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Moorabool Shire Council Set to Administer a Dose of Australia's Own Medication

Moorabool Shire Council and volunteers will focus on the Long Forrest Road, Rowsley, and Darley areas of Bacchus Marsh, and the townships of Blackwood, Navigators, Beremboke, Gordon and Dales Creek this Sunday 2 March as part of Clean Up Australia Day, Australia's Own Medication. Volunteers can join in at 9:00 a.m. at the following meeting sites:

Site	Meeting Point
Long Forrest Road Area	Corner Long Forrest Road & Sundew Crescent, Bacchus Marsh
Darley Area	Corner Albert Street & Gisborne Road, Darley
Rowsley Area	Rowsley Fire Shed, Rowsley
Gordon Area	Gordon Fire Station, Gordon
Blackwood Township	Blackwood Hall, Byers Road, Blackwood
Navigators Area	Yendon General Store, Number 1 Road, Yendon
Beremboke Reserve	Beremboke Recreation Reserve, Beremboke
Wombat State Forest, Dales Creek	Bus Stop, Top of Cowans Drive, Dales Creek

To get involved on Sunday 2nd March; call Amy Espeseth-Turner, Community Development Officer (Acting) on 5366 7100. Important information is also available at www.cleanup.com.au

Local Moorabool Shire Clean Up Australia Day sponsors include Sunicrust Bakeries and Foodworks Supermarket

Ballan Township Urban Design Framework (UDF)

Following the initial community consultation the draft recommendations for the Ballan UDF project have now been prepared and will be on display from Saturday 15th February to Sunday 9th March at the Railway Station on Atkinson Street and the IGA Supermarket on Inglis Street.

A "street-meet" will be held to discuss the proposals and will provide an opportunity for local residents and community groups to have an ongoing positive input into the future development of Ballan.

'Street-Meet'

LOCATION: IGA Supermarket, Inglis Street Ballan
DATE: 1 March 2003 – Market Day
TIME: 1.00pm

Further information can be obtained from Natalie Robertson at Moorabool Shire Council on 5366 7100.

Senior Citizens Week 2003 "Age to Be" Luncheon

WHEN: Tuesday 18 March 2003
TIME: Noon to 2-30pm
VENUE: St Anne's Winery, Western Highway, Myrningong



Entry: \$5.00

Bookings Essential: Tickets available from:

Moorabool Shire Council (Ballan & Bacchus Marsh Offices)	5366 7100
Bacchus Marsh Senior Citizens Club	5367 3839
Ballan Senior Citizens Club	5368 1598
Blackwood Senior Citizens Club	5368 6795
Bungaree Senior Citizens Club	5334 0454

Proudly supported by the Rotary Club of Bacchus Marsh.

Mayor's Message

Melbourne 2030 Strategy

"Melbourne 2030" is a major planning strategy which has been recently announced by the State Government.

While it is primarily regarded as applying to the Melbourne Metropolitan area, this strategy will have enormous impact on the future planning of Moorabool Shire and yet we are not included as part of the area covered by the Melbourne 2030 Strategy.

Bacchus Marsh is by far the largest non metropolitan area immediately adjacent to the Melbourne 2030 area. The findings will have a significant impact on the growth opportunities and planning responsibilities of Moorabool.

Council is currently preparing a response to the "Melbourne 2030" study and has already written to the Minister for Planning strongly expressing Council's views as to the need for this area to be given special circumstances consideration in the strategy. Council is also seeking additional funds from the Government to assist in the large amount of strategic planning that is required to make sure the interests of our community are addressed.

I will keep you informed of our progress in this process.

Drought in Moorabool Shire

Travelling around the Shire, as I do, it is very evident that we are indeed in the grip of the worst drought in 100 years. Entering Bacchus Marsh through that beautiful green barrier of elms and irrigated orchards can give us all a false sense of all being well. However, in our rural towns the situation is becoming critical.

Blackwood is one of the Shire's most picturesque visiting spots in the summer months which normally experiences reliable rainfall, even during the hottest of summers. The town is a very attractive weekend holiday spot for people looking for an escape to take in the beautiful clear, cool mountain air, however, this summer there has been precious little rain and the community is grappling with stage four water restrictions with their water stores less than 50% and steadily depleting. Pykes Creek Reservoir, another renowned family picnic spot where people have enjoyed all manner of water sports in the past, is also showing the strains as is Merrimu, West Moorabool, Bostock and all the feeder rivers and creeks. I would ask everyone to please conserve water at every opportunity and not take this precious commodity for granted.

I am pleased to announce very welcoming news to the community that the much anticipated automatic doors are to be installed at the Moorabool Shire Office, in Ballan, within the next six weeks. This initiative is a result of the recent Disability Access and Inclusive Action Plan. Moorabool Shire Council places an important emphasis on inclusiveness to all people.

A couple of reminders for your diary

Bungal Community Consultation on Thursday 27th February, commencing 7:30pm at the Elaine Hall, Elaine.

Clean up Australia Day, Sunday 2nd March, your assistance would be very much appreciated at any of the designated sites.

Moorabool Shire Council Statutory Meeting, Council Chambers, Ballan – Wednesday 26th March, 2003

Pentland Riding Community Consultation, Thursday 27th March at the Balliang Hall, Balliang, commencing 7:30pm. For further information please contact Ms Chris Boyd 5366 7100

Public Notices

Council Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the next ordinary meeting of the Moorabool Shire Council will be held at the

**Andy Arnold Centre
Quamby Room
Bennett Street, Bacchus Marsh**

**Wednesday 25th February, 2003
commencing at 7.00pm.**

Members of the public are most welcome to attend.

Temporary Road Closure

School Lane, Bacchus Marsh

**Between Cummins and
Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Roads.**

School Lane, Bacchus Marsh, between Cummins and Geelong-Bacchus Marsh Roads, will be temporarily closed on Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd March 2003 from 6.00am to 5.00pm on both days. The road will be closed for the Bacchus Marsh Motocross Event.

Please approach the area with caution and observe the direction signs. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Mog and Dog



Two little boys, one of each kind
Jack is a dog, and Tom is feline
Tom's about five months and full of fun
Just like Jack, and he's about one
Please somebody take them home
They want someone to love, not a cage all alone.

5366 7100

Microchipping Day

Moorabool Shire Council and the Compliance Department invite you to come along and have your cat or dog microchipped.

Enhance your chances of being reunited with your pet if lost. Microchipped pets are eligible for discounted registration fee.

All Dogs & Cats Are Welcome

WHEN: Saturday 1st March, 2003

WHERE: Moorabool Shire Council
197 Main Street, Bacchus Marsh

TIME: Between 9.00am – 12.00pm

COST: \$20.00 per pet

Microchipping is available for Moorabool residents only, and all dogs must be on a leash and cats in a cage.

