

Our Advocacy Success



Ballan Library and Community Hub



Bald Hill 1000+ Steps

Coming up to the Federal and State elections, Council has successfully advocated for funds for important projects throughout the Shire ... and there's more in the pipeline. See page 3 for details.



Darley Park Pavilion



Ballan Recreation Reserve Pavilion

Discover funding for your business

Have you visited the Moorabool Shire Grants Hub? We’ve made it easy for your business or organisation to search for available funding across Federal, State, local, private or philanthropic grant funding programs. The grants are already filtered so any grants you discover should be available to Moorabool Shire based businesses and groups.

To get started, simply register with the grants hub and you can start searching and receiving email updates about new grants of interest. It’s free to search and receive alerts.

Register here: moorabool.grantguru.com.au/register

Get started today: moorabool.grantguru.com.au

How to videos: moorabool.grantguru.com.au/how-to



Discover local businesses & local jobs with Moorabool Localised

Do you have local jobs based in Moorabool Shire that you’d like to advertise free? Are you a Moorabool Shire-based business?

Whether you have a shopfront, factory, or farm, are large, medium or small, you can advertise your jobs (and your Shire-based business!) for free on Moorabool Localised.

Brought to you by Council’s Economic Development team, there are already over 200 local businesses on the site, promoting their goods and services, and helping locals discover local jobs. Council is also regularly running spend local campaigns promoting Moorabool Localised, so make sure your business and your local jobs are there to be found! moorabool.localised.com.au

How to go about it:

1. If you are already listed on Moorabool Localised- simply login and add your job.
2. If you are not listed on Moorabool Localised- go to ‘Add Business’, and once your business listing is approved you’ll be able to add local jobs. You can also simply advertise your Shire business even if you don’t have jobs available.

Council tender opportunities

Council regularly has tender opportunities available and these can be viewed at: portal.tenderlink.com/moorabool/alltenders

To discover more about Council’s procurement process and how to access tender opportunities, we encourage you to visit our Working with Council page which includes a video workshop providing you with helpful information to get started.

moorabool.vic.gov.au/Services-and-support/Business/Working-with-Council



Tourism events grants

Council has launched its 2022 Tourism Grants Program.

Grants of up to \$3000 are available for Shire based tourism events.

The Moorabool Shire Council Tourism Events Grants Program is designed to support the planning and delivery of tourism events, with a focus on significantly increasing both visitation and visitor expenditure to Moorabool Shire.

The Tourism Events Grants are offered as one application round with a total pool of \$12,400 available, or up to \$3000 maximum per successful applicant. To be considered, applications must meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the program guidelines, as well as have read the assessment criteria before applying. Applications open 28 March 2022, and close 18 April 2022.

For more information, visit moorabool.me/TourismEvents2022



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Helping Moorabool thrive

Moorabool – we’re stepping it up!

You’ll notice a lot of construction activity throughout the Shire over the next 12 months as we start delivering some very exciting projects for our communities. In the lead up to Federal and State elections this year, Council has been advocating strongly for infrastructure and services for the Shire, and it’s paying off!

We have recently received funding for:

- Bald Hill 1000+ Steps project
- Bacchus Marsh Racecourse and Recreation Reserve Stage 2 works
- Ballan Library and Community Hub
- Ballan Recreation Reserve
- Darley Park Pavilion
- Funding for essential services to Parwan Employment Precinct

You can read more about these projects in detail in our Moorabuild section.

This is millions of dollars’ worth of infrastructure being built right here, and there is more to come. Our Advocacy Prospectus “Helping Moorabool Thrive” has been developed and adopted and sent to politicians and departments at both federal and State departments, to attract more funding and services in the Shire. Some of the priority projects include an indoor pool at the Taverner St, Bacchus Marsh site and sewerage Bungaree and Wallace.

