

Tuesday 8 October 2024

Storm Recovery Update



Drop into Council's Recovery Centre located at the Mirboo North and District Community Foundation for help connecting to mental health, wellbeing, financial and business advice services.

Open: Tuesday and Thursday from 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Mirboo North Swimming Pool

Work on the Mirboo North Pool has commenced to repair damage from the February storm. Council's insurers have assessed the damage and engaged specialist contractors to undertake the repair work. At this stage, it still isn't clear how long repairs at the Pool will take. Required repairs include works on fencing, shelters, plant, pavilion building, play equipment and other items. The Pool will not be reopened in time for the start of the usual season, however, it is hoped that the repairs will be completed in time to reopen the Pool later in the summer season.

Baths Road Reserve Tracks Opening

We are pleased to announce that several tracks in Baths Road Reserve are now open. The community is now able to access the Balook Street and Pool Tracks, as well as sections of the Wildflower Track. Working is continuing in the Reserve, however the Link Track, King Fern Track and sections of the Wildflower Track are still closed. When visiting, please keep to the tracks in the Reserve, and if any areas are closed, obey signage and fencing for your own safety.

Community Recovery Feedback

Community feedback posters have been finalised and are currently displayed at the Co-Space, the Mirboo North Library and in other locations across Mirboo North. The posters have been created to share your feedback on recovery priorities from earlier this year, as well as giving an update on activities completed and future planned recovery activities.

Recovery Support

Remember: Recovery support is still available and depending on what you need, can be as simple as telephone advice on what programs and services can help you.

To find out more, call the Emergency Recovery Hotline on **1800 560 760**.

FREE Financial Counselling for Farmers and Small Related Enterprises

The Rural Financial Counselling Service (RFCS) provides a free and confidential financial counselling service to farmers and small related enterprises who are experiencing, or at risk of, financial hardship. They can help you access available support, analyse your business situation, negotiate with lenders and develop strategies to improve your financial position.

To book an appointment, please call **1300 771 741**.

FREE Legal Outreach Service at Co-Space

Provided by Gippsland Community Legal Service and Victorian Legal Aid, this service continues at the Co-Space **every month**. The next is on 31 October 2024. The attending lawyers will assist with any queries you have – that could be insurance delays, tenancy issues or more general queries. Remember that you can call them any time on **1800 004 402**.

Upcoming Events

Working Bee at Baths Road Reserve

The Friends of Baths Road Reserve will be holding a Working Bee from 10.00am to 12.00pm on Sunday 27 October 2024. Please come along and enjoy a cuppa and cake afterwards.

Contact www.mmnlancare.net.au/contact for more information on how you can get involved.

Fire Wise Events – South Gippsland Landcare Network Introduction to the Fire Wise Approach (online)

When: Tuesday 22 October from 7.00pm to 8.30pm.

Where: Online – details will be sent via email after registration.

If you are looking to do some replanting in your garden after the storm, this session will help you to understand how to do that and reduce your home's vulnerability to the impacts of bushfire. Justin Leonard (Research Leader - Bushfire Adaption, CSIRO) will be the keynote speaker at this introductory online workshop, which will cover building design and surroundings, and how vegetation in gardens and shelterbelts can help with ember attack, wind attenuation and moisture retention to reduce risk. You'll also hear from Hayley King (CFA) about further resources available.

To register and for more information, please visit: www.sgln.net.au