



Moira Matters

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Welcome to Moira Matters!

Welcome to this edition of Moira Matters – it includes plenty of updates about what is happening across our region.

We hope you have had a wonderful Christmas and New Year and enjoyed the opportunity to share time with loved ones.

We are delighted to welcome 19 community champions to our newly established Community Panel. This group will be instrumental in shaping the vision for our region over the next two decades. They will bring important lived perspectives and experiences as we plan for a strong and healthy future for all our communities.

The next phase of changes to kerbside bin collections is also underway in early 2025. This is an important transition to help sustainably manage resource recovery and help divert waste away from landfill, and in turn, reduce costs for the community.

It was wonderful to celebrate the inaugural graduates of Council's Community and Civic Leadership Program in December. This group of 17 community leaders has shown remarkable growth, passion and commitment as they embraced the opportunity to build their leadership skills and foster new connections across our communities. We can't wait to see all that they achieve as they use their knowledge to



take action and create better outcomes for their communities.

January's Australia Day Awards events will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Moira Shire's outstanding people, community groups and events. We will be recognising many across our community who have selflessly dedicated their time and energy to supporting our region, those who work tirelessly behind the scenes and those who continue to inspire us every day.

We hope you enjoy this edition of Moira Matters and we look forward to an exciting 2025 ahead of us.

Dr Graeme Emonson PSM
Chair Administrator

Suzanna Sheed AM
Administrator



2045 Community Vision

Moira Shire Council is excited to develop our 20-year vision for the community, MoiraVision2045, a vital project to shape the Shire's future in collaboration with the community.

The newly formed Community Panel will be instrumental in working with Council, ensuring the diverse voices of the region are heard and represented.

The group of 19 passionate and diverse residents, will work closely with Council to develop a shared Community Vision, and assist with Council's four-year strategic plan.

The Community Panel represents a wide cross-section of our community and will meet regularly in the new year to explore key priorities, challenges, and opportunities that will influence the Shire's long-term direction.

MoiraVision2045 is more than creating a document - it's about building a collective vision that reflects the aspirations and values of our residents.

Meet the Panel Members:

Geoff Campbell
Julie-Anne Clark
Jessica Dowling Bonaddio
Charlene Donovan
Heather Du Vallon
Kim Fitzgerald
Rebecca Hore
Roland Huber
Susan Logie
Nicole McPherson
Robert Morey
Julia Norris
Sandra Pennington
Jacque Phillips
James Rouel
Mark Russell
Amelia Slater
Ellie Stephens
John Tyrrell



By engaging with the panel and the wider community, Council is committed to ensuring every voice is heard in this journey toward a more inclusive future.

Council extends its congratulations to the Community Panel and expresses gratitude to everyone who expressed interest in joining.

MoiraVision2045 will be an ongoing project, to stay informed visit the Moira Matters engagement platform and follow for updates.

What Happens Next?

We are currently reviewing all responses and using your feedback to draft the MoiraVision2045 document. The updated vision will reflect the key themes and priorities identified through the consultation process.

The Draft MoiraVision2045 will be released for public view and feedback in the coming months.

Stay tuned for updates as we continue to build a connected, inclusive, and thriving future for Moira Shire, together!

Change is coming to your bins!

Purple lid bins for glass recycling were delivered to residents in October as part of the State Government standardised four-stream waste and recycling service.

What you need to know

Collection of the Purple Lid Glass Bin started in December and will be collected every 4 weeks. You can find the glass collection dates on our kerbside calendar on our website or through the waste info app.

Please know, glass is now to be kept out of the Yellow Lid Recycling Bin.

Frequency Changes

In February 2025, the Green Lid Organic Bin will move to a weekly collection service, and the Red Lid Landfill Bin will shift to fortnightly collections.

Have any questions? - Check out the FAQs on our website.

Still have questions? - Speak with our Customer Service Team, give us a call (03) 5871 9222, email your questions to info@moira.vic.gov.au or meet with a team member at our Customer Services Centres.

Download our Moira Shire Waste App

Download the Waste Info App, for free from the App Store or Google Play.

With handy reminders, sorting tips, and everything you need to manage waste better, it's your go-to tool for reducing, recycling, and staying on top of bin nights.

Feature include:

- Bin collection notifications
- Your first glass collection
- A-Z waste disposal guide
- Kerbside collection days

Scan the QR code to find out more



✓ YES

- ✓ Disposable nappies
- ✓ Kitty litter (wrapped in newspaper)
- ✓ Rope, hoses or strapping
- ✓ Broken crochery or glassware (wrapped in newspaper)
- ✓ Waxed cardboard boxes
- ✓ Take-away coffee cups
- ✓ Foam; such as meat trays and cups
- ✓ Soft plastics*

✗ NO

- ✗ Timber
- ✗ Bricks/rubble
- ✗ Electronic waste (anything with a cord, plug or battery)
- ✗ Soil
- ✗ Batteries*
- ✗ Paint
- ✗ Chemicals and poisons
- ✗ Hot ash
- ✗ Hazardous and medical waste

*These items can be taken to most Moira Shire Resource Recovery Centres for recycling.

