

A brand new look for Ballan Recreation Reserve, coming in 2022

Read what other exciting projects form part of our record spend on capital works, on page 3.



Support and Opportunities for Businesses in Moorabool

Promote Your Shire Business for free on Moorabool Localised!

The Moorabool Localised business directory is a contemporary one stop shop for discovering local businesses. Help us to celebrate all things local by joining over 150 Shire businesses within the free Moorabool Localised business directory, an initiative brought to you by Council's Economic Development team.

Whether you are business to business, or business to consumer, whether you have a shopfront or are home-based*, we want to help locals and others seeking to invest in the Shire to discover you. Spend Local marketing campaigns point to Moorabool Localised as the call to action, so make sure your business is there to be discovered.

Register your business free today and go into the prize draw!

Ensure your business listing is live by the end of October 2021, and you'll go into the draw for an amazing glamping in Blackwood prize pack valued at \$415. <https://moorabool.localised.com.au/register/>
To view the competition Privacy Statement and Terms, visit: <https://moorabool.me/localisedterms>

We look forward to seeing your new listing!

* Note for home-based business listings in Moorabool Localised – it is optional to display full address or suburb/town only within the directory.



Your one stop shop for grant funding

Moorabool Grants Hub is a free and quick way for Shire businesses to discover hundreds of Federal, State, local, private and philanthropic grant funding programs, all in the one location!

Take some time to browse the site, and you might be surprised at what is available for your industry sector.

You can also register free to receive tip off emails about grant programs of interest as they become available.

<https://moorabool.grantguru.com.au/>



Tendering with Council

Do you run a local business and are curious about responding to tenders for key Council projects? You can start your journey here <https://moorabool.me/tenders>

Council uses TenderLink software- an electronic tender portal that aims to assist suppliers with receiving notifications, viewing and downloading tender documents as well as being able to submit tenders to Council online.








To view the latest advertised Council tenders, visit this page:

<https://portal.tenderlink.com/moorabool/alltenders/>

For any questions or information contact **5366 7100** and ask for Council's Procurement team or email us at procurement@moorabool.vic.gov.au.



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Moorabuild – Rebounding Better than Ever

Moorabool Shire Council is investing a record \$63 million in capital works for the 2021-22 year to build and maintain the infrastructure needed for our fast-growing community. The capital works program and Council services are funded from a combination of rate revenue, government grants, and funding from State and Federal Government agencies. Moorabuild has been developed to meet community infrastructure needs now and into the future. Council will fund new initiatives and will allocate more funds to renew the Council's infrastructure. Council's Moorabuild program will create jobs and boost economic growth. We look forward to working with you in the community to deliver these exciting projects throughout the coming year.

Our current Moorabuild project update:

Aqualink

Moorabool Shire Council and Southern Rural Water have partnered to deliver the first stages of Aqualink Cycling and Walking Corridor (Aqualink). Aqualink is a walking and cycling corridor that provides connection for residents and visitors through to the Bacchus Marsh township and its main attractions and services.

The project is part of Moorabool Shire Council's long-term strategic vision to create connected and liveable communities as it grows and expands to meet urban growth in the area. Partnering with Southern Rural Water as part of its irrigation upgrades and modernisation project has been a great way to see this vision come to life. Aqualink's proposed 4.5km path network will be constructed in five sections effectively connecting the township from the Lerderderg River in the north to the Werribee River in the south. Construction of the path for Aqualink East started in May.



Ballan Recreation Reserve

Ballan Recreation Reserve Redevelopment will see the construction of a brand new sporting pavilion, including changerooms for all. Construction will be commencing in early 2022.



Dunnstown and Greendale Township improvement plans

We're developing Township improvement plans for small towns across the shire! We're excited to get Dunnstown and Greendale's improvement plans up and running quickly due to Federal funding. View these plans on Have Your Say.



Woolpack Rd Bridge

The containment barriers on Woolpack Road Bridge are completed! These have been upgraded to meet standards. This means an increased road width and improved safety for both road and rail users.



Underbank Boulevard

Our improvements for pedestrian safety continue! We've just completed a 1.5m wide footpath on Underbank Boulevard from Bacchus Marsh Rd through to Rosehill Drive and included two pedestrian refuges for safer crossings.



