

Skipton Community News



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FREE
WEEKLY

DON'T MISS OUT!!

**FRIDAY 18th SEPTEMBER
IS THE CLOSING DATE
FOR ORDERING YOUR
BOOK OR DVD**

**AND TO CONFIRM YOUR
ATTENDANCE FOR THE
LAUNCH EVENING**

Community members are urged to put in their orders for a copy of the Historical Record of the Streatham, Carranballac & Skipton Fire of January 2026 as soon as possible.

The link to order a copy of the book or the film, as well as to confirm your attendance to the launch event in October, will close on 18th September. Anyone wishing to order a book (\$30) or a DVD (\$10), please do so now by going to the TryBooking site: www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1620212.

Please book your attendance to the launch event on 24th October as well, for catering purposes.

Pre-ordering is important to keep the cost of the book and film affordable, the price may increase if you miss out on ordering now.

If you are having trouble with the booking site, or need assistance or further information, you can contact Lisa Wills on 0409 301 906, or Pat Gabb on 0473 421 802.

These two Community Creations are important now as an historical record and one of the paths to help our community recover.

They will be even more important in the years to come.

More information is available on the [TryBooking site](http://www.trybooking.com), as well as an opportunity to

STREATHAM, CARRANBALLAC
& SKIPTON FIRE
*Documentary
& Book Launch*
24th October, Skipton Mechanics Hall

FREE ENTRY - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Doors open at 5pm
Music from Liam Baker Acoustic
A light supper will be provided
Documentary screening at 7:30pm
Raffle for original painting by Sandy Joy Wilson
All welcome!

PRE ORDER YOUR BOOK & DVD NOW!!!

Visit the link, scan the QR code or call the number below.

Orders close on September 18th, and books & DVDs will be available for collection during our event between 5pm - 7pm.

Join us for a wonderful FREE evening of community as we document this significant event and how it has impacted us all.

Contact Lisa Wills 0409301906 or Pat Gabb 0473421802

www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1620212



order a reprinting of the book documenting the 2011 Skipton flood.

Interest in ordering the flood book is welcome as the reproduction requires enough orders to make it worthwhile to order new copies.

We hope to see you all at the FREE community event on 24th October as we document this significant event.

Don't miss out! [Book now before the site closes!](http://www.trybooking.com)

—Pat Gabb—

COMMUNITY NOTICE
COMMUNITY WORKING BEE
AT SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLS CLUB

On Sunday 30th August, the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club Committee intends on holding a Community Working Bee to tidy up the inside/outside of clubrooms and to attend to the Golf Course rejuvenation.

We are asking the Skipton Community to come along with suggestions and manpower.

The Working Bee will be held from 9:30am to 12:30pm, followed by a BBQ to thank you for your efforts.

For further information, please contact Gail Ward on 0403 530 293.

—Skipton Golf & Bowls Club—

SKIPTON CEMETERY TRUST

The Skipton Cemetery Trust is seeking help from the community with the replacement of trees that were cut down.

All donations of \$100 or more to replace these trees will have the donors name placed on a board near the front gate.

Please make direct debit donations to:

Bendigo Community Bank
 BSB: 633 000 Account Number: 163398050
 Account Name: Skipton Cemetery Trust
 Reference: Trees + family name

For more information, contact:

Bob Thornton (Secretary) on 0413351144

OR email skipton.cemetery.au@gmail.com

—Bob Thornton, Secretary Skipton Cemetery Trust—

THE SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE



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COMMUNITY NOTICE
SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION
MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

The next general meeting of the Skipton Progress Association will be held on Wednesday 9th September at 7pm in the small meeting room at the Skipton Mechanics Hall.

New members are welcome from Skipton and District for discussions around projects and events throughout the year. For further information, please contact Secretary Donald Binks on 0422 738 332 or email secretary@skiptonaustralia.org.au.

—Donald Binks, Secretary Skipton Progress Association—

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COMMUNITY NOTICE
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AROUND TOWN

To our dedicated readers

Please look for this flyer to find copies of the SCN to take home as we are no longer delivering to mailboxes.

