

Skipton Community News



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FREE
WEEKLY

STREATHAM-CARRANBALLAC-SKIPTON FIRE EXHIBITION

A Community Exhibition of Photos, Art and Poems from the Friday 9th January 2026 Streatham-Carranballac-Skipton Fire was held over 19th to 22nd June in the Skipton Hall.



It was a great success with us welcoming over 100 local and district residents to the welcome and opening on Friday night, where the Mayors and riding councillors from Corangamite, Pyrenees and Ararat Shires shared their compassion, thanks, and vision for the future.

We also thank 3 members of the Victorian Council of Churches Emergency Ministries for attending and sharing gentle support for community members during the evening.

Over the 3 days of the weekend and Monday, 200-300 people wandered through the hall, absorbing the visual record of destruction and regrowth of our landscape and communities.

We also ran a raffle of a beautiful watercolour by Sandy Joy Wilson, plus some native plants for winners' gardens.

Many people loved Sandy Joy's work, hoping to win. Pleasantly, 3 of her fire paintings were bought by happy purchasers.

Photographs contributed by 27 local photographers and paintings by 2 local painters - Susan and Sandy joy - have created a wonderful variety of images to use as we create a Community Photo Book with Star Printing from Terang. They will also be featured in our Film/ Documentary, being created by FitzMedia Productions from Warrnambool, alongside work from our Oral History Interviews and locals' videos.

This work will create a wonderful historical record for

the future.

Our community of Gardeners, the *Potterupperers* and *Bulbarians*, donated 100s of pots for ALL the impacted communities to take home and to plant in their garden. These pots of plants, crafted with love and compassion, also included 27 donated by the children of Skipton Primary School.

One of the wonderful aspects of our Exhibition was the conversations that were shared throughout the weekend, over a cuppa or a bowl of soup and warm food. Such gatherings are important as many people from



other communities shared our exhibition and their stories of their fire experiences, especially the 1977 Streatham Fire.

The Community Fire Photo Book will be advertised for SALE through the various news and internet sites. The Book and the Film/ Documentary will be launched on Saturday 24th October from 5pm in the Skipton Hall - open for book collection and showing of the film.

This will be a FREE evening for all to gather, collect their Book and view the Film, plus enjoy the wonderful conversations as the journey of healing slowly moves forward.

As always, in our communities, gathering like this cannot be successful without the wonderful volunteers who come out of the woodwork and happily support all local activities. Each and every one of them is sincerely thanked!

—Pat Gabb and Lisa Wills—

FROM THE EDITOR

A REMINDER TO OUR ADVERTISERS



Please be aware that **INVOICES** are **NOW DUE FOR PAYMENT**. Invoices and new rates information have been emailed for your records. If payment is not received, your advertisement will be removed from the Skipton Community News until the account is settled.

If you are having any issues receiving invoices via Xero, please don't hesitate to contact our Treasurer, Angela, by email treasurerskiptonpa@gmail.com, or call 0418 341 168.

We thank you for your continued support for our weekly newsletter, allowing us to deliver news and provide a voice for our community.

—SCN Editor, Kathy Leewai—

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—

COMMUNITY NOTICE**NOTICE OF AGM****SKIPTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Skipton and District Historical Society will hold the Annual General Meeting of the Society on Sunday 9th August at 2pm in the Old Police House, in Stewart Park Historical Precinct, Montgomery Street, Skipton.

All members are urged to attend, the date is a change from the normal meeting day of the Society.

Interested members of the Community are also very welcome, a chance to join the Society and be part of our journey forward or simply find out about us.

Please contact Secretary Barb Pett on 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com for further information.

—Skipton and District Historical Society—

COMMUNITY NOTICE**UPCOMING BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**

Friends and family of Harry Waldron are invited to join in celebrating his 100th birthday!

To be held at the Beaufort Community Complex, 39 Park St, Beaufort.