Moorabool Waste and Recycling Update

Bin Tagging Program – Hibernating for the winter

We have paused our recycling bin tagging program for the winter – but the team will be back out in spring once the weather is warmer.

The bin tagging program helps residents to recycle right through targeted education. Bin inspectors take a quick look at the contents of recycling bins and put an educational tag on the bin. Depending on what's observed, residents receive either a Green Tag (no incorrect items), an Amber Tag (some incorrect items) or a Red Tag (severe contamination). So far, inspections of more than 250 bins in Lal Lal and Ballan have been completed – and the results are pleasing with both areas reducing contamination levels.

In Ballan, of the 200 bins inspected- 106 incidences of contamination were observed in the first round – reduced to 60 incidents in the second round.

In Lal Lal, of the 55 bins inspected, 21 incidences of incorrect items were observed in the first round – reduced to 12 incidents in the second round.

So what items are confusing people? The main contaminants observed in recycling bins in both areas were:

- soft plastic wrappers, plastic bags, polystyrene (76%)
- bags of garbage (14%),
- followed by food, textiles and waxed / coated cartons (also known as 'tetrapaks')



Free E-waste Recycling in Moorabool

Did you know that E-waste should never be put in your household garbage bin?

Depending on the size of the item, you can take it to your nearest e-waste recycling drop off point at our Council transfer station or Customer Service offices.

Swooping birds

With spring in the air, so too is breeding season for swooping birds.

Native birds, such as magpies and masked lapwings (plovers), swoop as a method to defend their young, between when they hatch and when they leave the nest. This swooping period usually lasts 6-8 weeks.

During this time, it is best to try to avoid known swooping hotspots. If you must move through a swooping location, wear protective head and eye coverings, move swiftly but don't run, and don't harass or feed the wildlife.

Plan your route and report swooping incidents of any bird species by marking its location on Victoria's interactive swooping bird map, visit <https://www.wildlife.vic.gov.au/managing.../swooping-birds>

Kel Shields Planting Day

This year's Grow West planting day was located at Kel Shields Flora Reserve in Bacchus Marsh, a five-hectare reserve that forms an important urban biolink, connecting the escarpment with the Werribee River that runs through town.

Unfortunately, due to restrictions on gatherings, we were unable to host the 200 volunteer planters that we had planned on. Instead, and thanks to the Grow West sponsors, a small band of volunteers, alongside a planting contractor team helped to plant 4,000 native plants, including 43 different species, in early August.

The reserve supports a diverse understory of native grasses and shrubs and will benefit from the revegetation of native canopy trees to improve the biodiversity of the area. It is envisaged that the reserve will become an important thoroughfare for the community, with walking tracks connecting new suburbs of Bacchus Marsh to the train station and main street.



Serrated Tussock

While it may look like just another grass, Serrated tussock is a Weed of National Significance. It is regarded as one of the worst weeds in Australia because of its invasiveness, potential for spread, and economic and environmental impacts.

Serrated tussock is widespread in our district and is the focus of many major control programs on private and public land.

Now is the time to undertake serrated tussock control on your property, to do your part in controlling this pest species and supporting the significant efforts of Landcare members.

For further information on identifying and controlling serrated tussock, visit www.serratedtussock.com





Storm Update

More than 1,000 homes across the Moorabool Shire were without power during a major storm event that hit Victoria on Wednesday 9 June. More than half the Shire had no landlines, mobiles or network coverage, with a total of 26 municipalities impacted by heavy winds and rainfall across the state.

Some homes in Blackwood had to wait until Monday 14 June for power to be restored, with other areas around Korweinguboorra and Ballan reconnected by Saturday.

Given the scale of the impacts in Moorabool and Hepburn, an Incident Control Centre was established in Ballarat to coordinate the response across local governments. Council worked closely with emergency service agencies, deploying Council staff and contractors to cut and clear tree debris and reopen roads. All council roads in Moorabool Shire are now open, but clean-up of roadside debris by contractors are still ongoing.

The Incident Controller, emergency service response and relief agency staff and Council attended meetings in Blackwood and Korweinguboorra during the first week of the emergency. Council Community Pop Up Hubs were set up in the weeks and months following in these locations with Council, FFMVic, Red Cross, Salvation Army, Services Australia, Ballarat Community Health and many other support agencies attending to meet with community members. These will continue as restrictions ease.

