



Moorabool Shire Seniors Festival

1 – 31 October 2026

Program Guide

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Festival
2026



Moorabool Seniors Expo

More to Explore

Hosted by Moorabool Shire Council



- Date:** Friday 2 October
- Time:** 10am – 12pm
- Location:** Bacchus Marsh Public Hall
207 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
- Cost:** Free
- More info:** Contact Council on 5366 7100 or moorabool.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival-events

**Free
event**

There's more to explore at this year's Moorabool Seniors Expo! Connect with local organisations, discover services and activities, enjoy live demonstrations and find new ways to stay active and connected.

With free barista coffee and ice cream, lucky door prizes and plenty happening throughout the event, come along and see what you discover.

Moorabool Country Concert

Honky Tonk Queens

Hosted by Moorabool Shire Council



- Date:** Friday 9 October
- Time:** 11am – 12pm, light lunch from 12pm
- Location:** Bacchus Marsh Public Hall,
207 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
- Cost:** Free
- Bookings:** moorabool.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival-events
- More info:** Contact Council on 5366 7100

**Free
event**

Celebrate the golden era of country music with “Honky Tonk Queens”, performed by multi-award-winning and celebrated songstress Amber Joy Poulton. Enjoy classic hits from Dolly Parton, Patsy Cline, Loretta Lynn and Tammy Wynette. Feel free to dress as your favourite music icon for the photo booth and stay afterwards for a light lunch.

Get active in Moorabool

Seniors Exercise Class

- Date and time:** Every Tuesday and Thursday
11:25am - 12:10pm
- Location:** Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre,
5 Labilliere Street
- More info:** Contact Council on 5366 7100

**Free
event**

Bring a friend along for free and enjoy a welcoming exercise class designed for older adults. Improve your strength, balance and mobility while staying active with support from a qualified facilitator.

Seniors Festival Special

Enjoy 25% off up to two casual visit passes to classes at Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre throughout October. Available to new and existing members.

Come and Try Racquet Sports

- Date and time:** Monday 5 October, 12pm
- Location:** MARC Stadium, 23A Taverner St,
Maddingley
- More info:** Contact MARC Stadium on 0404 306 368

**Free
event**

Whether you're rediscovering an old favourite or trying something new, enjoy pickleball, badminton and table tennis in a fun, social session.

Come and Try Group Fitness Classes

- Date and time:** Various dates and times
- Location:** MARC Stadium, 23A Taverner St,
Maddingley
- More info:** Contact MARC Stadium on 0404 306 368

**Free
event**

Choose from a variety of welcoming group fitness classes suitable for all fitness levels. New users can enjoy their first class free during Seniors Festival.

Lerderderg Library

215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

Discover Longforest

Date and time: Saturday 17 October, 10am

More info: Contact Council on 5366 7100

**Free
event**

A study of the geology, vegetation, birds, insects and animals that are unique to this area.

AI for Beginners

Date and time: Every Monday during October,
10am - 12pm

Program concludes Monday 2 November

Bookings: moorabool.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival-events

More info: Contact Council on 5366 7100

**Free
event**

Join Moorabool Libraries and U3A for a beginner-friendly introduction to artificial intelligence.

Learn what AI is, how to use it safely and practical ways it can help in everyday life. Bookings required.

Storytime Across Generations

Date and time: Every Thursday, 10am

More info: Contact Council on 5366 7100

**Free
event**

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes in this special storytime for older adults, grandparents, carers and young children. Stay for a cuppa and a chat afterwards.

Ballan Library and Community Hub

127 Inglis Street, Ballan

Memoir Writing Workshop with Dr Sian Prior

Date and time: Saturday 3 October, 10am - 12:30pm

Bookings: moorabool.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival-events

More info: Contact Council on 5366 7100

**Free
event**

Everyone has a story to tell.

Join this welcoming workshop to explore memoir writing, capture your memories and discover simple techniques for turning life experiences into meaningful stories. Bookings required.

