

Welcome back for Term 3

Pancake Breakfast

Our tradition of a free Pancake Breakfast on the first Monday of each month continues; drop in for a free feed and gossip between 8:30 and 9:30am on the 5th August or 2nd September.

Shepparton Bus Trip was fun

The shopping day trip over to the SPC factory at Shepparton was a huge success! The full-day trip was during the last school term, and the trippers bought up so well, that even the bus driver said we'll need the big coach for the cargo space next time! Thanks to all the avid shoppers for a good day.

RU prepared? Night

Our "RU prepared?" evening back in June also went very well. We had a good turnout with 35 lucky door tickets given out. Again, many thanks to those present.

Reminder: MNH Contact Number

The mobile phone number for MNH has changed to 0494 102 904. Please adjust your contact lists if necessary.

Public-Accessible AFDs in Marong

There are now three defibrillators (AFDs) available to the public 24 hours/day – one at MNH (39 High St) on the side verandah; one at Marong Golf Club (1962 Calder Alt. Hwy); and the third in the front porch of the old Shire Hall (opposite the pub).

New Electricity Rebate

The government has announced a new rebate on electricity bills, effective 1 July. All households are eligible for \$75/qtr, which will usually be taken off your bill automatically. Rebates for those on embedded networks, eg. caravan park residents, will take the form of a one-off \$300 rebate, following application. Details of the application process are still undecided, we'll keep an eye on it for you.

Tax Help 2024

From 22 July, Toni and I will be assisting as part of the ATOs Tax Help programme again. If you need help lodging your tax return, please contact us to make an appointment.

Annual General Meeting

Marong Neighbourhood House will be holding its AGM on 17 September at 7.30pm. Members of the public are welcome.

New Kindergarten Update

Local company *Franklin & Walsh* have been appointed as builders for the kindergarten, and work is scheduled to begin by 27 July.

Marong Garage Sale Day 2024

It's getting near! Keep an eye on your letterbox for a flyer for the Marong Township Garage Sale Day, which this year will be on the 21st September. Alternatively, you can register via the QRcode on page 7, or just grab a form from us in person.

Family Event – Animal Farm

We are organising a fun family event on Sunday the 15th of September, 11am to 1.30pm. *Animals2U* will have an animal farm for the kids, as well as pony rides, face-painting, and balloons. Food vans will also be present for the lunchtime event.

Electoral Ward Changes

CoGB and Loddon Shire are reviewing ward boundaries, which might affect you. Information & maps from their respective websites are reproduced on pages 8 to 13.



—Janine.

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Opening Hours (we open only during school terms)

Term	Start	Finish	Marong Neighbourhood House		"TOFS" Op-Shop	
Term 1	30 Jan	28 Mar	Mon:	9.00am to 3.30pm	Mon:	9.30am to 12.30pm
Term 2	15 Apr	28 Jun	Tue:	9.00am to 3.30pm	Tue:	9.30am to 12.30pm
Term 3	15 Jul	20 Sep	Wed:	9.00am to 5.00pm	Wed:	9.30am to 12.30pm
Term 4	07 Oct	20 Dec	Thu:	2.00pm to 6.00pm	Fri:	9.30am to 12.30pm
			Fri:	Closed	Sat:	10.00am to 12.00pm

Regular Programs

Q. Did you hear about the cat that swallowed an entire ball of wool?

M O N	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Craft Circle	Bring your craft project and supplies. \$3 per session.
	9.00am - 11.00am	MNH Playgroup	Children can play or participate in a friendly, safe environment facilitated by Ro. Bring your own snacks. Costs \$3/session/family or \$20 for 8 sessions.
T U E S D A Y	9.30am - 10.30am	Walking group	Meet at the Clubhouses at Malone Park for a leisurely stroll; all ages and abilities welcome. No cost.
	9.30am - 4.00pm	Machine Embroidery	Bring your machine and your lunch along to the old Marong Shire Hall. \$5 per session. Please call us for more info.
	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Family History Lessons	Kath can help you research your family history. Computers for research are available if required. Cost is \$3 per session.
	1.00pm - 3.30pm	Computer & Phone Help	Technology is good when it's understandable and it works, but things do go wrong sometimes. Free assistance with your phone or laptop is available at MNH.
W E D	10.00am - 11.00am	Over 60s Exercise Class	Booked out. Over 60s strength & mobility exercise class, \$5 per session.
	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Art Class	Each week, artist Rob shows you how to produce your own masterpiece. Materials & equipment supplied. \$3 per class.
	7.00pm - 8.00pm	Yoga Class	Dedicated instructor Nerissa leads a class suitable for all fitness levels. \$10 per class.
T H U	9.00am - 11.00am	MNH Playgroup	Children can play or participate in a friendly, safe environment facilitated by Ro. Bring your own snacks. Costs \$3/session/family or \$20 for 8 sessions.
	11.00am - 4.00pm	Sewing Workshop	Judith teaches sewing (bring your own machine). Please contact us for exact dates. Costs \$3.

