



Mount Alexander

SHIRE NEWS

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Maldon celebrates 50 years as a Notable Town

The community honoured the historic and well-preserved architecture of Maldon in April and May as the town celebrated the 50 year anniversary of being declared Australia's first Notable Town by the National Trust of Australia (Victoria).

To commemorate the anniversary, Council held a civic event and community celebration, which included the installation of a commemorative plaque at the Maldon Gardens.

"The declaration of Maldon as a Notable Town in 1966 was a very significant event, and played a vital role in ensuring the conservation of the town's iconic heritage," said Cr Henderson, Mayor of Mount Alexander Shire.

Many planning controls and heritage protection requirements were placed on



(L-R) School captain Nicholas Gardner-Trott, Cr Sharon Telford, Principal Jodie Mengler, Mayor Christine Henderson and School captain Grace Alford-Koolen at Maldon Primary School. Inset photo: Commemorative coins.

buildings in the town following the declaration.

The Maldon Planning Scheme was gazetted in 1977 as the first planning scheme in Victoria that aimed to achieve the conservation and restoration of an entire town.

"This protected Maldon's beautifully preserved

streetscapes, which we know are a wonderful drawcard for visitors to the shire, and make a significant contribution to the region's economy," said Cr Henderson.

To mark the anniversary, Council presented students at Maldon Primary School with a commemorative coin, and reprints of the Maldon

Conservation Study to the community.

"The study features sketches and details of historic buildings within the town and we hope it will continue to promote an appreciation of the heritage and history of Maldon for many generations to come," said Cr Henderson.

PROPOSED BUDGET

Read page three for an overview of the 2016/2017 Proposed Budget. Key dates are below.

- » 5.00pm, Wednesday 1 June 2016: Closing date for public submissions.
- » 5.00pm, Tuesday 14 June 2016: Special Meeting of Council to hear submissions at the Civic Centre.
- » 7.30pm, Tuesday 28 June 2016: Adoption of the 2016/2017 Budget at the Ordinary Meeting of Council at the Chewton Community Centre.

Message from the Mayor



Cr Christine Henderson

Council has released the Proposed Budget 2016-2017, which outlines our plans and priorities for the coming financial year. The budget proposes a rate increase of 2.5 per cent in line with the new Fair Go Rates System. To keep rates low, Council did not apply for a rate variation and our budget reflects this.

As a key part of the budget, we have allocated more than \$2.4 million on improving and maintaining our roads. This includes rehabilitating sections of Watchbox Road in Barfold, Diss Road in Taradale and Langslow Street in Castlemaine, along with the annual gravel road re-sheeting and resealing program.

The budget also includes \$1.46 million for key projects on some of Council's 276 buildings and structures.

More essential safety works are planned, in addition to improvement works and the annual building renewal program around the shire.

The Proposed Budget has been available for public comment since April, but if you haven't had a chance to take a look, I encourage you to read the next page for an overview of inclusions in the budget.

In addition to making some tough financial decisions this year, it's been nice for Councillors to get involved in celebrating our Shire's heritage including the 50th anniversary since Maldon was declared a Notable Town, and the Mount Alexander Shire Heritage Awards.

Passionate individuals and organisations have been

doing some great things when it comes to preserving and protecting our heritage over many years, and it's good to recognise the rewards of this work.

Finally, don't forget you can stay up-to-date with the latest Council news and events in many ways. Visit the news section of our website, read our weekly column in the Midland Express, sign up to an e-newsletter, follow arts and youth on social media or visit www.maldoncastlemaine.com.au for the latest events.

Don't hesitate to get in touch with your local Councillor to discuss any matters of interest. Our contact details are on the back of this newsletter or drop into one of our monthly listening posts.