Storytime Across Generations

Date and time: Every Friday, 10am

Bookings: Not required

More info: Contact Council on 5366 7100

**Free
event**

Enjoy stories, songs and rhymes in this special storytime for older adults, grandparents, carers and young children.

Stay for a cuppa and a chat afterwards.

Events across the shire

Silverchain present Morning Melodies with Kelli Brogan

Date and time: Thursday 1 October, 10:30am - 1pm

Location: Andy Arnold Centre

10 Bennett Street, Bacchus Marsh

Bookings: Contact Wes from Silverchain on 0475 798 751

**Free
event**

Enjoy a delightful Morning Melodies show filled with classic songs and the chance to sing along to familiar favourites. Morning tea provided. Bookings required.

Blackwood History Walk

Date and time: Monday 5 October,
Meet 10am for 10:15am Walk

Location: Central Blackwood

Register: gdt.org.au/events/moorabool-seniors

More info: Sue Donnelly & Arie Baelde on 0419 366 189

**Free
event**

Discover Blackwood's history on an easy 4 km guided walk developed by the Blackwood & District Historical Society and Great Dividing Trail Association (GDTA). Explore Red Hill, Golden Point and Blackwood's pioneering women. Lunch at Blackwood Post Office.

The walk is rated easy, with some steep hills and is suitable for people who regularly walk at least 4 km. Registrations are required and open 21 September. Final walk details will be emailed to registered participants on 2 October.

CWA Bacchus Marsh Devonshire Tea

**Free
event**

- Date and time:** Wednesday 7 October, 10am - 12pm
- Location:** CWA Tea Rooms
Rear of 182 Halletts Way, Darley
- Bookings:** Contact Karin on 0417 344 968 or Deb on 0433 809 387

Enjoy a delicious Devonshire tea with freshly baked scones, jam and cream at the CWA tearooms.

Cuppa Time for Dementia and Long Walk

**Free
event**

- Date and time:** Wednesday 7 October, 9am - 11am
- Location:** Darley Neighbourhood House,
33-35 Jonathan Drive, Darley
- Cost:** Free, gold coin donation appreciated
- Bookings:** Contact 5367 4390

Start the morning with a gentle walk around the local area, followed by morning tea to help raise funds for people living with dementia.

Family History Group

- Date and time:** Friday 9 October, 1pm - 2pm
- Location:** Darley Neighbourhood House,
33-35 Jonathan Drive, Darley
- Cost:** \$5
- More info:** Contact 5367 4390

Discover your family history in this welcoming group for both beginners and experienced researchers. Share ideas, learn new skills and connect with others who enjoy exploring the past.

Ballan Historical Courthouse Open Day

Date and time: Saturday 10 October, 10am - 3pm

Location: Ballan Old Courthouse
45-47 Steiglitz Street, Ballan

Cost: Free, gold coin appreciated

Bookings: Contact Rick on 0413 512 293

**Free
event**

Explore the Historic Courthouse - Browse the Ballan Shire Historical Society's heritage collection.

Guided Ballan Heritage Walk 11:00am - Discover the stories behind Ballan's historic buildings and places.

Photo & Document Scanning - Bring your old photos and documents to be scanned and preserved. Bookings preferred.

Ballan Farmers Market

Date and time: Saturday 10 October

Location: 73 Inglis Street, Ballan

More info: Contact Joanne on 0437 625 837

**Free
event**

Discover local groups and volunteering opportunities at the Ballan Farmers Market. It's a great chance to connect with others, enjoy live music and get involved in community life.

Come and Try Drawing

Date and time: Monday 12 October, 1pm - 2:30pm

Location: Darley Neighbourhood House
33-35 Jonathan Drive, Darley

More info: Contact 5367 4390

**Free
event**

Enjoy a creative workshop exploring different drawing mediums and techniques. Learn new skills, express your creativity. Suitable for beginners and experienced artists alike.

