



Moira Matters

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Welcome to Moira Matters!

Welcome to our community newsletter, Moira Matters!

Here, you'll find information about upcoming programs, stay up-to-date with funding opportunities, and learn about Council initiatives. We have some exciting updates and events to share with you.

It's been a busy year at Moira Shire Council, and the coming months promise even more activity.

This August, indulge in value-packed weekends of delicious produce and unique experiences. Our Dollar Discovery Weekend campaign is back, offering \$1, \$5, and \$10 deals from businesses on both sides of the river. With over 40 participating businesses in 2024, Dollar Discovery Weekend allows residents and visitors to enjoy local produce, coffee, wine, golf, donuts, and much more – all starting at just \$1.

We are proud to recognise the exceptional efforts of our local businesses through the Moira Business Achiever Awards, with voting open throughout August. These awards celebrate the hard work, innovation, and dedication of our business community, and once the votes are tallied, our outstanding businesses will be recognised at the Awards ceremony on Thursday 12 September, at The Sebel in Yarrowonga.



As we approach the festive season, community groups will have the opportunity to apply for funding to decorate or host an event within their town. This Council initiative supports local communities in celebrating the festive season with various events and activities that bring people together and spread holiday cheer.

We hope you enjoy this edition of Moira Matters, and thank you for being a part of the Moira Shire community. Together, we continue to make our region a fantastic place to live, work, and visit.

Dr Graeme Emonson PSM
Chair Administrator

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Administrator



Enjoy Amazing Deals with Dollar Discovery in August!

Explore the region this August, with Dollar Discovery Weekend bringing incredible deals to both sides of the river. Participating local businesses will be offering \$1, \$5, and \$10 deals every weekend in August. This is your chance to indulge in value-packed weekends filled with unique local experiences, fresh produce, stunning views and weekend fun!

Reconnect with loved ones and immerse yourself in the rich, vibrant culture of this stunning region. Explore charming towns and discover hidden gems as you support the incredible local businesses that make Sun Country shine.

Plan a cruise through the Sun Country landscapes, all for just \$1 day with an unbeatable car rental deal. Be inspired by the flavours of the region and savour delicious, fresh local produce, or indulge yourself with treats without breaking the bank.

Dreaming of a getaway? You might find some hotels offering \$10 deals, making your escape to paradise a reality!

This is more than just a travel opportunity – it’s an invitation to explore, discover and fall in love with a region bursting with charm and beauty. And if you are a local, you might just discover something new in your own backyard!

Don’t miss out on this extraordinary opportunity to explore one of Australia’s most travelled destinations, all for just a dollar. Mark your calendars for August, when the adventure begins.



Visit our website for a complete list of participating businesses and a preview of all the amazing deals. Start planning your adventure today!
www.moira.vic.gov.au

Celebrating the Outstanding Moira Shire Business Community

With over 400 nominations received, 41 finalists are in the running to win across 11 categories at the 2024 Moira Shire Business Achievement Awards. It is time to show your support by voting for the outstanding businesses within our region.

The Moira Shire Business Achievement Awards honours local business achievements in growth, leadership, sustainability and service. Winners will be announced at a Moira Business Achievement Awards gala evening on Thursday 12 September at the Sebel in Yarrowonga.



2024 Moira Business Achievement Awards Finalists:

Best Retail Business

Noonan's Showcase Jewellers, Cobram
Ambience Bakery & Café, Cobram
Kitchen Kravings, Cobram

Best Tourism Business

Barmah Bridge Caravan Park, Barmah
Byramine Homestead and Brewery, Burramine
PS Cumberoona Boat Cruise, Yarrowonga
Motel Yarrowonga, Yarrowonga

Best Professional Service Business

Yarrowonga Automotive, Yarrowonga
Hargraves Solicitors, Cobram
Committed Financial Group, Yarrowonga
Vanity Day Spa, Cobram

Best New Business (less than 2 years)

Cafe13, Cobram
Kitchen Kravings, Cobram
Lakeside Conveyancing, Yarrowonga

Best Regional Business from our cross-border MOU (Berrigan, Federation, and Indigo Shires)

