Skipton Community News

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WEEKLY

SKIPTON PRIMARY SCHOOL AT THE VSSS



At the end of August, 16 students from Skipton Primary School headed down to Melbourne to take part in the Victorian State School Spectacular.

What a weekend!

Huge congratulations to our fantastic students who were absolutely incredible throughout two huge days of dress rehearsals and two live shows on the Saturday!

These students were part of Mass Dance and have been busy practicing their moves all year, with support from the school's Principal, Chanelle Pelchen, and two parent volunteers.

The children participated in two full days od dress rehearsals, costume changes and backstage before dancing their socks off over two live shows on the big day - Saturday August 29th.

It was wonderful to see so many familiar faces in the audience across both performances as family and friends came along to support the students.

If you missed it, don't worry!

A special broadcast of the show with behind-the-scenes highlights will air on Friday, 18th December, on Seven in Victoria, and will be available for streaming on 7plus for 60 days post the broadcast date.



State Schools Spectacular really is an incredible opportunity, and our kids were AMAZING!

They worked hard, gave it their all, and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

—Report and photographs from Helen Purvis—

Photos:

Above: Skipton Primary School students group photo

Left: The full stage at its most Spectacular!

THE SKIPTON PROGRESS ASSOCIATION WEBSITE

SKIPTONAUSTRALIA.ORG.AU

COMMUNITY NOTICE

REMEMBRANCE DAY 2026 SERVICE

At the **11th Hour,** of the **11th Day,** of the **11th Month** the Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch will mount a service at the Skipton War Memorial on Anderson St to commemorate **Remembrance Day 2026**.

The service at 11am will be followed by a light luncheon for all who attend in the Skipton Mechanics Hall, a chance to share memories, remember friends and colleagues, establish new contacts, and support Friends.

LEST WE FORGET

All welcome, floral tributes and poppies welcome at the service.

Further information from Friends President Graham Layley on 0408 838 261 or Secretary Gail Ward on 0403 530 293.

—Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch —

COMMUNITY NOTICE

COMMUNITY WORKING BEE

AT SKIPTON COMMUNITY GARDEN

The next Skipton Community Garden working bee is coming up on Saturday 10th October, from 11am-1:30pm, at 32 Beaufort Rd, Skipton.

Come along and help out as we continue to build a space for the whole community to benefit from. Tools and equipment are provided, but please bring a set of gloves, a good hat, and remember to wear sturdy shoes.

Everyone is welcome, all ages and abilities. Come out to meet your neighbours and get involved!

—Skipton Community Garden—

WED NIGHT AT THE SKIPTON HALL



Rustic Kitchen
AT THE SKIPTON GOLF & BOWLS CLUB
26 ROKEWOOD-SKIPTON ROAD, SKIPTON, 3361

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—

Winter Special
$10.00
Matinee Movie Skipton Mechanic's Hall
October 25th



Date: Sunday October 25th
Time: Doors open 1:30pm Screening 2:00pm
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HUNDREDS ENJOY FASHION AND ART IN SKIPTON

About 500 people from as far away as Gippsland travelled to Skipton over the weekend to enjoy the glamour of the Fashion Through the Ages exhibition and vintage ball gown parade.

The gowns were from McFarlane Dress Collection - names in honour of curator Jennifer Blomeley's great-grandmother, Annie McFarlane, who was a dressmaker.



Models Prue Liddy, Hannah Meek, Judi Oaks, Emma Gowans, & Brigette Mulcahy

About 40 people attended the invitational launch dinner and parade on Friday night, 120 took in the exhibition on Saturday and almost 300 enjoyed the display, parade and afternoon tea on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs Blomeley said 15 gowns were modelled by local women Emma Gowans, Hannah Meek, Judi Oaks, Brigette Mulcahy and Prue Liddy.

"The parade was a highlight, and everyone enjoyed it. The models were assisted during the parade by Randy Walton and Rodney Blomeley, both former services men stood with an impressive stance clad in their dinner suits.



Jennifer Blomeley introduces the parade on Friday night

"As a collector, it was a lovely opportunity to share not only my hobby with so many interested people, but also a fine display of vintage Singer Sewing machines curated by Leanne Delahunty.

"I was astounded by the number of people who attended, one lady drove for eight hours to attend.

"It was an honour to have been invited by the Shire of Corangamite to participate in such an important cause as the Streatham-Carranballac-Skipton fire recovery effort.

"The reason the models appeared so beautifully dressed and bejewelled, etc. is thanks to helpers Maree Belyea, Sylvia Walton, Gwenneth, Marina and Lisa who is visiting from Texas.

"The food provided by the 3M's was delicious, the lighting provided by Chris Barks created a gallery feel and highlighted the shimmer in the gowns."



Audrey Dadds was one of the patrons who enjoyed the show.

"We were amazed at this free event," she said.