Look for it at these locations and more:

- Skipton Country Grocers
- Skipton Community Op Shop
- Skipton Roadhouse
- Beaufort & Skipton Health Service
- Skipton Primary School
- Skipton Library (at the Mechanics Hall)
- Skipton Senior Citizens Club

Sign up to the email list: email skiptonscn@gmail.com or download directly from the Skipton Progress Association Website: www.skiptonaustralia.org.au

—Kathy Leewai, SCN Editor—

**VIETNAM VETERANS DAY
ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE
OF LONG TAN 1966**

Tuesday 18th August 2026

Skipton marked this Day with a short but heartfelt service at the War Memorial in Skipton, sharing with twenty or so who gathered to hear the heartfelt words spoken by Graham Layley, President of the Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch. Those veterans who could attend were especially welcome, we remembered too those who have passed, those who were unable to attend for health reasons.



The Ode, read by Kathy Heenan, was so meaningful, indeed **We Will Remember Them**. This is the last year that there will be a national ceremony of commemoration, it is now left to those who care across the nation to attend local ceremonies and observances, Skipton will certainly continue to observe this Day.

A welcome waited in the Mechanics Hall for Morning Tea following the Commemoration and we thank all those who contributed to the spread and helped so willingly to make sure things went as they should, and cleared up too.



One bit of news that Graham was able to share with us was that on this special day we were able to take a first step in the restoration of the Pin Oak Walk commemorating the twelve men who died serving their country in the Second World War, the Friends of the RSL will continue to ensure that we will continue to Remember Them.

President: Graham Layley, phone 0407 278 120

Secretary: Gail Ward, phone 0403 530 293

—Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch—

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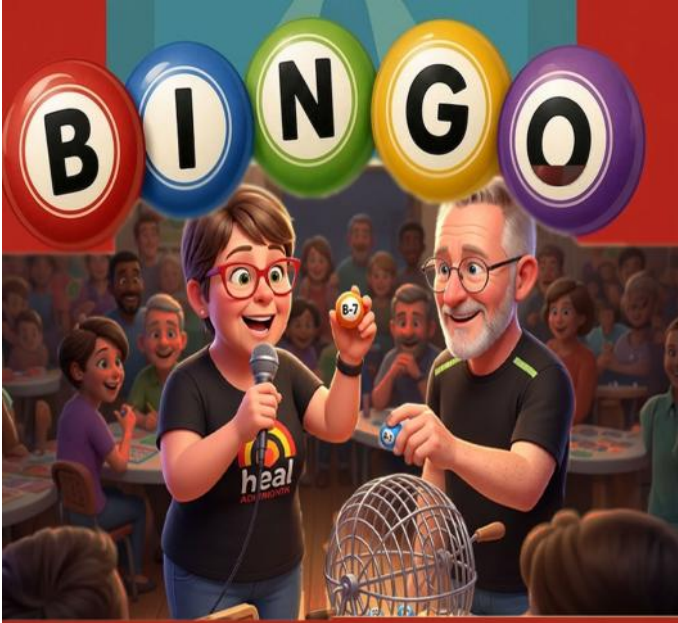
SAVE THE DATE

**SATURDAY
03.10.2026**

Carranballac Rec Reserve

We welcome sponsorships and
donations of goods for the silent
auction.
For a prospectus, please contact
Katie on
0429 631 152 or email
[carranballachloedown@
gmail.com](mailto:carranballachloedown@gmail.com)

All proceeds from the event will
support the rebuild of the
Carranballac Hall.



Wednesday, 2nd September, 2026.
 ★ Doors open 5.30pm, Eyes down 6.30pm ★

new venue
THE SUPPER ROOM OF THE MECHANICS HALL
 Anderson Street, Skipton

A light supper is available at Interval.
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Saturday	9.00am - 12.00pm



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100 DAYS UNTIL THE 2026 VICTORIAN STATE ELECTION: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

Thursday 20th August 2026



With just 100 days [as of Thursday 20th August 2026] left until Victorians head to the polls on Saturday 28th November 2026, the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) is urging all eligible voters to check their enrolment details and be ready to have their say in this year's election.