Sunday August 2nd, 11am-3pm.

Refreshments will be provided, please RSVP to Louise on 0439 424 337.

—Louise Williams—

DARLINGTON MOVIE NIGHT

featuring

NONNAS

2025

Comedy/Drama



WHERE: DARLINGTON HALL

WHEN: FRIDAY 21st AUGUST, 7:30PM

\$5 ENTRY - INCLUDES SUPPER

DRINKS AND RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE

**COMMUNITY NOTICE****NOTICE OF AGM****FRIENDS OF THE RSL SKIPTON BRANCH**

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch will be held on Thursday 13th August at 11am in the Meeting Room at the Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson Street, Skipton.

Business includes Election of Office Bearers for the coming year, Reports on the past year, and Plans for the future.

All members are urged to attend, Volunteers are urged to maintain their commitment, and any interested community members will be equally welcome to support the Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch in their mission to keep the memory of the past, and unite and support our service men and women and their families into the future.

Lest We Forget.

Contact President Graham on 0408 838 261 or Secretary Gail Ward on 0403 530 293 for further information or support.

—Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch—

ANNOUNCING
THE

CARRANBALLAC HOEDOWN

A family-friendly event
with live music, line
dancing and food trucks.

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
[carranballachodown@
gmail.com](mailto:carranballachodown@gmail.com)

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



How do things work at Skipton Foodbank?

We've had a few questions recently about how things work at Skipton Foodbank, so let's talk about it!

- ⇒ We are supported by [Foodbank Victoria](#), and each week (or as required) we place an order with them for items for our community pantry. Shelf-stable items are delivered, and fresh and frozen items are picked up by our volunteers from a depot in Ballarat.
- ⇒ We do have some choice over what we order, but if something is out of stock, the order will be filled with what is available - which is sometimes why we have a fridge full of yoghurt but no bread, or a heap of pears but zucchini.
- ⇒ Yes, we still pay for our orders. As ordering is via Foodbank Vic, we get this as a reduced rate, helping us stretch each dollar a lot further.
- ⇒ Sometime we'll do a supplementary shop at the supermarket for essentials that we can't get through Foodbank. We pay full price for these.
- ⇒ We are a not-for-profit organisation, auspiced by Camperdown Community House, and rely on community donations to help keep the Skipton Foodbank sustainable. This could be a couple of coins or a note in our tin when you use the service, or non-perishable items to be added to our food pantry.
- ⇒ Anyone from our local community is welcome to come into the Foodbank. You don't need proof of financial status, there is no eligibility criteria. We won't ask any awkward questions and our friendly volunteers will be happy to guide you through the process.
- ⇒ We have a 'Take what you need, Give what you can' policy. If you can't afford to make a donation this time, that's ok. You will find that there are limits on certain items that we don't have many of, or don't come into the Foodbank often. This helps us share the love!
- ⇒ We don't just have food items available, you can often find essential toiletries like shampoo, shower

gel, toothbrushes, toothpaste and sanitary items. Also, wet wipes and nappies.

- ⇒ We have some fantastic hand knits available during these colder months, lovingly made and donated by local women.
- ⇒ We have had a 400% increase in the number of people who are accessing the Foodbank this winter. The rising cost of living is impacting so many of us here in Skipton. If anyone is in the position to donate, we will be putting out a list of items on our Facebook page soon!
- ⇒ Skipton Foodbank is located at the Jubilee Centre, 10 Montgomery Street, Skipton. Our opening hours are Mondays 2pm-5pm, Wednesdays 12pm-3pm, and Thursdays 9am-12pm. Donations can be dropped off to us when we are open, or left at collection points at the Skipton Community Shop or Country Grocers Skipton.
- ◆ As part of our efforts to support our community through the rising cost of living, we have organised for the Thread Together Mobile Wardrobe from CAFS to come out to Skipton on Wednesday 15th July from 12:30pm-2pm. Thread Together will be set up inside the Mechanics Hall, providing a warm, dry, and discreet space for members of our community to access clothing support. The Wardrobe contains a variety of new clothing for all ages that has come direct from manufacturers. ALL clothing is at no cost to the community, and all residents are able to access the service.