"It was well organised. Such a positive event.

"All five of us, including a couple of fellas, were very impressed.

"Thank you to everyone who helped to put this event on."

Mayor Kate Makin said the event showcasing the McFarlane Collection was about history, memory, creativity, and craftmanship.

"I'd sincerely like to thank Jennifer Blomeley for generously sharing the McFarlane Collection with our community.



"The care, energy and passion Jennifer has put into displaying these gowns and organising this fashion show is evident everywhere you look.

"Thank you also to Leanna Delahunty (*pictured below*) for sharing her collection of vintage sewing machines. They're a wonderful addition and help tell a story of the skill and work went into creating clothing across different generations.



"I've got memorials of using one of those at home - but not very well."

Cr Makin also congratulated the children, families, schools and early years services who had contributed artworks inspired by the dresses.

"Seeing their work displayed as part of the exhibition makes today even more special.

"It gives our youngest community members their own place in the story."

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—

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Contact Stewart on 0437 495 553 for enquiries
Service Times: Presbyterian Congregation Skipton/Lismore
10am at Skipton each week



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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

(Encompassing Skipton, Smythesdale & Snake Valley)

Parish Priest: Fr. Con Bagaoisan OSJ
Presbytery: 508 Leith St, Redan
Telephone: 0435 494 472

Assistant Priest: Fr. Eladio Lizada OSJ
Telephone: 0450 017 007

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Email: redan@ballarat.catholic.org.au
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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.au
Web: stpatscathedral.weebly.com
www.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 Parish, Ballarat

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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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Skipton Community News Banking Details
Bendigo Community Bank Beaufort
Account name: Skipton Progress Association Inc.
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

Wednesday 7th October
Sunday 18th October
Wednesday 21st October
Sunday 1st November
Wednesday 4th November
Sunday 15th November
Wednesday 18th November



Skipton Kerbside Bin Collection

Red waste bins collected weekly, yellow recycling fortnightly, purple glass on first recycling week each month
Green bin collected weekly between October & December

Tuesday 6th October:	**Red, yellow, green & purple bins**
Tuesday 13th October:	Red & green bins
Tuesday 20th October:	Red, yellow & green bins
Tuesday 27th October:	Red & green bins
Tuesday 3rd November:	Red, yellow, green & purple bins

SKIPTON FOOD BANK AT JUBILEE CENTRE

10 MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON

OPENING HOURS

MONDAYS	**2PM-5PM**
WEDNESDAYS	**12PM-3PM**
THURSDAYS	**9AM-12PM**

An emergency community pantry providing free food, toiletries and hygiene products, cleaning supplies and other necessities to those in need, no questions asked.

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 **5340 2478**

Monday - Friday	10am - 4pm
Saturday	10am - 3pm
Sunday	10am - 2pm

SKIPTON LIBRARY AT THE MECHANICS HALL

Corangamite Moyne Library Service

5 Anderson St, Skipton

Open Tuesday 10am-12pm
Friday 3pm-5pm

Fiction, non-fiction, Large Print, DVDs, eBooks, children's books & DVDs, biographies, and more.
Free membership, all welcome.

Publish your meeting or events dates in the Skipton Community News each week!
Email details to the Editor to skiptonscn@gmail.com
Post us a flyer to PO Box 60, Skipton VIC 3361
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.

The Communities of Streatham, Carranballac and Skipton are INVITED to share lunch in the BLACKS CREEK GARDEN on Wednesday 28th October from 11.00am to 3.00pm.
This is a chance to thank all who helped with the Creation of the Fire Book and Film, Thank the Potterupperers and Bulbarians, Thank the creators of the wooden toys and plants from the Hamilton Community House and generally have a relaxing lunch, chat and cuppa. So really, the invitation covers everyone!
BRING A PLATE OF LUNCH TO SHARE, sun hat or raincoat to use and dress in HAPPY, JOYFULL COLOURS.
Tea, coffee and water will be provided as will be tables and chairs (although pop an extra CHAIR in just in case).
This is a very relaxed, casual gathering so feel free to come and go when you wish.
Hostess--Pat Gabb --2273 Carngham Streatham Road, Stoneleigh. 0473421802—Entry at the mailbox surrounded by garden and old bikes



LAUNCH OF THE COMMUNITY PHOTO BOOK AND FILM
SATURDAY 24TH OCTOBER from 5PM

The Communities of Streatham, Carranballac and Skipton and friends from near and far are invited to attend this special gathering.

The books and films may be collected from the Skipton Hall from 5pm.

The film will be shown at 7:30pm.

Entry is FREE, food provided FREE and music to enjoy. A beautiful painting created by Sandy Joy Wilson will be won by someone who attends the evening - a free ticket each at the door.