The First 72 Hours Workshop

Date and time: Tuesday 13 October, 11am - 12pm
Location: Ballan Library and Community Hub
127 Inglis Street, Ballan

Bookings: moorabool.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival-events or
contact Council on 5366 7100

**Free
event**

This practical workshop will help you prepare for the unexpected in the first 72 hours after an emergency. Learn simple steps to plan ahead. Bookings required.

Bingo with Bacchus Marsh Senior Citizens Club

Date and time: Wednesday 14 October,
10am - 12:30pm
Location: Andy Arnold Centre,
10 Bennett Street, Bacchus Marsh
Bookings: Contact Hope on 0417 905 364

**Free
event**

Join Bacchus Marsh Senior Citizens Club for a fun morning of free bingo, laughter and great company, with morning tea provided. Bookings required.

Come and Try Ballan Community Choir

Date and time: Tuesday 13 October, 6.30pm
Location: Ballan Neighbourhood House,
143 Inglis Street, Ballan
More info: Contact Edwina on 0403 374 150

**Free
event**

Have you ever wanted to join a choir or want to get back into singing? Come and try the Ballan Community Choir for singing, fun and a light supper.

Seniors Table Tennis

Date and time: Tuesday 13 October, 1pm - 4pm
Location: Navigators Community Centre, Cnr Navigators and Lyons Rd, Navigators
Bookings: Contact Deb on 0409 155 337

**Free
event**

Join in a light-hearted table tennis competition for a fun and social afternoon, with all abilities welcome and no experience necessary. Afternoon tea provided. Bookings required.

Seniors Cooking Workshop

Date and time: Wednesday 14 October, 6pm - 8pm
Friday 16 October, 11:30am - 1:30pm
Location: Darley Neighbourhood House
33-35 Jonathan Drive, Darley
Cost: \$10
More info: Contact 5367 4390

Join Chef Max for a hands-on cooking class and discover how easy it can be to prepare a simple, nutritious dinner. Pick up practical cooking tips, build confidence in the kitchen and enjoy the meal you've prepared together.
No fancy cooking skills required!

Stitching Generations Together:

Moorabool Makers and Moorabool Youth Services

Date and time: Thursday 15 October, 4pm - 6pm
Location: Lerderderg Library
215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
More info: Contact Council on 5366 7100

**Free
event**

This special event brings Moorabool Makers and local young people together for an afternoon of creativity, conversation and sharing skills. Whether you've been creating for years, are happy to pass on a few tips, or would simply like to come along and have a go, everyone is welcome. Afternoon tea provided.

Bacchus Marsh Men's Shed Open Day

Date and time: Friday 16 October, 9am - 1pm
Location: The Laurels
229 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
More info: Contact Alec on 0477 812 155



Discover what the Men's Shed is all about. Meet the members, enjoy a chat, explore the workshop and stay for a BBQ lunch.

Come and Try Gordon Ukestra

Date and time: Saturday 17 October, 2pm - 5pm
Location: Gordon Hall
68 Main Street, Gordon
More info: Contact Gordon Ukestra Facebook page or Sandy on 0433 183 195



Come and sing-along with us to songs from the '50s through to this century.

Jam along with some percussion, have a little dance or simply sit and listen on a comfy couch.

If you're keen, we can teach you a chord or two to accompany us in a few tunes.

Ukuleles, songbooks, chord charts, instruments and light refreshments provided.



Moorabool Gardens and Lodge Open Day

- Date and time:** Saturday 17 October, 11am – 3pm
- Location:** Moorabool Reservoir
570 Spargo Creek Road, Bolwarrah
- More info:** Contact Kathy on 0438 089 888

**Free
event**

Open especially for Seniors Festival, discover the Moorabool Gardens and surrounding grounds. Explore the history of the lodge and reservoir while enjoying the tranquil setting. Pack a picnic lunch or a fishing rod!

Bacchus Marsh U3A - Planning Your Travel Using AI Workshop

- Date and time:** Tuesday 20 October, 10am – 11am
- Location:** Lerderderg Library
215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
- Bookings:** Contact Alan on 0437 078 568

**Free
event**

Learn how AI can make travel planning easier, from researching destinations to creating personalised itineraries. Bookings required.