Almost 4.7 million Victorians are expected to cast their vote in November in what will be the state's largest and most complex election yet.

Voting is compulsory for all Victorians who are Australian citizens aged 18 and older. First-time voters who will turn 18 on or before Saturday 28th November should also make sure that they are enrolled, as this may not have happened automatically. Enrolment for the state election will close at 8pm on Tuesday 3rd November, Melbourne Cup Day.

"The election is an opportunity for every eligible Victorian to have your say and make your vote count," Electoral Commissioner Sven Blummel said.

"With 100 days to go, now is the time to check your enrolment matches your current residential address so that you can make your voice heard in November."

The VEC published its final 2026 state election service plan [www.vec.vic.gov.au/about-us/publications/state-election-reports-and-plans], which outlines the services available for this election and how these will be delivered.

"There are many ways you can vote - you may vote on election day, vote early, by post or with extra support. Plan ahead and choose the best option for you," Mr Blummel said.

"We are mailing more than 3 million EasyVote guides to Victorian households to help voters understand their voting options and how to make their vote count."

This year's state election services also include:

- approximately 1,700 voting centres on election day and 200 early voting centres across the state
- approximately 400 mobile voting services in aged-care facilities, hospitals, homeless shelters and prisons
- low sensory mobile voting for voters who are neurodiverse in all 88 districts, including dimmed lighting, reduced noise and additional space
- voting services at interstate and overseas locations for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic
- the expansion of electronic roll mark-off across election venues to provide a quicker mark-off process for voters, and to deliver improved real-time data on voting centre activity, including patronage and ballot paper use
- more than 300 education sessions across the state to help inform voters in the community about participating.

Check and update your enrolment at vec.vic.gov.au/enrolment.

Voters can also sign up to the free VoterAlert service at the VEC website to receive important election reminders by SMS and email.

2026 STATE ELECTION TIMELINE



The final 2026 state election service plan is available at vec.vic.gov.au/publications.

Victorian state elections are held every 4 years, on the last Saturday in November, as set out by the *Electoral Act 2002 (Vic)*. The timeline is fixed by law.

Tuesday 3rd November Melbourne Cup Day	• Election offices open to the public at 9am • Issue of writs at 6pm • Close of roll at 8pm
Wednesday 4th November	• Nominations open • Postal vote applications open
Monday 9th November	• Close of nominations for registered political parties, independent candidates and group registrations at 12pm • Ballot draws will follow
Tuesday 10th November	• How-to-vote cards registration opens at 9am
Tuesday 17th November	• Mobile voting opens from 9am • Low sensory voting from 10am-4pm
Wednesday 18th November - Friday 27th November	• Early voting (including telephone-assisted voting) opens from 9am to 6pm every day, except Sunday 22nd November (closed)
Friday 20th November	• Close of how-to-vote registration at 12 noon
Wednesday 25th November	• Postal vote applications close at 6pm
Friday 27th November	• Early voting closes at 6pm
Saturday 28th November	• Election day voting from 8am to 6pm
Friday 4th December	• All votes must be submitted to the count by 6pm
Saturday 19th December	• Writs must be returned on or before this day

ABOUT THE VEC

The VEC is an independent and impartial body established under Victoria's *Electoral Act 2002*, responsible for holding state and local council elections. We work to promote public confidence in the democratic process and ensure its integrity by:

- maintaining the register of Victorian electors (the electoral roll)
- promoting public awareness and understanding of electoral issues
- supporting the Electoral Boundaries Commission
- administering Victoria's political funding and donations disclosure rules.