If you have not ordered a book or film, you may purchase on the evening:

$30 for the Fire Book
$100 for the Flood Book reprint
$10 for the Fire Film DVD

Please bring correct cash.

PLEASE BE AWARE THE FILM IS GRAPHIC and may be challenging. We will have Volunteer Counsellors attending to offer support during the evening.

For any queries please contact Pat Gabb on 0473 421 802.

—Pat Gabb—

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International Day of Rural Women event

Mooramong Historic Precinct – Past, present and future



Join the Glenelg Hopkins and Corangamite Rural Women's Networks at
Mooramong
Thursday, October 15, 2026

Enjoy a networking lunch in the garden, walking tours of the historic precinct and nature reserve.

Speakers from Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, National Heritage Trust Australia (Victoria), Corangamite CMA and Glenelg Hopkins CMA.



Thursday, October 15
9.30am–2.30pm
Mooramong Homestead

2851 Carngham–Streatham Road
Carranballac

$30/head
Morning tea and lunch included

Click here to RSVP

RSVP essential for catering click the link or scan the QR code

Australian Government | Glenelg Hopkins CMA | Corangamite CMA | National Trust Victoria | Corangamite Rural Women's Network

This project is supported by Glenelg Hopkins CMA and Corangamite CMA through funding from the Australian Government's Natural Heritage Trust under the Climate Smart Agriculture Program



Skipton Primary School

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Delivery week: Mid November 2026

Price per tray: $33

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OLDER AUSTRALIANS FACE HIGHER HEALTH INSURANCE COSTS

15 September 2026

The Albanese Labor Government is stripping back the private health insurance rebate for Australians aged 65 and over.

More than three million older Australians face private health insurance premium increases of **up to $807 more per year for singles or up to $1,614 more per year for couples** as a result of these changes.

This will leave many with a difficult choice - to cut spending on other essentials, downgrade their cover, or drop it altogether.

As people get older, they are more likely to need health care. Private health insurance helps reduce pressure on the public system. That's why older Australians currently get a slightly higher rebate.

National Seniors Australia has found that as many as 45 per cent of people relying on the Age Pension as their sole income source old private health insurance.

These changes will also have broader consequences for our health system. If private health insurance becomes unaffordable, some people may be forced to cancel their cover altogether. This could mean more people turning to an already stretched public health system when they need care, putting further pressure on hospitals and increasing waiting times for treatment.

For older Australians in particular, delays in accessing the care they need can have a significant impact on their health and quality of life.

I will continue to stand up for older Australians who have worked hard, played by the rules and planned for their future. They deserve a health system that supports their choices and gives them confidence that the cover they have paid for over many years will remain affordable.

—The Hon. Dan Tehan

Federal Member for Wannon

Shadow Minister for Energy and Emissions Reduction—



COUNCIL WELCOMES BIPARTISAN SUPPORT FOR SKIPTON HUB

Corangamite Shire Council has welcomed funding commitments from both major parties to make the Skipton Community Hub a reality.

Mt Emu Ward Councillor Nick Cole thanked both parties for their support for a valuable community asset.

"Redeveloping the worn-out recreation reserve into a modern facility will make Skipton a stronger, more resilient community," Cr Makin said.

"Skipton has really been hit hard over the years with fires and floods and the Football Netballs Club has been central to community wellbeing.

"It's been a relief centre during emergencies but the facilities are really not up to scratch when there's that level of demand.

"During disaster recovery, it's where people go to connect socials. It really is an essential place for community wellbeing and needs to meet modern compliance and standards.

"The redevelopment will be safer and more accessible, and enable a wider range of events."

Mayor Kate Makin welcomed the funding commitments and said Council had been advocating for funding for a number of years.

At its June meeting Council endorsed three priority infrastructure projects for which it would seek funding commitments from both sides of politics: the Skipton Community and Recreation Hub - Stage 1, Camperdown Production Precinct - Stage 1 and 2, and Port Campbell to Princetown Trail Planning.

"Council has committed to $300,000 and the community a further $150,000 which shows how important this project is to the town and surrounding district.

"At 40 years old it's well past its use-by date. There are no changerooms for women. The men's rooms are dilapidated.

"Rural communities need adequate facilities that are fit for purpose and this is making sure that can happen. The redevelopment is being community-led so the locals have more ownerships over the project.

"Safety, wellbeing, economy - it's all connected. A stronger club means a stronger town."

Drawings of the proposed redevelopment can be found at www.corangamite.vic.gov.au/priorities

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—





Free Late Lunch'n'Launch

Sunday 18th October 2026

2.30 - 5.00pm

To be held at The Linton and District Bowls Club, 31 - 33 Adair Street, Linton, Victoria, 3360

The Linton Good Neighbour Initiative would like to extend a warm invitation to our farmers in the area, who we recognise are doing it tough, and all those who have been so badly impacted by the devastating bushfires earlier this year to a free lunch to take place after the Linton (and Cape Clear) Town-wide garage sale.

