

MoirraShire

ENRICHING LIFE ON THE MURRAY

COMING EVENTS

SECTION 86 COMMITTEES - MEMBERS' INFORMATION SESSIONS

Moirra Shire Council Committee of Management Information Session from 7.30pm-9.00pm at the below locations:

Thursday 21 October, Cobram Civic Centre;
Tuesday 26 October, Football Clubrooms, Nathalia Showgrounds; and
Thursday 28 October, Yarrowonga Community Hall.
For more information, contact Community Development Administration Support Officer Fiona Mulquhney on (03) 5871 9222.

UPCOMING COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETINGS

Cobram Historical Precinct Committee of Management AGM
7.30pm, Monday 25 October, Old School, Punt Rd, Cobram.
Numurkah Town Hall Committee of Management AGM
7.30pm, Tuesday 26 October, Numurkah Town Hall.
Yarrowonga Showgrounds Reserve/Victoria Park Committee of Management AGM
7.30pm, Tuesday 26 October, Lions Club Pavilion.
Yarrowonga Eastern Foreshore Committee of Management AGM
5pm, Tuesday 26 October, Yarrowonga Yacht Club.
Cobram Apex Reserve Committee of Management AGM
7.30pm, Thursday 4 November, Cobram Apex Reserve Pavilion.



Cobram Apex Reserve.

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS

Nominations close Monday 25 October 2010. Moirra Shire Council is calling for nominations for the 2011 Australia Day Awards in the following categories:

- Citizen of the Year;
- Young Citizen of the Year;
- Community Event of the Year;
- Community Organisation of the Year; and
- Environment Project of the Year.

Nomination forms are available from the Municipal Service Centre, 44 Station Street Cobram, Council's Yarrowonga, Nathalia, Numurkah Service Centres, Council agencies and on the Latest News section of Council's website at www.moirra.vic.gov.au. For more information, contact Executive Support Officer Bellamee Russo on (03) 5871 9222.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Please see the Classifieds section in this newspaper for details on the Special Meeting of Council to be held on Monday 25 October 2010 to adopt the Annual Report.

The next Moirra Shire Council Meeting will be held at 6pm on Monday 15 November 2010 in the Yarrowonga Community Hall, Orr Street, Yarrowonga.



Keeping the community informed

MOIRRA SHIRE COUNCIL'S ROAD NETWORK



Moirra Shire Council has an extensive road network.

Recent wet weather has impacted on Moirra Shire Council's road network. Excessive wet weather after years of drought has meant the conditions of many roads have changed. Moirra Shire Council's Road Maintenance team is currently assessing and repairing roads affected by recent wet weather and will continue to do so in coming weeks. Last week's extreme weather conditions saw Moirra Shire Council's maintenance crews on 24-hour standby and called out to respond to fallen trees over roads, localised flooding and other road maintenance issues.

Moirra Shire Council asks members of the community to be patient and exercise care on wet roads. To report roads affected by recent wet weather, call Moirra Shire Council on (03) 5871 9222.

ROAD NETWORK FACTS

- \$8.4 million allocated in Moirra Shire Council's 2010/11 Annual Budget to maintain and upgrade road network, bridges and culverts.
- Moirra Shire Council's road network is made up of 1000km sealed roads, 1900km of unsealed roads and 80 bridges and major culverts.

GRADING IMPROVEMENTS

- In 2009/10 Moirra Shire Council graded 2600km of unsealed roads annually.
- Purchase of a 23,000 litre water tanker allows Council's road crews to water a 1.6km section of road without having to fill up, resulting in improved efficiency.

FUTURE TARGETS

- 2011/12 target is to deliver 3200km of grading annually.
- Continued staff training and up-skilling has led to improved efficiency and better practices.