Anglican Parish of Beaufort & Skipton

Contact Marilyn Ellis on 5340 3515 for enquiries

Usual Service times

9:00am on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of each month

St Andrew's Presbyterian Church

Contact Stewart on 0437 495 553 for enquiries

Service Times: Presbyterian Congregation**Skipton/Lismore**

10am at Skipton each week

**St John The Baptist Catholic Church,****Beaufort****Service Times**

- Week One Sunday LLA 10:00am
- Week Two Sunday Mass 8:30am
- Week Three Sunday LLA 10:00am
- Week Four Sunday Mass 8:30am
- Week Five Sunday LLA 10:00am

St Aloysius' Redan
St James' Sebastopol
St Peter's Linton
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 Bagaoisan OSJ
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 Redan
 Telephone: 0435 494 472

 Assistant Priest: Fr. Eladio
 Lizada OSJ
 Telephone: 0450 017 007
Parish Coordinators & Safeguarding Officers

Redan: Bernadette Lynch

Telephone: 0455 212 123

Email:

redan@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office hours: Tuesday & Thursday 9am - 4pm

Sebastopol: Pauline O'Brien

Telephone: 0428 699 624

Email:

sebastopol@ballarat.catholic.org.au

Office hours: Tuesday & Friday 9am - 3pm

For Linton Parish enquiries, contact Fr. Con Bagaoisan

The parish acknowledges that the Aboriginal people of Australia are our first nation people and the traditional owners and custodians of this land.

Parish Mass Times
St Aloysius, Redan & St James, Sebastopol: Thursday 9:30am, Friday 9:30am, Saturday 5:00pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am

St Brigid's, Snake Valley, St Peter's, Linton & St John's, Skipton: Saturday 6:30pm, Sunday 9:00am, Sunday 10:30am
St Patrick's Cathedral Parish Ballarat

3 Lyons St, South Ballarat

Telephone: 5331 2933

Email: ballarat@ballarat.catholic.org.auWeb: stpatrcathedral.weebly.comwww.facebook.com/patricks.cathedral.9/

Office hours: Tuesday to Friday, 10:00am - 3:00pm

The phone will be transferred to the on-call priest so that Hospitals, Aged Care facilities, Funeral Directors or others seeking the services of a priest may be responded to.



St Patrick's Cathedral Parish acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather, the Wadawurrung People of the Kulin nation.

We are a child safe Parish following the Child Safe Standards outlined by the Victorian Government, implementing procedures and standards as directed by the Professional Standards Office of the Catholic Diocese of Ballarat.

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BSB: 633 000 Account number: 146 795 687

**SKIPTON TRANSFER STATION**

Beaufort Road, Skipton

Skipton Transfer Station opens fortnightly on Wednesdays and Sundays from 1-5pm

Sunday 23rd August

Wednesday 26th August

Sunday 6th September

Wednesday 9th September

Sunday 20th September

Wednesday 23rd September

Sunday 4th October

**Skipton Kerbside Bin Collection**
Red waste bins collected weekly, yellow recycling fortnightly, purple glass on first recycling week each month
Green bin collected fortnightly between January & September, weekly between October & December

Tuesday 18th August: Red & green bins

Tuesday 25th August: Red & yellow bins

Tuesday 1st September: Red & green bins

Tuesday 8th September: Red, yellow & purple bins

Tuesday 15th September: Red & green bins

Tuesday 22nd September: Red & yellow bins

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Please consider a financial donation to:

SKIPTON COMMUNITY SHOP

BSB 633 000

Account number: 230967804

SKIPTON OP-SHOP**OPENING HOURS**

The after-hours phone number for Stan has changed to
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Saturday 10am - 3pm

Sunday 10am - 2pm

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Or drop us a note into our drop boxes in either the roadhouse or the Skipton Country Grocers.

The deadline for inclusion is 4pm every Friday, to be printed in the next week's newsletter.

Story contributions are also welcome.



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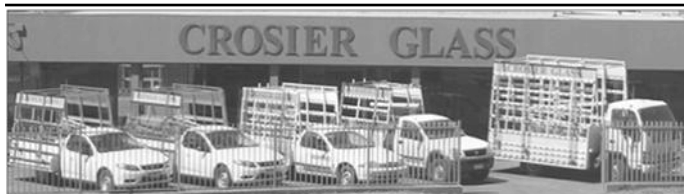
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For the latest updates on Moreton Hill Wind Farm and to sign up for our community updates, please scan the QR code or visit: www.moretonhillwindfarm.com.au



SQUADRON ENERGY

26 AUGUST 2026

BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

DISTRICT NURSING EXCELLENCE

Our District Nursing team has received exceptional feedback in the latest Consumer Experience Survey, with consumers reporting positive experiences and rating the care they receive as excellent.