Council would like to thank all first responders, Government agencies and local volunteers who worked tirelessly to protect and assist the community throughout the event and continue to do so now as the mammoth task of storm recovery continues.

Have you been impacted by the storm? Council's Storm Recovery Team can assist you with advice on how to deal with clean-up and hazardous trees on your property. Phone 03 5366 1323.

Supporting residents through the psychological impact of the storms is of high importance. The Recovery Team can assist Moorabool residents to access free and confidential mental health services.

Council has now recruited a full team dedicated solely to Storm Recovery thanks to funding from Bushfire Recovery Victoria and the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.



Bushfire Recovery Victoria's Storm and Flood Residential Clean-up Program

Bushfire Recovery Victoria (BRV) will support the clean-up and recovery work for the owners of private property damaged by the storms and floods. This includes:

- Clean-up of structures on private property
- Registration of trees that are still standing but have become hazardous

Every property is different and will be managed on a case-by-case basis. BRV will contact registered property owners and work with them to ensure the clean-up process is explained, and that works are done as safely and efficiently as possible. To find out if you're eligible and for more info, call 1800 560 760 or visit <https://www.vic.gov.au/storm-clean-up-program>.

A Story from Andrew:

"We never used to get sunlight in winter": Korweinguboorra local Andrew Phillips sees the bright side of losing the trees surrounding his property.

It took Andrew Phillips and his partner eight hours to cut their way out from the front door of their Korweinguboorra property to where their driveway meets Back Settlement Road on Thursday 10 June.

From midnight, they'd been awoken to the thud of "a tree down every ten minutes," Andrew said.

"We still don't sleep when it's windy."

Andrew and his partner Paul bought their little piece of bush sanctuary four years ago, and the property is surrounded by the Wombat State Forest on all sides.

"We were so bushfire conscious that we really didn't think of storms," Andrew said.

It's a familiar story for those who, like Andrew, lived through the severe weather event that he likens to "a tornado".

Over 20 trees came down on the couple's property, many of which they've since been able to clear with the help of Moorabool Shire Council and BRV's Residential Clean Up Program. "A couple of days later when the roads cleared, council came out to give general information and do a welfare check on people," Andrew said.

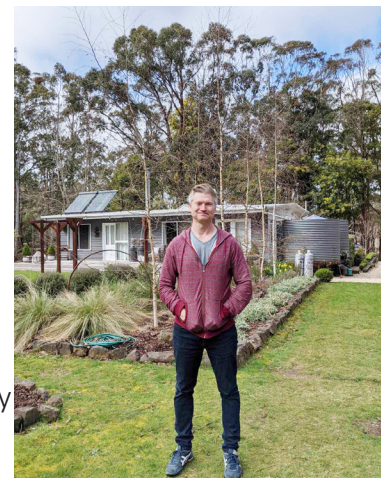
"Contractors came out, BRV came out. No one needed to help us but they all did and we're just really grateful."

The Korweinguboorra community banded together during the days following noted Andrew, with some neighbours coming to check that everyone was safe, and others lending farm equipment and chainsaws.

"We're just really lucky. There were so many trees that could've crushed our property, the studio roof was clipped a couple of times," Andrew said.

The next big priority for Andrew and Paul is clearing the fire track that runs along the back of their property in time for fire season.

And the bright side? The house that was previously in darkness over winter due to the dense surrounding trees is now seeing sunlight.



YOUTH Programs for YOU

Teenagers in the Shire – did you know our Youth Services team have events, services and programs just for you? There is so much going on in this space, even with restrictions in place. Here's just a sample of what our Youth Services team offers:

Studio 22 Drop in Sessions

Our youth space Studio 22 drop-in sessions are currently being delivered online. Online sessions are held weekly on Tuesday and Thursday afternoon with all Moorabool young people aged 13-17 years invited to join. Recent programs include Anime Club, Lego Master 2.0, Drawing Class, Movie Club, Cooking Class and Trivia. Young people can join by registering at www.trybooking.com/BTRBI