Suggestions

If you have any suggestions or ideas for classes or sessions you would like at MNH, please call, email or pop in to see us.



The newsletter can be emailed or posted to you at no charge. To take advantage of this service, please provide us with your details—either by email, Facebook message, or in person at the Neighbourhood House—and we will add you to our distribution list. Your details will be kept in-confidence.



Marong Neighbourhood House acknowledges that we work and live on the country of the Dja Dja Wurrung people. We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people as the Traditional Custodians of the land and waterways, and pay our respects to Elders past, present, and emerging. We celebrate the rich heritage and the continuing culture of the First Peoples of this nation.

Marong Neighbourhood House celebrates, values and includes people of all backgrounds, genders, sexualities, cultures, bodies and abilities.

MNH services offered

Photocopying & Printing

Photocopying documents is provided for a small charge:

- A4-size colour originals are 40 cents per copy (10 cents for monochrome)
- A3-size colour originals is \$1.00 per copy (20 cents for monochrome)

Electronic copies of photographs or documents in most popular formats—PDF, MS-Office—can be printed for a small charge:

- A4-size colour printing is 40 cents per page (10 cents for monochrome)
- A3-size colour printing is \$1.00 per page (20 cents for monochrome)

Laminating

Documents can be protected by having them laminated. The fee per sheet is:

- \$1.50 for A4-size, or
- \$2.50 for A3-size

Binding

We now have a comb binding machine to give your A4-size documents that professional touch. Binding up to 80 pages costs \$2.00. Plastic cover sheets are 50 cents each.

Community Garden

Our community garden plots have had a year or two to get established now and we've had several successful crops. We've added some fruit trees: apricots & plums, lemons & limes. If you'd like to grow your own produce, but don't have the room, plots are available for rent at \$10/year plus \$10 deposit for a garden key. At the main entrance to MNH, there is sensory/herb garden with interesting textures and aromas.

Short-term Computer Use

Nowadays, there is a common expectation that everyone has computer technology and internet access around the clock, but the reality is sometimes different, especially in country areas. While we don't exactly offer 24-hour help in these areas, during open hours MNH has computers available for short-term use. The internet-connected computers are of the Windows variety with software to suit the majority of uses. If you need temporary use of a computer or just internet

access, please come and see us at the neighbourhood house.

Library

At any time during MNH open hours (see front page), books may be borrowed from the 1,000+ titles in our library. There is no charge for library borrowing.

Op-Shop

Our Op-Shop (The Old Fire Shed Op-Shop or just TOFS) reopened on 28th February. TOFS, at 16 Cathcart Street, is excellent value—most items are just two dollars! Detailed opening times are on page 1.

Venue Hire

The Marong Neighbourhood House is available to hire for functions, meetings, parties, etc. at the following rates:

- Functions/meetings: \$10.00
- Group Bookings (half day): \$30.00
- Birthday Parties: \$30.00 for regular members, and \$50.00 for non-members

There is a limit of 50 people inside the building. Hiring the venue is subject to availability. If required, Public Liability insurance is available **on application** at no additional charge.

Please contact us if you would like further information concerning hiring MNH.

Free CoGB Wi-Fi

The City of Greater Bendigo provides free Wi-Fi internet access at the Neighbourhood House—no password required. Please note that this service is NOT secure, and is therefore unsuited to sensitive activities such as internet banking.

MNH Wi-Fi

In addition to the free CoGB Wi-Fi, MNH offers password-protected Wi-Fi internet. Please ask for the password. Fees for access to MNH Wi-Fi are at present waived.

Recycling

MNH is a recycling drop-off point for the CoGB e-waste programme, soft plastics, blister packs, and we participate in the Mobile Muster programme for old phones. Page 5 has more details.

Recipe of the Month

Healthy Potato-Topped Beef & Mushroom Pie

A classic recipe with a fluffy, cheesy potato crust.



 Serves: 4  Prep: 15m  Cook: 40m  Difficulty: Med

Ingredients

olive or canola oil spray
2 onions, peeled and diced
2 carrots, peeled and finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, crushed
1 kg potatoes, peeled and chopped into 2cm cubes
400 g lean beef mince
1 Tbs plain flour
400 g mushroom, sliced
2 Tbs fresh thyme leaves or 1 tsp mixed dried herbs
pepper
250 ml salt-reduced beef or chicken stock
100 ml reduced-fat milk
1 cup reduced-fat cheddar cheese, grated

Method

1. Spray a large non-stick saucepan with oil and place on medium to high heat.
2. Cook onion and carrot for 3 minutes, stirring occasionally; add garlic and stir 1 minute.
3. Fill a large saucepan with water, add potatoes and place over high heat. Bring to the boil and simmer for 10 minutes until soft.
4. Add mince to onion mixture and brown for 5 minutes, stirring to break up lumps.
5. Sprinkle over flour, season with pepper and stir well; mix in mushrooms, thyme and add stock.
6. Reduce heat to medium; simmer covered for 15 minutes, or longer if time permits, stirring occasionally until thickened slightly.
7. Drain cooked potatoes and mash with milk until smooth.
8. Pour meat mixture into 2-litre ovenproof dish and spread mash evenly over mince to the edge of dish. Sprinkle with cheese and bake in an oven preheated to 190°C (170°C fan forced) for 30-40 minutes.