Mulwala Water Ski Club, Mulwala
Yarrowonga Mulwala Golf Club, Mulwala
Waterside Pizza, Pasta & Grill, Mulwala

Excellence in Horticulture

The Olde Creamery, Numurkah
Go Farms Australia, Katunga

Excellence in Agriculture

Flavorite, Katunga
How Now Dairy, Numurkah
Rex James Stockfeed, Nathalia

Most Accessible Business

Providing All Living Supports (PALS), Cobram
The Plays Projects, Yarrowonga
Yarrowonga Mulwala Community & Learning Centre, Yarrowonga

Excellence in Manufacturing

Red Centre Caravans, Yarrowonga
A1 Engineering, Cobram
Industrial Projects Team, Wunghnu
Oasis Homes, Cobram
Stanyer Engineering, Katunga

Moira Shire Business of the Year

Ambience Bakery & Café, Cobram
Noonan's Showcase Jewellers, Cobram
Brian Walsh Funerals, Cobram
The Olde Creamery, Numurkah
Yarrowonga Mulwala Community Learning Centre, Yarrowonga
Skillzone Sports, Cobram

Outstanding Business Champion

Renee Lincoln, Ambience Bakery & Café Cobram
Brian Walsh, Brian Walsh Funerals
Julie Preer, Airtree Resort
Peter Cox OAM, Peter Cox & Sons Funeral Directors, Numurkah
Rachel McKay, OAM, Lowes BP, Cobram

DON'T FORGET TO CAST YOUR VOTE!

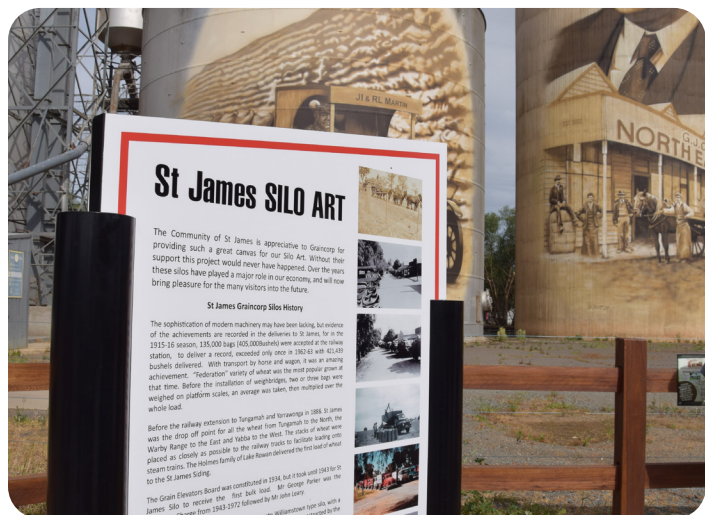
Vote online at www.moiramatters.com.au
Voting closes Sunday 25 August 2024.

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Community Grants

Our community grants aim to boosting community involvement with funding for better services, facility management, event coordination, and the promotion of tourism and health.



Festive Funding - Apply Now!

Community organisations are encouraged to apply for the Moira Festive Fund grant.

Offering up to \$1,000 for small towns and \$2,000 for main towns to decorate or host festive events.

An additional \$1,000 is also available to celebrate a culturally significant day.

Only one application will be awarded per town.

Applications close Saturday 31 August 2024.

What can be funded?

- Purchase and installation of decorations
- Signage, banners and flags
- Hire of equipment
- Purchase of goods and services to hold an event
- Entertainment, including music and lighting
- Promotions

Visit our website for more information and to apply.

Community Strengthening Grants - Opening Soon!

The Community Strengthening Grants Policy and Guidelines were open for community consultation from 3 July to 24 July 2024. These grants provide essential funding to enhance the involvement of local organisations.

Community feedback is currently being reviewed and will be formalised at the Scheduled Council Meeting on 28 August 2024.

The Major Grants round of the Community Strengthening Grants will be available in the coming months. These grants offer up to \$10,000 and aim to support community organisations through the following streams: Arts and Culture, Community Events, Equipment, Environmental Sustainability, Health Promotion, Tourism, and Small Low-Risk Capital Projects.

