

Administrators' Message



This week Administrator Eisenbise and CEO Kerryn Ellis welcomed the new intake of the Community Leadership Program. This was the first time the group had met and they all began interacting immediately. At the launch event, they heard from a guest speaker, Kerryn Vaughan, who is an international speaker on leadership. She had the whole group totally engaged while she spoke about her experiences. It was a great way to start the program and the participants are looking forward to their upcoming workshops.

We also received word this week that funding to assist Council's upgrade of its six transfer stations to allow for the collection of separated glass and food organics, as per the State Government direction), has been successful. The \$435,753 funding means that there does not need to be any Council contribution to the upgrade. Works are scheduled to commence later in 2021 and will primarily involve earthworks and concreting at all six transfer stations and the supply of bins (both hooklift bins for glass and wheelie bins for organics). We would like to thank the State Government for the funding and all the Council staff who worked on getting the support.

The extension of the Great Southern Rail Trail announced last week is great news for our region, making the rail trail one of the longest of its kind in Australia. When the works are completed, the trail will span 135 kilometres from Nyora through to Yarram. It is a wonderful way to connect our towns and showcase our region for both locals and tourists alike. We look forward to seeing Council support Wellington Shire Council on this project.

Finally, we would like to remind everyone to keep up to date with the latest COVID-19 restrictions on the Department of Health website www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus If you are eligible, we encourage you to make an appointment to get your COVID-19 vaccine. Of course, if you are unsure of what is best for you, book an appointment with your GP and they can talk it through with you.

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