



A Placement Profile

A1 Presbytery	Western Victoria Presbytery		
A2 Name of Placement	Moyne-Warrnambool		
A3 Placement city/suburb/town	Warrnambool		
A4 Church/Office location(s)	115 Koroit Street, Warrnambool 3280		
A5 Congregations and agencies associated with this placement	incorporates Allansford & District, Mortlake, Port Fairy, Warrnambool, Moyne-Warrnambool Parish Mission (known as Heatherlie Homes)		
A6 Ministry leadership being sought	Specific ministry role:	Outreach, Emerging, Resourcing change	
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A7 Specific details	Additional placement <input type="checkbox"/>	Replacement placement <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Full Time <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Part Time <input type="checkbox"/>	Time fraction <input type="text"/>
	Earliest Start Date:	Immediate <input type="checkbox"/>	OR 15/02/2026
A8 Placement term	Undefined <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Up to 10 years (see Reg 2.7.3(a))	
	Fixed Term <input type="checkbox"/>	Required for non-congregational placements (see Reg 2.7.3(b)):	Years <input type="text"/>
A9 To be completed by Presbytery, with reasons given on page Error! Bookmark not defined.:	Is permission sought to advertise? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
	Is a Priority Placement recommended? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		
A10 Website	https://warrnambool.ucavictas.org.au/ https://heatherliehomes.com.au/		
A11 Social Media	FB: Warrnambool Uniting Church Op Shop FB: Heatherlie Homes FB: Moyne-Warrnambool Uniting Church FB: Unpackaged Food Cooperative Warrnambool WhatsApp: Free_Key You Tube: https://www.youtube.com/@moyne-warrnamboolUC		
A12 Google map link	https://goo.gl/maps/muCEoLeF4ENpw5co9		

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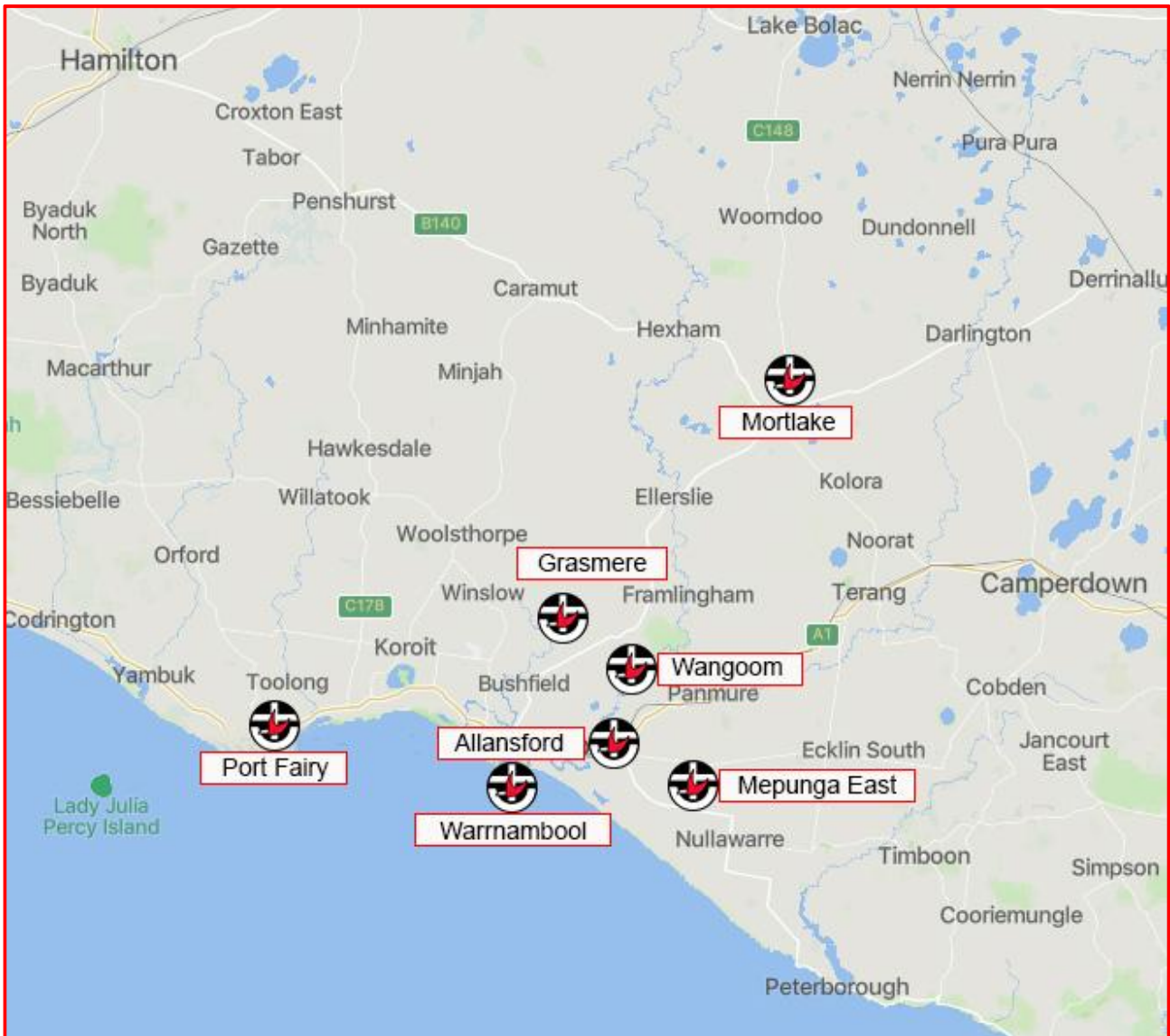
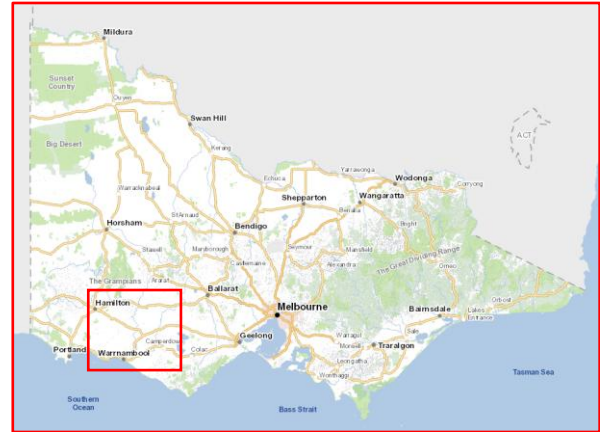
Presbytery of Western Victoria