Twenty consumers participated in the survey, providing valuable insights into the quality of care and support delivered across our communities. The results reflect the dedication, compassion and professionalism our nurses demonstrate every day.



Consumers described our nurses as:

- Kind, friendly and caring
- Reliable and approachable
- Supportive and reassuring
- Interested in them as individuals, not just their health needs
- Trusted professionals who work alongside them to achieve the best outcomes.

These results demonstrate the strong relationships our District Nursing team builds with consumers and the confidence people have in the service they receive.

Congratulations and thank you to our District Nursing team for the outstanding care you provide.



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If you have a current Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card or a DVA Repatriation Health Card specifying 'War Widow' or 'TPI', you may be eligible for a concession.

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H5 bird flu is in Corangamite. If you see sick or dead birds or wildlife:

- avoid contact
- record what you saw and where
- report it at agriculture.vic.gov.au/birdflu or call 1800 675 888.



Free disaster legal clinic

Wednesday 9 September, 1–4 pm
Streatham Community Hall

People affected by recent bushfires are invited to drop in for free, confidential information and support from Allied Justice.

Assistance is available for: insurance, financial hardship, damage, tenancy, debt management, employment, family law, documents, family violence, and parenting, intervention and community-based orders.

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What's on

Rest & Reset Sound Healing – Skipton

Sunday, 23 August, 2–3:30 pm
Skipton Mechanics Hall
 \$10 plus booking fee. Register at events.humanitix.com/rest-and-reset-sound-healing

Brought to you by the Skipton Food Bank.

McFarlane Dress Collection 'Fashion through the Ages' Exhibition

Saturday 19 & Sunday 20 September, 10 am–4 pm
Skipton Mechanics Hall

Free. Afternoon tea and fashion parade from 1 pm Sunday. RSVP: skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au

Kingfisher Watercolour + Sip – Skipton

Sunday 4 October, 12.30–3.30 pm
Skipton Mechanics Hall

\$35 per person. Bookings: Text Karen on 0427 728 808. Supported by Corangamite Shire

Three Cheese Workshop

Sunday 1 November, 1–3.30 pm
Skipton Mechanics Hall

Learn how to make bocconcini, mozzarella and halloumi. \$10 per person. Bookings: Karen 0427 728 808.

Supported by Corangamite Shire and the Skipton Progress Association.

Volunteers needed

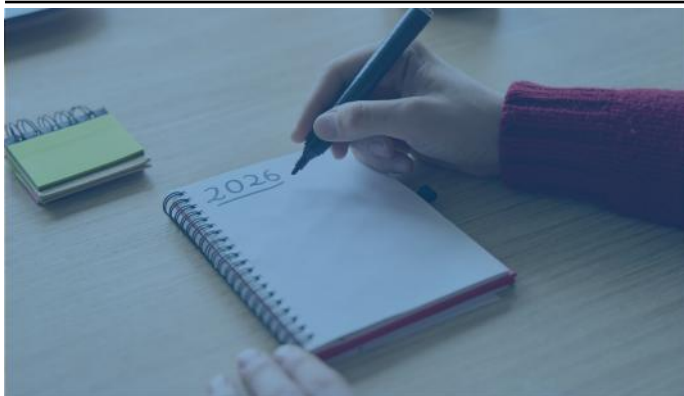
Cook/kitchen hand

Help prepare food at the Bradvale camp. No experience needed.

Tree planting

Help plant 10,000 trees to restore the landscape and support local landholders recovering from bushfire. The BlazeAid Bradvale/Skipton Basecamp is doing tree planting alongside fencing work after the fires earlier this year at Streatham-Skipton and Larralea-Leslie Manor.

Learn more at blazeaid.com.au/skipton or call Jen on 0427 584 818.



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LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.**

**These extracts are researched and provided by:
Terry Gosling (Treasurer of Skipton Historical Society)**

AIM FOR SOMETHING.

When a clever and ambitious man was made secretary of the company for whom he had worked since a boy, he said that he had achieved his ambition at last.

"That's fine," remarked a friend, "but you'll feel strange without an ambition, won't you?"