Lal Lal Charity Quilting Day

- Date and time:** Tuesday 20 October, 10am – 4pm
- Location:** 412 Clarendon-Lal Lal Road, Lal Lal
- Bookings:** Contact Sue on 0402 746 411

**Free
event**

Join fellow sewing and quilting enthusiasts for a day of creativity and community. Beginners welcome, with experienced volunteers on hand to help.

The quilts created will be donated to charities. BYO sewing machine. BBQ lunch provided. Bookings required.

Gardens for Wildlife Workshop

Date and time:

Tuesday 20 October, 10am - 11am

Location:

Ballan Library and Community Hub
127 Inglis Street, Ballan

Bookings:

moorabool.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival-events or
contact Council on 5366 7100

**Free
event**

Join Council's Natural Resource team to discover easy ways to attract birds, bees and butterflies using simple gardening techniques. Free native plants and morning tea provided. Bookings required.

Come and Try CaliFit Calisthenics

Date and time:

Tuesday 20 October, 11am - 12:30pm

Location:

Pentland Calisthenics College Studio
17 Smith Street, Maddingley

Bookings:

revolutionise.com.au/pentlandcc/events/370196
Contact Lisa 0451 149 558

**Free
event**

Discover CaliFit in this fun and session for older adults. Enjoy a short performance by Pentland Calisthenics College before joining a gentle class designed to improve strength, balance, flexibility and mobility.

Suitable for all fitness levels, whether you're trying calisthenics for the first time or rediscovering an old favourite. Bookings required.

Please note there are a few steps to enter the studio. Please make contact to discuss your access needs.

QuizzaMe & Lunch with Bacchus Marsh Probus

- Date and time:** Wednesday 21 October,
10am for 10:30am start
- Location:** Andy Arnold Senior Centre
10 Bennett Street, Bacchus Marsh
- Bookings:** Contact Gillian 0417 583 753 or
bacchusmarshprobus@gmail.com

**Free
event**

Back by popular demand!

After a fantastic response last year, QuizzaMe returns for another fun-filled morning of trivia, laughs and friendly competition.

Grab a wireless buzzer and put your knowledge to the test, with questions covering a range of topics and plenty of fun along the way.

Come along on your own and we'll help you join a team, or gather your friends and create a team of your own. Proudly supported by Moorabool Shire Council. Lunch provided, bookings required.

Come and Try Ballan Lawn Bowls

- Date and time:** Thursday 22 October, 12pm - 4pm
- Location:** Ballan Bowling Club
5 Cowie Street, Ballan
- More info:** Contact Alistair on 0431 522 740

**Free
event**

Come and try lawn bowls in a relaxed atmosphere with coaching to get you started.

Please note there is limited wheelchair access and no accessible toilets.

Worm Farming and Composting Workshop

Date and time: Thursday 22 October, 10am - 11am

Location: Lerderderg Library,
215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

Bookings: moorabool.vic.gov.au/seniors-festival-events or
contact Council on 5366 7100

**Free
event**

Turn food scraps into rich compost and liquid fertiliser with a simple worm farm. Learn how to reduce waste and boost your garden. Morning tea provided. Bookings required.

Seated Pilates and Lunch with Ballan Senior Citizens Club

Date and time: Thursday 22 October, 10:30am - 12pm

Location: Ballan Senior Citizens Centre
78 Steiglitz Street, Ballan

More info: Contact Bev on 0411850361 or
Christine on 0427877328

**Free
event**

Join Ballan Seniors for a gentle seated Pilates session designed to improve strength, balance and flexibility. Stay afterwards for a light lunch, meet the group and find out more about Ballan Seniors.

Zentangle Art Workshop

Date and time: Saturday 24 October, 2pm - 3:30pm

Location: St Martins Chapel, Martin Street, Blackwood

Cost: By donation

More info: Contact Fiona on 0425 422 416

Slow down and get creative with Zentangle, a relaxing drawing method using simple lines and repeated patterns. Easy to learn and suitable for all skill levels, it's a great way to unwind while creating something uniquely yours. All materials provided.