Some of the smaller projects we’re continuing to advocate for include:

- Lal Lal township improvements
- Mt Egerton Main St footpath
- Bacchus Marsh Splash Park
- Blackwood Recreation Reserve pavilion kitchen upgrade
- McLeans Reserve, Ballan upgrade
- Paddock Creeks Reserve, Gordon walking trail connection
- Elaine Recreation Reserve cricket nets
- Blackwood Recreation Reserve cricket nets
- Solar installation at Egans Reserve, Greendale

To read our entire prospectus and see what we have in the pipeline for Moorabool (both big and small projects) go to moorabool.vic.gov.au/advocacy



Building for the future

It’s been a huge couple of months for works in Moorabool – both big and small projects. Here are some of the highlights so far this year, with plenty more construction to come:

The Bacchus Marsh 1000+ at Bald Hill

Stage 1 at Bald Hill is almost complete! The stair climb will not only service the local community of Moorabool Shire but will also attract visitors from Melbourne and regional Victoria.

Later this year, the existing walking trail on Bald Hill will also be utilised to create a place for exercise, recreation, as well as art spaces.

Find out more: moorabool.vic.gov.au/baldhill



Old Geelong Road, Ballan

Our team have been working on Old Geelong Road, Ballan (between the rail crossing and Geelong-Ballan Road).

The project involved a road rehabilitation, pavement reconstruction, widening of the road and intersections, sealing, asphaltting, line-marking and drainage works. Pictured shows the improvements.



Building for the Future

Darley Park Pavilion

The old pavilion is gone and \$4.1 million Darley Park Community and Sports Centre project is underway. Next step: works to start on the new \$3.2 million pavilion. The project's been made possible by funding from Council (\$1.1 million), the State Government (\$2.5 million) and the Darley Football/Netball Club. (\$481,000). #Moorabool

For more details, visit moorabool.vic.gov.au/darleypark



Environmentally friendlier options

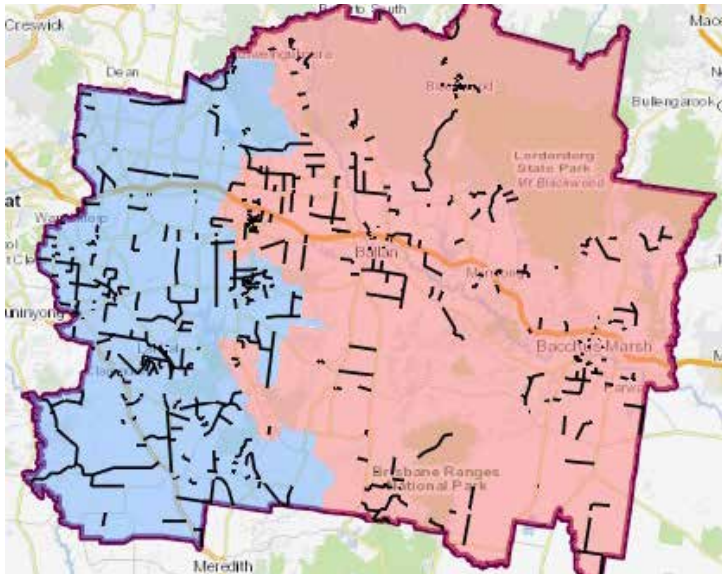
This year, we're pleased to continue using innovative and environmentally friendlier options in our road maintenance projects. By reusing the rubber from end-of-life tyres, Crumb rubber provides a more durable and longer lasting road surfacing. It also keeps old tyres out of landfill, reducing waste! This financial year, we are forecast to use over 34 tons of crumb rubber in road projects across Moorabool Shire!

Additionally, we recently completed works on Station St, Maddingley. For this project, we chose to use an asphalt product called Reconophalt due to it's environmental benefits! Check out the amount of products re-used in this project (which otherwise would have gone to landfill):

- Re-used Plastic Bags = 439,564
- Toner = 10,022 from used printer cartridges
- Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP) = 124.1 tonnes



Grader operations



Council's annual unsealed road grading schedule is in line with our Road Management Plan, which to date is being maintained at 100% compliance. The schedule has our crews operating in four zones within the shire boundaries throughout the year. Roads across our Shire are scheduled in order of priority based off a number of reasons, this includes the amount of traffic the road handles each day and the geography of the road.

Want to find out when your road is scheduled to be graded?

Search the address in our interactive map here:

moorabool.vic.gov.au/graded-roads

Check out the map of upcoming gravel re-sheet projects happening across Gordon roads.