We hope that our farmer neighbours will enjoy browsing and hopefully buying some bargains in the Town-wide garage sale which starts at 8:00am and then join us afterwards for a free lunch. This will coincide with the hard launch of the Linton Good Neighbour Initiative. The Bowls Club is wheelchair accessible with plenty of on and off street parking. Non-alcoholic drinks will be provided free of charge too, however our friends from the Bowls Club will be staffing the bar where you may purchase alcoholic drinks as well if you wish, with proceeds going to the Bowls Club.

If you have any queries, please email lintongoodneighbourinitiative@gmail.com

We look forward to hosting our local farmers and would like to thank the Skipton Progress Association Inc. for their support in making this event possible.

VICTORIA State Government

This event is supported by a Look Over the Farm Gate grant provided by Agriculture Victoria under the Victorian Government's 2025 Drought Support Package. #LookOverTheFarmGate

NATIONAL CENTRE FOR FARMER HEALTH



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Saturday 17th October from 10am - 12pm

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SKIPTON MARKET

Saturday 10th October

Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson Street,

9.00am - 1.00

Rain, Hail or Shine, browse our variety of stalls in comfort, there's Plants, Cakes, Bric-a-brac, Craft, Jewellry, Crystals, Produce, Second Hand Surprises, Books, Music and much more…

A welcome in our Supper Room for all, share a snack and a coffee and a chat with friends and neighbours

Contribute to the Raffle Fundraiser for our Royal Children's Hospital Appeal, last chance for tickets, and perhaps you'll win the GUMBOOT DOG ! Drawn at the Market 11.30a.m.

A project of the Skipton Progress Association Inc. For more Information or for Stall Bookings, ring Jan, Market Co-ordinator on 0422 785 017



Moreton Hill Wind Farm

The proposed Moreton Hill Wind Farm is located on Wadawurrung Country, about 35 kilometres southwest of Ballarat. The wind farm will have up to 62 turbines, producing enough electricity to power around 260,000 homes and prevent almost 350,000 tonnes of emissions annually.

The wind farm is proposed to connect to the electricity network via a new underground 220kV powerline to the Berrybank terminal station about nine kilometres south of the wind farm.

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

BELOW ARE SOME EXTRACTS FROM 1936 FROM THE SKIPTON STANDARD & STREATHAM GAZETTE FROM 90 YEARS AGO
LOCATED IN THE SHS POLICE HOUSE MUSEUM, MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON.
These extracts are researched and provided by:
Terry Gosling (President/Treasurer of Skipton Historical Society)

FARMERS' FIELD DAY

WERRIBEE RESEARCH FARM

One of the most interesting functions associated with the Melbourne Royal Show Week is the Annual Farmers' Field Day at the State Research Farm, Werribee. This will be held on Friday afternoon September 25. and the Minis er of Agriculture, the Hon. E. J. Hogan, M.L.A, extends to all interested in primary production a cordial invitation to attend. A card of entry is not necessary.

The Werribee Research Farm is the main experiment station in Victoria for wheat breeding and general cereal culture, pasture management, irrigation practice and stock improvement The Field Day is held in Show Week to give country visitors a special opportunity to view the comprehensive work being carried out in the experimental fields, and to inspect the farm livestock, including horses, dairy cattle, sheep and poultry.

Among other experiments that should attract attention is the intensive grazing test with sheep. In this test modified methods of pasture management have made it possible to regularly lamb down eight ewes per acre. Many other interesting trials are in progress and special facilities are provided at Field Day for visitors to inspect the various activities of the farm.

For the convenience of those who wish to attend the functio , a speci al train will leave Spencer Street Station at 12.40 p m. Visitors will be met at Werribee and conveyed to the Farm and after the inspection afternoon tea will be served in the farm buildings

A visit to the Werribee Research Farm is well worth while and Farmers in this district who will be in Melbourne during Show Week should make a special point of attending the Field Day.

THERE'S WITCHERY IN SANDWICHES.

Sandwiches? Don't say you can't abide them.
It all depends on what you put inside them!
Perhaps you'd like to have some slight relief
From everlasting slabs of ham and beef?
Try walnuts, chopped, along with creamy cheese,
Or hard-boiled eggs mashed well with tender peas.
A salad—lettuce, beet, and cress together—
It very cooling for the warmer weather;
You put some dressing if you wish to do,
Or vinegar—well, just a spot or two.
Sardine and cress go well, or cress and egg.
But don't forget to chop the cress, I beg.
To save those strings you think you've bitten through!
Another thing it's always best to do;
With butter make your egg or cheese a paste—
It spreads much better. Season it to taste.
Tomato sauce with cheese will make a change,
Or Worcester sauce; there's really quite a range.
For sweeter things try ginger (dry), cut thin,
Banana pulp with nuts or raisins in.
Or date with orange; lemon cheese will spread.
Or beaten cream, with jam, between the bread.
And now you'll think of plenty more, I know.
The sandwich dull? Whoever told you so?