Preventing family violence

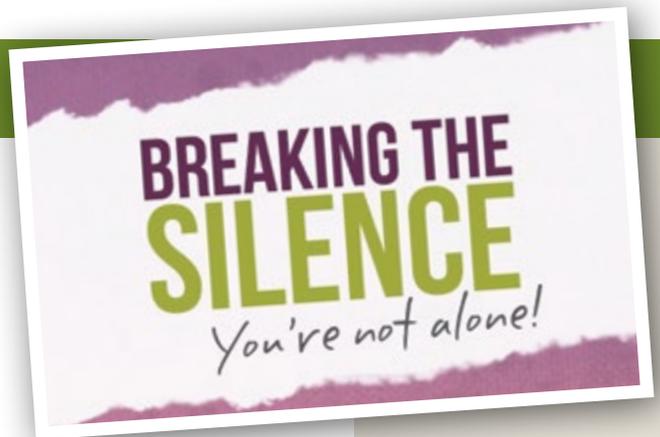
Council has published the Breaking the Silence resource card that lists local and state-based services available to people experiencing, or at risk of, family violence.

The card aims to support people to escape family violence, and educate the community about services available and signs or behaviours of someone experiencing family violence.

A recent Royal Commission found that family violence is now the leading contributor to

preventable death, disability and illness in Victorian women aged between 15 - 44 years, with women in regional areas at greater risk. Children are present in at least 30 per cent of domestic violence incidents.

The resource card is available at community hubs around the shire including Castlemaine Community House, Castlemaine District Community Health, Castlemaine Health, Castlemaine Library, Civic Centre, Maldon Hospital,



Maldon Neighbourhood Centre and Newstead Rural Transaction Centre.

This initiative is part of our local Action Plans for the Prevention of Violence against Women and Children.

In 2014 there were 160 incidents of violence against women, and 11 incidents of sexual assault reported in the shire.

Council staff ride for respite

Over the past three years a team of Council employees has raised more than \$12,600 for a respite house in Castlemaine through participation in the Port to Port Cycling Tour, a 400km bike relay.

Mount Alexander Shire Accommodation and Respite Group (MASARG) is using the funds to furnish and equip a respite house for families supporting children with disabilities. Representatives from MASARG recently dropped into the Civic Centre to receive the cheque from last year's ride, and show staff how the donations were being put to good use.



Some of Council's cycle team with MASARG representatives

Proposed Budget 2016/2017

Council released a \$34.94 million budget for community consideration at the end of April, outlining priorities for the upcoming financial year to build on the vision of the Council plan.

The proposed budget seeks to maintain and improve services and infrastructure and deliver projects and services valued by the community. To meet this goal, Council proposed a rate rise of 2.5 per cent, down from 4.5 per cent last year, which aligns with the Victorian Government's Fair Go Rates System.

Kerbside bin collection charges will increase by 7 per cent to maintain services at existing levels and continue capital works identified in the Castlemaine Waste Facility Master Plan.

The proposed budget will deliver a \$10.85 million capital works program including \$3.1 million for roads and bridges and \$1.46 million on buildings. The effort to keep rates down means some projects will be implemented over a longer period.

Capital works highlights

Roads - \$2.42 million program includes more than \$1 million for road works as part of the grant-funded Roads to Recovery program. Major works include \$502,000 to rehabilitate sections of Langslow Street in Castlemaine.

Buildings - \$1.46 million has been allocated to works on community buildings. This includes \$445,000 to develop the new Maldon Visitor Information Centre (Council to contribute \$390,000 over two years, subject to \$500,000 external grant funding).

Investing in Sport - includes \$340,000 for the construction of cricket nets and to begin construction of netball courts at Wesley Hill Recreation Reserve.

Bridges - \$700,000 for the replacement of the bridges on Nuggetty Road, Maldon and Glengower-Joyces Creek Road in Strathlea, and design works for Bubbs Lane, Old Drummond Road and Myrtle Creek Road.

Landfill - \$3.78 million to finalise works to remediate old cells at the Castlemaine Waste Facility (\$1.9 million funded from 2015/2016), and \$100,000 to undertake a green waste composting trial.

