



Connecting Communities

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Be Part of FReeZA

The Mitchell FReeZA committee are currently looking for new members to join their team. After 3 years of extremely successful events such as the annual Mitchell Shire Battle of the Bands, dance parties, band nights, and the annual MYTE (Mitchell Youth Theatre and Entertainment) production, the team is starting to move on, up and out, leaving plenty of room on the committee for new members.



FReeZA is a Victorian Government program that provides opportunities for young people to enjoy local drug and alcohol-free music and cultural events. The best thing about FReeZA events is that young people are involved in the planning and delivery of every one with the assistance of Mitchell Shire Council.

You are invited to join in our annual planning meeting at 4pm on Tuesday 9 December at the Broadford Leisure Centre, Pinniger Street, Broadford.

If you are interested in getting involved with FReeZA and helping to make 2009 our best year yet, please contact Geradine on 5734 6200, 0409 429 770 or email geradineo@mitchellshire.vic.gov.au. Geradine can also be contacted at www.myspace.com/mitchellfreeza.

Kilmore Creek Restoration Project

Council is working with the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority, DSE Good Neighbours Program and DSE Crown Lands Department to undertake riparian restoration and biodiversity improvements along the Kilmore Creek. This will involve the removal and control of declared noxious weeds in accordance with the Catchment and Land Protection Act 1994.

The project area is located on crown land between Lumsden Street and Green Street in Kilmore. Initial gorse reduction control is expected to be undertaken in November 2008. Stem injection of willows and hawthorn will be undertaken in January 2009 with the assistance of the Goulburn Broken Catchment Management Authority and the Goulburn Broken Drought Employment Program. It is anticipated that with community planting days revegetation will be undertaken in winter 2009.



For further information contact Vivian Pasic, Acting Environmental Programs Coordinator on 5734 6378 during business hours.

Calling all over 50's...

Council has engaged Mitchell Community Health Services to develop a Positive Ageing Strategy for the Mitchell Shire. A key step in this process is determining what the local community views as the major concerns for people in this age bracket, and how people are currently involved within their own communities.

The Mitchell Shire Positive Ageing Strategy is being developed to address the needs of people within the Mitchell Shire as they age and to assist with planning for the future across the shire. We are seeking input from all stakeholders involved in Aged Care Services and most importantly, from people aged 50 and over from our local community.

A survey has been developed to capture this information, and can be collected from Mitchell Shire Council, Mitchell Shire Libraries and Mitchell Community Health Services. It can also be downloaded from Council's website www.mitchellshire.vic.gov.au or obtained by contacting: Tracey Bell, Planning Administration Assistant, Mitchell Community Health Services via traceyb@mitchellchs.org.au or phone 5783 0000.

Victoria's Regional Community Organisations - Getting Recognised

Community groups don't often think of marketing as part of their core business but the truth is it's difficult to achieve anything significant without it. Mitchell Shire has copies of the publication "Victoria's Regional Communities: Getting Recognised" an initiative of Regional Development Victoria.

By producing a communications strategy and other important marketing tools, groups can become better equipped to reach new audiences, organising events and encourage greater participation amongst their membership or volunteer base. Copies are available by contacting Council's Community Development Unit on 5734 6200.

Drought Employment Program



The GBCMA has announced its Drought Employment Program. Residents in the GBCMA who are either farmers or rural workers who have been under-employed or unemployed because of the drought, are eligible to apply.

Details of how to apply and job descriptions are available at www.gbcma.vic.gov.au/default.asp?ID=252 or you can contact Mike Wilson, Drought Coordinator on 5735 4600.

Community events

'Tooby Boot-It Market Day'

Positive Pathways is proud to present their big fundraiser day. There will be market stalls, fresh produce, wines, car boot sales, free face painting, emergency services, BBQ lunch, cakes and slices, antiques and bric-a-brac, plants, clothing and books.

When: 8am to 4pm, Sunday 16 November.
Venue: Tooborac Mechanics Hall.
Cost: Gold coin donation.
Bookings: Ralph 0434 368 404, \$10 per car boot.
Information: Hayley 0431 706 759.

Drought Bus Visit

The Drought Bus will be visiting the area to provide information to local residents regarding Federal government support to those affected by the drought. Income assistance, interest rate relief and other support is available for residents.

When: 9.30am to 4.30pm, Thursday 27 November.

Venue: Safeway carpark, William Street Seymour.

Mitchell at the Crossroads

Landcare, BEAM, DPI, Mitchell Shire and GBCMA present MITCHELL AT THE CROSSROADS, rebuilding nature for our farms, district and future - a forum with DR ANDREW BENNETT (Deakin University).

When: 9.30am, Saturday 15 November.

Venue: Tallarook Hall.

Bookings/Information: Contact DPI Broadford 5784 0600 or via broadford.fielddays@dpi.vic.gov.au.

The Shrine of Remembrance Travelling Exhibition

The inaugural History of the Shrine Travelling Exhibition will be on display at the Kilmore Library. It is proudly sponsored by the John T. Reid Charitable Trusts.

When: Tuesday 11 November until Sunday 14 December.

Where: John Taylor Room, Kilmore Library.

Information: Contact Christine Payne on 5734 6240.

Expressions of Interest for Dad's Playgroup

Are you a Stay-at-Home Dad? Would you like to meet up with some other Dads caring for their babies and children at home? Expressions of interest in forming a Dad's Playgroup can be made to Kilmore Maternal and Child Health Centre. Contact Leanne or Barb, MCH Nurses on 5782 1098.

Future council meeting

6.30pm Monday 24 November
Council Chambers, 113 High St, Broadford. Public agenda from 7pm.

Contact Council

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