Moyne-Warrnambool UC & Parish Mission

Places of Worship Nov 2025

[Note: Allansford & District currently rotate the location of their worship between Allansford, Grasmere, Mepunga East and Wangoom]



B The Congregation

B1 Tell a potential minister about this placement and yourselves, in your own words and pictures, in no more than one page. Share something of your congregation's values, beliefs and ways in which you live out and share the gospel message.

Include comment about why you need a new minister. How will this placement be exciting, challenging, and attractive to a minister? How can God be served in new ways here? What do you want the Minister to do with you and for you?

This is your chance to 'be creative' and catch the attention of someone who is thinking of sharing their call, their gifts, their life with you.

Moyne-Warrnambool was formed in October 2024 as four congregations (Allansford & District, Mortlake, Port Fairy & Warrnambool) who shared ministry across what was previously known as the Hopkins Region came together as one new Congregation & Parish Mission with one Church Council worshipping at multiple sites.

Our Mission Statement is 'Walking with Jesus as we walk with others in faith; walking towards reconciliation as first and second peoples together.'

Warrnambool:

- Warrnambool could be regarded as the "mother ship" housing the ministry team, providing significant resources but sensitive to the needs of the smaller worship communities.
- Warrnambool hosts two different worship services on a Sunday, one being Free_key.com, which is a more exploratory and experimental group, seeking openness and true connection, and the other, an all ages service which is more traditional, but still very open to interesting conversation and being challenged.
- Warrnambool has a significant property footprint in the CBD and is well regarded for the way it balances the needs of mission and stewardship, against being an ethical landlord and corporate citizen.
- There is a long history of initiating and supporting missional activities, the most notable of which are Heatherlie Homes, School Chaplaincy and Student Wellbeing in schools (Big Life program).
- We are not afraid to speak up and act in our community.



Do you want to share this vision?