PROPOSED CAPITAL WORKS PROGRAM

Land improvements
\$430,000



Buildings
\$1.46 million



Plant, equipment
& technology
\$1.43 million



Roads
\$2.42 million



Bridges
\$700,000



Walking & cycling
\$260,000



Drainage
\$266,000



Landfill
\$3.88 million



Key projects and programs

Council Elections - conduct Council elections in October 2016. **\$159,000**

Flood Management Plan - undertake investigation and design works to progress the recommendations in the plan (includes \$80,000 grant-funding). **\$180,000**

Service Review Framework - continue to implement a framework and undertake reviews to identify service priorities. **\$76,000**

Streetscape Strategy - develop a streetscape strategy for the Castlemaine and Maldon CBD. **\$40,000**

Council Depot - complete a feasibility study and review options for relocating the Castlemaine Depot. **\$40,000**

Harcourt Planning - preparation of a Structure Plan for development of Harcourt (two year project). **\$32,000**

Urban Waterways - undertake maintenance works on Castlemaine Urban Waterways. **\$30,000**

Your rates at work

Your rates go towards local services like maternal and child health, aged care, waste collection, library services, recreation and leisure facilities, and meals on wheel plus the maintenance of local roads, footpaths, bridges, drains, parks, playgrounds, community buildings and much more.

See how Council allocates rates and charges revenue across service areas below.

NET COST PER \$100 RATES AND CHARGES

	\$5	\$10	\$15	\$20	\$25	\$30
ARTS & CULTURE \$2.76						
LIBRARY OPERATIONS \$2.48						
AGED, FAMILY & DISABILITY SERVICES \$2.38						
RECREATION, PARKS & GARDENS \$14.10						
PROPERTY & FACILITIES \$7.77						
ROADS, FOOTPATHS & DRAINAGE \$25.11						
PLANNING & LOCAL LAWS \$7.51						
COMMUNITY & ECO DEVELOPMENT \$6.33						
ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH \$2.88						
WASTE \$28.68						

More information

The proposed budget and a fact sheet are on public display from Wednesday 27 April to Wednesday 1 June 2016, or via the Have your say section of Council's website.

See cover page for key dates on the budget process.



Specialist Heritage Trade Skills winner, Luke Ward



Creative Reuse and Contemporary Design in a Heritage Place winner, Public Inn

Heritage award winners announced

The widespread passion for restoring and preserving heritage buildings in the shire was recognised at the 2016 Mount Alexander Heritage Awards.

“Council extends its congratulations to our heritage award winners and entrants for the work they are doing in this space,” said David Leathem, Acting Director Sustainable Communities.

“It is a testament to the importance of heritage in our region that so many community groups, individuals and businesses are preserving, interpreting and adapting our shire’s heritage,” said Mr Leathem.

“A real strength in our shire is the imaginative reuse of heritage spaces for retail, restaurants and creative industries,” he said. “The high calibre of entries meant that judges found it very difficult to select category winners.”

Council would like to thank Pyrenees Quarries, Maldon and District Community Bank, Regional Management Group and National Trust of Australia (Victoria) for their generous sponsorship and support for heritage in the shire.

Council would also like to thank award judges Warren Hughes, Jim Norris and Emily Piper, and Kristin Stegley, OAM, Chairman, National Trust of Australia (Victoria) who presented the awards at a ceremony in May.

WINNERS

Specialist Heritage Trade Skills

L. Ward Carpentry for restoration work on 11 Hornsby Street, Maldon

Adaptation and Conservation of Historic Commercial Spaces

Das Kaffeehaus Rösterei

Creative Reuse and Contemporary Design in a Heritage Place

Public Inn, Templeton Street, Castlemaine

Creative Reuse and Contemporary Design in a Heritage Place (Community)

Newstead Railway Arts Hub

Restoration of a Heritage Place

Chewton Town Hall

Restoration of a Heritage Place (Highly Commended)

London House, Guildford

Heritage Advocacy

Maldon Museum and Archives Inc.