If you are interested in applying for a Major Grant, please email grants@moira.vic.gov.au to register your interest. A member of our Community Wellbeing Team will provide the necessary information once the round is open.

Upcoming Changes to your Kerbside Collection Service

Moira Shire Council is introducing a new purple lid glass bin that will improve the way our community recycles.

Following an extensive four-month community consultation, Council will introduce a monthly household glass collection service to all properties who currently have a yellow lid recycling bin.

The delivery of the new 120lt purple lid glass bin will occur in October and November this year, with the first collection service commencing late in 2024.

Other kerbside changes residents can expect is the introduction of weekly collections of the green lid bin, food and organic waste, and fortnightly collection of the red lid landfill bin and yellow lid mixed recycling bin.

Benefits of Separating Glass

- Glass is a valuable resource that can be recycled an infinite number of times.
- When mixed with other recyclables, glass can shatter and contaminate valuable materials, lowering their recycling potential and possibly leading to landfill.
- By separating glass, we can maximise recycling and ensure even glass shards are recycled properly.
- When recycled correctly, more of your glass bottles and jars can be turned into new things!



Moira Ways to Recycle

www.moira.vic.gov.au/waste

Get to Know the New Bin System

Once residents receive the purple lid glass bin, glass will be considered a contaminant in the yellow lid mixed recycling bin.

Council officers will be out and about across the shire with information sessions in September and October to assist you with the upcoming kerbside changes, because your small acts make a big impact on a sustainable future.



Rural Tree Scheme

Are you a rural landowner and looking to introduce more indigenous plants to your property?

Whether it be for wind breaks, privacy or to increase wildlife habitat, Moira Shire's rural tree scheme gives rural ratepayers access to subsidised indigenous plants.

To find out more and to submit an expression of interest, please visit our website.



Silo Art Brochures

Explore the Silo Art Trail and discover the rich history and culture of our local communities. Discover heritage-rich.

Get your copy today!

Small towns and breathtaking natural landscapes. Pick up your copy of the "Melbourne to the Murray Silo Art Road Trip" brochure at any of our Visitor Information Points (VIPs) throughout the region. But hurry, they're flying off the shelves! Can't wait?

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You can now print from anywhere, anytime, with GV Libraries PrinterOn service at Cobram and Yarrawonga libraries!



Print & Collect

Simply send your files to print by visiting the GV Libraries website, or download the app to find printers worldwide.

Choose the perfect printer for your needs and files will be printed on arrival in the library.

Ancestry Library

Discover your family history with Ancestry Library at GV Libraries!

Discover the world's largest collection of online family records and start building your family tree today. Explore genealogy records, newspaper archives, and more.

Ancestry Library is only accessible from the computers at your local GV Libraries branch or through the library Wi-Fi.

Visit a local GV Libraries location today and begin your journey into the past!



Ancestry Library

Rhyme & Story Time

Kids aged 2-6 and their caregivers are invited to enjoy songs, rhymes, stories, and crafts. It's the perfect opportunity to share the joy of reading together!

Yarrawonga Library: Every Thursday, 10:30am – 11:30am

Cobram Library: Every Friday, 10:30am – 11:30am (excluding school holidays)

Numurkah Library: Every Second Wednesday of the month, 10am – 11am

Nathalia Library: Third Thursday of the month, 10:30am – 11am

Join the fun and let's make some magical memories!



Rhyme & Story Time

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.

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What's On

Check out what's happening in our region!

Dollar Discovery Weekend: 3 August - 1 September 2024

Murray Food and Drink Showcase: Saturday 10 August 2024

High Tea Experience at Elizabeth's: Sunday 11 August 2024

Sunday Sessions at the Sebel Yarrawonga: Sunday 11 - Sunday 25 August 2024

Numurkah Community Nest Box Building Workshop: Sunday 18 August 2024

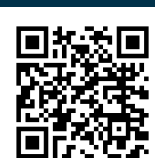
Bullanginya Dreaming: Friday and Saturday's Ongoing

Moira Shire Business Achievement Awards: Thursday 12 September 2024

Damon Smith's "Piano Palooza": Saturday 12 October 2024

Visit the Sun Country on the Murray website for details and all upcoming events.

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