

### Australia Day - Survival Day

Everyone is invited to attend a free community event in Victory Park and a virtual dawn smoking ceremony to acknowledge Australia Day - Survival Day in Mount Alexander Shire on Tuesday 26 January.

Join the online dawn ceremony led by Dja Dja Wurrung Elder Uncle Rick Nelson from the peak of Leanganook (Mount Alexander) from 6.00am. Then come and meet the Mount Alexander Shire Australia Day Award winners and welcome our newest Australian citizens at a family-friendly event from 10.00am to 12.00noon at Victory Park in Castlemaine. There will be a Welcome to Country, music from the Castlemaine Highland Pipe Band and a free BBQ lunch by the Rotary Club of Castlemaine. Registration is required to ensure a COVIDSafe event. Book your free tickets at [bit.ly/MtAlexBoxOffice](http://bit.ly/MtAlexBoxOffice) or at the Visitor Information Centre in Mostyn Street in Castlemaine. Watch the live-stream or a recording of the events via Mount Alexander Shire Council's YouTube channel.

### Grants now open

If you have a brilliant idea for an event or a community or creative project make sure you apply for the next round of Council grants. Our Community Grants and Get Lost Activation Grants are open until Monday 15 February. Events Grants will open on Monday 15 February until Monday 8 March. Council will hold information sessions on Friday 29 January. Sessions will be held from 10.00am to 12.00noon at the Maldon Community Centre, 6 Francis Street, and from 2.00pm to 4.00pm on Friday 29 January at the Ray Bradfield Room at Victory Park in Castlemaine. COVIDSafe practices will be in place. Bookings are not required. For more information or to apply for a grant visit [www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au/grants).

### Free opportunity for businesses

Promote your business and generate more local customers by joining the free business directory and networking website, Localised Central Victoria, formerly Mount Alexander Business Connect. The website is open for all businesses in Mount Alexander Shire and Greater Bendigo. For more information or to register your business visit [www.centralvic.localised.com.au](http://www.centralvic.localised.com.au).

### Western Reserve fence replacement

Works are underway to replace the perimeter fence at Western Reserve in Castlemaine along Forest and Hargraves streets. The project will take around one week to complete, with minimal impact on user groups. The project is funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program. For more information contact Stewart Campbell, Coordinator Parks and Gardens, on 5471 1700.

### Agriculture planning feedback

The Department of Environment, Land, Water and Planning (DELWP) is seeking feedback on options to improve the planning system to better protect agriculture land and green wedges within 100km of central Melbourne, which includes parts of our shire. Submissions close at 5.00pm on Friday 5 February. For more information visit <https://engage.vic.gov.au/gwal>.

### Employment opportunities

**Building and Projects Coordinator** - full time, ongoing

**Direct Care Workers** - casual, ongoing

**Applications close at 9.00am on Monday 1 February.**

**Works Supervisor - Maintenance** - full time, ongoing

**Road Workers - includes Labourer, Plant Operator, Line Marking and General Maintenance roles** - full time, ongoing.

**Applications close 9.00am on Monday 8 February.**

For more information or to apply visit our website.

### Council meeting

The next Council Meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 16 February. It will be broadcast live to YouTube. To raise a question at the meeting write to Council's Governance Team, PO Box 185, Castlemaine 3450 VIC, or email [governance@mountalexander.vic.gov.au](mailto:governance@mountalexander.vic.gov.au).