The successful man smiled, and replied: "Oh, no, I've got a new one. I'm aiming at a directorship!"

There is little doubt that he will get it!

It is always best to aim at something, and, when accomplished, to aim at something else. Resting on one's laurels creates self-satisfaction, which is the first step to "getting into a groove."

One's aim need not be very high so long as it is concrete and practical. It is foolish for people to say airily: "You wait until my ship comes home!" This is not an aim; merely a nebulous dream.

Even the housewife should aim at something. For a new suite of furniture, a new set of pots and pans, for an electric cleaner or cooker or iron. The aim creates a striving, and that turns to careful expenditure—in the case of little things—to save the necessary money.

It is the fulfilment of such simple ambitions that brings much married happiness.

O.H.M.S.

His Majesty has inaugurated a special service for despatches between Buckingham Palace and Fort Belvedere, near Sunningdale, Berks, his private house, which he often visits at week-ends.

A corporal and a private have been specially chosen from the Royal Army Service Corps to carry His Majesty's despatches to and from the Palace. Each rides a green motor-cycle with a red despatch box strapped to it.

The two riders are housed in the Palace, and are ready to take the road at any hour of the day or night. They have orders to obey all the rules of the road, but they are so expert at winding in and out of traffic that they can do the journey in forty minutes.

"INVISIBLE" SPECTACLES.

Eyeglasses worn under the eyelids, and fitting directly on the eyes, have recently been invented in America.

They are shell-like lenses which have been ground with microscopic accuracy to fit exactly to individual eyeballs—for there are no two in the world with identically the same size or shape.

The glasses are put on and taken off by means of a tiny suction holder. They are filled with fluid, slipped under the lower lid, and moved into position. And although they hold snugly to the eyes, they are easily removed.

To discover more about Skipton's past, drop into the Old Police House at 35 Montgomery Street between 2pm and 4pm on the third Sunday of every month. All are most welcome.

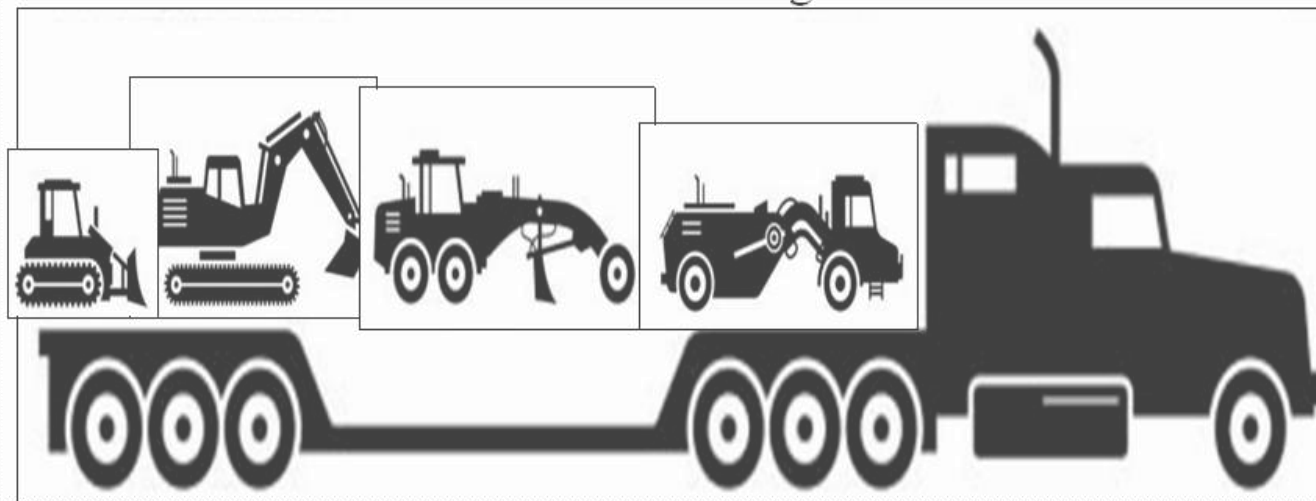
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COUNCILLOR
GROUP MESSAGE

SEPTEMBER 2026

As Councillors, we continue to advocate strongly on behalf of our communities ahead of the 2026 Victorian State Election, working to secure the infrastructure, services and investment needed to support Golden Plains Shire's growing population.

