

# Bald Hill taken to the next level



Have you climbed the new steps at Bald Hill yet? Stage 1 of the Bald Hill Activation, the “Bacchus Marsh 1000+ Steps”, was officially opened a few weeks ago by Minister for Tourism, Sport and Major Events The Hon Martin Pakula.

While he was there, he announced \$2.1 million in funding from the Regional Tourism Investment Fund for stage 3 of the project, which will include:

- An all-abilities trail at the summit, designed to capture 360 degree views across Moorabool and back towards Melbourne.
- Six thematically designed sculptures, which will be located along the trail and provide a link to the sculpture trail at the base of the 1000+ Steps at Telford Park.
- A car park constructed off Swans Road.

Summit amenities will include a trail, shelter, tables, seating, wayfinding, interpretive signage and accessible toilets.

Mayor Cr Tom Sullivan said connection to the 1000+ Steps will give visitors the opportunity to start their journey at either Telford Park or the summit where they will be rewarded with impressive views.

“This is a fantastic project for our region, one that will substantially increase tourism in this area, and we thank the State Government for recognising and investing in that,” Cr Sullivan said.

The total project cost for stage 3 is \$2.8 million, with Council funding around \$700,000.

Construction will commence shortly at Bald Hill Activation Stage 2, the Telford Park redevelopment, that includes an all abilities trail, sculpture and car park (connecting with the 1000+ Steps).



## Discover Local Businesses & Local Jobs with Go Local Moorabool

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

We've recently shifted to a new provider and a new url and we're excited to announce our updated business and jobs directory: **glocalmoorabool.com.au**

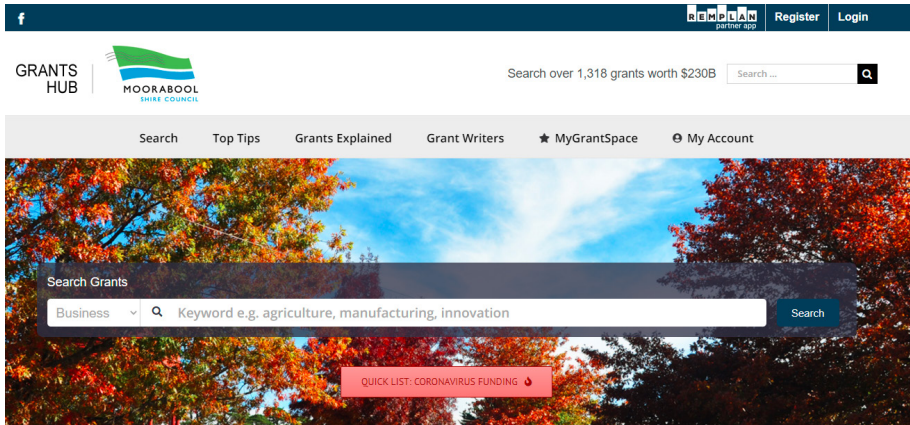
Please rest assured that we have a redirect in place on the old web address and user experience should be seamless, ensuring you can access your business profile, and locals can discover your business.

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!

### How to go about it:

1. If you are already listed on Go Local Moorabool- simply login and add your job.
2. If you are not listed- 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.



## 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/](https://moorabool.grantguru.com.au/register/)

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## Council Tender Opportunities

Council regularly has tender opportunities available and these can be viewed at: [portal.tenderlink.com/moorabool/alltenders/](https://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](https://moorabool.vic.gov.au/Services-and-support/Business/Working-with-Council)

## Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030

A big thank you to all our residents who provided feedback on Council's Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2030.

The strategy was adopted by Council in June.

It was developed to guide Council and the community to use resources more efficiently, reduce litter and send less to landfill.

We received 734 survey responses and a further 50 submissions once the draft was out for consultation. The feedback and themes from the community consultation was used to form the strategy's vision and goals.

You can view the strategy on our website.



## New Providers Announced for Moorabool's Aged Care Services

As part of its transition out of direct service delivery roles in aged and disability services, Council is pleased to have been informed of the appointment of two new providers to service delivery in Moorabool community.

Silver Chain Victoria has been appointed by the Commonwealth Government to provide aged care services to residents over 65 years of age and Mecwacare has been appointed by the State Government to provide care for Council's clients aged under 65 living with a disability. Silver Chain will take on approximately 700 clients, while Mecwacare will transition approximately 40 clients.

Council is working closely with Silver Chain and Mecwacare to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible for all clients.

