

# Fund our major projects and road infrastructure



Both the state and federal governments are busily putting together their annual budgets, which will be finalised and handed down close to mid-year.

Council is using the opportunity to feed into both budgets, by advocating strongly for our key priority projects.

An indoor pool to complete the Moorabool Aquatic and Recreation Centre is still at the top of the list, and with our growing population and recent floods and storms, road infrastructure will also feature very heavily in our advocacy work.

Council regularly meets with state and federal representatives to put forward our projects, and we encourage the community to contact our

local Members of Parliament to lend your support for projects such as the pool.

Advocacy videos to highlight the community reasons behind some of our advocacy projects can be viewed on our website, along with our advocacy prospectus: [moorabool.vic.gov.au/advocacy](https://moorabool.vic.gov.au/advocacy)

Although we're always looking forward with our advocacy planning, we also celebrate our advocacy successes, and there have been many over the past few years. Being able to secure grants and other funding for projects has resulted in many projects just being completed or currently under construction throughout the shire. A complete update on these projects is on pages 4 and 5.





# Calling local artists and businesses – Council's Paste Ups Program is back!

After the highly successful first paste ups program over summer 2021-22, Council is seeking expressions of interest from artists and local businesses to participate in the program in 2023.

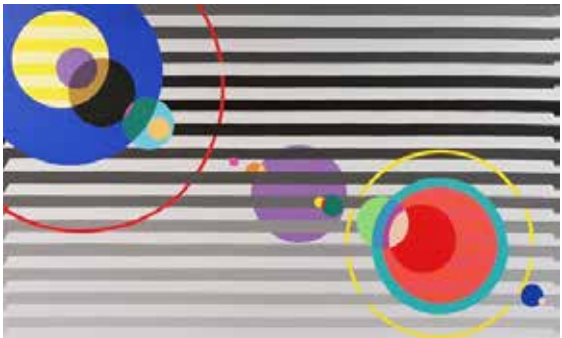
The Paste Ups Program installs artworks across the shire that reflect the unique identities of our townships and their communities. The program also works toward creating public spaces that are unique and engaging and offer many opportunities to engage in arts and cultural activities for the entire community.

This year's theme is 'creating moments of joy in everyday life' and artists interested in this opportunity must respond to this theme in their expression of interest. Applications for artists and businesses to host an artwork close on Sunday 5 March.

### For artists:

Expressions of interest applications must include the artist's CV and examples of work. An artist's fee of \$500 is being offered to successful

applicants. Preference will be given to artists living in, working in or with significant connection to the Moorabool Shire Council area. Artists residing outside the Shire are also eligible to apply. This opportunity is open to artists over 18 years of age only.



*Image credit: Superstellar, by Min Ray, 2021. Displayed as part of the 2021-22 Paste Ups Program*

### For businesses:

Any registered businesses which may benefit from hosting a paste up are encouraged to apply. The site must be a brick or concrete wall in good condition and be in a prominent position in the township to ensure high visibility of the work. If you do not own the building, written permission from the building owner is required. Businesses across the shire and those in more regional/rural

locations are strongly encouraged to apply.

To receive further information on either the artist or host-business opportunity, email [arts@moorabool.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@moorabool.vic.gov.au)

Apply online at [moorabool.vic.gov.au/PUP](http://moorabool.vic.gov.au/PUP)

## Achievements and new citizens at Bacchus Marsh event

We welcomed 82 new citizens to the Moorabool community at the Australia Day Awards and Citizenship Ceremony on 26 January.

Outstanding achievements and contributions of community members and groups were also recognised with the shire's Australia Day Awards honours.

Citizen of the Year- Judy D'Attoma; Young Citizen of the Year – Noah Barlow; Community Event of the Year – Blackwood Woodchop & Easter

Carnival; Mayor Award – Glenda and Jeff Jones.

Certificates of Achievement for outstanding contributions were presented to:

Ophelia Fernando - Young Citizen of the Year and Bacchus Marsh Christmas Festival and Carols- Community Event of the Year.