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.

Lake Bolac Bush Nursing Centre

155 Montgomery St, Lake Bolac VIC 3351
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OCTOBER 2026

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Physiotherapy
Thursday weekly Cost $10
Ph: 53529327 to make an appointment

Mortlake Pharmacy
Medication deliveries Wed & Fri 2:00 PM

Podiatry
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CFA's CALL TO THE COMMUNITY TO GET FIRE READY

On Wednesday, 30th September, the CFA launched Get Fire Ready, a Victorian initiative with more than 630 brigades across the state hosting an event to prepare communities ahead of another potentially challenging fire season.

Get Fire Ready events run throughout October and the start of November.

CFA Chief Officer Jason Heffernan AFSM said Main Ridge on the Mornington Peninsula was chosen for the launch due to the area not experiencing a major fire since 1997, adding further risk if the local community isn't well prepared.

"The Get Fire Ready initiative is about making sure Victorians understand their fire risk, have a fire plan and know where to get emergency information from," Jason said.

"Preparedness saves lives. By getting fire ready now, communities can reduce their risk and respond quickly if fire threatens.

"Brigades are either holding events at their station, at local community events or within the community.

"I encourage the community to attend their local Get Fire Ready event, chat to your local fire safety experts about the risk in your area and take the steps to prepare ahead of the fire season."

Main Ridge Captain Matt Gallace said the 1997 bushfires were the reason he joined CFA, so he could help his local community.

"I wanted to assist in some way, there's a lot of risk in this area and a lot of tourism," Matt said.

"Our biggest fire risks are Arthurs Seat which is highly residential, the National Park and we have three major tourism attractions which could see thousands of tourists in one day.

"We have high fuel levels too and limited access to certain locations. We also don't have access to reticulated water so we rely on tanks, dams and swimming pools for water to fight fires.

"Property preparation is vital in this area, we can't get a truck to every house.

"We had a successful Get Fire Ready event last year and will run one again this year in partnership with Red Hill Fire Brigade.

"We really need our message to reach the tourists too, they need to understand the risks, they need to avoid the area on severe fire risk days and they need to remain alert if visiting over summer."

Main Ridge Fire Brigade offer CFA's Property Advice Visit Service (PAVS) to assist the local community with fire preparedness at their home. They also have an electronic notice board they utilise for various safety messages and have done community safety letter drops.

Chief Officer Jason Heffernan AFSM reinforced that preparation doesn't need to be complicated.

"Clearing gutters, mowing lawns, trimming branches, knowing where you'll go if a fire breaks out and setting a watch zone in the VicEmergency app can make a real difference in an emergency," Jason said.

To find out when your local brigade is taking part, visit www.cfa.vic.gov.au/getfireready

—Media release: CFA Victoria, www.cfa.vic.gov.au—





GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE INVITES RESIDENTS TO JOIN AUSTRALIA'S FINAL GARAGE SALE TRAIL

After 16 years of turning driveways into treasure troves, Australia's biggest festival of second-hand stuff is throwing one final double weekend event and Golden Plains Shire is calling on local residents to make it the biggest hunt yet.

Over two big weekends on **7th-8th and 14th-15th November 2026**, households, schools, community groups and local businesses across Golden Plains Shire will join thousands of Australians for the final national Garage Sale Trail before the iconic sustainability initiative closes its roller doors for good.

Since it launched in 2010, Garage Sale Trail has grown into a massive national movement boasting 134,000 garage sales, 4 million cumulative participants and over 7.2 million items saved from landfill.

Along the way, the program has generated $52 million for local households and community groups, while sparking more than 2 million new neighbourly connections.

Mayor Owen Sharkey said Garage Sale Trail is a great opportunity for Golden Plains residents to embrace sustainable living, connect with their community and make the most of unwanted household items.

"Garage Sale Trail is a fun and practical way for residents to reduce waste, declutter their homes and give pre-loved items a second life, while making a little extra money along the way.

"Golden Plains Shire is proud to be participating in Garage Sale Trail for the first time in 2026, and we're excited to see our communities get involved in this iconic national event."

HOW TO GET INVOLVED IN GOLDEN PLAINS SHIRE:

- **Host a sale:** Registration is free. Sellers receive tips, promotional materials and more to help make their sale a success.
- **Shop the Trail:** An interactive national map is available at garagesaletrail.com.au/sales allowing bargain hunters to plot their trail across Golden Plains Shire.

Last year, more than 330,000 Australians participated in the annual event, with the average seller making $761.