MOBILE WARDROBE IS COMING



Follow us on Facebook for regular updates:
www.facebook.com/skiptonfoodbank

—Helen Purvis, Skipton Foodbank—

Skipton Art Trail Group & Skipton Progress Association
with Moreton Hill Wind Farm
sponsorship
Bring you our next community event



15 JULY 2026

BSHS NEWS BULLETIN

WE ARE HIRING COOKS & DOMESTIC SERVICES

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service is seeking enthusiastic and reliable people to join our Support Services Team. Permanent Part-Time and Casual Cook and Domestic Services Assistant opportunities are available.

Support Services staff play an important role in creating a safe, welcoming and comfortable environment for our residents, patients, clients and visitors. Whether you're preparing nutritious meals or helping maintain clean and welcoming spaces, you'll be making a valuable contribution to the care we provide every day.

If you enjoy working as part of a supportive team, and are looking for a rewarding role in the aged care and health sector, we encourage you to apply.

How to Apply:

Email your application to HR@bshs.org.au

Written applications can also be submitted to either of our hospital receptions and addressed to:

Manager Infrastructure & Support Services

Beaufort Campus	OR	Skipton Campus
28 Havelock St, Beaufort		2 Blake St, Skipton
VIC 3371		VIC 3361

Applications close Tuesday, 4 August 2026.

For further information, position descriptions and application details, visit www.bshs.org.au/careers/positions-vacant.



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ARRESTING TIME AT BINGO

Theme: Law & Order, Cops & Robbers

Skipton, Wednesday 1st July

A number of 'defendants' appeared before "Her Honour" Georgie in charge of the "Court Room" at the Mechanics Hall at the beginning of July. With the assistance of the "Clerk of the Court" Ian, balls were rolled for an enjoyable night of bingo.

"Counsel" Donald (K.F.C.) appeared on behalf of Carol, who had been charged with talking excessively, forgetting numbers and generally behaving in a riotous manner. He appealed to the Court to place the matter before His Majesty's Inspector in Lunacy wherefrom the Governor's pleasure may be known.

There was a moment of commotion during the proceedings when Ian suddenly donned a masked helmet and vest in the manner of Ned Kelly, pulled out a pistol and shouted for everyone to get on the floor!

Luckily, this was just a comical demonstration, and the pistol wasn't loaded (to the best of this reporter's

knowledge).

There were a number of "police officers" in attendance and even a member of the American F.B.I. Some, of course, were in plain clothes and only later donned a police hat.

Although many had been hoping for a hanging, the "Court" instead decided to hand out prizes to those whose papers were in order.



Recipients received vouchers from Bunnings, Skipton Country Grocers, and the Bluestone Café. There were also a couple of Country Grocers hampers given out.

If this sounds like a fun night out to you, why not join the rest of the rowdy regulars at the next Bingo night on Wednesday 5th August!

The fancy dress theme will be your favourite television or motion picture star.

Next bingo night: Wednesday 5th August, 5:30pm start for 6:30pm eyes down! In the Supper Room at the Skipton Mechanics Hall.

—Report and photograph from intrepid SCN reporters Kent Clarke & Lois Lane—

Camperdown Veterinary Centre

1 Leura Street, Camperdown

Monday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Tuesday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Wednesday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Thursday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Friday	8.00am - 5.30pm
Saturday	9.00am - 12.00pm

CAMPERDOWN VETERINARY CENTRE

Please note:

NEW OPENING TIMES

59 William Street Lismore

Every Tuesday 9.00am-12.00pm

To book an appointment for your pet, please call (03) 5593 1077

Routine on-farm visits from 12.00pm onwards every Tuesday.

