

NEW COUNCIL ELECTED



Council has several new faces and some familiar faces to govern for the next four years.

The election polls were declared on 8 November and we now have nine Councillors in unsubdivided wards.

Congratulations to:

Paul Tatchell
Ally Munari
Jarrold Bingham
Steven Venditti Taylor
Rod Ward
Moira Berry

Tom Sullivan
John Keogh
Sheila Freeman

At the statutory meeting on 18 November, Council appointed xxx to the position of Mayor for the next 12 months.

The new Council's first Ordinary Meeting of Council will be Wednesday 4 December 2024. A list of meetings for next year will be posted on Council's website shortly:
moorabool.vic.gov.au



Excitement building over new library

We hope you're enjoying watching the main street of Ballan transform, with the Ballan Library and Community Hub progressing at a great pace.

The \$7.25 million project will be a centrepiece of the town and include a library, designated youth space, Maternal and Child Health Services, art exhibition area, visitor information space and community meeting rooms.

It is scheduled for completion in November 2025.

Keep an eye on our Facebook channel and our website for project updates and progress photos:

moorabool.vic.gov.au/ballan-library

Improving our local roads

With the spring weather kicking in, we're also in full swing on our road reconstructions throughout the shire. The following roads have either recently received treatment or will receive treatment in the coming month:

- Tendon-Egerton Road, Yendon – reconstruction
- Ballan-Meredith Road, Ballan – widen and reconstruction
- Ingliston Road, Ingliston – widen and reconstruction
- Ti Tree Road, Dunnstown – shoulder resealing
- Old Melbourne Road, Millbrook – shoulder resealing and seal
- Ballan-Meredith Road, Fiskville – shoulder resealing and seal
- Madderns Road, Clarkes Hill – shoulder reseal
- Myrniong-Korobeit Road, Greendale – shoulder resheet
- Lyndhurst Street, Gordon – shoulder resheet and seal
- Doyles Road, Elaine – gravel resheet
- Daisybank Lane, Rowsley – gravel resheet
- Moretons Road, Balliang – gravel resheet

Keep an eye on our Moorabool campaign on our social media channels for up to date information on our major projects and road upgrades: Facebook and Instagram-Moorabool Shire Council. Our website also lists project updates and a map of our Capital Improvement Program:

moorabool.vic.gov.au/capital-improvement



Inform our new Council Plan

Last days to have your say on what you love about Moorabool and what you'd like to see in your local towns over the

next four years. Have Your Say and you could win a voucher to a local business: moorabool.vic.gov.au



Prepare now for summer

Summer is right on our doorstep so if you haven't already prepared your property for the upcoming fire season, now is the time!

Council's website has a range of important information on what property owners can do to prepare for the threat of fire, including clearing grass and rubbish near homes, removing fire hazards around houses and on nature-strips and downloading the VicEmergency app to ensure you receive up to date warnings and advice throughout summer.

Council will share information on its social media channels from VicEmergency, the CFA and other authorities in relation to the declared fire danger period commencement

and during a local emergency situation.

In preparing staff and agencies for the period, Council has undertaken two training sessions recently.

The CFA has declared the start of the official fire danger period for Moorabool Shire will commence on Monday 25 November.

The Council-run Burndawan exercise in October gave staff an opportunity to practice the opening and operation of emergency relief centres (including a centre that will house animals) and performing secondary impact assessments (SIAs) to assist the community during relief and recovery from an emergency within the shire.

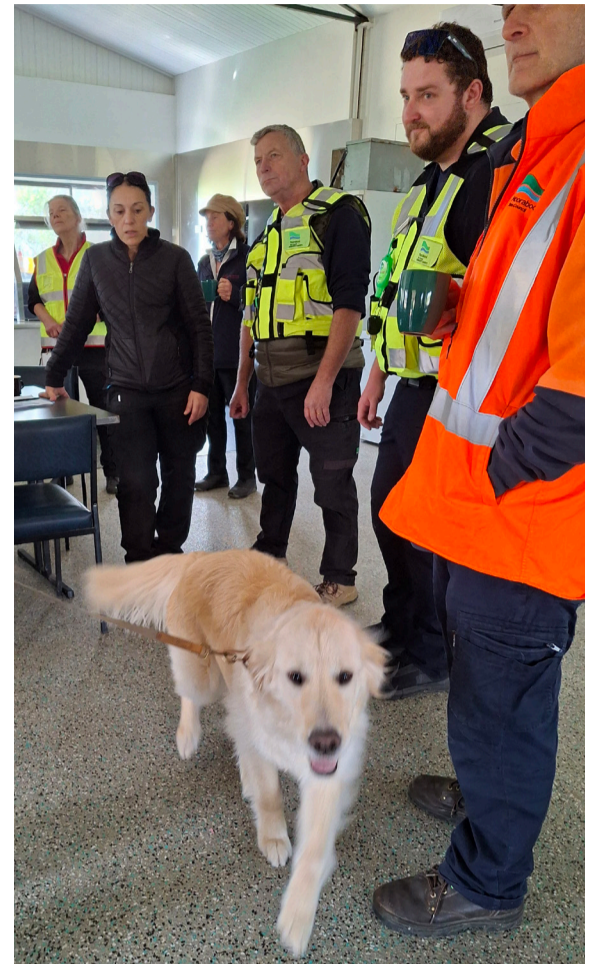


Photo - courtesy Uniform Photography

A month before that, Council was joined by agencies including the CFA, Victoria Police, Victoria State Emergency Service (SES), St John's Ambulance and the Bacchus Marsh Aerodrome Committee of Management in an emergency management training exercise to test the aerodrome's emergency response plan and allow local agencies to exercise their capabilities within a complex, multi-agency situation.

