

Tuesday 27 August 2024

Storm Recovery Update



South Gippsland
Shire Council

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.

Upcoming Events

New Season, New Hope – Sunday 1 September

A combined Christian service will take place on the first day of spring, Sunday 1 September at 2.00pm.

The service will take place in Baromi Park near the playground and will involve the blessing and planting of a tree to symbolise new beginnings, regrowth and recovery for Mirboo North. After the service, the community is invited to share afternoon tea in the Park.

Everyone in the community is welcome to gather for this special service of thanksgiving and remembrance.

Farm Business Resilience Course

The Farm Business Resilience Program supports farmers to develop the knowledge and skills they need to improve their farm business and be better equipped to manage the impacts of seasonal conditions and a changing climate. Agriculture Victoria, in partnership with the ION Group, is inviting you to join other farmers in a **free** short course with specialists on the following topics:

- Business planning, risk identification and management.
- Farm finances and profitable decision-making.
- Managing people on farms.
- Business and personal wellbeing.

The course will be delivered in six modules – Modules One to Three on Tuesday 27 and Wednesday 28 August, and Modules Four to Six on Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 September from 9.00am to 2.30pm at the Mirboo North Golf Club.

To register for the events, visit the Agriculture Victoria website: www.agriculture.vic.gov.au/support-and-resources/event-listing. For more information, contact Scott from Agriculture Victoria on scott.botten@agriculture.vic.gov.au.

ERV Clean-up Programs – Registrations closing soon

Was your home damaged beyond repair by the February 2024 Victorian storms? You may be eligible to have it demolished for free. This means you can focus on the next steps of rebuilding. You can register if:

- Your home was damaged by the February 2024 Victorian storms.
- You are uninsured or under-insured for storm damage.

Find out more and register online at www.vic.gov.au/clean-support-storm-damaged-homes or call **1800 560 760**. **Registrations close Wednesday 4 September.**

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**.

Baths Road Reserve Update – Main tracks re-opening soon

South Gippsland Shire Council has engaged arborists to make the trees safe that line the tracks in the Baths Road Reserve. We are pleased to announce that the main Reserve walking tracks will be open at the start of September for community use.

When temporary fencing is removed, please keep to the tracks in the Reserve and if any areas are still closed, obey signage and fencing for your own safety. An opening celebration and information session on proposed future works in the Reserve is being planned for the end of September.

Mirboo North Swimming Pool

South Gippsland Shire Council is expecting contractors to commence works at the Pool within the next fortnight. It still isn't clear how long repairs to the Pool will take, however further details regarding timing of works will come from the contractor in the coming weeks.

We know that this is a community priority, and we will continue to provide regular updates on progress.

Community Recovery Feedback

Community feedback posters are being finalised and will be ready for circulation by the end of August. These posters will be put up around the town, sharing information on community suggestions recorded, activities completed to date, and future planned recovery activities. Thanks again to all those community members that took the time to provide feedback.

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 second Thursday** from 10.00am to 3.00pm – the next one being on 5 September. 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** or request an appointment at **www.gcls.org.au**.

Need Help Accessing Services?

The Energy and Water Ombudsman Victoria, together with Anglicare Victoria and the Department of Justice and Community Safety are hosting a 'Meet the Services'-style event in Morwell in September.

The day is designed for community members who are seeking information and/or assistance regarding:

- Financial and/or legal advice.
- Help with various bills and utilities.
- Infringements.
- Other health, hardship and advocacy information and services.

Take the opportunity to speak directly with professionals and get the assistance you are looking for.

Where: TAFE Gippsland Morwell.

Address: Monash Way, Morwell VIC 3840.

Date: Thursday 12 September 2024.

Time: 10.00am to 3.00pm.

Centrelink Bus at Mirboo North

The Mobile Service Centre will be in Mirboo North on Tuesday 10 September to help people with services and payments for Medicare and Centrelink. They can also provide advice about Department of Veterans' Affairs programs and support services for veterans and their families.

Location: Opposite Mirboo North Shire Hall, Strzelecki Highway.

Date and Time: Tuesday 10 September between 9.00am to 4.00pm.

FREE Mulch Available

Mirboo North's Transfer Station has a free supply of mulch available for the community.

Please visit the Transfer Station to pick up the mulch during their operating hours:

Wednesday and Friday: 1.00pm to 5.00pm.

Sunday: 10.00am to 4.00pm.