For all emergencies, please ring (03) 5593 1077 and follow the prompts to talk to a vet on call.

www.camperdownvet.com.au team@camperdownvet.com.au

Urgent Care Centres

Beaufort and Skipton Health Service's Urgent Care Centres operate 24 hours a day, seven days a week

Access Urgent Care Centres via front hospital entry

Our Urgent Care Centres respond to all emergencies including life threatening and urgent medical care.

For life threatening emergencies call 000 for assistance

Beaufort | 28 Havelock Street | 5349 1600
Skipton | 2 Blake Street | 5340 1100

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CONNECT WITH US

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
(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
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: stpatricks cathedral.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.

ADVERTISERS PLEASE NOTE**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

Sunday 12th July

Wednesday 15th July

Sunday 26th July

Wednesday 29th July

Sunday 9th August

Wednesday 12th August

Sunday 23rd August

**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 14th July: Red, yellow & purple bins

Tuesday 21st July: Red & green bins

Tuesday 28th July: Red & yellow bins

Tuesday 4 August: Red & green bins

Tuesday 11th August: Red, yellow & purple bins

Tuesday 18th August: Red & green bins

SKIPTON FOOD BANK**AT JUBILEE CENTRE**

10 MONTGOMERY STREET, SKIPTON

**NEW 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

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.



Goods & Services Auction
Saturday July 25th
 SKIPTON MECHANICS HALL

6:00- 7:30 Happy Hour
 \$4 BEERS \$6 SPIRITS

6:30 Dinner
 SPIT ROAST, ROAST VEGTABLES AND DESSERT
 \$20 PER PERSON OR \$50 A FAMILY

7:30 Auction starts

 **SKIPTON**
 FOOTBALL NETBALL CLUB



CHECK ON YOUR NEIGHBOURS

Do you know someone who hasn't started their clean-up after the January bushfires?

They may be eligible for free clean-up support.

Register online for Clean-up vic.gov.au/register-for-cleanup or call the Emergency Recovery Hotline

☎ 1800 560 760 (option 3).

OTHER FREE SUPPORT

Disaster Legal Help Victoria provides free legal assistance

☎ 1800 113 432

Rural Financial Counselling Service offers support with financial planning and insurance

☎ 1300 735 578

A quick check-in could help them take the next step.



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



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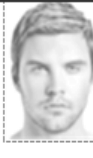
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Friday (8:30am-5.30pm)
Closed Saturday

Gift vouchers available / Waxing and Lash & Brow Tints
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Phone 5349 2688 for appointments



SOCIAL SUPPORT GROUPS

Our Social Support Groups provide an opportunity for community members to remain connected to one another while participating in a variety of activities.

Skipton Out and About Bus

Skipton Day Centre Room
Third Tuesday of the month
10am-3pm

Beaufort Out and About Bus

Beaufort Library Carpark
Third Tuesday of the month
10am-3pm

Skipton Walking Group

Skipton Day Centre Room
Every Thursday
12pm-12:45pm

Beaufort Walking Group

Beaufort Library Carpark
Every Wednesday
9am-10am

Strength Training Beaufort

Wednesdays 11am-12pm
Beeripmo Development Centre

Skipton

Thursdays 10:30am-11:30am
Skipton Day Centre Room

Gait & Balance Group Beaufort

Wednesdays 10:15am-11am
Beeripmo Development Centre

Skipton

Thursdays 9:15am-10am
Skipton Day Centre Room



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TREE PLANTING CAMP



In partnership with

**Upper
Mount Emu Creek**
Landcare Network

STARTING 20TH JULY

📍 BASED AT THE BRADVALE/SKIPTON CAMP (VIC)

Based at the Bradvale/Skipton camp (VIC), this project will focus on planting native species on fire affected farms in the area to create shelterbelts, green corridors, and replace trees have been burnt and destroyed.