The appointment of new service providers to Moorabool has occurred as a result of Council's confirmed decision to cease delivering aged and disability services to Moorabool residents from 1 July this year.

A change in Federal Government policy arising from the Royal Commission into Aged Care made it clear that local government does not have a meaningful role to play in the future delivery of aged care services and this

is demonstrated in other Council's throughout Victoria also making the same decisions.

"Although local government will no longer be delivering these services, our priority is making sure those in our community who accessed these services continue to receive a very high standard of care," Moorabool Mayor Cr Tom Sullivan said.

"Council has worked very closely with clients and staff throughout this whole process – they have been the priority – and we will continue to ensure open and transparent communication and a smooth transition for clients and staff.

"Once service delivery ceases, Council will continue to have dedicated resources within the organisation, to provide support and information to the local community to ensure service referrals and links to relevant services occur and to help the community navigate the aged care and disability systems," Cr Sullivan said.

More information on the transition is available on our website: [moorabool.vic.gov.au/active-ageing](https://moorabool.vic.gov.au/active-ageing)



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## State commits to pool, hope for Feds to follow

Mayor Cr Tom Sullivan and Councillors Moira Berry, Tonia Dudzik and Ally Munari were on site to welcome a significant funding announcement made by Premier Daniel Andrews recently.

The Premier visited the Moorabool Aquatic and Recreation Centre site and announced the State Government would contribute \$10 million towards the indoor aquatic centre.

The funds are added to Council's own commitment of \$15 million towards the project. The missing piece of the puzzle is funding from the Federal Government.

Council wrote to all candidates in the lead up to the Federal election asking them to commit to the pool. Now, with the Albanese Government and his Cabinet sworn in, we will continue advocating for this and other local infrastructure and services.

"We have congratulated our local MPs Catherine King and Sam Rae on their election success and written to the new Ministers in the Albanese Government," Cr Sullivan said.

"We look forward to working closely with them to achieve great outcomes for our communities, and have sent them our advocacy prospectus so they know what is important to us."

Council's advocacy prospectus "Helping Moorabool Thrive" can be viewed on our website: [moorabool.vic.gov.au/advocacy](http://moorabool.vic.gov.au/advocacy)



## Local Area Traffic Management improvements

During the consultation phase of the Bacchus Marsh Local Area Traffic Management Study, local residents and motorists let us know what they felt was needed to improve safety in the area.

Throughout the past month, we have been making some of these improvements!

This has included installing speed humps, a wombat crossing (pictured) and splitter islands in various areas throughout Bacchus Marsh.

## Council's tree planting initiative is growing strong

One of the things that makes Moorabool so appealing as a place to live and work are the beautiful, plentiful trees.

Each year, Council commits \$100k to plant, manage and maintain over 18,000 trees across Moorabool's rural and urban landscapes. With Council's ongoing planting initiatives, together with wonderful community support, the number and variety of trees in Moorabool Shire continues to increase.

This year, Council's tree planting initiative focussed on Brady's Lane Greendale, Jonathan Drive Darley, the replacement of vandalised trees in Bungaree, and the continuation of the nature strip tree replacement program.

Council's Parks & Gardens team place high importance on choosing the right species of tree for each location and carefully considers environmental conditions, including climate, soil conditions and the look, feel and health of the trees.

Mayor Cr Tom Sullivan said we were lucky in Moorabool to be surrounded by nature, including such a bounty of fantastic trees.

"Our trees are one of Moorabool's greatest assets," Cr Sullivan said.

"They are loved by everyone in all their different sizes, colours, shapes and varieties. Council is committed to planting more trees each year and for caring for our existing trees."



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## Parks Nearly Ready for Action

Get ready skaters, bike riders and basketballers! The redevelopments at Mill Park Recreation Reserve in Ballan and Gordon Public Park are nearing completion.

Mill Park is having a skate park, pump track and a 3x3m basketball practice court & ring installed, while Gordon will be home to a skate park and 3x3m basketball practice court and ring.

Car parking, pedestrian access and landscaping complete the projects.

The projects are expected to be completed in the next few months.



Concept design of Mill Park redevelopment.

## Asset Management Strategy and Plan Adopted

Council is responsible for the management and maintenance of more than \$700-million worth of infrastructure assets including the local road and path network, underground drainage, bridges, buildings and facilities, parks and recreational facilities. We are responsible for the effective management of these infrastructure assets to meet current and future needs of our community.

The Asset Management Strategy sets out the framework to assist Council to deliver sustainable and effective asset management services, whilst the Asset Management Plans set out the general principles of life cycle asset management for each of the major asset groups (Transport, Buildings, Open Space and Stormwater).