[moorabool.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay](http://moorabool.vic.gov.au/AustraliaDay)



New Citizen: Suzie Prasad



Citizen of the Year: Judy D'Attoma and Mayor Cr Rod Ward

# Is your pool and/or spa registered?

On 1 December 2019, new laws to improve swimming pool and spa safety came into effect in Victoria. It is mandatory for owners of land where a swimming pool or spa is located to register their pool or spa with the relevant council.

Existing swimming pools and spas are now required to be registered with new pools or spas required to be registered within 30 days of receiving a certificate of final inspection.

You must register swimming pools or spas that are capable of holding a water depth greater than 30cm. This includes:

- in-ground and above ground pools and spas
- inflatable pools
- relocatable pools that have been erected for three or more days
- indoor pools and spa pools
- children’s paddling and wading pools
- spas, jacuzzis, hot tubs and swim spas (including portable spas)

Owners are also required to have their safety barriers inspected and to lodge a certificate of barrier compliance with their council once the swimming pool or spa are registered.



If a safety barrier is not compliant, it is the owner’s responsibility to make the barrier compliant.

## Pools and spas constructed on or after 1 November 2020

Your first certificate of barrier compliance must be lodged within 30 days of the date of issue of the certificate. This certificate must accompany your application for registration.

Your next certificate of compliance is due four years after registration. Check with your council for exact dates.

To register your pool or spa visit Councils website: [moorabool.vic.gov.au/pools-and-spas](http://moorabool.vic.gov.au/pools-and-spas)

### Deadlines for inspection and lodgement of a certificate of barrier compliance for pools and spas constructed:

- On or before 30 June 1994 by 1 June 2022 (now overdue)
- 1 July 1994 to 30 April 2010 by 1 June 2023
- 1 May 2010 to 31 October 2020 by 1 June 2024

# 1m³ hard waste drop off at Moorabool Transfer Stations

Residents of general-rated properties (residential properties with an occupancy permit) may drop off 1m3 of hard waste at a Moorabool Shire Transfer Station at no cost. Valid until 30 June 2023.

**How does it work?**

1. Check property eligibility on your rates notice (see below)
2. Take accepted hard waste and your rates notice to a Moorabool Transfer Station
3. Show your rates notice (property number only) to the attendant
4. Your property will be marked off the list
5. Drop off your waste

Eligible properties, excerpt from rates notice:

### DETAILS OF RATES AND CHARGES

✓ General @ 0.25% of CIV  
Waste Management Service Charge



Accepted items	Not accepted
✓ Broken furniture	✗ Mattresses, tyres, gas bottles
✓ Damaged household items: crockery, toys, sporting equipment etc.	✗ Asbestos & hazardous materials, paint
✓ Household garbage, polystyrene and greenwaste	✗ Industrial, commercial material
	✗ Liquids, chemicals, paint, cooking oil
	✗ Bricks, concrete, rocks, clay, sand, soil

The 1m³ allocation must be used in a single visit. Loads exceeding 1m³ will be charged accordingly.

**Remember:** many items (such as e-waste, whitegoods and scrap metal etc) are accepted at the Transfer Stations and recycled at no cost.

Tenants of rental properties must gain permission from their landlord or real estate agent first.

Social housing tenants may drop off hard waste by showing identification with their address. Those physically unable to drop off material may have a friend or relative do so on their behalf.

Council’s Transfer Station page covers Frequently Asked Questions, Transfer Station locations and operational hours.



# Moorabuild: Despite the rain, the build continues

It’s been a long, wet winter but that hasn’t stopped progress on some of the major projects going on across our shire. Some of our large projects are really taking shape and some are very close to completion.

## Bacchus Marsh Indoor Stadium

Get excited if you’re planning to take up basketball, netball, volleyball, squash or badminton next year: the Bacchus Marsh Indoor stadium, part of the Moorabool Aquatic and Recreation (MARC) project in Taverner St, is tracking along nicely.

The expected completion date for the stadium is August 2023 and will have four multi-use courts, spectator seating, a function room and



player and public amenities. The project cost is \$16.6 million, funded by Council and the State Government.

Progress since the last edition, includes the installation of the roof, the installation of services to change rooms and court area, subfloor framing for the court area and the installation of services to the car park.

To complement the stadium, rehabilitation work will be done on Taverner St, with on-street parking and shared paths. This work is funded through Council’s 2022/23 Capital Improvement Program.