To register a sale or search for local events on the trail, visit garagesaletrail.com.au/Golden-Plains

—Media release: Golden Plains Shire Council—









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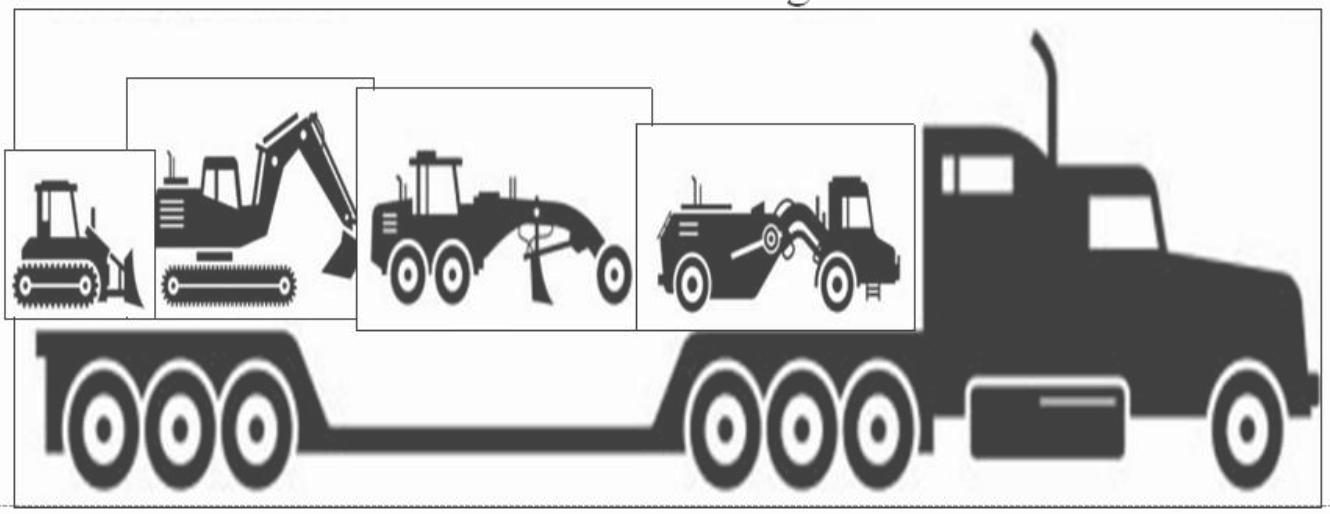
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COUNCILLORS WILL HIT THE STREETS TO LISTEN TO COMMUNITY

Corangamite Shire community members who want to raise any matters with Council can run them by Councillors and senior staff when they visit each town in the Shire during October.

'Listening Posts' will pop up in main streets so people going about their daily business can meet their representatives face-to-face.

Mayor Kate Makin invited residents to come and discuss any matter including goals, needs and concerns.

"Your elected Councillors and the Council organisation work for you," Cr Makin said.

"Listening Posts are about taking Council conversations into the community, making it easier for people to stop, have a chat and raise the issues that matter to them.

"Tell us your thoughts about what's happening in your local community and how Council might be able to help make the most of opportunities or overcome challenges.

"If you have a matter that falls outside Council's legal area of responsibility, we may be able to direct you to the appropriate government department or organisation.

"If you want to speak to your Ward Councillor, you can find their contact details at corangamite.vic.gov.au/Councillors or call the Civic Centre on 5593 7100 and get transferred to them or leave a message."

Chief Executive Officer David Rae said the Listening Posts are an additional way residents can bring their input to Council.

"Council recognises people have different ways they like to communicate. While one person might be comfortable talking face-to-face, another might prefer to take their time and put it in writing.

"Council aims to provide a variety of channels that are accessible and welcoming for residents to have their say.

"For organisational matters, residents can send a message through Council's Facebook and Instagram pages, call Customer Service on 5593 7100 or email shire@corangamite.vic.gov.au.

"There is also ConversationsCorangamite.vic.gov.au where you can leave your ideas in the Ideas Garden, have respectful discussions with other community members on Conversation Patch page, and pin ideas for specific places on the interactive map.

"Residents can also report a maintenance issue, mark the location on a map and upload photos at corangamite.vic.gov.au/Customer-Request.

Dates and locations subject to change. Council will post any updates on its Facebook and Instagram accounts.