No skills or tools required – experienced tree-planters will be working with all volunteers



Volunteers can come planting for the day, or can camp to plant for several days or weeks.

GET INVOLVED!



Volunteers Jen
0427 584 818



For more information: Chris
0428 363 024



I'm here to help.

Feel free to contact me for assistance with state government matters, including housing, roads, transport, and education.

Martha Haylett

MP for Ripon

Delivering for

177 High Street, Maryborough VIC 3465

BUSHFIRE RECOVERY SUPPORT AVAILABLE THROUGH CLEAN-UP PROGRAM

Property owners could be eligible for free demolition and debris removal, with support still available through the State Government's Clean-up Program.



Victorians affected by the January 2026 bushfires can still register for the State Government's Clean-up Program.

Free demolition and debris removal is available for eligible properties damaged by the bushfires. This includes properties that are insured, but where there is not enough to cover clean-up and a level of rebuild.

Forge Solutions, the program's head contractor, complete the clean-up works at no cost to the owner.

REGISTRATION

Emergency Recovery Victoria (ERV) encourages all property owners affected by the bushfires to register for the clean-up program. ERV works with property owners to understand their situation, assess damage, review insurance and confirm eligibility. Property owners can register online or by phone:

- www.vic.gov.au/register-for-cleanup
- Emergency Recovery Hotline: 1800 560 760 (option 3)

If a property owner previously withdrew from the program, they can still opt in while registrations remain open.

HOW IT WORKS

Before any work begins, Forge undertakes a site assessment in consultation with the property owner. After this, the property owner is given a Work Pack outlining what has been agreed to be removed, and noting anything the property owner has requested to be left. The property owner opts in by agreeing to the scope of works.

Forge Solutions delivers the clean-up works using qualified trades, where possible from the local area. Once the works are complete, the property owner undertakes a final walk-through with Forge to confirm everything has been completed as agreed.

SAFETY

ERV will not send contractors to a property without notifying the property owner. Authorised workers carry identification, wear Victorian Government or Forge Solutions branding, and will never ask for payment. If a property owner is unsure about someone attending their property, they should contact the Emergency Recovery Hotline on 1800 560 760 (option 3) to check.

AVAILABLE SUPPORTS

Free legal help with insurance is available through Disaster Legal Help Victoria. Financial counselling is also available through Anglicare, and the Rural Financial Counselling Service (details below).

Register today to find out if a property is eligible.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Disaster Legal Help Victoria

Phone: 1800 113 432

Anglicare:

Phone: 5440 1100

Email: DisasterFC@anglicarevic.org.au

Rural Financial Counselling Service

Phone: 1300 735 578

Email: admin@wswrccs.com.au

—Media release: Emergency Management Victoria—

COMMUNITY INVITED TO HAVE THEIR SAY ON PROPOSED MORETON HILL WIND FARM



Squadron Energy wants to hear from the local community about the proposed Moreton Hill Wind Farm, with the project's Environment Report now on public

exhibition through the Engage Victoria platform.

Located on Wadawurrung Country, around 35 kilometres south-west of Ballarat, the proposed wind farm would include up to 62 turbines and generate enough renewable energy to power around 260,000 homes each year. The project is also expected to prevent almost 350,000 tonnes of emissions annually.

The Environment Report examines the project's potential impacts and forms part of the assessment process under both Victorian and Commonwealth environmental legislation.

Squadron Energy Senior Project Manager Laura Jeffrey said community feedback would play an important role in informing the next stage of the assessment process.

"We encourage everyone with an interest in the project to review the Environment Report and share their feedback through the public exhibition process," Ms Jeffrey said.

"We are committed to working closely with landholders, neighbours and the broader community as we develop the project."

More than 30 community members from Linton and surrounding areas have already contributed ideas on how the project could make a positive difference for locals through a community benefit workshop held in March.

A further workshop is planned for the Skipton area to hear more local ideas for community investment.