If the Spirit is leading you...Be Brave. This is the place for you!

A dynamic, Spirit-led community with diverse worship styles.

Be part of a team ministry with the opportunity to follow your passions.

We are willing and open to trying new things.

We have a passion for social justice.

We are responsive to needs within the wider community.

We are well resourced.

Encourage us to be bold and break new ground.

Become a part of the wider community.

Help push us further out of our comfort zones.



Allansford and District

Allansford and District is a small but faithful group of worshippers who are slowly adjusting to change and looking to the future. We were originally four separate rural congregations who have come together into one faith family supporting each other. We need support to keep our congregation worshipping together and reaching out into our rural communities, even when we mightn't physically have a church building anymore.

Port Fairy

- Port Fairy will welcome a new Minister to our church who will complement and bring new talents to the existing ministry team.
- We hope for someone who will share their faith as they lead us in worship and be part of our church family.
- We are a loyal and supportive congregation who look forward to our times of worship and fellowship together.
- We are accepting of new ways to worship such as 'Youth Group with 90-year-olds' and 'Home-grown' services.
- We enjoy a strong sense of community and try in our individual lives to live out our faith in the wider community.

Mortlake

- Mortlake is a small rural town with schools, community health service and doctors, supermarket, butcher, hospitality venues together with Anglican, Catholic and Uniting churches.
- Ours is a small but vibrant faith family, caring for each other, very loyal and faithful in attending worship, with fellowship over morning tea being an important time for sharing what's happening in our lives.
- We have adapted to our loss of members by worshipping with the Anglican church on the 1st Sunday of every second month and sharing the 5th Sundays.
- We very much enjoy afternoon tea at the local hotel on the 4th Friday of each month, with fellowship and good discussion shared.
- We recognize our fragility but are keen and positive to worship and look out for each other. We are looking forward to working with the new ministry in sharing the good news of God's love for all.

B2 List and explain any particular priorities which the congregation has identified and which it will address in the next two to five years?

Warrnambool

Our vision is that Warrnambool Uniting Church will be recognized for...

- Diverse, welcoming & inclusive relationships with people of all ages, regardless of their beliefs
- Its profile in the Warrnambool community as a beacon of the Christian faith
- The accessibility of worship, programs, and services
- A sense of community that embraces and binds various worship, age, and activity groups. An ongoing commitment to solidarity, support & empowerment of those with the greatest need, in collaboration with the Warrnambool community

Achieving the vision - What are we called to do as a church?

Focus 1: Fostering Discipleship (Encouraging people through fellowship to grow in their relationship with God)

- Meet people where they are and build relationships as a pathway to fostering discipleship with an inter-generational approach.
- Use a range of styles and media to increase our visibility to the community to reveal the nature and role of the Christian faith in our lives.

Focus 2: Worship (Connecting with God's Word and nurturing our faith – individually and together)

- Grow participation in the Christian faith as advocated by UCA by making worship accessible to existing and new members, using technology, catering for diversity and group size preferences, and including a range of spiritual practices.
- Encourage inter-generational worship and interaction between different worship groups.

Focus 3: Community Services & Advocacy (Doing God's work for a better world)

- Place ourselves bravely, responsively, proactively, and collaboratively as people of the Christian faith in the most needed places, with the flexibility and objectivity to adjust our priorities and use our resources as required.

ALLANSFORD

How to be missional in the changing dynamics and changes of worshipping spaces. To stay together as a congregation, supporting each other and our wider community in particular the younger people with Kids' Club based at Grassmere and the community outreach at the monthly Café Mepunga.

MORTLAKE

Our ageing congregation will bring its own challenges, but we hope that we are adaptable enough to make good decisions along the way to look after our people.

PORT FAIRY

We would like to maintain our current enthusiasm but are an ageing congregation with its own challenges and joys. We are a worshipping people who honour God and celebrate God's life in all people and creation, both in times of joy and in times of sorrow. We use a wide range of worshipping styles to do this.

We act on our responsibility to continue Jesus' work in the world. We care for the marginalized and challenge injustice.

We help all our members to be in the ministry of care, not only in a network of care to our members, but in pastoral care to people in our wider communities.