Heritage Advocacy (Publication)

Granite Houses of Harcourt and Faraday

Jury’s Award for Innovative Excellence

Victorian Goldfields Railway for their outstanding volunteer efforts restoring a colonial passenger carriage for disabled passengers.

NOMINATE FOR COUNCIL

Passionate community members who want to have a say in local decisions should consider standing for Council at the 2016 general election.

To learn about eligibility, local information sessions and how to stand, visit www.standforcouncil.com.au. Nominations close at 12 noon on Tuesday 20 September.

ROAD WORKS COMPLETE

Road rehabilitation works are now complete along three sections of the Bendigo Sutton Grange Road (Allendale Road) near Elphinstone and Sutton Grange. The 2.2km road rehabilitation project was finished in May and was fully funded through the Roads to Recovery Program, a Federal Government Initiative.



Before



After

CALLING ALL CREATIVES!

Council is running a Creative Spaces Forum for artists, creative thinkers and practitioners who live or work in the shire.

The forum will include the launch of a digital Creative Space List, which was established as an outcome from the highly successful 2015 Arts Forum.

This is a great chance for everyone who has a space, wants a space, or uses a space for a creative purpose to get together. Come along to this free event. Refreshments provided.

When: 10.30am – 1.30pm, Thursday 16 June.

Where: Phee Broadway Theatre, Mechanics Lane, Castlemaine.

RSVP to Mel Fowler on 5471 1786 or m.fowler@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.



Fourteen Ounces, Jessie Boylan 2014
Image: Julie Millowick

There is so much to see and do in the region. The Castlemaine, Maldon and Surrounds 2016 Calendar of Events is now available. Pick up your copy from the Visitor Information Centre in Castlemaine or Maldon. Check the full calendar of events at www.maldoncastlemaine.com.au.

What's on

BILL HENSON: LANDSCAPES

30 April – 30 June
Castlemaine Art Gallery and Historical Museum
Bill Henson is one of Australia's foremost contemporary artists and his installation is the first significant exhibition of photography in the gallery's 103 year history.
www.castlemainegallery.com

MAMA ALTO: TORCH SONGS

Saturday 4 June
7.00pm
Phee Broadway Theatre, Castlemaine
Be enticed into a world of cabaret glamour with acclaimed jazz singer Mama Alto and pianist extraordinaire Miss Chief.
www.pheebroadwaytheatre.com.au

CASTLEMAINE JAZZ FESTIVAL

Friday 10 – Sunday 12 June
Various venues
Live performances showcasing all forms of the jazz genre. Come and join the buzz when the whole town resonates with cool jazz.
www.castlemainejazzfestival.com.au

MALDON SWAP MEET

Sunday 12 June
7.00am – 2.00pm
Racecourse Reserve, Maldon
This popular event is brought to you by the organisers of the Maldon Antique Fair and Maldon Townwide Garage Sale. Unlimited room. No need to book a site. Phone Mark on 0414 244 842.

CASTLEMAINE ROTARY ART SHOW

Friday 10 – Monday 13 June
Castlemaine Town Hall
Outstanding variety of art and sculpture from more than 100 artists.
www.rotarycastlemaine.org.au



Bill Henson
Untitled 2001/02
2001-02,
Type C photograph
127 x 180 cm (sheet)
Ed. 1 of 5
Collection of
Annabel and Rupert
Myer © Courtesy
of the artist and
Roslyn Oxley9
Gallery, Sydney

MENDING AND DARNING WORKSHOP

Saturday 25 June
10.30am – 12.30pm
Ray Bradfield Rooms, Castlemaine
Learn to mend and darn your favourite woollen clothes. Free Sustainable Living Workshop. To book contact 5471 1700 or healthyenvironments@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

MALDON IN WINTER

Saturday 25 June – Sunday 10 July
Various venues
More than 30 events including steam train rides, the Maldon Art Show, Maldon Market, gold mine tours and more. Collect a program from local businesses or Maldon Visitor Information Centre.
www.maldon.org.au

