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Fire Restrictions Now in Force

Each year during the warmer months, the CFA declares a Fire Restriction Period. This period typically runs from November through to April, depending on weather and environmental conditions. When fire restrictions are in force NO burning off can be done without a permit in Moorabool Shire, including on road sides. On days when a Total Fire Ban is declared, NO fires can be lit in the open from midnight to midnight. Fixed and portable gas or electric barbecues can be used, however conditions apply. In some cases, a permit may be required. The use of incinerators and activities such as welding, gas-cutting, soldering, grinding, charring and heating bitumen are also prohibited. It is the responsibility of all residents to ensure that they are aware of, and comply with, fire restriction conditions. Please visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au for further information.

Pryors Road Tree Works Update

After the Fires, the City of Ballarat carried out initial post impact assessment of fire affected trees along Pryors, Finns & Platts Roads along with Scotts, Gordon Alfred & Buckle Lanes. In April 2017 The City of Ballarat engaged arborists to carry out an additional inspection of Pryors road. Recently, the City of Ballarat hired an independent inspections arborist to review the roadside trees. The recommendation was to remove or reduce any tree that had potential to fall onto the road as it created a risk for motorists. The contractor is carrying out this work and has almost finished. The recommendation was to leave timber felled on the ground as both habitat and to create roadside biodiversity. In some places there may be an excess of timber, in these spots the City of Ballarat will return to assess and will look at the possibility of chipping the smaller branches and only leaving the larger ones. For further information contact the City of Ballarat on 5320 5500

Clarendon Community Hub Update

The delivery of the Clarendon Community Hub Project to build a new community facility and upgrade the tennis courts at the Recreation Reserve is well underway with all building and permit approvals obtained and works ready to commence in the near future— watch this space!

Scotsburn Community Leadership Program Update

In September 2017 Moorabool Shire Council secured \$30,000 to go towards a total project cost of \$60,000 from Emergency Management Victoria to deliver the Scotsburn Community Leadership program. The program is well underway with participants taking as follows:

Session 2 Wrap Up – Carol Barnden – Bond

Our second session of the Scotsburn Leadership Program on October 24th, was an evening at the Scotsburn Hall; a place many of us are very familiar with due to community get-togethers. Michelle and Tim greeted us with their boundless positivity and encouragement. We shared our week's story including what challenges and wins the previous week presented to us.

We quickly launched ourselves into forming teams and playing "The Fire Game". An integral part of our leadership program, is a project to create a local version of the Fire Game for the Scotsburn and greater community. The game is the creation of the Surfcoast Shire and its aim is to educate, promote fire awareness, preparations and actions. The game is used by schools & local community groups within the Surfcoast region.

We greatly enjoyed the experience of playing as a united group, albeit very competitive. We analysed the game from the perspective of how this could work for our local community. We could have kept playing for hours but time crept up on us. Tim's leadership style and role as facilitator, takes in observation on how we interact and approach tasks. He allocated to Bianca and Judi the task of sorting us into groups to concentrate on the key aspects of creating a game. These include, who will be our target audience(s), creative elements, technical components, fact accuracy, legal implications and marketing. So with plenty to think about, we left feeling inspired, cohesive and motivated to get our teeth into this project. Our next session was a full day program at the Blackwood Community Fire Refuge.



SCLP Update Continued

Session 3 Wrap Up – Stephen Ford

On November 10 we all drove to the picturesque town of Blackwood situated in The Wombat State Forest, for our third instalment of the Scotsburn leadership program. This town is surrounded by dense forest and has a high fire risk rating. A perfect location, what makes this location special is their Community Fire Refuge, this is a fantastic building that is specially designed to help the community in the event of a bushfire.

Today we learnt about situational leadership, this refers to when the leader or manager needs to adjust his style to fit the development level of the followers he is trying to influence, this fits in very well especially around community engagement. Tim also took us through DISC profiling and its uses around emotional intelligence, as a group we discussed the application of this and how this can show the value that you bring to a team, and help identify your blind spots. Most importantly it allows you to develop and help you understand areas that you need to improve in. By being in blackwood and the community fire refuge, allowed us to learn so much and the impacts that a fire will have in that region, Cherie the emergency Manager from the Moorabool Shire talked to us and told us the story of how the refuge came about and why it is so crucial to this town.

The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the actions of its members, the fire has made us closer as a group and has helped us work better together and after only three meetings we feel very comfortable to work together and help each other succeed and this will help us make an impact on the community.



Upcoming Events

SCOTSBURN FIRE RECOVERY 2ND ANNIVERSARY EVENT



SPIT ROAST DINNER—FACE PAINTING ADAM LAURENCE MAGIC SHOW

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

6:00PM

SCOTSBURN PUBLIC HALL

Spit Roast Dinner provided. Please RSVP your attendance and dietary requirements to Moorabool Shire Council Customer Service on 5366 7100 by **Monday 11 December**. Friends welcome.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
Friday 15 December	2nd Anniversary Gathering	6:00pm	Scotsburn Public Hall

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