B3 Does this placement relate to more than one congregation?
If so, provide details on page Error! Bookmark not defined..

Yes

No

B4 What ethnic and language groups are represented in the congregation?
What proportion of the congregation does each represent?

WARRNAMBOOL

Anglo 90%
 Migrant worker Korean Worship and bible study group 5%
 Sri Lankan/Indian 5%

ALLANSFORD

Anglo 100%

MORTLAKE

Anglo 100%

PORT FAIRY

Anglo 100%

B5 What languages are spoken in the life of your:

Congregation, by		Community, by	
Individuals	<p>WARRNAMBOOL Predominantly English, also Korean, Finnish,</p> <p>ALLANSFORD English</p> <p>MORTLAKE English</p> <p>PORT FAIRY English</p>	Individuals	<p>WARRNAMBOOL Mainly English, Increasing numbers of Korean, Ukranian, Fijian, Indonesian, Filipino, Thai, Indian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Turkish, Arabic, Sudanese, Russian.</p> <p>ALLANSFORD English</p> <p>MORTLAKE English</p> <p>PORT FAIRY English</p>
Groups	<p>WARRNAMBOOL English, Korean</p>	<p>Groups</p> <p>Warrnambool Orthodox Church</p> <p>Warrnambool Multicultural Association</p> <p>Warrnambool Multicultural network</p> <p>Warrnambool Islamic Society</p>	<p>Korean, Ukranian, Fijian, Indonesian, Filipino, Thai, Indian, Chinese, Vietnamese, Turkish, Arabic, Sudanese, Russian, English.</p>

B6 What languages are spoken by the congregation in worship?

WARRNAMBOOL

- English.
- Korean Worship and bible study conducted in Korean language led by a visiting Melbourne Korean speaking minister (Rev. Jun Ho Back) at monthly services.

ALLANSFORD

- English.

MORTLAKE

- English.

PORT FAIRY

- English.

B7 Describe any involvement your congregation has in covenanting with first nations people.

WARRNAMBOOL

- Has a First Nations Listening Group and has historically had a long connection with the local indigenous communities, including rebuilding a local Elder's house at Framlingham (1983). This is a relationship we are keen to develop further.
- We support local indigenous initiatives, learning more through participating in local NAIDOC Week and Reconciliation Week activities and in 2025 many members participated in the Walk for Truth
- In 2021, we helped with funding to assist the development and publishing of "Wylah the Koorie Warrior" which was written and produced by two local young indigenous men.

PORT FAIRY

- Inclusion of Acknowledgement of Country, and indigenous songs and stories in worship services.
- Our Port Fairy Folk Festival Annual Service in 2023 had an indigenous theme.
- Members of the church visited Budj Bim World Heritage site to learn more about Aboriginal culture and history.

All members of the Moyne-Warrnambool support these activities.

An Acknowledgment of Country is included in all worship services and meetings across Moyne-Warrnambool.

B8 List any UCA Schools and/or agencies (Uniting VicTas, Uniting AgeWell) with which the congregation has an existing relationship.

WARRNAMBOOL

- The Early Learning Centre, located at the Warrnambool worship centre is operated by Uniting. There is a liaison group to encourage interaction with the faith community.
- Moyne-Warrnambool Uniting Church Parish Mission (known as Heatherlie Homes - 85 residential units for independent living)

C Mission

C1 List three of your missional activities that your congregation does best?

WARRNAMBOOL

1. Outreach: Op shop & Community Lunch, Korean migrant workers
2. Heatherlie Homes Independent Retirement Living
3. Stewardship of Property resources to sustain Mission.

ALLANSFORD

1. Developing links with the Grasmere school. Pancake day is held there.
2. Outreach through Kids Club.
3. Café Mepunga

MORTLAKE

1. Pancake Day
2. Sandwiches and homemade biscuits supplied to Mortlake College for children who have no lunch.
3. Morning Tea and lunch provided to our Craft & Chat group of 10 who meet monthly.

PORT FAIRY

1. Helping individuals in the community – we provided a caravan for a homeless lady and site accommodation on the church property to allow her to regroup
2. Christmas food collection for Francis Foundation.
3. Have provided free accommodation for the SUFM Beach Mission for over 40 years on the church site
4. Financial support for special appeals - Christmas Bowl, Lenten Appeal, Bible Society

C2 What are three missional activities your congregation would like to develop?