Courtesy www.livellighter.com.au



ACREAGE	COWSHED	GEESE	MOO
ANIMAL	DAIRY	GOATS	MUTTON
BAA	EGG	GRASS	OATS
BARNYARD	EWE	HATCHERY	OINK
BEEF	FARMHOUSE	HAYSTACK	OVINE
BESTIAL	FARMYARD	HEN	PIGGY
BOVINE	FEED	HERBIVORE	PIGLET
BUCKET	FENCE	HERD	SHEEP
CALF	FIELD	HORSE	SOW
CATTLE	FLOCK	LAMB	STOCK
CHICK	FOAL	LOW	TEND
CHOOK	FOOD	MANURE	TURKEY
CORN	GANDER	MEADOW	WILD
COW	GATE	MILK	

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Recycling options

E-waste recycling

The City of Greater Bendigo has provided Marong Neighbourhood House with one of their small e-waste stations. Drop your e-waste items into MNH anytime—the e-waste station (bin) is under cover on the side verandah—and we will make sure they don't end up in landfill. We accept any small- to medium-sized mains- or battery-powered items, as well as:

Small batteries

Printer cartridges

Optical disk drives

Double adapters & power boards

USB memory/SD cards

Cables and leads

Computer keyboards & mice

Chargers

Multi-adapter plugs

Light bulbs



MNH is once again a drop-off point for soft plastic waste. Three bins for soft plastics are situated beside the pathway at the side of the House.

An arrangement has been struck between the City of Greater Bendigo and the Close the Loop company. The plastics we collect are taken to the Council collection point at Eaglehawk, and from there it is passed to Close the Loop for recycling into road-base additive.

Nobody wants to pick the plastic out of the bin piece-by-piece, so **please** drop it off in see-through bags. Thank you.



MNH also takes all brands of used, over-the-counter medicinal blister packs and Webster packs for recycling. Please ensure your blister packs are completely empty and dry before dropping them off. The programme accepts only the actual blister packs – do not include anything else. The blister packs are sent to Terracycle, then the metal foils are re-smelted and the plastics are melted down for reuse.



If you drop your old mobile in to MNH, we will get it started on its recycling journey in an official MobileMuster satchel. MobileMuster and their recycling partner companies then recover over 95% of the materials—glass, aluminium, precious & rare metals, plastic—even the paper and cardboard of the packaging are all saved from land-fill.



KEEPING OLD MOBILES OUT OF LANDFILL

Community Information

Family Event Animal Farm Fun

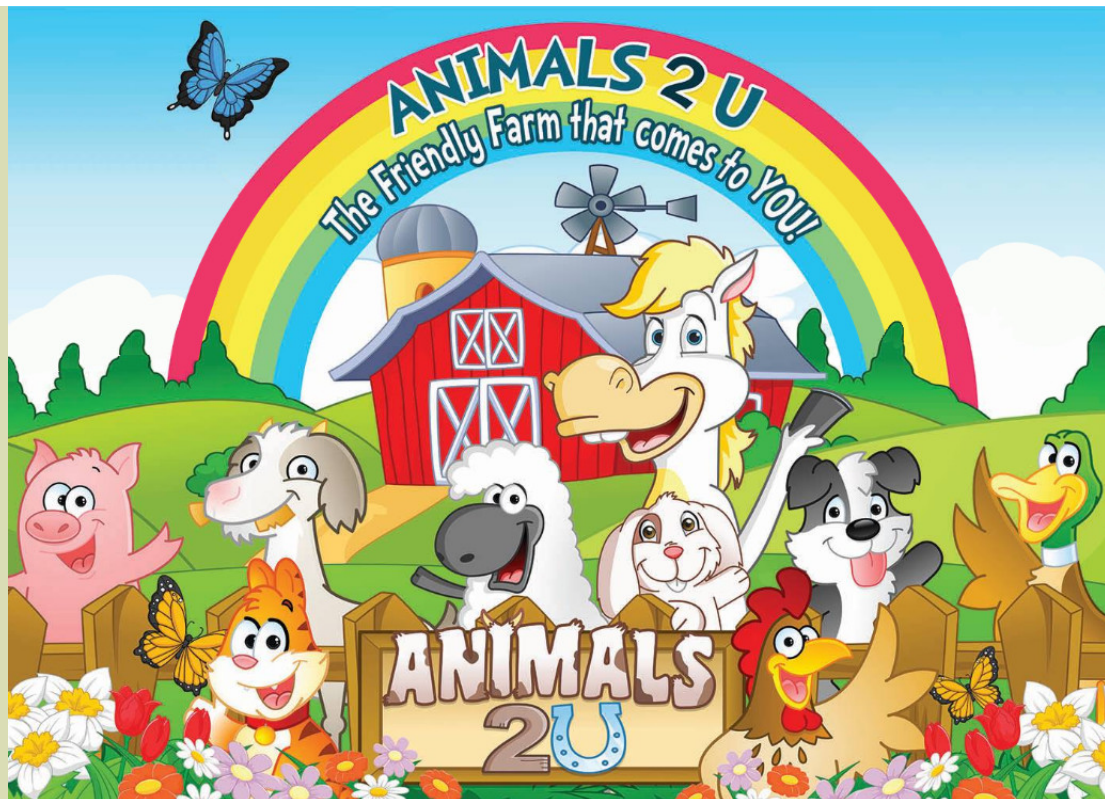
Bring the kids along to our lunch-time family event on Sunday the 15th of September, 11am to 1.30pm

