

CEO's Report

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Car Ferry consultation

Council has released the draft Business Case for a Car Ferry between Cowes and Stony Point for public feedback. The draft Business Case will be open for community feedback until 6 April. Printed copies can be viewed at any of Council's Customer Service Centres or Visitor Information Centres, or Council's website at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/carferry. Now is the time to have a look at the draft Business Case and provide your feedback on it. In person feedback is being received at drop in sessions held at Mussel Rocks BBQ area on The Esplanade in Cowes from 10.00am to 4.00pm. These began

on the long weekend of 11, 12 and 13 March and are concluding on 19 and 20 March. Consultants, Councillors and Council staff were available to talk to community members about their concerns and receive feedback and comments. The online survey is open until 6 April and is available at www.basscoast.vic.gov.au/carferry. Once all the feedback has been processed, the Final Business Case will be presented to Council at its Ordinary Meeting on 21 April. Council will then have the option to consider its endorsement to the State Government.

Thompson Reserve lights up!

Council recently installed three new lighting towers at Inverloch's Thompson Reserve, ready for the start of the 2018 soccer season.

The installation of the lighting towers is a partnership project between Inverloch Stars Soccer Club, Sport and Recreation Victoria, Inverloch Cricket Club and Optus. A fourth tower will be installed in March and will integrate a telecommunications service. The project will provide training-standard lighting and greater mobile service coverage in the area.



Funding boost for football and netball

Council is funding significant projects to provide upgraded facilities for football and netball clubs around Bass Coast.

A major reconstruction of the Wonthaggi Power Football Netball Club facilities is well underway. Local contractors, TS Constructions, will manage the project, which will include new change rooms, kitchen, toilets and social rooms. The \$380,000 project is part of Council's 2017/2018 Renewal Program. Council recognises the valuable in-kind contribution the Club has committed to the project including building design and general labour works. The project will be completed ahead of the Club's first home game in 2018.

Another exciting recreation project is the reconstruction of the change rooms at Dalyston Recreation Reserve. This project is valued at \$733,060 and is part of Council's 2017/18 renewal program. The project is about to begin after Council awarded the tender to TS Constructions at its February Ordinary Meeting and is expected to be completed by mid-2018.

The tender for the construction of the Phillip Island Football and Netball Pavilion at Cowes Recreation Reserve was also awarded at the February Ordinary Meeting. Kubale Constructions will undertake this project which will provide new change room facilities for football and netball teams. The total cost of the project is in the order of \$430,000 which includes a \$100,000 grant from Sports and Recreation Victoria, \$60,000 from the Phillip Island Football Netball Club, the Club secured a \$60,000 community grant from Bendigo Bank and Council will contribute \$210,000 to the project.

The Club are also contributing in-kind support including electrical, seating and plumbing. The project will be underway in the coming weeks and is expected to be completed by mid-2018.

WUCAC renovations well underway

The Wonthaggi Union Community Arts Centre Renewal Project commenced in January 2018 with project completion set for 30 April 2018. This major undertaking is funded through Council's 2017/2018 Renewal Program.

Detailed planning with industry experts in the areas of fire safety, accessibility, technical systems, building structures and interior design were critical in setting the project up.

The project is tracking well and looking fantastic.

Now into the third month of the project, dust and noise have been reduced as the focus moved from demolition to installation.

Key milestones during this period include:

- The construction of the internal well to house the new lift
- Painting works throughout the auditorium including stage area
- New acoustic panelling throughout
- Cabinetry and linings to bathroom areas
- Improved orchestra pit access and framework
- Electrical and data cabling, ready for the new light and sound equipment

The next month of this project will see TS Constructions continue their work with stage flooring, air ducting (Williams and Burns), stage roof replacement, the finishing of bathrooms and several improvements to the foyer and external areas of the Centre.

HME Services will be on site completing the new rigging, light and sound installation as per the detailed design, with carpet and seating to follow soon after.

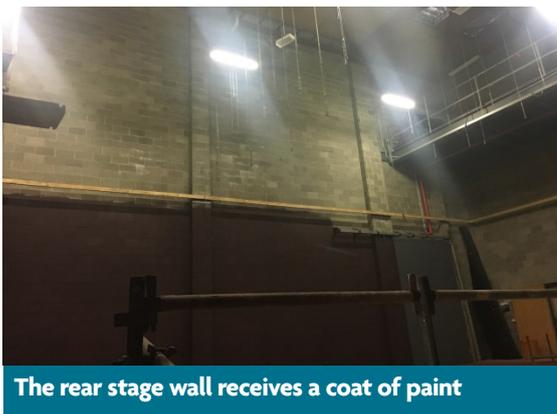
The project is planned to be completed by the end of April, with the Centre set to re-open just before the Wonthaggi Theatrical Group's production of *The Boy from Oz*.



The auditorium before works began



The auditorium at 6 March 2018 - renewal well underway!



The rear stage wall receives a coat of paint



Work continues on the orchestra pit



The auditorium with seating and fixtures removed