✓ YES

- ✓ Food scraps, including dairy and citrus
- ✓ Bones and meat
- ✓ Prawn shells and fish scales
- ✓ Soiled paper towel and tissues
- ✓ Grass clippings, weeds, leaves
- ✓ Flowers
- ✓ Small non-treated timber off cuts
- ✓ Prunings and small branches <10cm diameter
- ✓ Animal droppings (including dog)

✗ NO

- ✗ Plastics, including fruit stickers
- ✗ Stones, rocks and rubble
- ✗ Soil and sand
- ✗ Treated or painted timber
- ✗ Large logs or stumps
- ✗ Non-compostable household waste
- ✗ Garden tools and hoses

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✓ YES

- ✓ Soft drink, juice, water and milk bottles
- ✓ Beer, wine and spirit bottles
- ✓ Sauce, condiments and oil bottles and jars
- ✓ Medicine bottles
- ✓ Vitamin and supplement bottles and jars
- ✓ Bottles and jars from toiletry and cosmetic items

✗ NO

- ✗ Loose lids and caps from bottles and jars
- ✗ Corbs, pumps, sprays and droppers
- ✗ Bottles and jars with non-glass items inside such as cigarette butts, food or liquids
- ✗ Glass hitchenware, such as glasses, crochery and ceramics, storage containers and cookware
- ✗ Glass household items, such as vases, mirrors, light bulbs and fluorescent tubes
- ✗ Plastic bags or plastic packaging

✓ YES

- ✓ Plastic bottles: butter, milk, yoghurt and ice cream containers
- ✓ Aluminium and steel cans, foil and containers (cleaned)
- ✓ Paper and cardboard
- ✓ Magazines and newspapers
- ✓ Metal and plastic bottle tops/lids
- ✓ UHT milk, plant based milk and fruit juice cartons

✗ NO

- ✗ Soft plastics and cling film*
- ✗ Glass bottles and jars*
- ✗ Polystyrene foam*
- ✗ Waxed cardboards
- ✗ Garden waste or tools
- ✗ Food scraps*
- ✗ Nappies
- ✗ Fabric or clothing*
- ✗ Scrap metal and gas bottles*
- ✗ Crochery, glassware and window glass

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2025 Australia Day Awards - Recognising Community Excellence

The Australia Day Awards honour individuals and organisations that have made outstanding contributions to our community, enriching it and fostering a strong sense of community spirit.

These awards recognise Australian citizens who have made a significant impact through their volunteer efforts in 2024 or through years of dedicated service to our community. They also celebrate groups, schools, and organisations that have delivered exceptional projects or events to benefit the local community.



Six categories:

- Citizen of the Year
- Junior Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Community Event of the Year
- Community Organisation of the Year and
- Arts, Culture and/or Environment Project of the Year

Australia Day Awards announcements will be undertaken at the individual Town District Events.

Australia Day Town District Events:

Barmah

8am

Jake Edwards Reserve, corner of Evans & Murray Streets Barmah

Free BBQ breakfast and entertainment

Cobram

10am

Cobram Civic Centre

Guest speaker, entertainment by Cobram Pipe Band and free BBQ

Katamatite

8am

Police Paddock, corner of Foy & Beek Street, Katamatite

Free BBQ breakfast and entertainment

Nathalia

6pm

Nathalia Recreation Reserve, Park Street, Nathalia

Free BBQ, entertainment and award presentations

Numurkah

8am

Newman Square, corner of Quinn and Melville Streets, Numurkah

Free BBQ breakfast and entertainment

Tungamah/St James

8am

Lions Park – Boyd Street, Tungamah

Free BBQ breakfast and award presentations

Yarrawonga

7am

Kennedy Park, Murphy Street, Yarrawonga

Free BBQ breakfast, entertainment and award presentations. Limited seats available please bring your own seat.

Moira Shire Council will be holding a special Citizenship Ceremony on Australia Day. Our newest Australian citizens, originally from New Zealand, Philippines, South Africa, and Sri Lanka, will be presented with their citizenship certificates by Chair Administrator Graeme Emonson.

2024 Moira Shire Community Leadership Program: Empowering the Next Generation of Local Leaders

The 2024 Moira Shire Council Community Leadership Program has been a great success, fostering a new wave of community leaders equipped to drive positive change across the region.

This year's program brought together a diverse group of passionate individuals, each committed to addressing the unique challenges and opportunities within their communities.

Through engaging workshops, and expert-led sessions, participants gained valuable insights into leadership, collaboration, and problem-solving.

One of the program's highlights was its focus on building practical skills that participants could immediately apply within their local settings. Sessions on strategic planning, stakeholder engagement, and conflict resolution were complemented by opportunities to collaborate on real-world community projects.

The program also emphasised the importance of networking and relationship-building, creating a platform for participants to connect with local leaders, council representatives, and community organisations.

This network of support will continue to serve as a vital resource for participants as they move forward in their leadership journeys.

Feedback from participants has been positive, with many acknowledging the program as a catalyst for innovative ideas and strengthened community connections.