It should be loads fun with

- Animal Farm
- Pony Rides
- Balloons
- Face Painting

Being lunch time, there will also be food vans there. YUM!

☺ **All Welcome** ☺



Marong CFA

Leadership

Captain: Michael Shay
1st Lieutenant: Steve
2nd Lieutenant: Andrew Jochs
3rd Lieutenant: Tim Scott
Training Coordinator: Andrew Jochs
Brigade Treasurer: Alex Malone
Secretary: *Position Open*

The Marong Brigade is currently looking for someone to take on the Secretary Position, a business support role. The incumbent is not required to be an operational member. If you are interested in being a part of this team as the secretary, please contact Michael Shay on 0417 261 272.

New Volunteers

If you are interested in joining Marong Fire Brigade, please have a look at the different roles available at www.cfa.vic.gov.au/volunteers-careers, or contact Michael Shay on 0417 261 272.

AGM Announcement

Marong Neighbourhood House is holding it's Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on 17 September 2024.
All welcome.

AGM Announcement

Marong Community Hall is holding it's Annual General Meeting at 7.30pm on 26 August 2024.
All welcome.



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State Government

The Marong Neighbourhood House acknowledges the support of the Victorian Government.



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The Heart of Our Community

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 Marong Neighbourhood House page & group

 Marong Neighbourhood House Playgroup page

 Marong Neighbourhood House - The Old Fire Shed Op-Shop page

 MNH web page: www.marongnh.com.au

 TOFS web page: www.marongnhh9.wixsite.com/marongopshop

Community Information



Australian Government
Australian Taxation Office



Need help lodging your tax return?

The free Tax Help program
can help you lodge



Book your appointment with MNH on 5435 2486

Marong Township

GARAGE SALE

Day

Saturday 21st September 2024

**Garage Sale location maps
available from the Op-shop
for a gold coin donation**

**16 Cathcart St, Marong
8am to 2pm**

Scan this QR code for a
registration form



**For more information contact
Janine 0494 102 904**

Electoral Wards – Greater Bendigo

Local council electoral structure review – Final report – Greater Bendigo City Council

Executive summary

An independent electoral structure review panel appointed by the Minister for Local Government has reviewed the electoral structure of Greater Bendigo City Council.

The purpose of the review was to advise the Minister on the appropriate number of councillors and electoral structure, including ward names, for the council.

Under Victoria's *Local Government Act 2020* (the Act), Greater Bendigo City Council must now have a single-councillor ward electoral structure.

The panel looked at:

- the appropriate number of councillors and wards for the council
- the location of ward boundaries
- appropriate ward names.

This report presents the panel's final advice to the Minister on the recommended new electoral structure of Greater Bendigo City Council to meet the requirements of the Act.

Recommendation

The electoral representation advisory panel recommends that Greater Bendigo City Council adopt a 9 single-councillor ward structure – 9 wards with one councillor per ward.

The recommended names for the 9 wards in this electoral structure are Axedale, Eppalock, Epsom, Golden Square, Kennington, Lake Weeroona, Lockwood, Ravenswood and Whipstick.

This advice is submitted to the Minister for Local Government as required by the Terms of Reference of the electoral representation advisory panel and the Act.

A detailed map of the boundaries for the recommended electoral structure is provided on the following 2 pages.