WARRNAMBOOL

1. We aspire to place ourselves bravely, responsively, proactively, and collaboratively as people of the Christian faith in the most needed places, with the flexibility and objectivity to adjust our priorities as required. (Source: Focus 3 from Vision Statement) Homeless people in our community are a priority as is providing a safe space for all especially our LGBTQI+ community.
2. Increase our outreach to the disillusioned, the curious, the lost and the wavering.
3. Increase our effectiveness in our ministry to young people and young families.

PORT FAIRY

1. Restart an Emergency Fund.
2. Collect for Food Share in winter.
3. More outreach into the community.

C3 How has the congregation changed in the past two years?

The main change for this congregation in the last two years is the coming together of four congregations to form one Moyne-Warrnambool congregation worshipping at multiple sites with one Church Council and fully shared financial and ministry resources. There have been significant changes in the ministry team with a new Pastoral Care Pastor and an interim Intergenerational ministry co-ordinator both appointed in November 2025. The remaining ministry team member began her placement in July 2024. We are in a period of transition and change.



C4 What changes and developments are anticipated in the next three to five years?

WARRNAMBOOL

- Warrnambool will be giving increased support to the region in multiple ways, including administratively and financially. We will be exploring innovative ways of being the Church in our community.
- We expect further development and implementation of the Parish Mission including construction of Stage 7 of Heatherlie Homes Independent Living units expected to begin in 2026.

ALLANSFORD

- Probably disposing of 2 or 3 buildings.
- A very large percentage of our congregation are volunteers at the Op shop, Community groups and Foodshare.

MORTLAKE

- Our Manse has been sold.

PORT FAIRY

- Deciding on the future of the buildings.
- Ways we worship.
- Declining numbers in the congregation

D The Community

D1 Describe the wider community in which your ministry is located.

WARRNAMBOOL

- Warrnambool is a city of 35,700 (2021 census including parts of Allansford).
- It is gradually evolving from an Anglo-Saxon population (predominantly Irish and Scots descendants) to a more diverse society.
- There is a noticeable growing awareness and activism in environmental, social justice, refugee, and indigenous cultural issues.
- Major employers are:
 - The Midfield Group (Meat processors and extensive rural holdings),
 - Milk processors
 - Education (Deakin University, Southwest TAFE, three secondary schools, a K-12 Christian college, a Special Development School, numerous State & Catholic primary schools and pre-schools),
 - Health (two hospitals and a Cancer Centre) and Aged Care Facilities,
 - Tourism,
 - Rural services
 - Light industrial manufacturing,
 - Government agencies and human service providers.
- These employers and the presence of most major retailers and franchises create a diversity that insulates Warrnambool somewhat from the severe economic downturns affecting other regional centres.
- We also have many active service clubs and opportunities for volunteering.
- Warrnambool hosts many regional and statewide sporting and conference events.

PORT FAIRY

- Port Fairy is a picturesque and historic seaside township of approximately 3,700 residents, catering for both residential and holiday accommodation.
- We have both State and Catholic primary schools and there is transport to secondary schools in Warrnambool and Hamilton.
- Excellent healthcare is provided by two medical Clinics, Moyne Health hospital and Aged Care.
- Port Fairy has Red Cross, Rotary, Lions, Fire brigade, SES and an extensive range of sports and facilities for all ages.
- The town is known for its annual Folk, Jazz, Winter, and Spring festivals, swelling the population considerably.
- The people of the town are very supportive, and volunteering is part of the local ethos.

MORTLAKE

- Mortlake is situated in a rich agricultural setting having one of the biggest under cover sale yards in Victoria
- We have Mortlake College a prep to year 12 school a Catholic primary school, kindergarten & a childcare centre.
- Our health needs are met with a Health Centre, Doctors & an Aged Care facility.
- Mortlake has a library, two hotels, supermarket, hairdressers & the well-known "Clarke's Pies"
- Active Lions Club, S.E.S., Fire Brigade, good sporting facilities for golf, football & cricket clubs.



D2 What makes this an enjoyable place to live?

