

Moorabool Recovery—Scotsburn Fire



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RETURN OF DR ROB GORDON

12 April 2016

Dr Rob Gordon will return to the Buninyong Town Hall on Tuesday 12 April from 7.00pm.

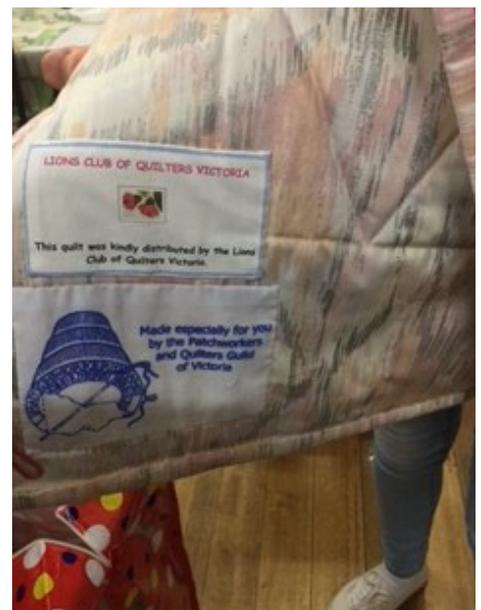
All are welcome to attend the session. For further information call Michelle on 0400 324 551

LIONS CLUB QUILTS FOR SCOTSBURN

The Lions Club of Quilters Victoria have hand crafted quilts for the Scotsburn families.

A quilt was presented to the BlazeAid team last week.

The quilts will be distributed to families over the next few weeks.



Left to right: Robyn, Pam, Ruth, Janie, Sue and Barbara from the Lions Club Quilters of Victoria

ROADSIDE CLEAN-UP UPDATE

- CITY OF BALLARAT

The City of Ballarat is still working on the clean-up of the roadsides in the fire area using local contractors for these works.

Works are expected to continue for the next several weeks.

Pryors Road and some of the other roads in the fire area are classified as having high conservation value and were signposted to show their status.

Many of the signs were damaged by the fire and will be replaced as signage stock becomes available.

Advice has been provided to residents about any clearing of native vegetation on private and public land by a mail out to all properties in the area.

Fence line and road edge clearing works have left a lot of timber in the road reserves. Excess timber will be removed from these roadsides however some logwood and mulched branch material will be left in the roadside conservation areas to provide habitat for local native fauna and to help with the regeneration of the vegetation.

There are signs that some of the native vegetation is starting to regenerate already, usually pioneer species like silver wattle will be among the first of the larger trees to return with eucalypts eventually taking over as the primary vegetation.

The City of Ballarat will monitor the roadsides into the future to maintain road safety and to control any invasive weed species and pest animals.



SKIP BINS

The general rubbish skip bins will be removed by 18 March.

The steel disposal skip bins are remaining in place to assist the BlazeAid crew and anyone else cleaning up metal.

Please don't add general waste to the steel disposal skip bins—this can be placed beside the bin for disposal.

ANIMAL REGISTRATION RENEWALS

The annual animal registration notices have been issued across the Shire. We appreciate that some previously registered animals have been lost in the fire or no longer reside in the Shire.

If you have received a renewal notice for an animal that you no longer have please call Michelle Richards on 0400 324 551 or Shannon Walsh on 5366 7100 or email info@moorabool.vic.gov.au for this to be corrected.

Registrations are due by 10 April 2016.



IAN MCNAMARA'S VISIT TO BLAZE AID

Ian McNamara, or Macca to many, is the host of the ABC's *Australia All Over* radio show and is a patron of BlazeAid.

Ian and Founder of BlazeAid, Kevin Butler were at the BlazeAid camp at on Thursday to recognise the volunteers and the excellent work that has been completed in the Scotsburn and Mt Bolton areas.



Above: Ian McNamara and guests on the night.

Right: strong turnout to say thanks to BlazeAid



BENDIGO BANK FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT UPDATE

The community's generosity has resulted in more than \$80,000 being raised for the residents affected by the Scotsburn fire.

Letters are being sent out in the coming week to advise the residents of the process for disseminating the funds to each household affected by the fire.

The fund has been managed by Bendigo Bank, Ballarat Community Health and an Appeal Committee who have also developed the model for allocating the funds equitably, based on the quantum of loss.

LANDSCAPING IN BUSHFIRE AREAS—CFA INFORMATION

Landscaping using appropriate design principles and plant selection can increase the likelihood of a house surviving a bushfire – even if the plan is to leave early.

Poorly located vegetation that burns readily may expose a house to increased levels of radiant heat and flame contact.

Well-placed vegetation with low flammability may actually help protect houses by:

- reducing the amount of radiant heat received by a house
- reducing the chance of direct flame contact on a house
- reducing wind speed around a house
- deflecting and filtering embers
- reducing flammable landscaping materials within the defensible space.

Read the full document at [http://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/CA257489001FD37D/Lookup/2015/\\$file/landscaping_for_bushfire.pdf](http://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/CA257489001FD37D/Lookup/2015/$file/landscaping_for_bushfire.pdf)



SCOTSBURN BUSHFIRE
Cinema Fundraiser

Regent Multiplex:
7pm Friday 18th March 2016
TICKETS JUST \$15!
Every Dollar Raised Goes Directly To Assist Those In Need

Tickets Available:

- Buninyong Community Bank
- Buninyong Neighbourhood
- Buninyong Primary School Reception
- Danacour Co-Op Reception
- Emmaus Catholic Primary School Reception
- The Ad Group – 48 Lyndale St South

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Scotsburn Fire Appeal
On-Line Auction

Elders Ballarat will use its company website www.livestock.com.au for an online auction of agricultural merchandise donated in aid of Scotsburn fire victims. The auction will be conducted as a seven day live auction and the product range includes animal health drenches, fertilizer and grass seed to stock blocks and a Weber BBQ.

Starts Monday 21st March

Jump online and have a look at the generously donated items!



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A.I.M. STUBBLEMAX NUGGET FOR CATTLE & SHEEP

All goods will be available for collection from the Ballarat office:
Cnr Carngham Road & Learmonth Street, Ballarat

For any further queries please contact Matt Crozier at Elders Ballarat on 5337 9999



Moorabool Shire Council

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