## Darley Park Pavilion

We’re getting close to completion of the new Darley Park Community and Sports Centre!

The pavilion has been funded by Council (\$1.1 million), the State Government’s Growing Suburbs Fund (\$2.5 million) and Darley Football Netball Club and Darley Junior FNC (\$481,000).

Works to be completed in recent months include the completion of the roof and external cladding, the installation of window frames and windows, the installation of services and the completion of plastering.

The Pavilion is due for completion at the end of March 2023.



## Racecourse Recreation Reserve – Stage Two

The second stage of the redevelopment at Bacchus Marsh Racecourse Recreation Reserve involves the construction of a new entry road, car parking, two grass ovals with oval lighting, multi-purpose hardcourts and landscaping.

The project has been impacted significantly by the unseasonal rainfall in Bacchus Marsh and across the State, with wet weather delaying works onsite and reducing the amount of material coming from quarries across the State.

We don’t have a set completion date for the ovals, but will keep the community informed via Moorabool Matters, our website and our Facebook page.



## Ballan Recreation Reserve Pavilion

Despite the weather, we’re making good progress on the new pavilion at Ballan Recreation Reserve. The steel structure of the change rooms has been constructed with the wall framing and the social pavilion slab nearing completion.

The \$4-million pavilion project is scheduled for completion next month. This project has been by Council (\$860,000), the State Government (\$3 million), Ballan and District Community Bank (\$50,000) and user group contributions.

Once complete, it will not just be a great asset for the Ballan Recreation Reserve users (Ballan Football Netball Club, Ballan Cricket Club and Ballan Bowls Club) but a space for the entire community to hold various activities and events throughout the year.

In addition to this project, the Ballan Cricket Club is getting new cricket nets, which are very close to being installed. When finished, they’ll have a 3-lane enclosed practice facility suited to club and Cricket Victoria requirements.



A big thank you to the State Government for providing funds for many of our major projects mentioned here, including Ballan Recreation Reserve, Bacchus Marsh Indoor Stadium, Bacchus Marsh Racecourse Recreation Reserve and Darley Park Pavilion.

## Updates in brief

At a Special Meeting of Council in December, Council awarded contracts for the:

### Construction of the West Maddingley Early Years and Community Hub

Construction commenced in February and will be completed in time for the facility to be opened in 2024. The facility will include four kindergarten rooms, community meeting space and maternal and child health suites. Council have been successful in obtaining \$2,000,000 from the Building Blocks Grant and \$3,500,000 from the Growing Suburbs Fund and Council are investing \$3,500,000.

### Construction of an All Abilities Play Space at the Racecourse Recreation Reserve

This project will provide a variety of play items, landscaping, footpaths, and barbeque facilities. The project will commence in May of this year and is expected to be completed by the end of the year. Council have been successful in obtaining \$1,250,000 from the State Government for this project.

### Reconstruction of Taverner Street

This will provide on-street parking, a shared footpath and street trees. This is an important project for the Moorabool Aquatic and Recreation Centre precinct. Work will commence in the next month and will finished in Spring.

### Further work at Aqualink

Further work is occurring as part of the Aqualink Cycling and Walking Corridor. When finished the 4.5-kilometre Aqualink path network will connect the Lerderderg River and the Werribee River. Work has commenced on the construction of footpaths and road crossings between the Western Freeway and Masons Lane, and in April work will commence to construct exercise stations, play equipment and landscaping between Grey Street and the Lerderderg River. Council has been successful in obtaining \$671,000 from the Growing Suburbs Fund and the Department of Transport and Planning.

### Dunnstown Community Pavilion

Design will soon commence on the refurbishment of the Dunnstown Community Pavilion. The work will bring the change rooms up to modern standards, including the provision of female friendly change facilities. The construction will commence during 2023 and will be programmed around the Central Highlands Football & Netball League 2023 season. Council have been successful in obtaining \$300,000 from the State Government’s Local Sports Infrastructure Fund.

### Extension of Navigators Community Hall

A tender for the extension of the Navigators Community Hall will be issued in the next month, and construction is expected to be completed towards the end of this year.