Please keep up to date on important emergency messaging and advice by following VicEmergency and Council's Facebook page: Moorabool Shire Council. Fire preparation information can be found at moorabool.vic.gov.au/firepreparation



E-waste does not go in any household bin

Take electronics and batteries to the right place for recycling.

Australians are amongst the highest users and disposers of technology and putting your old or broken electronics into your household bins is causing problems.

Any item with a plug, battery or power cord that's no longer working is considered e-waste.

E-waste includes items such as fridges, batteries, light bulbs, televisions, computers and mobile phones. These products contain hazardous materials, which can harm the environment and human health. They also contain valuable materials which can be reused when recycled correctly.

To help protect the environment and recover our precious resources, the Victorian Government banned all e-waste from landfill in 2019.

E-waste placed in a household bin can have dangerous consequences. It can start fires

and leach chemicals into the environment. Please take your old unwanted or broken electronics to your local e-waste drop-off point for free recycling.

Moorabool Shire Transfer Station e-waste drop off points:

- 51 Osborne Street Maddingley
- 118 Monteville Lane Ballan
- Ballan-Egerton Road Mount Egerton

By keeping e-waste out of your household bins, it can be sorted and recycled into new electronics. Metals such as tin, copper or nickel, for example, can be separated and reused to make new items.

While each item of e-waste contains only a small amount of each precious metal, this can quickly add up when you consider how many objects and devices are incorrectly disposed of each year.

It's important we reuse these materials because they are not renewable. Once they're gone, they're gone for good. But if e-waste

is properly recycled, these materials can be recycled and reused endlessly.

By reusing what we've already mined, we're not only cutting costs, but we're also reducing the greenhouse gases released by the mining, processing and transportation of raw materials.

You can also minimise your e-waste by considering the following:

- Do you really need a new electronic item or could you borrow or rent one?
- Could you buy the item second-hand?
- Try extending the life of your electronics by keeping them clean, not overcharging batteries, or using protective covers on your phones or tablets.

If you have any electronics in good working order, try donating or selling them.

When e-waste is disposed of correctly it reduces landfill, protects our environment and reduces the need for raw materials to make new electronics.

What goes in my bins?

Find my bin day



Recycle



Landfill



Not in any bin

Materials that are hazardous, dangerous or bulky are **not accepted** in any household bin.



Small acts make a big impact.
Find out more: moorabool.vic.gov.au



A small act makes a big impact.

Take e-waste to a Moorabool Shire Transfer Station for FREE recycling.

For more information on where to take your e-waste, visit moorabool.vic.gov.au



Proud to welcome new citizens

Council was delighted to welcome 20 Moorabool Shire residents (12 adults and 8 children) as new Australian citizens at a ceremony in West Maddingley recently.

Our newest citizens travelled from countries across the globe including New Zealand, the United Kingdom, Malaysia, Samoa, North Macedonia and Ethiopia, and all took the oath and demonstrated an understanding and acceptance of Australian values, dedication and commitment to Australia.

Congratulations to them all. More information on becoming an Australian citizen can be found on our website: moorabool.vic.gov.au/citizenship





Join our Early Years events and services

Children's Week 2024

Council hosted Children's Week in Bacchus Marsh recently, under the theme 'children have the right to a safe and clean environment.' This important theme informed the design of our event, which included the participation of local community organisations such as the Platypus Alliance and Babaneek Booboo, and our emergency services, including the CFA, SES and Victoria Police.

Children and families enjoyed a fun-filled day of activities that sparked creativity, encouraged social connection, and provided engaging learning opportunities.

Some memorable inclusions at this year's event included a cardboard box construction and play area, where sustainable and imaginative creations were enjoyed by families across generations. Additionally, a sensory room and story time delivered by our libraries team provided a peaceful space for children and families to engage with one another.



Year 7 Transition Program

The Year 7 Transition Program is a free program for all Grade 6 students in Moorabool – no matter which school they are planning to attend in Year 7.

The program will be delivered by our Youth Services team and will cover what to expect when starting high school, building confidence in making friends, and learning about support services and networks.

It all kicks off in December, with a 'come and try' session at Studio 22, where program participants can find out about our youth space and the regular activities we hold there. During our January school holiday program, there will be designated activities for program participants to continue to build their connections with one another and the youth team. Once everyone has returned to school in Term 1, there will be a local fish and chips

catch-up in the park to share experiences about starting secondary school.

You can find more information and links to register on our social media pages and our website.

If you want to know more about all our programs and services, reach out to our Youth Services team via email youthservices@moorabool.vic.gov.au or phone **5366 7100**.

After the recent Council elections, Moorabool Shire Council now has nine Councillors and is unsubdivided.

Our new Councillors sworn in on 8 November 2024

- Cr Moira Berry
- Cr Jarrod Bingham
- Cr Sheila Freeman
- Cr John Keogh
- Cr Ally Munari
- Cr Tom Sullivan
- Cr Paul Tatchell
- Cr Steven Venditti Taylor
- Cr Rod Ward

Please note, contact details for Councillors will be published on our website and in future editions of Moorabool Matters.



Refer to Council’s website for information relating to Councillors and Council services, news and events: moorabool.vic.gov.au

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

Refer to Council’s website for a full list of Ordinary and Special Meetings of Council.

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
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



IMPORTANT NOTES TO READERS

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