art Workshop
Date: Wednesday, July 10 (ages nine to 12) and Friday, July 12 (ages six to eight)
Time: 10am to 1pm (Wednesday) and 10am to noon (Friday)
Venue: Arts Space Wodonga
Cost: \$9 per child (BYO lunch)
Bookings and enquiries: Arts Space Wodonga education officer Leisa Whyte on (02) 6022 9600.
 Local drama teacher Belinda Firmstone will work with you to create short scenarios with Collins work as the inspiration and backdrop for your performance.

Harry Potter Trivia Cup
Date: Wednesday, July 10
Time: 2pm to 4pm
Venue: Wodonga Library
Cost: Free
Enquiries and bookings: Wodonga Library on (02) 6022 9330

Dance Epic
Date: Saturday, July 13
Time: 10.30am (one-hour duration)
Venue: The Cube Wodonga
Cost: Free. Bookings preferred.
Tickets and enquiries: The Cube Wodonga box office on (02) 6022 9311
Online: thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets
Dance Epic is a collaboration of North East dancers of all ages in one mass choreographed event.

Katie Noonan and Karin Schaupp Songs Of The Southern Skies
Date: Saturday, July 13
Time: 8pm
Venue: The Cube Wodonga
Cost: The Cube Wodonga member \$37, adult \$44.
Tickets and enquiries: The Cube Wodonga box office on (02) 6022 9311
Online: thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets
 Two of Australia's most loved female artists – songstress Katie Noonan and classical guitarist Karin Schaupp – are teaming up once again, this time exploring music close to home and very close to their hearts.

Artyfacts
Date: Every Wednesday during school terms. Term three: July 17 to September 18
Time: 3.45pm to 5.15pm
Venue: Arts Space Wodonga
Cost: \$60 per term (pre-paid)
Enquiries and bookings: Arts

Space Wodonga education officer Leisa Whyte on (02) 6022 9600
 Be inspired by current exhibitions to create your own artwork. Ages nine to 12 years.

Art Buzz
Date: Every Friday during school terms. Term three: July 19 to September 20
Time: 10.30am to 11.30am
Venue: Arts Space Wodonga
Cost: Gold coin donation
Enquiries and bookings: Arts Space Wodonga education officer Leisa Whyte on (02) 6022 9600
 Creative visual art workshops for little ands, relating to the current exhibition. For ages three to five years and their parent/guardian.

Fluff and Stuff mini-workshop
Date: Thursday, July 18
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
 Part of a series of mini-workshops facilitated by local textile artists. The July workshop is crochet hats.

Centre for Contemporary Photography Documentary Photography Award exhibition
Date: Friday, July 19 to Saturday, August 10
Time: Opening hours Arts Space Wodonga
Venue: Arts Space Wodonga
Cost: Free
Enquiries: Arts Space Wodonga on (02) 6022 9600
 The Centre For Contemporary Photography Documentary Photography Award is a biennial showcase of contemporary Australian documentary photography.

Saturday Art Buzz
Date: Saturday, July 20
Time: 10.30am to 11.30am
Venue: Arts Space Wodonga
Cost: Gold coin donation
Enquiries and bookings: Arts Space Wodonga education officer Leisa Whyte on (02) 6022 9600
 View the current exhibition ad then join in the visual art workshop designed for families with children up to nine years.

Shaun Parker & Company presents Happy As Larry
Date: Saturday, July 20
Time: 2pm and 8pm
Venue: The Cube Wodonga
Cost: 2pm show – All tickets \$20. 8pm show – The Cube Wodonga member/concession \$20, adult \$25.
Tickets and enquiries: The Cube Wodonga box office on (02) 6022 9311
Online: thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets
 Happy As Larry is a dynamic, playful and beautifully layered new dance work which

investigates the elusive nature of human happiness. Age: Eight years plus. Warnings: Fog and smoke effects.

Little Me Market
Date: Sunday, July 21
Time: 10am to 2pm
Venue: The Cube Wodonga
Enquiries: Jade Tauber on 0421 082 388, email info@littlememarket.com or visit littlememarket.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.

Murray Conservatorium presents Mostly Mozart
Date: Friday, July 26
Time: 8pm
Venue: The Cube Wodonga
Cost: The Cube Wodonga member/concession \$15, adult \$20, child \$5
Tickets and enquiries: The Cube Wodonga box office on (02) 6022 9311
Online: thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets
 The Murray Conservatorium orchestra and chamber orchestra perform orchestral repertoire by Mozart.

Jonathon Welch and The Choir Of Hope and Inspiration
Dates and times: Choir workshops – Saturday, July 27, 10.30am to 4pm
 Choir Of Hope and Inspiration concert – Sunday, July 28, 3pm
Venue: The Cube Wodonga
Cost: Workshop participation - \$45 includes morning tea and lunch
 Concert - \$25
Tickets and enquiries: The Cube Wodonga box office on (02) 6022 9311
Online: thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets
 The Choir Of Hope and Inspiration (formerly the Choir Of Hard Knocks) began rehearsing in September 2006 under the leadership of Founding Music Director, Dr Jonathon Welch AM.

I Heart Bunnings
Date: Thursday, August 1
Time: 8pm
Venue: The Cube Wodonga
Cost: Dinner package \$45 (includes main meal, drink and ticket), The Cube Wodonga member/concession \$18, adult \$22.
Tickets and enquiries: The Cube Wodonga box office on (02) 6022 9311
Online: thecubewodonga.com.au/tickets
 Comedian Harley Breen has two brothers, they're both carpenters. He likes going to Bunnings to look at things he could make if they were around to fix them. Warning: Some mild coarse language.