Aqualink

Our Aqualink project is coming along really well. Footpath construction and road crossing has been completed on the Aqualink project and it's looking fantastic. The solar lighting design is progressing with installation scheduled very soon.

Fencing works have begun, as have works at Maddingley Park, which will involve resurfacing the existing path.





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KINDERGARTEN

MOORABOOL SHIRE COUNCIL CENTRAL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2023

REGISTRATIONS OPEN
MONDAY 7 MARCH 2022

HOW TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

#1

Decide which kindergarten will best meet your needs

#2

Apply through Council's Central Registration system before the end of June

#3

Tell us you want to accept the place when receiving your offer in July

#4

Formally enrol your child with their kindergarten when they contact you in October



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MONTESSORI KINDERGARTEN

176 Gisborne Rd
Darley 3340
03 5367 7706
bacchusmarsh.els@vt.uniting.org
https://earlylearning.unitingvictas.org.au

Many Long Day Care Services in Moorabool also offer funded 3-and 4-year-old kindergarten programs. To enrol or for more information please contact the services directly.

WALLACE & DISTRICT KINDERGARTEN

739 Bungaree-Wallace Rd
Wallace 3352
03 5334 0268
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YOUNG ST KINDERGARTEN

Cnr Young and Bennett St
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www.ecms.org.au



To register or for more information, including *Priority of Access* details, please visit:

moorabool.vic.gov.au/kindergartens

Free fence posts help 98-year-old Korweinguboorra farmer on his recovery journey

Eligible Moorabool residents with severe and lasting damage to their properties following the June storm were identified by the Storm Recovery Team last year and invited to take part in the program to receive up to 1km worth of fence posts.

The fence posts and droppers are made from wind-blown timber that was collected by Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV) during their residential storm clean-up program. The collected storm debris was then turned into usable fence materials at Macedon Ranges Shire’s green waste site in Romsey.



Douglas and Thomas Hedges

Not a single piece of timber is wasted at the facility, with all debris or green waste turned into either fence posts, firewood, mulch, tree stakes, sawdust and even materials for fish habitats.

Thomas Hedges is 98 years old and lives on a 100-acre farm in Korweinguboorra. He and his son Douglas run the farm but have not been able to keep cattle or grow crops since the June 2021 storm.

“I got up in the morning and I looked at that big tree that’s over in the paddock there. It’s 10 foot deep and 20 feet across and we’d often thought we’d have to take it out one day, but there’s not a bulldozer ever made that could’ve pushed it out, it’s that big,” Douglas said.

“I thought, no it couldn’t be down. You wouldn’t believe a storm would’ve taken it down.”

The Hedges’ received their delivery of free fence posts in early March.

“They’re good and they’re sawn posts, we weren’t expecting that,” said Douglas.

Douglas and Thomas need about three times the amount of fence posts provided but are very pleased that they now have a good start.

Fallen trees had flattened the Hedges’ fence lines all the way around the property, and it was a slow and steady task for Douglas to remove them, one tree at a time.

“From the bottom of the property right to the very top, flattened the whole way. I’m talking trees, on top of trees, on top of trees,” he said.

Thomas has lived on his Korweinguboorra farm for 66 years and has never seen a storm like the one Moorabool experienced in June 2021.

“Normal storms will blow trees over, but this lifted them out of the ground. And it stacked them. I’ve never seen anything like that,” Thomas said.

It’s been a long recovery journey and it’s far from over, but the Hedges’ are looking forward to getting cattle back in their paddocks.

“We can’t use the farm as a farm, for cattle since last June. Or for crops because of the kangaroos until I get those fences back up,” Douglas said.

“Every paddock has areas flattened with the trees, there wasn’t one area or paddock that you could do anything with – have stock in or anything. We had to shut everything down, stop everything, get rid of everything,” Thomas said.

Free firewood for vulnerable residents concludes

Approximately 30 cubic metres of free firewood was delivered to vulnerable residents across the Shire recently.

A silver lining following major weather events in the area, storm debris was processed into firewood to service 19 vulnerable households.

These vulnerable residents were identified by the Storm Recovery Team in late 2021 and were delighted to receive their free firewood recently.

This firewood was allocated specifically for residents in need, as opposed to the firewood that was offered to the general public via a “first come first served” booking system last year.