### Ballan Library & Community Hub

The design of the Ballan Library & Community Hub is progressing well and is on track to be issued for tender in the middle of this year. Demolition of the bank building will commence soon after, and construction of the hub is expected to be completed by June 2024.

# New vision for Bacchus Marsh Town Centre Structure Plan

Last days to have your say and help us shape an exciting long-term vision for Bacchus Marsh Town Centre.

The current Bacchus Marsh Structure Plan was incorporated into the Moorabool Planning Scheme in 2016. Since that time, Bacchus Marsh has undergone significant growth and change and will continue to face new challenges into the future.

West Maddingley and Underbank have now been developed, and the Urban Growth Framework proposes further growth in the suburbs surrounding Bacchus Marsh. These areas will be home to thousands of new residents, shops, services and open space.

That’s why Council is now starting work



on a new Structure Plan for the Town Centre. The project is looking at an area around the Main Street retail area, as well as linkages between the train station and Main Street.

The Town Centre needs to have a clear vision and plan for how it will provide retail, community services, employment, recreation and housing in an attractive and accessible way, which supports Bacchus Marsh becoming a thriving and sustainable regional centre.

We want to hear from you to establish a shared vision for the town centre which will assist in the creation of a draft structure plan.

You can share your thoughts online or sign up to receive updates on the project by 3 March 2023 at [haveyoursay.moorabool.vic.gov.au](https://haveyoursay.moorabool.vic.gov.au)



# Moorabool Shire Community Grants open March 2023!



Council's Community Grants Program is open to local non-profit organisations between 1-31 March 2023. The program offers over \$270,000 annually, to assist non-profit organisations deliver projects benefiting the Moorabool community. Attend a drop in session to discuss your project idea in person:

- Monday 6 March from 8:30am to 5pm at the Ballan Council Offices
- Thursday 9 March from 8:30am to 5pm at the Lerderderg Library

Please note, there may be wait

times at the drop in sessions and bookings are encouraged via the website.

For more information on the funding streams available, eligibility requirements or to reserve a drop in session time, scan the QR code below or visit Community Grants | Moorabool Shire Council.

Contact Council's Community Development Team to discuss your project idea and how it can be funded via phone- **5366 7100**.



## MOORABOOL SHIRE COUNCIL CENTRAL KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION 2024

- **6 MARCH 2023** Registrations open.
- **23 JUNE 2023** Registrations for first round offers **close**.
- **JULY 2023** First round offers emailed.
- **25 AUGUST 2023** Registrations for second round offers **close**.
- **SEPTEMBER 2023** Second round offers emailed. Kindergartens receive admission details for all accepted places from Council.
- **FROM OCTOBER 2023** Families receive enrolment information from their accepted kindergarten.

## IMPORTANT DATES 3-YEAR-OLD & 4-YEAR-OLD KINDERGARTEN 2024



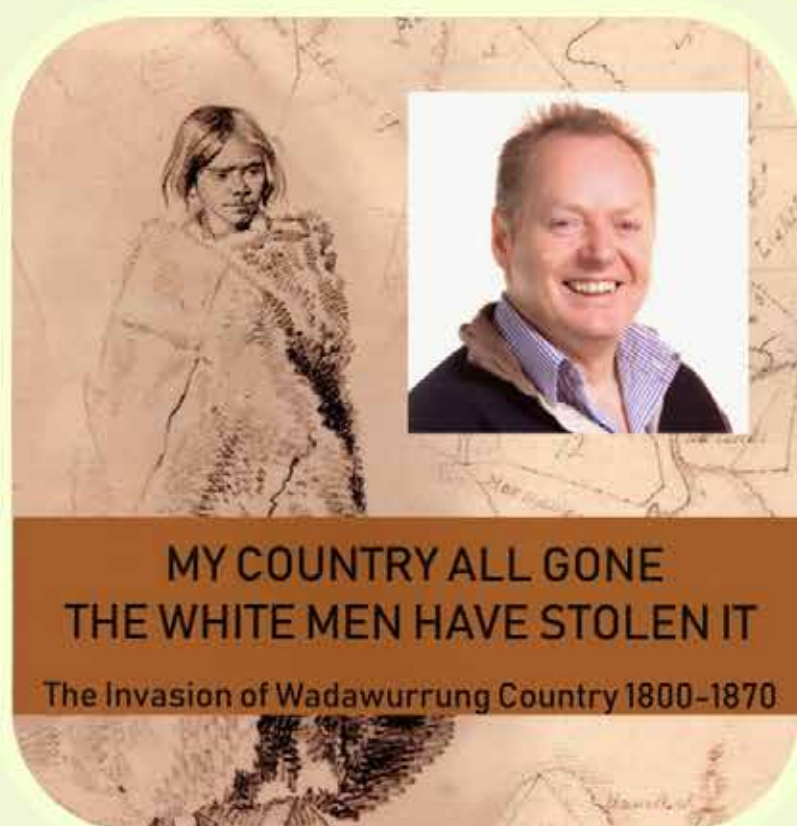
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## Moorabool Library Service