CHILDREN'S WEEK ACTIVITIES IN MOIRRA SHIRE: 23-31 OCTOBER

10am-12pm, Thursday 28 October
Strathmerton Primary School, Findlay Street, Strathmerton
10am-12pm, Friday 29 October
Yarrowonga Community Hall, Orr Street, Yarrowonga
10am-12pm, Monday 25 October
Barmah Preschool, Schier Street, Barmah
10am-12pm, Tuesday 26 October
Cobram Mivo Park, Punt Road, Cobram
10am-12pm, Wednesday 27 October
Numurkah Apex Park, Melville Street, Numurkah

NATHALIA AND NUMURKAH INDUSTRIAL LAND FEASIBILITY STUDY AND DEMAND ANALYSIS

Council is undertaking a comprehensive Demand Analysis and Feasibility Study for industrial estates in Numurkah and Nathalia to support increased investment and ongoing growth of manufacturing and light industrial operations for the next 25 years.

The study will deliver an investigation of investment attraction opportunities, determine realistic business development opportunities for existing industrial operations and provide a model to support industrial infrastructure. Chris O'Neill from Spade Consulting will be in Nathalia on Thursday 28 October to meet with business owners and potential investors, to ascertain demand for future industrial land and identify what infrastructure will be required by business and industry. If you would like to meet for a confidential discussion with Chris, contact Economic Development Officer Michelle Moore on (03) 5871 9446.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Moirra Shire Council currently has the below vacant position:

Multi Plant Operator - Tungamah

Job no: 365113

Salary: \$52,964 p.a. (Band 3) + 9% super

Hours: Full time - 38 hours per week - special engagement - includes set weekend work

Applications close 5pm Friday 22 October 2010.

For full details, see the Situations Vacant section of the Classifieds in this newspaper or go to the Your Council - Employment Opportunities section of the Moirra Shire Council website at www.moirra.vic.gov.au.

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Schedule 11, 10(1) (b) of the Local Government Act 1989, Moirra Shire Council has authorised the following temporary road closures:

- Main Street between High and William Streets, Cobram, from 6am until 2pm on Sunday 24 October 2010 for the purpose of the Cobram Show.
- Piper Street between Hovell and Belmore Streets, Yarrowonga, from 7am until 1pm on Sunday 24 October 2010 for the purpose of the Yarrowonga Farmers Market.

Moirra Shire Council regrets any inconvenience caused by this temporary closure and advises traffic to seek alternative routes during these times. For more information contact Administration Support Officer Tricia Simpson on (03) 5871 9222.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GRANTS

Funding is available for business and community groups to deliver projects that boost their town's economy. Grants of between \$500 and \$2000 are on offer to allow groups to deliver a range of projects designed to strengthen business activity and vitality. The finances can also be used as seed funding to leverage money from sources such as State and Federal governments, industry and philanthropic trusts. Applications close on Friday 5 November 2010. For more information, or to apply for funding, contact Economic Development Officer Michelle Moore on (03) 5871 9446.

SMALL BUSINESS CLINICS

The Economic Development Team will be facilitating free Small Business Clinics every second Thursday of the month.

A qualified mentor from Small Business Mentoring Service Inc. will be on hand to meet with up to five businesses in a day, to offer a range of sessions for businesses that want to improve and grow.

The sessions will cater for start up businesses and those already established and will assist businesses seeking specific advice (business planning, financial issues, sales and marketing for example), provide a business health check and offer assistance to take the next big step. The mentor and business owner will delve into the core of the business and work together to develop a Plan of Action that will guide the business forward. Places are limited. Register your interest by calling Economic Development Officer Michelle Moore on (03) 5871 9446 or email mmoore@moirra.vic.gov.au.

L2P DRIVER MENTOR PROGRAM

Moirra Shire Council launched the L2P Driver Mentor Program in August 2010. The program involves community volunteers mentoring young learner drivers and helps them achieve the 120 hours driving practice required to gain their probationary licence. Seven volunteer mentors have been fully trained and are ready to start driving sessions, however, more driver mentors are needed. Compulsory mentor training sessions will be held from: 9am-5pm, Monday 25 October, Numurkah Town Hall; and 9am-12.30pm or 1pm-4pm, Monday 8 November, Numurkah Town Hall.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer supervising driver mentor should call L2P Project Officer Debra Kruz on (03) 5871 9222.