Following the exhibition period, submissions will be provided to Squadron Energy to help finalise the Environment Report, including responses to issues raised by the community.

Community members can view the Environment Report and make a submission at: <https://engage.vic.gov.au/project/moreton-hill-wind-farm>

Submissions close on **7 August 2026**.

For more information about the proposed project, visit www.moretonhillwindfarm.com.au or contact Squadron Energy on **1300 119 463** or email info@squadronenergy.com.

ABOUT SQUADRON ENERGY

Squadron Energy is Australia's leading renewable energy company that develops, operates and owns renewable energy assets in Australia.

We are 100% Australian owned and committed to leaving a lasting legacy for the communities where we operate.

We have 2 gigawatts of renewable energy in operation and under construction.

—Media release: Squadron Energy—

Lake Bolac Bush Nursing Centre presents

Streatham & District Post-Fire Gardening Series

Join in this community gardening series.

Tuesday July 28

Kate Blood & Rob Pelletier
(Heritage Fruit Trees, Raglan)

*Care of plants after fire and choosing
fire resistant plants.*

Tuesday August 25

Digby Alston
(Digby Alston Design, Inverleigh)

Landscape design for country gardens

**Doors open at 6:30pm for a 7pm start.
Finishing around 8:30pm.**

Light supper provided by Paula Symons.

Streatham Memorial Hall
30 Campbell Street, Streatham

Please register your attendance
with LBBNC on (03)53558700.

A small bus may be available for
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**These extracts are researched and provided by:
Terry Gosling (Treasurer of Skipton Historical Society)**

BACHELORS GO GAY

GUM LEAVES — AND OTHER ADORNMENTS

Realising that appropriate setting adds considerably to the charm of picturesque realism, members of the Skipton Bachelors Club spent considerable time in planning and carrying to completion a scheme of decoration for the interior of Skipton Mechanics Hall on the occasion of their annual ball last Friday evening, and the result was acclaimed as entirely satisfactory. Swung high across the front of the stage was a latticed panel, bearing the words **SKIPTON BACHELORS CLUB** interwoven with crepe paper in colors of marone and gold, which had been adopted as the club's colors, the top of a letter being in one color with the bottom in the other and the next letter carrying the colors reversed. Along the front of the platform a close-woven panel screened the orchestra enclosure. From the the top of the side panels streamers of marone and gold fluttered gaily above the tips of gum boughs. The whole shone with dazzling effect when the artificial lights were switched on. The dance floor had been carefully prepared, and overhead the whole ceiling had been canopied with bright streamers of the club's colors, relieved with balloons in appropriate colorings. About the walls and bannisters also gum-boughs were used with pleasing effect. The decorations of the supper tables, too, bore testimony to the artistic touch of the "Schemers," while the preparation of the supper itself left nothing to be desired in the way of refreshments. In that department the touch of "Eve" was unmistakably apparent.

BUSH NURSING ASSOCIATION

SKIPTON'S ANNUAL MEETING

For the year closing on June 30, 1936, the Skipton Branch of the Bush Nursing Association, with a record number of 131 members, showed matters to be in a very sound position. There was an attendance of between forty and fifty members at the annual meeting last Friday evening, under the presidency of Mr A. M. Elder.

A notice of motion submitted by Mr M. Osborne, to deal with certain rules, was withdrawn, and general business was put before members.

A balance sheet was submitted, showing a working credit balance of £107/6/5, while in the building fund there was a credit of £650. The building of additions to the hospital was in progress and £350 had been spent from a donation of £1,000.

The adoption of the balance sheet was moved by the president (Mr A. Elder), seconded by Dr Donaldson, and duly carried.

