



Mount Alexander Shire Council Shire News

Welcome to the March edition of Shire News

In this issue you'll find an update on the Small Town Streetscapes project, information about our business workshops, a last chance to apply for an Events Grant and more.



Our small towns are on the road to success!

The beautiful town of Taradale has had a revamp with new footpaths, signage, trees and more.

"We have had all this amazing work done by the Council, which is great!", said Marg

Barry, owner of Taradale Wine & Produce (pictured above).

“Along here used to be asphalt and now we’ve got this beautiful white path and you can go walking, running, rollerblading. It’s fantastic,” said Marg.

Newstead is next on the agenda with additional bike racks, seating, improved drainage and more.

These improvements are part of the Small Town Streetscapes program which takes in the townships of Taradale, Guildford, Campbells Creek, Chewton, Elphinstone and Newstead.

Find out more on the [Small Town Streetscapes page](#) of our website.



Maldon's feeling revitalised

Our contractors have been out in Maldon replacing the old Telstra communication pits. We’ve also been restoring some of the historic stone drains in town, bringing them back to their former glory.

Keep an eye on our [Facebook page](#) for details on more improvements we have planned as part of the Maldon Streetscape Revitalisation Project.



Apply for an Events Grant

Applications for our Events Grants program close on Monday 7 March. This grant is open to local groups and



Join our business workshops

We're partnering with Business Victoria to help our local business community up-skill, network and get expert advice with a range of free business workshops.

The next workshop, Starting Your Small Business, is on this Monday 7 March from 9.00am to 12.00pm.

Learn more and sign up on the [Business page](#) of our website.



Music to our ears

Four of our local music industry professionals were recently awarded grants by Creative Victoria's *Music Works*

organisations who wish to seek funding and in-kind support from Council.

The last round of grants supported 18 events including the Harcourt Valley Easter Festival, Bubs on Bikes, the Castlemaine Farmers Market, the Town Folk Festival and many other successful initiatives.

To learn more and apply for a grant visit the [Grants page](#) of our website.



Help us shape the future of Camp Reserve

Council is establishing a community committee to support the design and development of the Camp Reserve Master Plan.

We are looking for up to ten people with relevant skills and experience, who can provide input on draft plans for the site and assist in coordinating community consultation.

To view the selection criteria or find out more, visit [Shape](#). Applications close Wednesday 9 March.

funding program.

The program will enable three local musicians – Holly Thomas, Casey Rice and the band DEAD – to record new material, and will also support the Gold Sounds Music Conference to take place again.

Congratulations to those artists who've been successful in receiving grants recently. Read more on the [Creative Victoria website](#).



Be prepared for emergency weather

We'd like to say a big thank you to residents for their patience while we work through more than 200 requests for assistance following the severe thunderstorm in the shire in January.

To help prepare for future emergency weather, including floods and bushfires, visit the [Red Cross website](#) to create an emergency plan, visit the [Bureau of Meteorology website](#) for weather updates and warnings, and visit the [VIC Emergency website](#) for current information on emergency incidents and warnings.



Have your say with Shape

Do you want to know what's happening with cats and dogs in the shire? How outdoor public space is being utilised, or what's coming up in the next budget?

Sign up to our online engagement platform, Shape, to have your say on projects and initiatives happening in the shire.

The latest project to sink your teeth into is [Join the Camp Reserve Community Consultation Committee](#) where you can have your say on upcoming developments at Camp Reserve.

Learn more about Camp Reserve and other projects on [Shape](#).



What's On

We have an incredibly creative and curious community in our shire, and it's reflected in the amazing events on offer throughout the year.

[Check out what's on](#) this month including markets, exhibitions, music and more.

You can also get the monthly What's On guide [sent straight to your inbox](#) every month.

Upcoming Council meeting

Our next Council meeting will be held at 6.30pm on Tuesday 15 March.

To raise a question at the Council meeting [email](#) the Governance team or write to them at PO Box 185, Castlemaine VIC 3450. Messages must be received by 12.00pm on the day of the meeting.

The meeting will be live-streamed to [Youtube](#).

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