Back to Bacchus Marsh: Memories of the 1950s

Date and time: Saturday 31 October, 10am - 12:30pm

Location: Lerderderg Library
215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

Bookings: Contact Alan on 0419 884 451

**Free
event**

Hear stories and memories from locals, explore memorabilia and displays, and share your own memories of the area. Have something special from the era? Bring it along to share! Afterwards, head across to the Royal Hotel for lunch and continue the conversation. Morning tea provided. Bookings required.

Bacchus Marsh Then and Now: A Photographic Journey

Date and time: Tuesday 6 October,
Friday 16 October
10am - 12pm

Location: Lerderderg Library, 215 Main St, Bacchus Marsh

More info: Contact 0493 573 530

**Free
event**

Join the Bacchus Marsh & District Historical Society for a special Then & Now photo presentation. Look back to early photos of Bacchus Marsh in the 1800s through to photos of the present day and see how much Bacchus Marsh has changed through the years.

Come and Try U3A Bacchus Marsh

Date: Various dates and times

Bookings: u3abacchus.org.au or contact
Sharon on 0407 480 207

**Free
event**

Join U3A for a month of free activities as part of the Victorian Seniors Festival. Where there is an attendance fee, your visit is free for Seniors month and then membership would be required. You never know 'til you have a go!

mecwacare Ageing Well at Home Workshops

- Sessions:** Wednesday 7 October, 10:30am - 11:30am
Ballan Library and Community Hub
127 Inglis Street, Ballan
- Thursday 29 October, 1pm - 2pm
Lerderderg Library, 215 Main St, Bacchus Marsh
- More info:** Contact Louise on 0429 054 503

**Free
event**

Presented by mecwacare, this practical workshop explores the support available to help you remain independent at home.

Learn how to navigate My Aged Care, understand your home support options and start planning for the future.

Come along to gain a clearer understanding of where to start.

Come and Try Line Dancing

- Date and time:** Every Wednesday, 10am - 12pm
- Location:** Dream Entertainment Studios
15 Station Street, Maddingley
- Bookings:** Contact Edward on 0403 779 510

**Free
event**

Get moving with Neon Cowboy Bootscooters for a fun and social line dancing session!

Whether you're a beginner or an experienced dancer, everyone is welcome to join in and have a go. Bookings required.

Moorabool Makers Craft Group

- Dates and times:** Every Wednesday, 1pm - 4pm
Every Thursday 4pm - 6pm
- Location:** Lerderderg Library,
215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh
- More info:** Contact Liz on 0409 137 738

**Free
event**

Bring your own craft and enjoy a relaxed social session with like-minded people. Knitting, crochet, embroidery, beading, card making and more are welcome, with opportunities to create items for charity.

Friends of Maddingley Park Rose Carers

- Date and time:** Every Wednesday, 10am - 12pm
- Location:** Maddingley Park
Corner Taverner Street and Grant Street,
Maddingley
- More info:** Contact Elaine on 0400 052 857

**Free
event**

Discover the joy of growing roses! Pick up helpful tips for beautiful blooms and connect with others who share a passion for gardening.

Family Fun Day

- Date and time:** Saturday 17 October, 2pm
- Location:** Bullarook Recreation Reserve
Corner Springbank and Geddes Roads,
Bullarook
- Bookings:** Contact Sam (Secretary) on 0413 541 939

**Free
event**

Come along for a relaxed afternoon of fun, music and community connection at the Bullarook Recreation Reserve.

Bring your tennis racquet and enjoy a hit on the court, join in some games, listen to live music from a local musician, or simply come along for a chat and enjoy the afternoon.

Free Public Transport

3 - 11 October



Victorian Seniors Card holders can travel free across Victoria on eligible services from 3 to 11 October 2026.

Learn more at seniorsonline.vic.gov.au/nine-days-free-public-transport