



# THE CROAKER

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## Save the date for 2019 SURF COAST ARTS TRAIL

Winter means the countdown for the Surf Coast Arts Trail is well and truly on, with people encouraged to mark *August 10th and 11th* in their calendar.

The creative community is abuzz with artists, studios and galleries preparing their artwork and art spaces for the annual event. This year, the Surf Coast Arts Trail will run the weekend of August 10th and 11th, from 10am to 4pm each day.

It will showcase around 50 venues that will take you through the beautiful hinterland and along the coast. With 10 new venues joining favourites from previous years, the Surf Coast Arts Trail has it all: From pottery wheels to blacksmithing, painting easels to jeweller's benches, printmaking studios to woodworking sheds and so much more.

With many artists only opening their doors to the public during the Arts Trail event, the weekend provides a rare opportunity for the public to see artists and studios demonstrating their crafts.

"Over the past eight years, the Arts Trail has provided a unique experience for art lovers" Mayor Rose Hodge said. "There's something special about visiting an artist in their creative space, not to mention being able to speak personally with them about what drives their work. Many people gain inspiration and insight into an artwork by seeing the artist in their studio. There's also often a chance to share a friendly chat with the artist while you visit."



*Rose Phillips, Deans Marsh artist (ceramic work)*

This year will also see the launch of an exciting interactive digital map, as an addition to the tried and true printed version that will be available from early July. The new digital map will allow each visitor to design their own trail, and discover artists based on location, artwork medium or other nearby attractions. The digital map will be available beyond the event, providing artists with an extra opportunity to promote their work and studios throughout the year.

"Council is pleased to be able to support the creators in this region through events such as the Arts Trail, and with the addition of a digital map, we're hoping to improve the experiences of both artists and visitors" Cr Hodge said.

For more information and to stay up-to-date with the artists featured in this year's event, visit <https://www.surfcoast.vic.gov.au/Experience/Arts-culture-and-heritage/Surf-Coast-Arts-Trail>



Caroline Hawkins, Anglesea artist (textiles)

### **All weather Pathway along Birregurra-Deans Marsh Road is now a REALITY**

After 7 years of lobbying the Surf Coast Shire, Deans Marsh has been awarded \$333,000 in the 2019-2020 budget, for a concrete slab pathway between The Store and Railway Tce.

There are so many people in the community that have put in time and effort to bring this to fruition, but space does not allow me to name them all.

However, we must not forget who began the journey.

In 2012 Luka Lesosky-Hay, a local pupil, organised a petition signed by 45 residents. As a result a pathway was created, but only extended to Aurel Drive. Unfortunately, the track was poorly designed and constructed with materials that were immediately washed away in heavy rain. Since then the Lesosky-Hay family have moved to Aireys Inlet.

Lobbying continued for a further 7 years. Last year \$11,000 was allocated to complete a feasibility and costing report for an all-weather pathway. Having studied the report in detail, we began to feel confident of success this year. Unfortunately, this was not the case.

Undeterred, many residents presented submissions (some for a 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> year) to petition for funding to be included this year's Budget. In addition, our Councillor, Clive Goldsworthy took up the challenge. He researched alternative means of funding and discovered that as there was already a path in place, this project might be able to be viewed as an upgrade rather than new infrastructure, and as such funding might be able to be found from an alternative program. In the end funding was allocated under heading Pathways within the Discretionary Program. Clive deserves a big Thank You from all the Deans Marsh community.

With the advent of the pathway becoming a reality, some of the safety issues within the township are beginning to be addressed. We now have to continue lobbying Rural Roads Victoria for an extension of the 60kph along Birregurra-Deans Marsh Road, together with increased signage at the T-junction, to reduce the speed at which many vehicles coming from Lorne turn into the C152. RRV did conduct workshops two months ago but since no progress has been made.

*Juliet Beatty  
Deans Marsh*

## RUN THE MARSH 2019

It's time folks - Registrations are OPEN! Get in quick to ensure your FREE race day gift!

Register Now at Deans Marsh Cottage website:

<https://deansmarsh.org.au/>



**RUN** Frogwood Arboretum REGISTER [deansmarsh.org.au](https://deansmarsh.org.au)  
**THE MARSH**  
3KM WALK 2 & 5KM RUN  
**SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2019**



## WINTER SOLSTICE REPORT

Our Winter Solstice celebration was a beautiful manifestation of community spirit and warmth - the biggest crowd ever, with many new visitors to our community. The organising team developed a great program and the dance ritual, including the amazing costumes and headpieces, delighted us all. My big thanks to the artistic coordinator Michelle Stewart for her vision.

*Lisa, DMCC*

## DEANS MARSH PRIMARY SCHOOL - RESPECT, RESILIENCE & RESPONSIBILITY

### PARENT INFORMATION SESSION:

We invite all prospective and 2020 prep families to our Parent Information Session on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July at 9:15am** where the Principal and prep teacher will discuss life at Deans Marsh PS. The staff, students and parents of Deans Marsh Primary School are very proud of our unique school. New students are always invited, understood and celebrated within our student-centred learning environment. If you would like to know more about our community-minded school, our wonderful students and teachers, please come along to our information session. A tour of the school and enrolment packs will also be available on the morning. At Deans Marsh Primary School, we strive to ensure that all our students don't just cope, they thrive.



*Flamenco dancer Natalia Garcia with (L-R) Lachie Chappell, Keeley Smith, Jessica Ferrari, Taya Flavel, Casey Armistead & Rhett Edwards*



Deans Marsh Primary School



On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June, we welcomed many of our families to a day of fun activities around learning about, and celebrating the many diverse cultures of the world. This day officially ended our Term 2 Inquiry unit of work called “**A Ticket Around the World**”.

*Highlights from the day:*

The costumes | Families and students participating together in a traditional Aboriginal smoking ceremony | The energetic African drumming | Delicious Italian pasta making | The amazing Flamenco dancing | Learning Indigenous sports and look at artefacts | Creating Indonesian Arts | Roaming around the many student projects to provide feedback.



Tully Exton (L) & Asha Bush



Fred from One Spirit Africa



Zach Ford (L) & Layla Comelli

Thank you to all families and the child care children and staff that attended. Thank you also to our three special guests: Fred from One Spirit Africa, Natalia Garcia our Flamenco dancer, and Ebony Hickey for the welcome to country and traditional smoking ceremony.

*Russell Taylor-Shaw*  
*Principal*



Bella Tippins making pasta

## WHAT'S ON IN JULY 2019

Deans Marsh Hall - Pop-up Cafe  
Deans Marsh Hall - Table Tennis 'The Ping Pong Club'  
Deans Marsh Hall - Tai Chi  
Deans Marsh Primary School - Parent Info. Session - New families  
Surf Coast Shire - Surf Coast Arts Trail  
Frogwood Arboretum - RUN THE MARSH

Every Friday night, from 6pm  
Tuesday nights, from 7.30pm  
Saturday mornings, 9.15am  
Thursday 25th July, 9.15am  
Sat. 10th - Sun. 11th August  
Sunday 25th August, from 9am