Listening Posts - When & Where:

Timboon: Wed 7th Oct, 1:30pm-3pm, IGA

Skipton: Thur 8th Oct, 12pm-1:30pm, Skipton Op Shop

Lismore: Thur 8th Oct, 2pm-3:30pm, Lismore Post Office

Cobden: Wed 14th Oct, 1pm-2:30pm, Nell's Café

Derrinallum: Wed 21st Oct, 9am-10:30am, Derri Post Office

Darlington: Wed 21st Oct, 11am-12:30pm, Darlington Hall

Noorat: Wed 21st Oct, 1pm-2:30pm, The Shed

Terang: Wed 21st Oct, 3pm-4:30pm, Johnstone Court

Camperdown: Thur 22nd Oct, 11am-12:30pm, Benallack's Sports

Port Campbell: Thur 29th Oct, 9:30am-11am, Friendly Grocer

Princetown: Thur 29th Oct, 11:30am-1pm, General Store

Simpson: Thur 29th Oct, 1:30pm-3pm, Simpson Supermarket

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—

FREE FISHING WORKSHOP FOR ALL ABILITIES

Social connection, wellbeing and fun will be on the line this month at a free all-abilities fishing experience at Lake Bullen Merri's South Beach.

There are only 10 places, so Corangamite Shire Council is encouraging community members aged 55 and over, and people living with disability, to register now.

Positive Ageing Access and Inclusion Reference Group Chair Cr Jo Beard said fishing is one of the most popular pastimes in Australia.

"It's a great way to get out in nature and keep active, without being too physically demanding," Cr Beard said.

"All fishing equipment and a light lunch will be provided, but bring a hat, sunscreen and a drink.

"The site is accessible thanks to the new wheelchair friendly walkway installed last month by the Friends of South Beach Committee, and there is a scooter recharging point at the picnic shelter.

"Fishability staff and volunteers will be on hand to guide participants in a safe and supportive environment, so no previous fishing experience is required.



"They will share information about responsible fishing practices, regulations and caring for local fish populations."

Fishability is a not-for-profit organisation dedicated to helping people living with disability enjoy recreational fishing.

It is a division of Fishcare Victoria - a community-based not-for-profit organisation that promotes responsible fishing and that helps protect fish stocks for future generations.

Council Coordinator Positive Ageing, Access and Inclusion Belinda Rowbottom said the event would give people of all abilities the opportunity to learn new skills and make new friends.

"The event is being held during the Victorian Seniors Festival which is an opportunity for an intergenerational event.

"Along with the 10 places available for seniors or community members with accessible needs, 10 students from Hampden P-12 will take part.

"Engaging in activities with younger generations can keep older residents young at heart and stimulate their minds with dynamic social engagement and fresh conversation topics.

"They can share their life experiences with the younger people who, in return, keep them in touch with how the world is changing. And, of course, it's a chance to have a laugh."

What: Free all-abilities fishing experience

When: Tuesday 20th October, 10am-12pm

Where: South Beach, Lake Bullen Merri

Bookings essential: 5593 7100

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Derrinallum: Wednesday 21 October, 9-10.30 am, Derrinallum Post Office

Darlington: Wednesday 21 October, 11 am-12.30 pm, Darlington Hall

Dates and locations subject to change. Updates will be posted on Council's Facebook and Instagram.

Get your property fire-ready

Free domestic green waste disposal will be available at Naroghid Landfill and all Shire transfer stations from 12-25 October. (Commercial loads not accepted.)

Weekly kerbside green waste bin collections will start in the second week of October and continue until the end of December.

For more information, download the Corangamite Binfo app from the App Store or Google Play. Links via the QR code.



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Seniors Festival events this October

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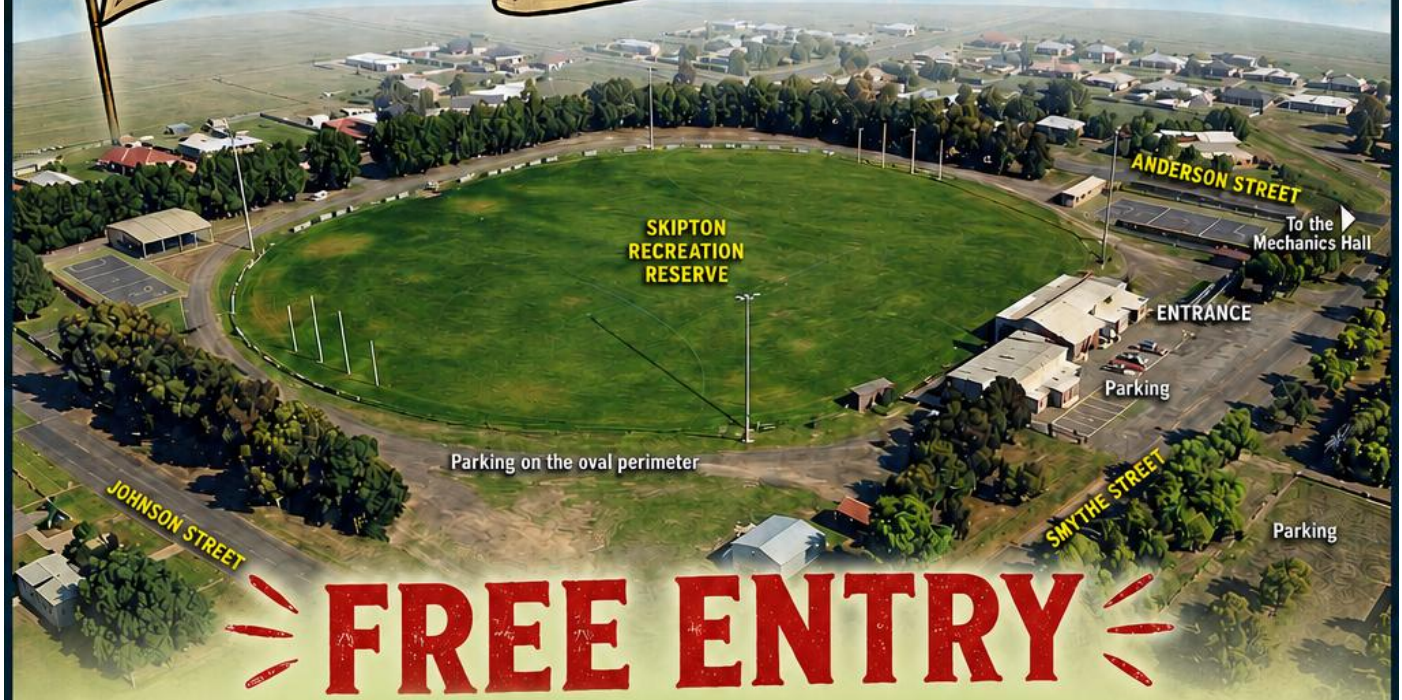
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COME AND TRY WORKSHOPS