A review of the existing Strategy and Plans was undertaken, and updates were recommended based on current standards and guidelines, new asset data, expected growth, professional experience, and utilisation of predictive modelling tools.

Following a public exhibition period, the updated Asset Management Strategy and Asset Management Plans were adopted by Council at the June Ordinary Meeting. Copies of these documents are available on our website.



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## Reserve expanding as work continues

Bacchus Marsh Racecourse Recreation Reserve is still a hive of activity in the development space, with the completion of multi-use tennis and netball courts, and work underway on sports field lighting, car parks, landscaping and getting an area ready for an oval and multi-use playing field.

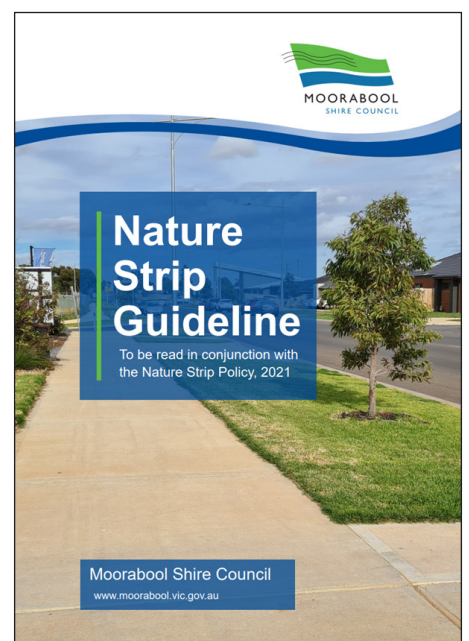


## Guide to what's ok on your nature strip

A nature strip is the portion of land located within the road reserve, between a property boundary and the adjacent roadway. Nature strips add to the look of the local area and provide a space for assets such as footpaths, trees, street furniture and lights and utilities such as gas, water, telecommunications and electricity to be located.

A Naturestrip Policy and Guideline has been developed to provide residents with an overview of the responsibilities of both Council and the community, as well as information on renovation works which are permitted to be undertaken within the naturestrip area and when a permit is required to be obtained. The documents apply to residential areas in Bacchus Marsh and Ballan.

The documents were developed following significant community consultation and a public exhibition period and were formally adopted by Council, to come into effect from 1 July 2022. Copies of these documents and further information in relation to naturestrip beautification is available on Council's website [moorabool.vic.gov.au](http://moorabool.vic.gov.au).





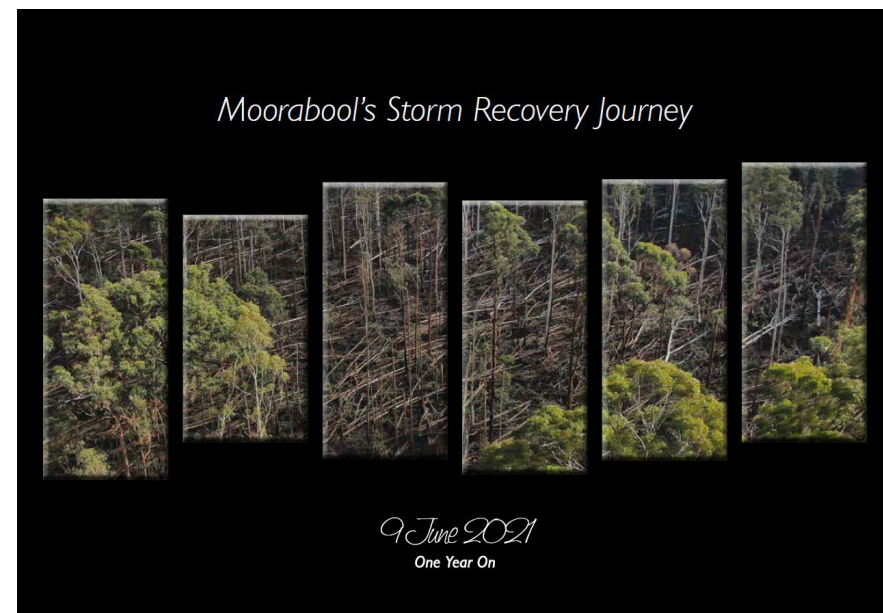
## Launch of our touching storm recovery book

Moorabool's Storm Recovery Team launched a Storm Recovery book at two community get-togethers earlier this month, acknowledging one year since the June 2021 storm.