FReeZA - Guitar Lessons

FReeZA is offering young people the opportunity to learn the guitar for free. Local guitar teachers deliver weekly classes online and in person from Darley and Ballan for young people living in Moorabool. Young people can use their own guitar or can borrow one from our new guitar library. To sign up young people register here <https://www.trybooking.com/BTSJI>

FReeZA – Anime Art Classes

FReeZA are delivering free Anime art classes delivered by an experienced Anime art teacher. Sessions will be held in September and October, young people are invited to register their interest here www.trybooking.com/BTDBF

FReeZA

For young people who love music or art and all things creative, come and join FReeZA. We need you! FReeZA is a Victorian State Government Initiative to support drug, alcohol and smoke free entertainment for 15 to 25 year old's. The group plans music gigs and community events for young people together. All the training you need will be provided, and great opportunity for art, music and media students too looking for more experience. For more information or to join in the fun email youthservices@moorabool.vic.gov.au

Youth Engagement Support Program - YES

The Youth Engagement Support program (YES) supports young people who have disengaged or are at risk of disengaging from education and/or employment. The program is designed for young people aged 12-25 living in Moorabool. The program includes:

- Individual support is provided to young people by Council's Youth Development Officers, who empower young people to create and achieve SMART goals based on the four key elements of the Empower Youth Program (health and wellbeing, community participation, education & training, career pathways).
- The YES program is holistic, we work with young people and their families together, we identify barriers to young people's participation, and we provide support and connection for families to services that will further meet their needs. The YES program delivers tailored programs on health and wellbeing, community participation, education and training, and career pathways. Some programs planned for terms 3 and 4 include pottery, fitness, and art sessions.
- The team are currently planning this year's transition support program in partnership with local schools. The program targets young people moving from grade 6 to year 7 who are at risk of not engaging in secondary education and provides connection and support to enable their successful transition.

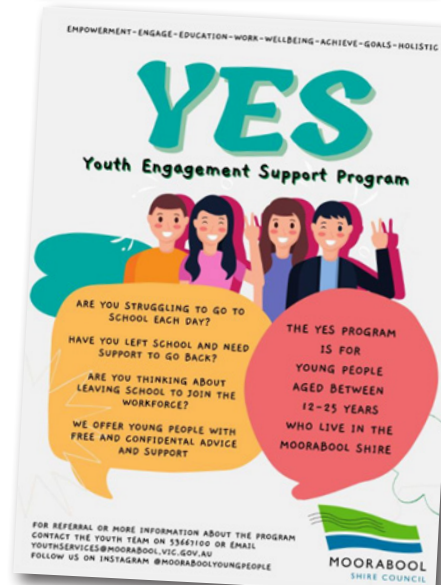
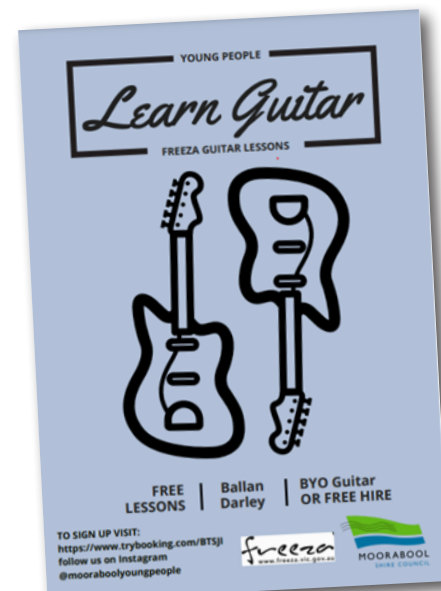
Services, schools, parents and young people can refer via email to youthservices@moorabool.vic.gov.au

LGBTQI Group

Our LGBTQI+ group for young people is youth-led group and welcomes inviting like-minded young people aged 12-25 years to join. The group meets together monthly and has some great things planned for term 3 and 4. For more information young people can email youthservices@moorabool.vic.gov.au.

