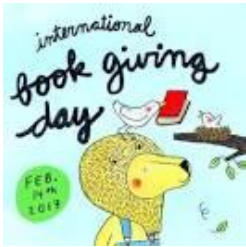


### International Book Giving Day

International Book Giving Day takes place on 14th February each year, with aim of getting as many books into the hands of children as possible.



This year, Beyond the Bell's *Growing Greater Readers* program is supporting the initiative, and is inviting book-lovers from all around Greater Hamilton to get involved.

Individuals are invited to:

- gift a book to a friend or family member
- leave a book in a waiting room, café, park, or other public place for children to read
- donate a gently used book to a local library, hospital or to an organisation that distributes used books to children in need internationally.

The *Growing Greater Readers* team will be gift-wrapping books with a special Book Giving Day tag that indicates the appropriate age to match the book inside. These tags can be collected from the Hamilton Library for anyone wishing to wrap and distribute their own books, or donations of new, or as-new books can also be left at the library for the team to distribute.

### Services Networking Meetings

These meetings are an opportunity to share information and to gain knowledge about local services and supports to improve outcomes for people in your service.

At the meetings, everyone has the opportunity to summarise their service, and identify resources available as well as the referral pathways.

All practitioners in the local community, welfare and legal professions are welcome to attend so please forward this information throughout your networks.

These sessions are free with light refreshments provided.

- **Hamilton – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 9:30-11:30am, Salvation Army Church Hall, 89 Kennedy St, Hamilton**
- **Portland – Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March, 9:30-11:30am, Salvo Connect, 33 Henty Street, Portland**

RSVP indicating the location you wish to attend to [aedgar@cah.vic.gov.au](mailto:aedgar@cah.vic.gov.au) or phone Andrew on 5232 5176

### COMMUNITY ENCOURAGED TO SHARE THEIR VISION FOR THE FUTURE!

Council will hold a series of workshops across the Southern Grampians Shire throughout February, as part of the process to develop the 2017-2021 Council Plan.

Council is required to prepare and adopt a Council plan prior to 30 June this year. The plan outlines the vision for the four year term of the Council and includes the objectives, strategies and actions which need to be implemented and undertaken to ensure this vision is realised.

The sessions dates and times are as follows:

- **Monday 13 February** - 4.00pm | Byaduk Club Rooms and 6.00pm | Branxholme Pub Courtyard
- **Thursday 16 February** - 6.00pm | Coleraine Railway Tourist Information Centre
- **Monday 20 February** - 4.00pm | Balmoral Pub and 7.00pm | Cavendish Bunyip Hotel
- **Thursday 23 February** - 4.00pm | Café Catalpa, Tarrington and 6.30pm | Volcano Discovery Centre, Peshurst
- **Tuesday 28 February** - 4.00pm | Glenthompson Community Hall and 6.00pm | Dunkeld Community Centre
- **Thursday 2 March** - 6.00pm | Wrap-Up and Feedback Session - Venue to be confirmed

The sessions are open to all and light refreshments will be provided.

Those who cannot attend one of the scheduled sessions are invited to participate and share their vision via the Council facebook page, by emailing [sgs2021@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au](mailto:sgs2021@sthgrampians.vic.gov.au) or in writing, addressed to the Mayor or CEO.



Tarerer Festival will once again be bringing Aboriginal culture alive along with other cultural mixes celebrating the diversity of culture in the South West. Going back to its original venue Tarerer Festival, 'Sharing Cultures' 2017 will be held at Lighthouse Theatre, Warrnambool Saturday February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

**Headline Acts:** Yirmal Marika, Johnny Lovett and Shane Howard

**Link to Lighthouse Theatre for tickets – [click here](#) Web: [Click here](#) Facebook: [Click here](#) Email: [info@tarerfestival.com.au](mailto:info@tarerfestival.com.au)**

### VICTORIAN WOMEN'S BENEVOLENT TRUST 2017 - GENERAL GRANTS PROGRAM

In 2017, the Victorian Women's Benevolent Trust welcomes applications for projects benefiting women and girls, in particular we seek applications that:

*Promote social inclusion and community cohesion in regional Victoria addressing the needs of refugee and migrant families or women or girls who are experiencing socio-economic disadvantage, lack of educational or training opportunities, or who live with a disability or illness.*

Applications for the 2017 General Grants will open on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January and close on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

For more info go to : <https://www.vwt.org.au/applying-for-a-grant/>

### Funding available for community organisations

Thanks to funding from the Eirene Lucas Foundation, Jean Hailes is pleased to offer a unique opportunity for Victorian communities to invite a Jean Hailes' speaker to present on women's health at an event they are organising in their local area. The new project will enable ten Victorian organisations from community health, women's health, multicultural and Indigenous health, rural health, local government and other not-for-profit bodies to access an expert speaker to deliver a presentation that addresses local health information needs.

[Find out more apply here](#)

Key dates: Applications close 17 March 2017 and events must be held in Victoria between 1 April and 31 August 2017.

Contact Fiona Darling, Senior Project Officer: (03) 9903 8999 or E: [fiona.darling@jeanhailes.org.au](mailto:fiona.darling@jeanhailes.org.au)

### Autism Spectrum Disorder and Asperger's Syndrome

**Professor Tony Attwood**

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 4:30pm-7:00pm, The Carmichael @ City Memorial Bowls Club, 50-58 Cramer St, Warrnambool. Cost - \$85  
To register please purchase your ticket online at [www.trybooking.com/247298](http://www.trybooking.com/247298)

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017, 9:30am-3:30pm, Main Theatre @ Lighthouse Theatre, 185 Timor Street, Warrnambool. Cost: \$135  
To register please purchase your ticket online at [www.trybooking.com/247315](http://www.trybooking.com/247315)

For further details, please contact Janet Collins, South West Disability Network on 0439 116092 or [janetcollins@westnet.com.au](mailto:janetcollins@westnet.com.au)

### Upcoming Events

- **Healthy Weight Week** – 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February
- **Injury Prevention Consultation Workshop** – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb 2017, 12:30pm-3:30pm, Melb. Contact [barbara.minuzzo11@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.minuzzo11@gmail.com)
- **DV-alert (Domestic Violence Response Training)** - March 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> 2017, 8:45am to 4:30pm, Warrnambool  
Contact: E: [megan@lifelineswv.org.au](mailto:megan@lifelineswv.org.au) P: (03) 5559 0521 [www.dvalert.org.au](http://www.dvalert.org.au)
- **Supporting Resilient Workers - Addressing vicarious trauma, compassion fatigue and burnout** – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Warrnambool. Contact: Fiona Meade Counselling & Group work M: 0452 040 997 E: [fionameade@outlook.com](mailto:fionameade@outlook.com)

### Markets & Food/Produce Swaps

**Merino Produce Swap** – 10am-11am, Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Feb, Merino Community Health Centre (second Saturday of month)

**On Track Market** – 9am-1pm, Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at Hamilton Harness Racing Club, - every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

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SGGPCP is promoting health and wellbeing by reducing the amount of time spent sitting in the workplace.

We actively encourage participants at our meetings to stand, move and/or stretch throughout the meeting to ensure sitting time is reduced.

PLEASE FORWARD YOUR ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE BULLETIN TO: [robyn.holcombe@wdhs.net](mailto:robyn.holcombe@wdhs.net)