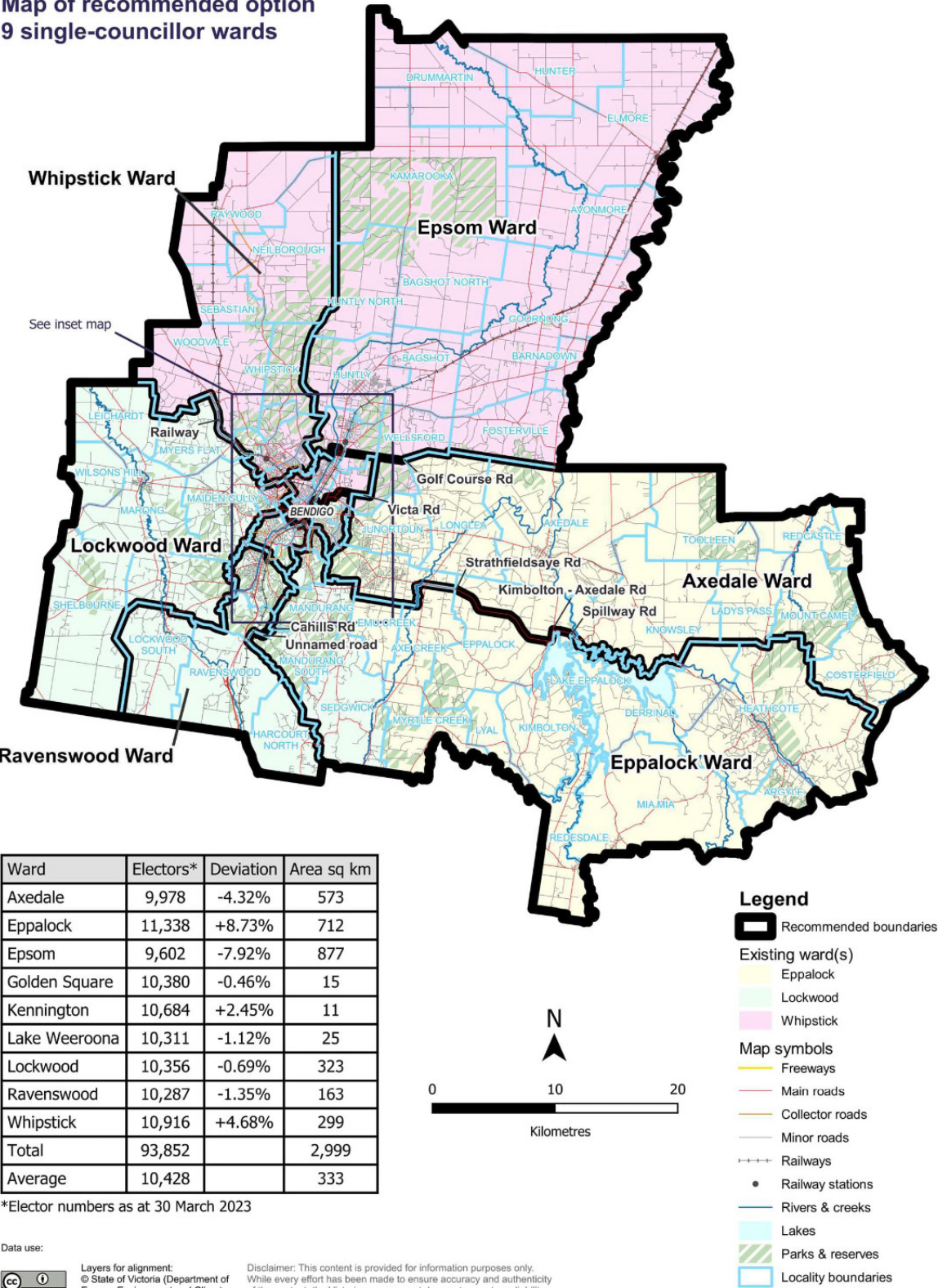
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Appendix 1: Map of recommended structure