SPIKE

Wednesday 29 June
10.30am
An original Australian work for families combining shadow puppetry and physical comedy. Spike is the story of an echidna, stolen from his nest, and found by a lonely little girl.
www.pheebroadwaytheatre.com.au

STEAM TRAIN FOR KIDS

Saturday 2 – Sunday 3 July
10.00am – 4.00pm
Maldon Railway Station
A great family day with steam and diesel train rides plus lots of other family friendly activities including clowns, animal farm, rail trolley rides, model railway, sausage sizzle and more.
www.vgr.com.au

GROW GREAT FRUIT WORKSHOP

Saturday 23 July
10.00am – 12.00pm
Maldon Neighbourhood Centre, corner of Church and Edwards Streets, Maldon
Learn how to grow fruit trees and improve your soil with award-winning orchardist Katie Finlay. Free Sustainable Living Workshop. To book contact 5471 1700 or healthyenvironments@mountalexander.vic.gov.au.

Markets

CASTLEMAINE FARMERS' MARKET

First Sunday of every month except January
9.00am – 1.00pm
Carpark and ground adjacent to the historic Market Building, Mostyn Street
Fresh, local and seasonal produce.

CASTLEMAINE ARTISTS' MARKET

First Sunday of every month except January
9.00am – 2.00pm
Western Reserve
Wonderful goods from local artisans and craftspeople.

MALDON MARKET

Second Sunday of the month
9.00am – 2.00pm
Fountain Street, Maldon
Maldon farmers and makers market. Hand made, home grown.

WESLEY HILL MARKET

Every Saturday
7.30am – 1.00pm
Located along Pyrenees Highway, Wesley Hill

Civic Centre

Corner Lyttleton
and Lloyd Streets
Castlemaine 3450

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Forthcoming Council Meetings

Tuesday 14 June

Civic Centre

Tuesday 28 June

Chewton Community and
Senior Citizens Centre

Tuesday 12 July

Civic Centre

Council Meetings commence at 7.30pm. Residents are invited to join the Mayor and Councillors for tea and coffee at 7.15pm prior to the start of the meeting.

Council services information

THE DEVELOPMENT SERVICES UNIT includes Council's Planning, Building and Local Laws and is located at the Civic Centre in Lyttleton Street. The planning counter is open from 8.30am to 5.00pm, Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Ring or call in for information about planning and building permit requirements. Appointments are recommended for detailed discussions before any permit application is made. Building permits can be issued by any registered Building Surveyor in the state. Contact 5471 1700 to make an appointment.

COUNCIL'S LOCAL LAWS UNIT offers a 24 hour after-hours emergency service. This service provides attendance for urgent matters such as wandering livestock, dog attack or injured domestic animals (excluding wildlife). To report an urgent matter, please call 5471 1700 and press '2' to be forwarded through to the after-hours local laws service. To report lost or found dogs after-hours please contact the RSPCA shelter on 5472 5277.

CASTLEMAINE WASTE FACILITY Tel: 5470 5348
Sluicers Road, Castlemaine. 8.00am – 4.00pm seven days per week.

MALDON TRANSFER STATION Tel: 5471 1700
Morris Street, Maldon. Wednesday and Friday, 9.30am – 1.00pm. Saturday and Sunday, 9.00am – 1.00pm.

WHEELIE WASTE Tel: 1800 999 690
Contact Wheelie Waste if your garbage is not collected. Contact Council to request a new waste collection service or to replace a lost or stolen bin.

COMMUNITY SERVICES Tel: 5471 1766
Home based services are provided to frail older persons, eligible Veterans and people with a disability and their carer. These services help our clients to be active and independent in their own home.

MOUNT ALEXANDER SHIRE MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH CENTRE Tel: 5472 1364
15 Lyttleton Street, Castlemaine. Open Monday to Friday 9.00am – 4.30pm. Drop-in session on Mondays between 1.00pm – 4.00pm with no appointment necessary. Staff offer childhood immunisation and check-ups. Baby change and feed facilities are available at the centre.

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To the Residents