Earlier this year, Council endorsed its 2026 State Election Priorities, identifying eight key areas that require bipartisan support to improve liveability, safety, connectivity and economic opportunity across the Shire. These priorities include better public and active transport, investment in roads and road safety, tracks and trails, emergency services, sewerage infrastructure for Meredith,

early years facilities, improved digital connectivity, and the removal of the Emergency Services and Volunteers Fund levy.

Since launching our advocacy campaign, we have been actively engaging with State Government Ministers, Shadow Ministers, local Members of Parliament and election candidates across the Eureka, Geelong and Ripon electorates to build support for these important initiatives.

Mayor Cr Owen Sharkey and Chief Executive Officer Adam McSwain are continuing to represent Council through the G21 and Greater Ballarat Alliance of Councils (GBAC) state election advocacy programs, joining regional leaders to advocate for greater investment in regional Victoria. Council has also continued direct engagement with local representatives and candidates, ensuring the needs of Golden Plains Shire communities remain front and centre as election commitments are developed.

Our advocacy priorities include several transformative projects, such as duplication of the Midland Highway, increased public transport services, passenger rail connecting Bannockburn and Geelong, sewerage

infrastructure for Meredith, new kindergarten facilities, improved emergency services, expanded off-road trail connections, and enhanced mobile and digital connectivity.

Advocacy is one of the most important responsibilities of Council. As one of Victoria's fastest-growing regional municipalities, it is essential that infrastructure and services keep pace with growth. As a Councillor group, we are committed to working with all sides of politics to ensure Golden Plains Shire receives its fair share of State Government investment and that our communities have the facilities, services and connections they need now and into the future.

We would also like to thank the community for its strong participation in the recent Communication and Engagement Strategy consultation. Your feedback is helping to shape a strategy that is transparent, accessible and community focused. We appreciate the time taken to share your views and look forward to reporting back on what we heard later this month.

Yours in community,
Golden Plains Shire Councillor Group

EDIBLE GARDENS
RETURNS WITH
POP-UP SERIES

Golden Plains Shire Council's popular Edible Gardens program will return in 2026 with a new Pop-up Series, bringing six hands-on masterclasses to Rokewood, Haddon and online from September to November.

Designed for gardeners of all

experience levels, the interactive workshops will be led by renowned horticulturist Craig Castree and permaculture and backyard farming expert Tim Glenton. Participants will gain practical tips and expert advice on sustainable gardening, food production and creating productive home gardens.

The series aims to support residents to grow more of their own food, increase self-sufficiency and make the most of their outdoor spaces, while

building confidence and skills that can be applied at home. By offering sessions in Rokewood, Haddon and online, the program provides flexible opportunities for residents across the Shire to get involved and learn from leading experts.

With places limited, residents are encouraged to register early to secure their spot. To find out more and book a workshop, visit goldenplains.vic.gov.au/edible-gardens. Registration is essential.



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AUGUST 2026



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Nurse Led Clinic	
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Physiotherapy	
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Mortlake Pharmacy	
Medication deliveries Wed & Fri 2:00 PM	
Podiatry	
3rd Thurs of the month 10am-4pm Cost \$10	
Maternal & Child Health Nurse	
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND MEETINGS