On Sunday 19 June 2022, storm impacted communities in Blackwood and surrounding towns attended a community catch up at the Blackwood Recreation Reserve, with representatives from emergency services and Council, to talk about their recovery journey one year since the major storm event that hit our Shire. Storm impacted communities in Korweinguboora and surrounds attended the same event on Sunday 26 June, 2022 at the Korweinguboora Recreation Reserve. Attendees at both events were able to catch up over a spit roast lunch, with face painting and activities for kids.

Mayor of Moorabool Shire Council, Cr Tom Sullivan, officially launched the Storm Recovery book at midday, at both events. The book is a collection of community stories, interviews and photos, that documents Moorabool's experience on the night of the storm, and the recovery journey since. With over 1,000 properties impacted in our Shire, this book acknowledges the collective impact the storm had on our community, and how far we've come together since. Jointly funded by the Commonwealth and Victoria under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements, storm impacted residents

can collect a copy of the book for free. If you weren't able to attend the Blackwood and Korweinguboora events, you can pick one up from the Council office in Ballan.



## Storm recovery habitat kits a hit

Thanks to funding from the Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning, Moorabool's Storm Recovery Team have been able to develop Storm Recovery Habitat Kits to assist Moorabool's natural environment to recover from the June 2021 storm.

These kits include up to 50 native plants, up to 10 tree saplings, a bee hotel and up to three nest boxes, for free. The nest boxes have been crafted from timber collected during the storm clean up, that was turned into useable wood at the Romsey green waste facility. A big thanks to the Ballan Men's Shed and the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh for building the boxes for this program. Thanks also to Rowsley Nursery for propagating the plants and saplings.

Moorabool's Storm Recovery Team will host a habitat and vegetation workshop alongside Landcare in early July, where eligible residents will be able to collect their kits and learn how to make best use of them.

Residents who applied for the kits were assessed for eligibility based on their area's level of storm impact. Many animals who rely on tree hollows lost their homes during the storm. Native species who were impacted in Moorabool include brush-tailed phascogales, greater gliders, powerful owls, barking owls and feather-tailed gliders. Residents with these animals in their area were also prioritised.

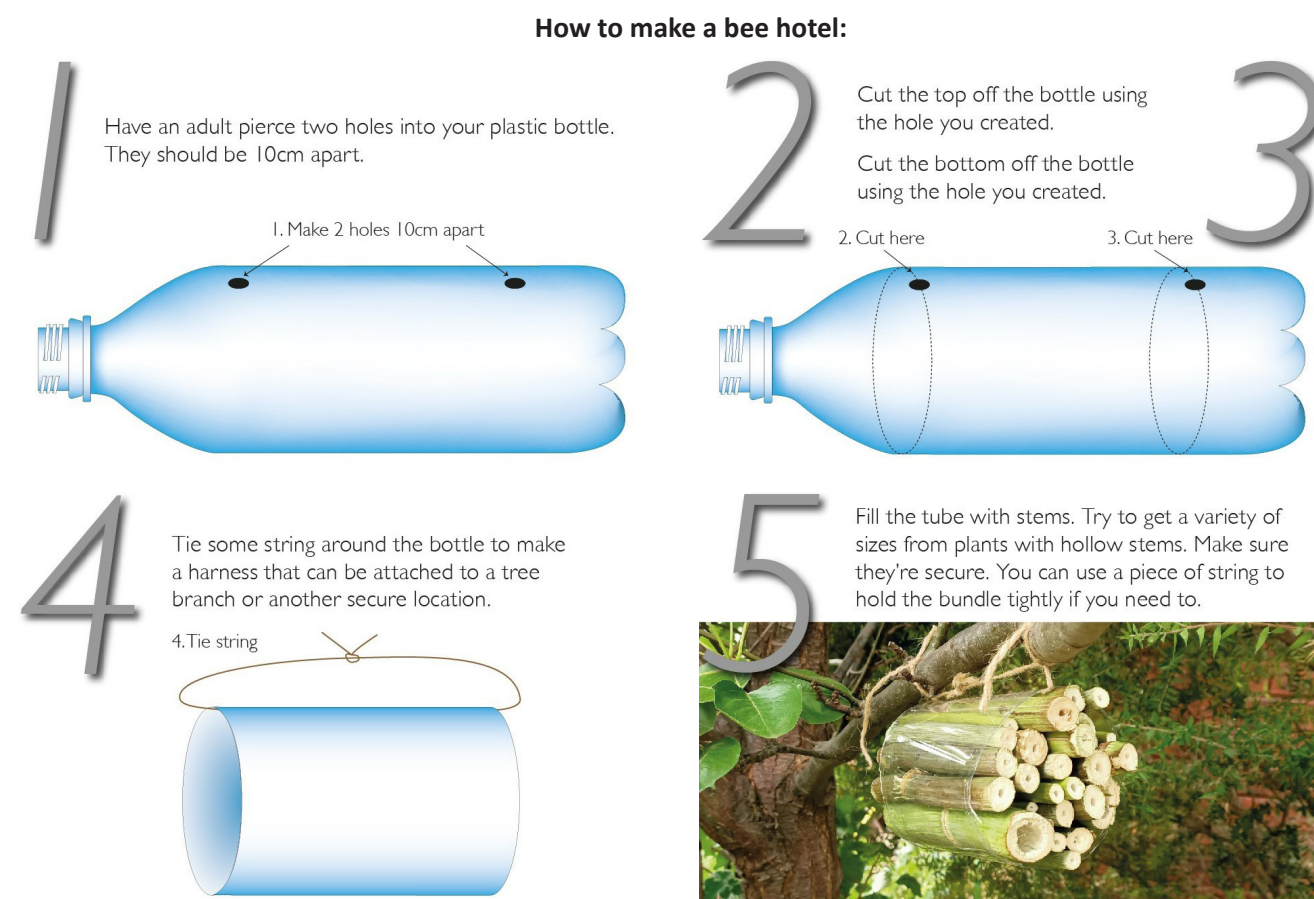
Thank you to everyone who registered for your contribution to rebuilding our natural environment.