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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND MEETINGS

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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"!!

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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.

Wednesday 7th October BINGO NIGHT in the Supper Room, Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. THEME: SPRING RACING CARNIVAL (dress in your finest Fashions on the Field!) 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!

Thursday 8th October, 7:30pm IRANIAN FILM FESTIVAL SCREENING at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. Featuring *Children of Heaven (1997)*. Entry $10, includes supper.

Saturday 10th October, 9am-1pm SKIPTON MARKET Rain, Hail or Shine in the Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. Wide variety of stalls, a welcome in our Supper Room for a snack and a chat with Friends and Neighbours, and last chance to buy tickets in our Royal Children's Hospital Fundraising Raffle for the GUMBOOT DOG!! Raffle drawn at 11:30am at the market. A project of the Skipton Progress Association Inc, for further information and stall bookings, contact Market Coordinator Jan on 0422 785 017.

Saturday 10th October, 11am-1:30pm COMMUNITY GARDEN WORKING BEE at 32 Beaufort Rd, Skipton. Seeking helping hands from the community to help at the new Community Garden for Skipton. No experience needed, tools provided. Please bring gloves. All ages welcome!

Thursday 15th October, 9:30am-2:30pm INTERNATIONAL DAY OF RURAL WOMEN EVENT at Mooramong Homestead and Historic Precinct. Enjoy a networking lunch in the garden, walking tours of the historic precinct and nature reserve, and talks from Wadawurrung Traditional Owners Aboriginal Corporation, National Trust of Victoria, Corangamite CMA, and Glenelg Hopkins CMA. Tickets $30, visit www.eventbrite.com.au/e/mooramong-historic-precinct-past-present-and-future-tickets-1997514466541

Saturday 17th October 10am-12pm WEAVING FOR WELLNESS - COIL WEAVING WORKSHOP at the Skipton Mechanics Hall Small Meeting Room. Tickets $20, bookings essential, visit events.humanitix.com/weavingforwellbeing or contact Tash on 0435 894 546 to book.

Sunday 18th October, 8am-2pm LINTON TOWN WIDE GARAGE SALE with sister city Cape Clear Free maps available at Linton Takeaway after 8am on the day. Enquiries: Jenny 0427 447 416

Sunday 18th October, 2:30-5pm LAUNCH OF LINTON GOOD NEIGHBOUR INITIATIVE following the Garage Sale. Details page 13.

Saturday 24th October, 5pm, STREATHAM, CARRANBALLAC & SKIPTON FIRE DOCUMENTARY & BOOK LAUNCH at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. A night of community and healing. FREE ENTRY, bookings essential. Register attendance at www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1620212 for catering purposes. Contact Lisa 0409 301 906 or Pat 0473 421 802 for more information

Sunday 25th October, 1:30pm MATINEE MOVIE at the Skipton Mechanics Hall, featuring *Monster House* (2006) Animated/Horror/Comedy. Doors open 1:30pm, screening at 2pm. Admission $10 for adults (includes afternoon tea), children under 12 FREE. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Wednesday 28th October, 11am-3pm BLACKS CREEK GARDEN PARTY Hosted by Pat Gabb at 2273 Carngham-Streatham Rd, Stoneleigh - Entry at the mailbox with the old bikes. Details on page 7, contact Pat for more information on 0473 421 802.