“I just wanted to say thank you very much for the wood and also how lovely the driver and two beautiful families that came and stacked were.” – Ballan resident.

Another Ballan resident, Graham Noon, said he and his wife were grateful for the Council initiative – “it’s just terrific!”

Volunteers from the 1st Ballan Scouts Group assisted in stacking the firewood at each property. Scouts, Cubs and Joeys as young as six and seven helped to move the firewood deliveries into resident’s woodsheds.

“We weren’t expecting the Scouts at all! My neighbour next door said – the Scouts are coming tomorrow to move the wood! I was really pleasantly surprised,” said Graham.



A place to hang out

Studio 22 in Darley is back open and ready for local young people to come hang out in a safe place with qualified youth workers. Come chill out after school and play video games, express yourself through art or come kick a footy.

Open Term 1 on Tuesdays from 3:30pm-6pm, Term 2 Tuesdays and Thursdays 3:30pm-6pm.

**TUESDAY AFTERNOONS
DURING SCHOOL TERM
3:30PM - 6:00PM
DARLEY CIVIC & COMMUNITY HUB
182 HALLETTS WAY DARLEY**

STUDIO 22

**CHILL OUT ZONE
FOR YOUNG
PEOPLE AGED
13-17!**

- VIDEO GAMES
- BOARD GAMES
- ART & CRAFT
- GUITAR LESSONS
- FREE FOOD

For more information contact Moorabool Youth Services
Email: youthservices@moorabool.vic.gov.au
Phone: 5366 7100

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A new place to chill

BYZ- Ballan Youth Zone is having its grand opening on Wednesday April 20, 1pm-3pm located at Ballan Community House. Come join us for free guitar lessons, art experiences, video games and much more!

Ballan Youth Zone will then be open Wednesday evenings from 4pm-6:30pm during school terms.

For more information about Studio 22 or BYZ please contact youthservices@moorabool.vic.gov.au or call us on (03) 5366 7100

**OPENING WEDNESDAY
20 APRIL 1PM - 3PM
MECHANICS INSTITUTE RESERVE &
BALLAN COMMUNITY HOUSE
143 INGLIS STREET BALLAN**

GRAND OPENING! BALLAN YOUTH ZONE

***NEW* CHILL OUT ZONE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
AGED 13-17!**

- VIDEO GAMES! BOARD GAMES! ART & CRAFT!
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Explore our library services

Technology Assistance

Weekly one-on-one sessions to assist you in building your online skills. Learn at your own pace: how to access the internet, make video calls or set up your device. Bring your own device or borrow one from the library.

**Every Wednesday 9am-12noon,
Lerderderg Library**

Home Library Service

Moorabool Libraries offers a free delivery service for residents within the Shire who are unable to visit the library or who do not have access to reasonable transport, delivering library materials to your home on a regular basis. Eligibility conditions apply.

For more information on these programs contact Moorabool Libraries on 5366 7100 and select option #5.

Justice of the Peace

A registered Justice of the Peace is available to certify documents, witness statutory declarations, affidavits, enduring powers of attorney or signatures.

**Every Wednesday 10am-12noon,
Lerderderg Library.**



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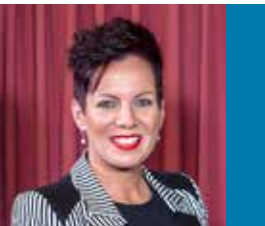
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Refer to Council’s website for a full list of 2022 Council meeting dates and times:
moorabool.vic.gov.au

Ordinary Meetings of Council to be held at Ballan Council Chambers: (commencing at 6.00 pm)

DATE	
6 April 2022	5 October 2022
4 May 2022	2 November 2022
1 June 2022	7 December 2022
6 July 2022	
3 August 2022	
7 September 2022	

Important emergency contact information

Police / CFA / Ambulance	000
SES	132500
Flood and Storm Info Line	1300 842 737
Victorian Bushfire Information Line	1800 240 667
Bacchus Marsh Hospital	5367 2000
Ballan Hospital	5368 1100
Moorabool Shire Council	5366 7100
Emergency after hours animal control	0400 501 696
Aged and Disability Services	0409 138 201
For all other emergencies	0419 887 065



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