## How to make a native solitary bee hotel

Moorabool's Storm Recovery team held two workshops in May to share details with residents about how to make a safe place for native, solitary bees to live as our environment continues to recover from the June 2021 storm.

So what exactly is a bee hotel?

There are over 1600 species of bee in Australia, and most of them are solitary. That means they don't live in hives but lay their eggs in small gaps in trees, reeds, and the ground. These bee hotels are made out of repurposed plastic bottles and hollow plant stems, giving native solitary bees a safe place to live. Native bees are extremely important to our ecosystem- they pollinate native plants, many of which can't be pollinated by introduced bees.



## Creativity and Imagination are thriving in Moorabool

What a year it has been for writing and stories right here in Moorabool!

In early June, the Moorabool community had the opportunity to come together to celebrate and recognise the talents of local primary and secondary school students in the 2022 Moorabool Young Writers Awards, and writers from across Australia in the 2022 Peter Carey Short Story Awards.

The Peter Carey award again received more than 300 entries country-wide and provided a tough-to-judge field.

After making changes to the Moorabool Young Writers Awards, by including a theme and more entry categories, our judges were blown away by the efforts and imaginations of the 735 entrants.



Jem Tyley-Miller (PCSSA Organising Committee), Jordan Prosser (Winner 2022 PCSSA), Melissa Manning (Head Judge 2022 PCSSA), Roy Mears (Commendation 2022 PCSSA), Moorabool Shire Councillor Moira Berry and Moorabool Shire Mayor and Councillor Tom Sullivan.

Darley Primary School submitted 430 entries and Bacchus Marsh Primary School nearly 200. Of the smaller schools in the Shire, Coimadai submitted 64 entries which is the vast majority of the student population, and St Patricks Primary in Gordon, and Balliang Primary School students also produced good numbers.

Congratulations to all winners and everyone who participated in both competitions.

For a full list of winners and more information on both awards, go to our website:



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2 July - 16 July 2022

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Bacchus Marsh  
Ballan

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## MOORABOOL SHIRE COUNCIL CENTRAL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2023

ROUND TWO NOW OPEN!

HOW TO REGISTER FOR KINDERGARTEN

- Decide which kindergarten will best meet your needs
- Apply through Council's Central Registration system before the end of August
- Tell us you want to accept the place when receiving your offer in September
- Formally enrol your child with their kindergarten when they contact you later in the year

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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.

To register or for more information, including Priority of Access details, please visit:  
[moorabool.vic.gov.au/kindergartens](http://moorabool.vic.gov.au/kindergartens)





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Refer to Council's website for a full list of 2022 Council meeting dates and times:  
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Ordinary Meetings of Council to be held at Ballan Council Chambers: (commencing at 6.00 pm)

DATE
6 July 2022
3 August 2022
7 September 2022
5 October 2022
2 November 2022
7 December 2022

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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
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