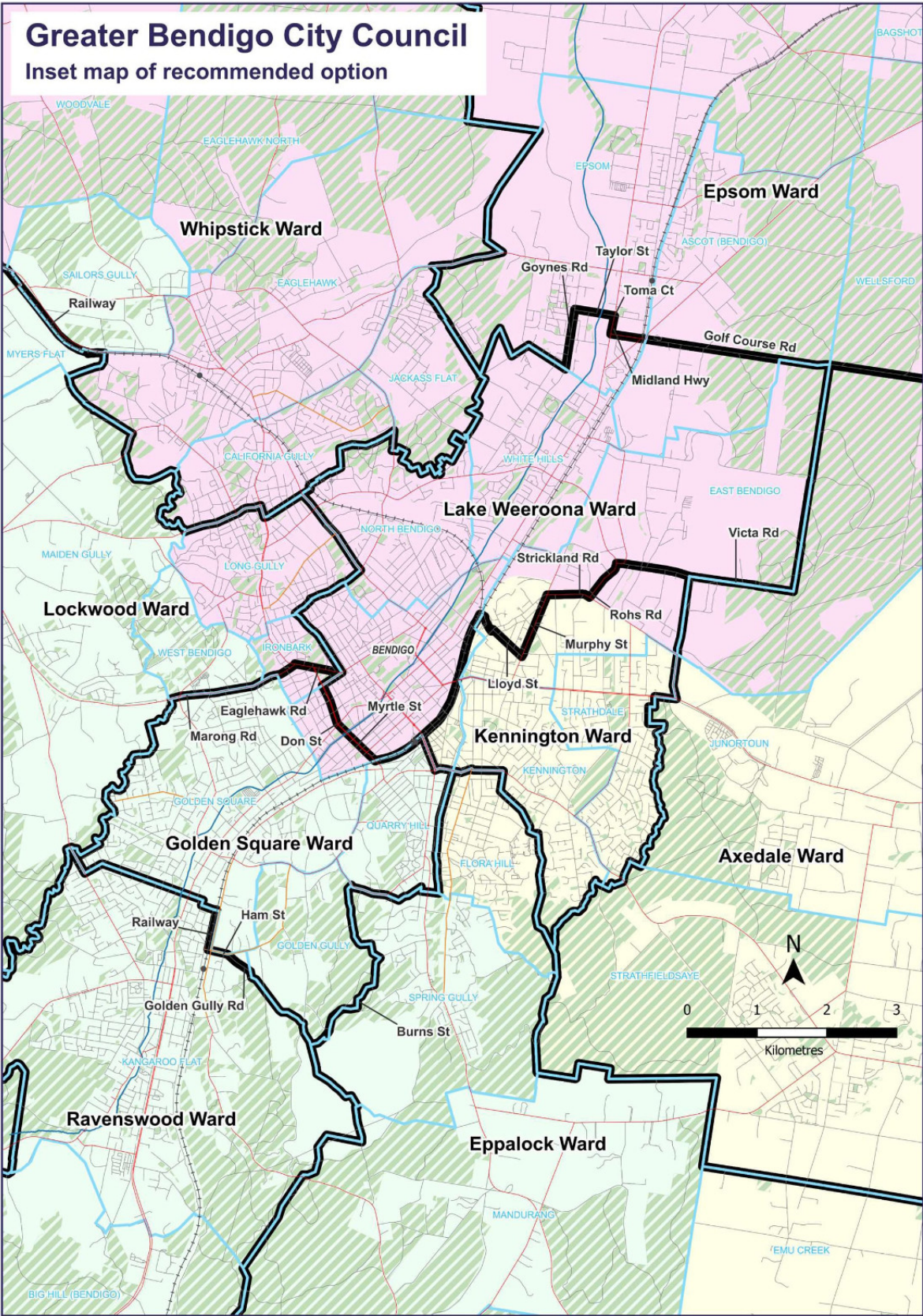
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Map of recommended option
9 single-councillor wards



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Electoral Wards – Loddon Shire

Executive summary

Under section 17 of the *Local Government Act 2020* (Vic) (the Act), the Minister for Local Government asked the Victorian Electoral Commission (VEC) to conduct ward boundary reviews for 10 local council areas prior to the next general local council elections in October 2024.

For these 10 councils, the number of voters per councillor is forecast to be out of balance by October 2024, with the number of voters per councillor in one or more wards forecast to vary from the average number of voters per councillor for all of the wards by more than 10 per cent.

Loddon Shire Council was one of the 10 local council areas under review. The purpose of this review was to correct this forecast imbalance for the October 2024 local council election.

During its review, the VEC looked at:

- the number of currently enrolled voters in each ward
- the forecast number of enrolled voters at the next election
- adjustments to the locations of existing ward boundaries.

This report presents the VEC's final advice to the minister on the recommended ward boundary adjustments for Loddon Shire Council to meet the requirements of the Act.

Recommendation

The VEC recommends adjustments to the boundaries of the following wards within Loddon Shire Council:

- Inglewood Ward
- Tarnagulla Ward

This recommendation is submitted to the Minister for Local Government as required by the Act.