Skipton Senior Citizens Club Every Monday at Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall From 2pm till 4pm on Monday, and on the fourth Monday have an earlier start of 12 noon for Lunch. Committee Meeting follows at 2pm. "Seniors" is a fantastic way to enjoy a weekly outing and to make new friends. Play Cards, Bingo, Carpet Bowls, and "lots of Other Stuff"!! - Seniors also have trips and outings throughout the year. - Just come along, you will be happy you did.	Wednesday 26th August, SKIPTON COMMUNITY NEWS NO LONGER DELIVERING TO MAILBOXES.
Euchre Card Group Meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. In the Billiard Room, Mechanics Hall. All welcome. All ages will enjoy cards.	Sunday 30th August, 9:30am-12:30pm COMMUNITY WORKING BEE at the Skipton Golf & Bowls Club. Work includes tidying up the inside/outside of clubrooms and rejuvenating the golf course. Community members are welcome to lend a hand and make suggestions. BBQ lunch provided.
Skipton Library in Mechanics Hall Opening times: Tuesday 10:00am to 12:00pm Friday 3:00pm to 5:00pm Fiction, non-fiction, LARGE PRINT, DVDs, eBooks, Children's books & DVDs, and biographies. Free membership, all welcome. Come and check us out.	Wednesday 2nd September BINGO NIGHT in the Supper Room, Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. THEME: BODGIES & WIDGIES - ROCK 'N' ROLL Doors open at 5:30pm, eyes down at 6:30pm. Free tea and coffee available, light supper at interval. Great prizes to be won, everyone is welcome!
Skipton Food Bank NEW OPENING HOURS - see Page 6 An emergency community pantry supplying food, toiletries, and other necessities for those in need, no questions asked. For cash donations, please deposit to: Skipton Community Shop BSB: 633 000 Account number: 230967804	Wednesday 9th September, 3-5pm FREE BUSINESS WORKSHOP at the Killara Centre, Camperdown. Registrations essential at events.humanitix.com/reels-business-corangamite
Skipton Historical Society From 2pm-4pm, the third Sunday of every month, in the Court House Museum and Old Police House, in Stewart Park, Montgomery St, Skipton. All visitors welcome. Further enquiries, please call Secretary on 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com.	Wednesday 9th September, 7pm SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION MONTHLY MEETING at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Meeting every second Wednesday in the month, the Progress Association welcomes new members from Skipton and District for discussions around various events and programs throughout the year. For further information, please contact Secretary Donald Binks on 0422 738 332 or email secretary@skiptonaustralia.org.au
Skipton Community Market The community market is held on the second Saturday of each month, 9am-1pm. If you are new in town, or haven't been to the market before, come and enjoy a free morning tea and browse the interesting stalls. For stall bookings, call Jan on 0422 785 017.	Thursday 10th September, 11am-1pm, OLDER ADULTS CONVERSATION at David Newman Community Centre, Camperdown. Everyone is welcome to participate in friendly conversation. Lunch and refreshments provided. RSVP: Andrea Moloney 5563 4082
Beaufort Art Trax Gallery Is Open: Friday & Monday 11am - 3pm Saturday & Sunday 10am - 4pm Phone: Heather 0427 492 082	Wednesday 16th September, 6:30pm-8pm AN EVENING WITH ABBEY HOLMES at the Beaufort Community Bank Complex, 39 Park Rd, Beaufort. Free community event, all community members welcome. Bookings essential, please call 5349 1659.
Beaufort Historical Society 9 Livingstone St, Beaufort Open hours every Wednesday 10am-4pm, and last Sunday of the month from 12pm-3pm. Except for the months of June, July & January. All welcome.	Thursday 17th September SKIPTON COMMUNITY NEWS ON BREAK. Newsletter returns Wednesday 7th October. Please send in any Sept/Oct notices to be included in our final issue on 16th September
	Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th September, 10am-4pm, MCFARLANE DRESS COLLECTION "FASHION THROUGH THE AGES" EXHIBITION at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. FREE EVENT, afternoon tea and fashion parade from 1pm Sunday. Please RSVP by email to skiptonfiresrequest@corangamite.vic.gov.au
	Saturday 3rd October, 2pm-10pm CARRANBALLAC HOEDOWN at the Carranballac Recreation Reserve, Glenelg Highway, Carranballac. Family friendly event with live entertainment and beginner line dancing sessions. Tickets on sale, all proceeds will support the rebuilding of the Carranballac Hall.
	Sunday 4th October, 12:30pm-3:30pm, KINGFISHER WATERCOLOUR & SIP at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. All skill sets welcome, beginner friendly workshop with watercolour and pen ink. \$35pp, call Karen to book on 0427 729 808. Brought to you by the Skipton Art Trail Group & proudly supported by the Corangamite Shire.
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