The secretary read the annual report, as follows:—"We have to report another successful year, and another credit balance sheet. The membership for the last year was 131, consisting of 33 returned soldiers and 98 other members, which appears to be the record membership for the hospital. The number of cases treated was 126, comprising the following:—Midwifery cases, 37; surgical cases, 44; medical cases, 45. The Vite Vite school was added to the schools visited by the Skipton Centre, and the means of transport was provided by the residents of that district. This makes the number of schools visited, six. During the year a Ronaldson and Tippet Electric Light Plant was installed at a cost of £272, this being the generous gift of Mrs Oddie, of Challicum Park. The light has proved a boon to the patients, nursing staff and doctors.

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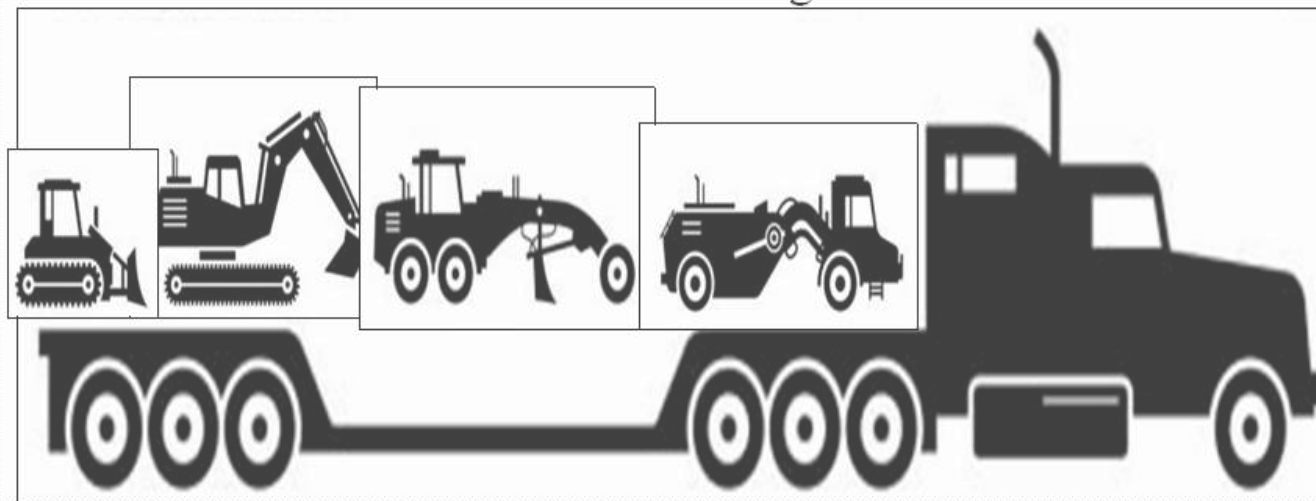
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EMV COMMISSIONERS TOUR**FIRE RECOVERY AREA**

Emergency Management Victoria Commissioner Tim Wiebusch and Deputy Commissioner Relief & Recovery Mariela Diaz visited people affected by the fires, and Carranballac Recreation Reserve in Pyrenees Shire on Monday 22nd June, before taking in the Community Fire Photo Exhibition at the Skipton Mechanics Institute Hall.



From left: Pyrenees Shire CEO Jim Nolan, Pyrenees Shire Municipal Recovery Manager Ray Davies, Corangamite Cr Nick Cole, Pyrenees Cr Tanya Kehoe, Pyrenees Shire Mayor Damien Ferrari, Corangamite CEO David Rae, Deputy Commissioner Relief & Recovery Mariela Diaz, Corangamite Shire Mayor Kate Makin, Emergency Management Commissioner Tim Wiebusch, Ararat Rural City Mayor Bob Sanders, and Ararat Deputy CEO Phuong Au.

Also present were EMV Regional Director West and EMV Grampians Ms Kendra Clegg.

Photograph courtesy of Corangamite Shire Council.

There they met Councillors and CEOs of the three Shires affected by the Streatham-Carranballac-Skipton, and Larralea bushfires in January.