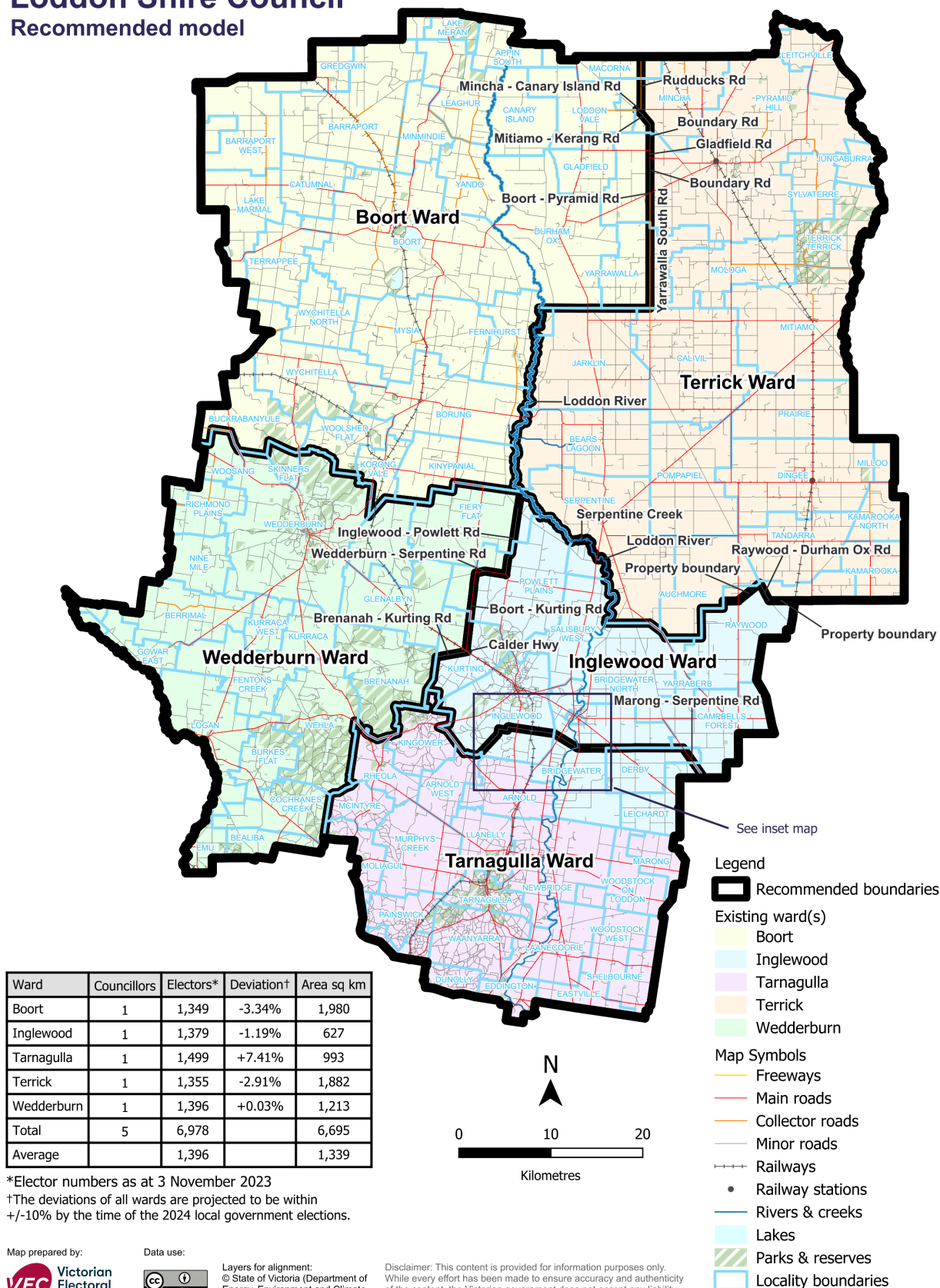
Detailed maps of the ward boundary adjustments are provided on the following 2 pages.