As the 2024 program concludes, its legacy is clear: a cohort of inspired and capable leaders ready to champion Moira Shire's growth and resilience.

The council's investment in this initiative has proven invaluable, ensuring the region's future is in the hands of confident, skilled, and collaborative leaders.



Moira Shire Community Leadership Program

Want to be part of the 2025 Moira Shire Community Leadership Program.

Apply now and become a local change maker!

Visit our website for more information.

Applications close **Monday 13 January 2024.**



Maternal and Child Health Services and Immunisation Programs

The Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Service supports your child's health and development from birth to school age. This free service is available to all families in Moira Shire and offers a range of programs designed to promote family well-being.

Key Maternal and Child Health Services

- **Key Age and Stage Consultations:** Ten check-ups from birth to school age to monitor your child's growth and development.
- **First-Time Parent Groups:** A six-week program offered quarterly in Cobram, Numurkah, and Yarrawonga, providing support, information, and the chance to meet other local families.
- **INFANT Program:** Sessions on healthy eating and active play for families with infants aged 3, 6, and 9 months.
- **Lactation Clinic:** Breastfeeding support for all Moira Shire families, including in-home and in-centre consultations in Numurkah.
- **Sleep and Settling Support:** Assistance with understanding sleep cues, routines, and settling techniques, available through group sessions, home visits, and one-on-one consultations.
- **Enhanced Maternal and Child Health:** Home-based support for families facing additional challenges, tailored to individual needs.



Fast Fact:

Approximately 320 new babies are born in Moira Shire every year!

Immunisation

Protecting the health of our community, Council delivers:

- Monthly immunisation clinics in Nathalia, Numurkah, Cobram, and Yarrawonga.
- Influenza and Japanese Encephalitis vaccination clinics as required.
- Annual school immunisation programs across nine schools.
- Book your immunisation session via the Victorian Department of Health's CIRV portal found on our website.

For more information or to make a booking, visit the Moira Shire Council website, call our Customer Experience team at (03) 5871 9222, or email us at info@moira.vic.gov.au.

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Community eNewsletter

If you'd like to stay informed about all the great things happening in our region, we have just the thing for you - our free email newsletter.

Bush Nippers

Thompsons Beach Cobram is set to host the Bush Nippers Education Program in January 2025 for the third consecutive year.

The program is a collaboration between Life Saving Victoria (LSV), Moira Shire Council, and Barooga Aquatic & Recreation Centre.

The program provides a unique educational experience, fostering lifesaving and water safety skills tailored to open water environments, including rivers.

Children aged 5 to 13 are eligible to participate in this program.

Visit the Barooga Aquatic and Recreation Centre's website for more information.

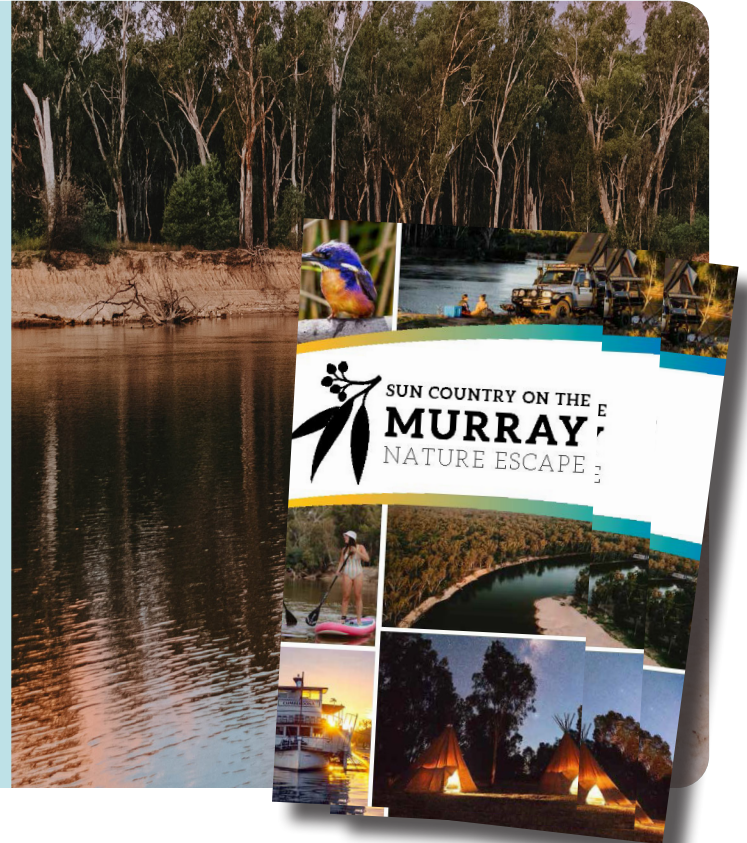


Sun Country on the Murray Nature Escape

A place to escape back to nature, relax and unwind, reconnect with family and friends or to challenge yourself to take on the great outdoors.

Sun Country on the Murray is the ideal place to experience the great outdoors with a range of walking and bike riding tracks and trails, fishing spots, riverside stays including camping and self contained accommodation and boat launching facilities.

Visit our website and download your copy of the Nature Escape Brochure.



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