The combined Councils passed on community concerns about the long wait for site clean-ups - particularly asbestos - and the danger of fire-affected trees on state-managed land along roadsides and fence lines. They also called for streamlining disaster relief programs so residents could apply once and avoid the stress of duplicated applications.

Cr Makin and Cr Cole also asked that they emphasise to the State Government the importance of funding to bring the Skipton Recreational Reserve up to scratch as an Emergency Relief Centre and Bushfire Place of Last Resort.

While in Skipton, the EMV leaders got first-hand accounts from a group of Corangamite residents about the barriers they have faced during the recovery period, and how things could be improved for future emergencies.

They then toured the BlazeAid Camp at Bradvale where they heard volunteers have cleared 342.5km of burnt fencing and rebuilt 227.55km.

—Media release: Corangamite Shire Council—

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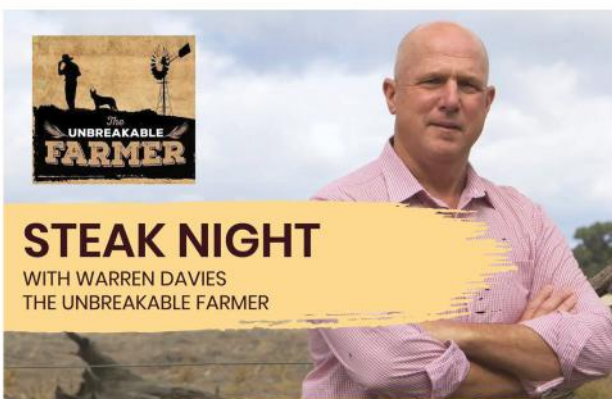
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IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES AND MEETINGS

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 15th July, 13:30pm-2pm THREAD TOGETHER MOBILE WARDROBE at the Skipton Hall. Providing a variety of new clothing for all ages to the community. FREE FOR ALL RESIDENTS.
Euchre Card Group Meets on Wednesdays at 1:30pm. In the Billiard Room, Mechanics Hall. All welcome. All ages will enjoy cards.	Sunday 19th July, 2pm-4pm THE COURT HOUSE MUSEUM & OLD POLICE HOUSE will be Open to Visitors. All very welcome to drop in, see what we have to offer, meet the Skipton Historical Society members, ask some questions. Contact very welcome, please ring Secretary on 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com
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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.	Sunday 2nd August, 11am-3pm, HARRY WALDRON'S 100TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION at the Beaufort Community Complex, 39 Park St, Beaufort. Friends and Family are invited to join in. Please RSVP to Louise on 0439 424 337.
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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.	Sunday 9th August, 2pm SKIPTON & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in the Old Police House in Stewart Park Historical Precinct, Montgomery St, Skipton. All members are urged to attend. Interested members are also very welcome, a chance to join the Society and be part of our journey forward. Please contact Secretary Barb Pett on 0407 310 990 or email skipton.history.au@gmail.com for further information.
	Thursday 13th August, 11am FRIENDS OF THE RSL SKIPTON BRANCH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING in the Meeting Room at the Skipton Mechanics Hall, Anderson St, Skipton. Election of Office Bearers for the coming year, Reports on the past year, and plans for the future. All members urged to attend, volunteers urged to maintain their commitment, and any interested community members are welcome to support the mission of the Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch. Lest We Forget. Contact President Graham on 0408 838 261 or Secretary Gail Ward on 0403 530 293 for further information or support.
	Saturday 15th August, 3pm-9pm 40 YEARS OF LANDCARE CELEBRATION at the Skipton Mechanics Hall. SAVE THE DATE!! Everyone is welcome to join the celebrations. More information to come.
	Tuesday 18th August, VIETNAM VETERANS DAY Friends of the RSL Skipton Branch will mount a service to observe the 60th Anniversary of the Battle of Long Tan at the Skipton War Memorial from 11am. All welcome, personal tributes can be made on the day. More details to come.