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**'The Store' NOW OPEN at 24 Masterson Court, Warragul**



Bowens general manager Ron Peet (left) with Warragul branch manager Dean Armstrong (centre) at the new Bowens Warragul Store.

Australia's largest provider of high-quality building supplies and timber, Bowens, yesterday opened a new store in Warragul, marking the seventeenth store in their state-wide network.

The fourth-generation, family-owned Australian business has been supplying the country's largest variety of quality timber and building supplies for over 128 years, with 2022 representing a key year for its network growth across Victoria.

The brand-new Bowens Warragul store is the

first of three new store openings in the coming months for Bowens with Melton (October) and Cheltenham (February) on the way as well as large expansions planned at existing sites in Hastings and Epping.

Largely working with small to medium-sized groups, builders and trades, Bowens has recognised an increased construction demand across West Gippsland.

The Warragul site will not only better support local builders, but relieve demand on the neighbouring Pakenham store, delivering

## Bowens opens new Warragul store to support West Gippsland builders and the community

quicker supply for local businesses, saving them time and money.

Adding up to 35 new full-time jobs for the area, the Bowens Warragul store is expecting to service hundreds of local builders with a commitment to ensure building products are delivered on time and in full always.

Bowens is proud of their top-quality customer service, with local account managers prioritising building strong relationships with local builders and the broader community, as local construction demand in the area continues to grow.

Bowens Director and Chief Investment Officer, Andy Bowen said "We are excited to be formally opening the doors of our newest store in Warragul, marking the seventeenth store in Bowens' network across Victoria.

We've been watching the demand in the area grow and are proud to be able to better service local builders in and around Warragul.

We'll be looking to support the community in meaningful ways outside of building supplies and look forward to better connecting with the people of Warragul.

Part of that will be hiring local talent and creating jobs for people in West Gippsland and the surrounding areas."

"Some staff already living in the Warragul area will be relocating from the established near-by Pakenham store.

The size and location of the Warragul store will create more full-time employment oppor-

tunities as we scale up, eventually aiming to have 35 full-time employees based out of Warragul," Andy Bowen said.

Bowens Warragul store manager and long-term employee, Dean Armstrong said "I've worked with Bowens for 19 years, living in Warragul for 11 of those, so I know the community really well.

As Warragul Store Manager, I'll be able to work closely with builders in the area and better understand their ways of working, projects and priorities.

Our main goal is supporting local builders, keeping up with increasing demands and ensuring our orders are delivered in full and on time."

"The new store will represent a great opportunity for Bowens to support local causes and groups, showing our commitment to the local community.

Hitting the ground running, we're bringing some of our experienced staff from the Pakenham store across, ensuring our top-quality service remains" he said.

The Bowens Warragul store will integrate existing and new employees, with multiple team members already living in the Warragul area moving across from existing stores.

Bowens continues to invest in its Victorian store network, helping all Australians build better.

To find out more about the new Warragul site, visit [bowens.com.au](http://bowens.com.au)

## Gippsland Power Equipment opens new branch in Warragul

Gippsland Power Equipment are excited to offer their exclusive range of high quality products and services to Warragul and surrounding areas since opening their new branch at 16 Normanby Street, Warragul.

Easy to find, with ample off street parking and huge turning area for utes and trailers making it easy to get your repairs in and out.

GPE employ 5 full time technicians with over 50 years combined experience so they're renowned for fast turn around times and quality workmanship.

They even service all other brands including Husqvarna and John Deere, so why not give them a try?

But if it's a new mower you need, look no further.

With GPE's exclusive quality brands like Cub Cadet, Rover, Gravely & Supaswift they're sure to have the perfect mower for you.

With a wet Spring looming have you considered a unique Cub Cadet "Four Wheel Steer" Zero Turn model? They have amazing stability and performance on slopes and in wet slippery conditions, call the team to arrange a demon-

stration at your property today.

With Interest Free finance, Seniors Card & Cash Discounts along with friendly knowledgeable service with a smile, GPE make owning Outdoor Power Equipment easy.

Gippsland Power Equipment [www.zeroturns.com.au](http://www.zeroturns.com.au) Two great locations. 259 Princes Way, Drouin Ph: 5625 1079, and now also 16 Normanby St Warragul Ph: 5623 1079

*Gippsland Power Equipment, for quality outdoor power equipment sales, service & repairs. Discover their new branch at 16 Normanby Street, Warragul. Ph:5623 1079. The friendly and experienced staff are from left: Kohen, Geoff, Farren, Brendan & Mark.*



## Join us for the free activities, workshops and events at Myli library branches during the school holidays!

We're holding a Mini Art competition for Youth Fest 2022!

Call into Drouin, Warragul, Neerim South or the Northern Mobile library from September 17 to collect a mini canvas to create a work at home.

Canvases can be completed in any medium and design that you choose. Return your completed canvas to the library by October 2 to automatically go into the draw to win a \$50 Teens Gift voucher.

This competition is strictly open for Myli members aged between 12 and 25 years. We can't wait to see what you create!

**Pokémon Terrariums DIY @ Warragul Library - Thu, 29 Sep 4:30 PM**

Celebrate the Victorian Youth Fest 2022 by coming along to the Warragul Library to make a DIY terrarium for a Pokémon.

Create the perfect mini habitat for your favourite Pokémon using a variety of supplies like fake moss and plants, small rocks and more, making a wonderful decoration for you to bring home.

All materials are provided! Ages 12+

**Folkie Dokey @ Warragul Library - Friday 30th September 10am.**

Join CJ and his puppet friends Nigel Crocodile, Lewis Lion, Scratch Dog, and Roger Monkey on a journey through the origins of folk music from around the world.

**Crafternoon @ Warragul Library - Fri, 30 Sep 2:00 PM**

Unstructured free play is great to help develop fine motor skills, problem solving and creativity, as well as a lot of fun.

We are cleaning out our craft cupboard so all materials are supplied and set up ready to go.

**School Holiday Movie Screenings @ Drouin Library - Tues, 20th Sep 10.30am.**

Join us at Drouin Myli for our super school holiday movie screenings! Please call Drouin Myli on 56251564 for details on the fabulous movies we'll be showing.

**Pokémon Terrariums DIY - Drouin Library - Mon, 26 Sep 4:30 PM.**

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**Bubble Art @ Drouin Library - Thursday 29th Sep 2pm & 3pm.**

Join the Drouin Myli team for this very bubbly and super fun art activity.

Find out what you can make when you com-

bine dishwashing liquid, coloured food dye and a straw with your own bubble-blowing expertise.

Please wear old clothes or a smock, we might get messy!

**Badge Making @ Neerim South Library - Sat, 24 Sep 2022 10:30 AM**

Create your own design using templates or choose from our readymade customs images and we will turn it into a fantastic fashion accessory. Express yourself!

Visit <https://myli.au/events> for bookings and details about the free school holiday events across Baw Baw, South Gippsland and Bass Coast Shires are via.

There's more to explore at Myli - My Community Library. Visit [myli.org.au](http://myli.org.au) or Call 1800 HI MYLI (1800 44 6954) to learn more.