WARRNAMBOOL

- Warrnambool, a vibrant and dynamic regional service centre, is the largest city in the Great South Coast region; a part of the world-famous Great Ocean Road, it is a highly liveable coastal regional city with a strong track record of steady and sustained population and economic growth.
- Warrnambool, by the sea (Psalm 104:25-26), voted Victoria's Most Liveable Regional city in 2021.
- Most years, female Southern Right Whales return to Logan's Beach (Warrnambool's Whale nursery) to calve.
- Warrnambool celebrates a very active Arts and Cultural community with opportunities to participate at all levels. A wide range of sports and hobbies are well catered for with excellent facilities.
- Major retailers and franchises, along with smaller local businesses, contribute to a large and thriving shopping and restaurant sector.
- The proximity to the sea and associated activities.
- It is a popular holiday destination for people outside the region as well as for local farmers. During Summer, the population increases by around 10,000 people!
- It is a service centre with regular passenger rail services to Melbourne and good public transport to other areas, including Ballarat, and Mount Gambier. Travel time to Melbourne by road is around three and a half hours, to Ballarat is two hours and to Geelong just over two hours.
- Deep Blue Hot Spring Baths
- Lake Pertobe Adventure Playground

PORT FAIRY

- Laid back lifestyle
- The beaches!

D3 What are the points of stress and pain in the wider community?

Points of stress and pain in the wider community include:

- Homelessness, drug, and alcohol use (exacerbated by the lack of a residential drug and alcohol facility locally), mental health issues and male suicide.
- Housing affordability and insufficient housing available for needs
- The difficult economic times are also having a significant effect.
- Our First Nations people and their ongoing battle for justice and reconciliation.
- Declining population in smaller rural communities.
- Lack of road maintenance

D4 How closely does your congregation reflect the demographics of your local area?

- The Warrnambool community is becoming increasingly multicultural. While this is not generally reflected in the makeup of the Warrnambool worship site, we have small numbers of people from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds involved and a strong link with the migrant workers, especially the Korean community. We are very receptive to those of other cultures and faiths.
- The three smaller worship sites are more reflective of the demographics of their communities – retired, ageing.

D5 What community facilities are present in the local area?

WARRNAMBOOL & DISTRICT

- Warrnambool has excellent education facilities from pre-school to tertiary levels, having both Deakin University and a multi campus TAFE College. There are many choices when it comes to schools, with four excellent secondary schools and many primary schools, including both State and Catholic options.
- There is also high-quality health care available with many general and specialist services along with many wonderful Allied Health and natural therapy options. Southwest Healthcare is a large regional acute care hospital which is about to undergo a major redevelopment. There is also St John of God Private Hospital and a new Regional Cancer Centre. Aged Care is also well provided for with all levels of care, from independent living communities, like Heatherlie, to high care nursing homes.
- Sports & Hobbies – a wide range for all age groups and abilities.
- Festivals – Koroit Irish, Pt Fairy Folk, Jazz, Winter and Spring Music Festivals, Warrnambool Story-telling Festival, Easter Arts Festival.
- Cultural – performing arts, libraries, theatre, orchestra, book clubs, musical groups, film society, cinema, choirs, art galleries.
- Archie Graham Community Centre which is a friendly and relaxed place to find out about and join in with community activities that keeps the community fit and healthy, independent, and connected.
- Community Radio Station 3Way FM
- A beautiful new architecturally designed and well-equipped Community Library shared with the SWTAFE College. A new Regional Technology College is currently being built on the site.

PORT FAIRY

- Two magnificent beaches – East Beach - offering many opportunities for safe beach outings and South Beach –offering great surfing options and fishing
- Surf Club overlooking picturesque East Beach
- Aquatic Centre with 25 metre indoor pool
- Two large council run caravan parks close to the beaches offering brilliant facilities; there are also three privately owned caravan parks in Port Fairy
- Senior Citizens, Bowls Club, RSL, numerous pubs
- Port Fairy Community House offering courses, workshops, services etc
- Monthly market on the Village Green and Railway Place

MORTLAKE

- Senior citizens, Bowls Club, RSL, Golf Club, Lions Club
- Library
- 50m outdoor swimming pool
- Mortlake P-12 College, Kindergarten and Preschool Day Care
- Community health service – with nurse and doctor on duty