Youth Action Group

YAG the Youth Action Group is for young people between the ages of 13-25 years who are interested in making difference in their community. Young people engaged in YAG have the opportunity to work on community projects and events that celebrate young people's involvement and achievements in the local community. The group meets weekly and are currently planning this years Youth Forum to be held in November. Young people interested in getting involved email the Youth Team youthservices@moorabool.vic.gov.au



Community Leadership Program

Moorabool Shire Council would like to congratulate this year’s Community Leadership Program cohort for successfully completing their final session in September. This marked the last of 18 sessions provided by program facilitator Helen Rodd from Hot House Community Projects. Between May and September 2021, the Community Leadership Program group met for one weekly session on either a Wednesday night or Saturday afternoon. While some recent planned on-site sessions had to be delivered via Zoom due to lockdowns, the group continued to see out their commitment to the program.

The Community Leadership Program provided an opportunity for the eleven program participants to make valuable community networks with organisations including Darley Neighbourhood House and Bacchus Marsh Community Bank.

They were introduced to Council staff from various departments throughout the program and gained further knowledge about how local government operates.

Program participant and Bacchus Marsh Cricket Club President, David said learning from the guest speakers along the way was beneficial. “These connections that we’re building with local community groups, within Council and our connection within our group are potentially life long, and these would never have been possible if we hadn’t of done this program,” David said.

Participants also formed strong relationships with one another and collaborated on project ideas during the ‘action planning’ stage of the program.

The participants gained practical skills during this period by refining their ideas and even submitted an application to the August 2021 round of Council’s Community Grants Program.

Some of the emergent passions within the program include:

- Improving local First Nations awareness and recognition
- Thanking and acknowledging local front-line workers
- Encouraging participation in local group ‘Dads of Moorabool’



Community Leadership Program 2021 group pictured with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung elder Uncle Ringo Terrick and Moorabool Shire’s Mayor, Councillor Tom Sullivan earlier in the year.

Program facilitator Helen said she was proud of what the group achieved.

“It’s been a difficult and unpredictable year coping with the lockdowns and how that impacts us all in our personal and work lives, let alone how it impacts our participation in a leadership program,” Helen said.

“They have all showed incredible resilience and commitment to this program and to each other, and I think what drives that is their fundamental commitment to community. They have worked hard and come up with lots of projects that will benefit the communities where they live, now, and into the future. Congratulations David, Dhruv, Heidi, Jessica, Julie, Kyan, Liz, Mary-Lou, Veronica, Nimmy and Simon.”

If you would like to learn more about the Community Leadership Program, contact Council’s Connected Communities Team on **5366 7100**.

Early expressions of interest are being accepted for 2022’s program.

Register now: <https://forms.office.com/r/AdyeSMc2Fa>

Four-Year-Old Kindergarten places filling fast for 2022!

Still need a kindergarten place at one of the following kindergartens?

KINDERGARTEN	ADDRESS	PHONE	WEB/EMAIL
Ballan Kindergarten	88 Simpson St Ballan 3342	03 5368 1228	www.ecka.org.au admin@ecka.org.au
Darley Kindergarten	Darley Early Years Hub: 182 Halletts Way, Darley 3340	03 5367 8605	www.ecms.org.au enrolments@ecms.org.au
Montessori Kindergarten	176 Gisborne Rd Darley 3340	03 5367 7706	https://earlylearning.unitingvictas.org.au/find-a-service/bacchus-marsh-montessori-preschool/ bacchusmarsh.els@vt.uniting.org
Wallace & District Kindergarten	739 Bungaree-Wallace Rd Wallace 3352	03 5334 0268	www.ecka.org.au admin@ecka.org.au
Young St Kindergarten	Cnr Young and Bennett St Bacchus Marsh 3340	03 5367 2443	www.ecms.org.au enrolments@ecms.org.au

Limited places available, apply by completing the online application at <https://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/Services-and-support/Moorabool-families/Family-and-children/Kindergarten/4-year-old-kindergarten>.

Remember: Children must turn four on or before the 30 April in the year they attend four-year-old kindergarten.

For more information, please contact the Early Years team:
<https://www.facebook.com/mooraboolfamiliesearlyyears@moorabool.vic.gov.au>
Speak to an Early Years team member: **5366 7100**





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Refer to Council’s website for a full list of 2021 Council meeting dates and times:
www.moorabool.vic.gov.au

Ordinary Meetings of Council dates:
 (commencing at 6.00 pm – venue to be advised)

DATE
6 October-2021
3 November-2021
1 December-2021

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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