

Moorabool Recovery—Scotsburn Fire

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RETURN OF

DR ROB GORDON

We are pleased to announce that Dr Rob Gordon will return on 9 November.

Dr Gordon will be discussing how the community is travelling 9 months after the fire and preparing for the coming fire season.

Further details will be provided closer to the

REBUILDING

Members of the Planning, and Environmental Health teams are available to assist residents in the rebuilding process via 5366 1200.

There are Fast Track arrangements for planning applications. The team is ready to assist with planning related questions and queries.

To read the Fast Track process visit

<https://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/FACT-SHEET-FAST-TRACK-REBUILDING.pdf>



Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
12 October	Ladies Morning Tea	10.30am to 12pm	Village Place, 309 Learmonth Street Buninyong
29 October— weather permitting	Drive in Movie	6pm-9pm	Garibaldi Hall
4 November 2016	Scotsburn Get Together	6pm-9pm	Scotsburn Public Hall
16 November	Ladies Morning Tea	10.30am to 12pm	Village Place, 309 Learmonth Street Buninyong
February TBC	Family Day Trip	TBC	TBC

ART PROJECT

—SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER

On Sunday, more than 20 art project enthusiasts joined us for the latest Art Project event.

A great morning and afternoon of crafting was enjoyed by all and the sculptures made on 24 July were available for collection.

Below are some of the images from the day.



OUTREACH VISITS

Outreach visits will begin again on Thursday 13 October

- **What are Outreach Visits?**

Outreach visits are a visit to your property or business to provide information and emotional support to fire affected residents.

The outreach visits enable Council to gather information to help identify if additional services are required and whether any issues need to be addressed.

- **Who will be doing the Outreach?**

The Victorian Council of Churches (VCC) will lead the outreach, supported by the Red Cross.

- **What happens to the information they gather?**

Your information is kept confidential. Only the information you ask to be provided to Council will be passed on. The information provided to us will assist Council to address issues you may have and to coordinate any additional services for you and your family.

For further information please call Michelle on 0400 324 551



RATES AND REVALUATIONS - MOORABOOL SHIRE

We understand that some residents may have questions about the 2016/17 Rates notices and particularly the valuations on some properties affected by the fires.

A General Revaluation was applied to all properties in Moorabool Shire. This resulted in a shift in vacant land values. The General Valuation is completed every two years.

For those property owners who lost their homes in the fires, Council has continued to honour the arrangement of rating on general rate with vacant land valuation.

If you believe the valuation on your property is incorrect, and the property would not be able to be sold for that value, you are able to lodge an objection.

The objection must be lodged with Moorabool Shire Council by close of business Friday 4 November 2016.

Valuation Objection forms can be obtained from Customer Service.

For more information, please call the Revenue Services Team via 5366 7100.

FARM RECOVERY INFORMATION & SUPPORT FROM AGRICULTURE VIC

For more information on recovering after a fire please contact the following Ballarat Department of Economic Development, Jobs, Transport and Resources staff:

Livestock feeding requirements

Phil Franklin on 0417 033 037

Pasture recovery after a fire

Neil James on 0417 353 929

Farm water supply & farm planning

Heather Field on 0438 391 210

Please visit: www.agriculture.vic.gov.au and search for "Farm recovery after bush-fire" for online resources and information.

The Scotsburn page on Moorabool Council's website also contains Factsheets, Youtube clips and other farm recovery resources. Visit <https://www.moorabool.vic.gov.au/residents/community/emergency-management/scotsburn-fire-recovery-information>

ATO ADVICE FOR BUSINESS OPERATORS AFFECTED BY THE SCOTSBURN FIRE

The ATO understands that you may need time to deal with more immediate concerns and can help you sort out your tax affairs later, including giving you more time to lodge or pay.

If you have records that have been damaged, the ATO may also be able to help you construct your tax records. Phone the ATO on **1800 806 218** if you need assistance and to discuss your situation.

Moorabool Shire Council

Recovery Phone Number —0400 324 551

Recovery Centre Address—Village Place, 309 Learmonth Street, Buninyong.

Principal Office: **15 Stead Street, Ballan Telephone (03) 5366 7100**

Postal Address: **PO Box 18, Ballan VIC 3342**

Email: info@moorabool.vic.gov.au



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Darley Civic & Community Hub:

182 Halletts Way, Darley

Lerderberg Library:

215 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

Website: www.moorabool.vic.gov.au



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