### BacchChat with Fred Cahir



**Saturday 4 March**

**10am -12pm**

**Lerderderg Library**

Using the invader's own words taken from diaries, official records and letters, Fred presents a challenging history of the colonial invader's interaction and relations with the First Nation's people in the Moorabool, Geelong and Ballarat regions – the Wadawurrung. "My Country all gone" is a culmination of thirty years archival research that chronicles the three waves of invasion in our region from 1800 to 1870 by the ngamadidj – the white strangers from the sea.

### Peter Carey Short Story Awards

**First prize: \$2000**

**Second Prize: \$1000**

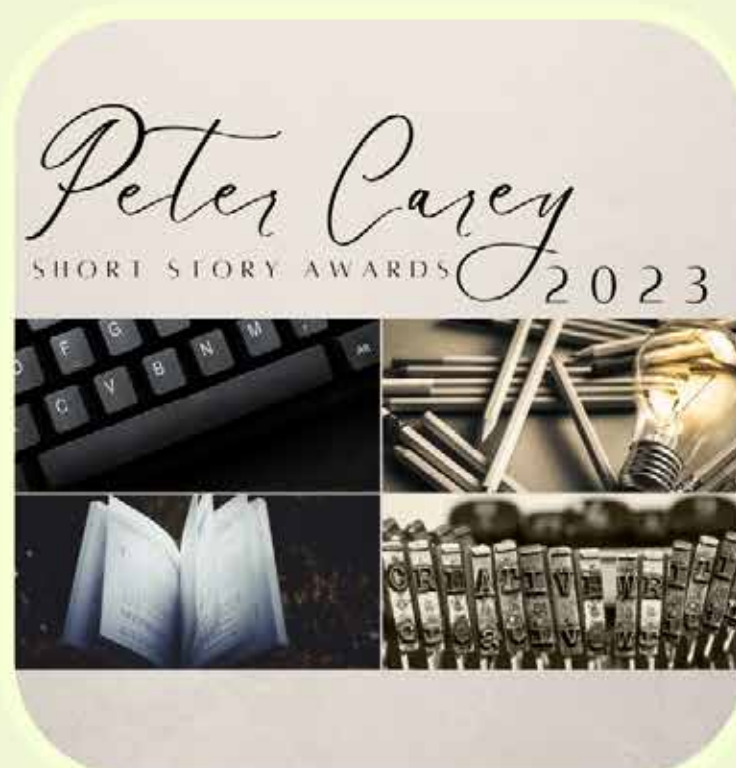
This award is for short stories between 2000 - 3000 words, and is open to all Australian residents.

**Best Local Entry Award \$500\***

\*Writers who live, work or study in the Moorabool Shire are eligible for consideration of this prize.

**Entries close: 6pm Thursday 16 March 2023**

**Entry fee: \$15 per story**



**For more information contact:**



**Ballan Library**

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**Lerderderg Library**

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Refer to Council's website for a full list of 2023 Council meeting dates and times:  
**moorabool.vic.gov.au**

Ordinary Meetings of Council to be held at Ballan Council Chambers: (commencing at 6 pm)

**DATES**

1 March 2023	2 August 2023
5 April 2023	6 September 2023
3 May 2023	4 October 2023
7 June 2023	1 November 2023
5 July 2023	6 December 2023

**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	5366 7100 (option 1)
Aged and Disability Services	0409 138 201
For all other emergencies	0419 887 065



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