Electoral Wards – Loddon Shire

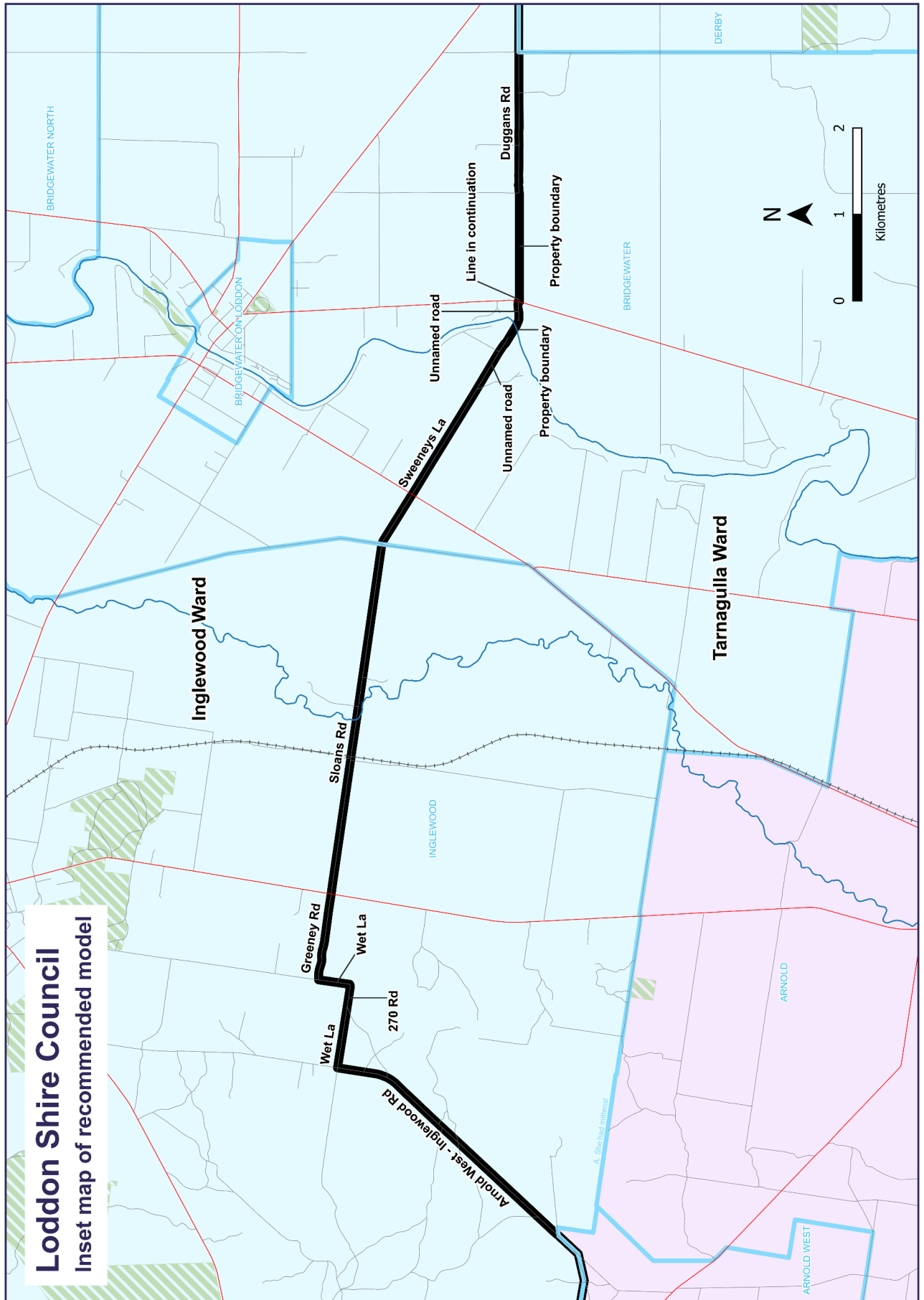
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Appendix 1: Map of recommended model

Loddon Shire Council Recommended model



Electoral Wards – Loddon Shire



Hard+soft Plastics

Put the right thing in the right bin!

Follow this handy guide and recycle hard and soft plastics correctly.

Hard plastics can go in your recycling bin at home.

Soft plastics can be left in the appropriate bins at Marong Neighbourhood House; or taken to the Eaglehawk Recycle Shop, or the Strathfieldsaye or Goornong transfer stations.

Examples of soft plastics

Soft plastics collection point



Biscuit packets (outer wrapper only)	Netting produce bags (metal clips removed)
Bread bags (without the tie)	
Bubble wrap (A3-size pieces)	Newspaper and magazine wrap
Cellophane (A3-size pieces)	Pet food bags - chaff, horse, chicken etc. (plastic and woven polypropylene, but not woven nylon, A3-size pieces, shake free of most product)
Cereal box liners	
Chip and cracker packets (silver lined)	Plastic postage satchels
Chocolate and snack bar wrappers	Plastic carrier bags from all stores
Ice cream wrappers	Plastic film wrap from grocery items, such as nappies or toilet paper
Confectionery bags	Plastic sachets
Document sleeves (remove white reinforcement strip hole side)	Potting mix and compost bags (plastic and woven polypropylene, but not woven nylon, A3-size pieces, shake free of most product)
Dry pet food bags	Rice bags (plastic and woven polypropylene, A3-size pieces)
Fresh produce bags	Snap lock bags and zip lock bags
Frozen food bags	Wine/water bladders (clear plastic only)
Cling film (Glad, Coles and Woolworths Essentials brand only)	Pasta bags
Green bags (woven polypropylene)	
Large plastic sheets of furniture wrap (A3-size pieces)	
Meat packaging - soft plastic film (rinsed and dried)	

Examples of hard plastics

Home recycle bin



Plastic bottles and lids
Plastic containers and tubs (margarine, peanut butter, sauce bottles etc.)
Plastic shampoo and conditioner bottles and other cosmetic bottles (moisturiser, hair products etc.)
Plastic cleaning product bottles, including lids (spray bottles etc.)
Any rigid plastic such as meat trays, biscuit trays or strawberry punnets

Examples of non-recyclable plastics

General waste bin



Fishing line
Adhesive tape
Balloons (of any kind)
Bathroom/shower loofahs
Disposable coffee cups
Blow up pool, pool toys or beds (plastic or PVC)
Christmas trees and tinsel
Drinking straws
Foam or polystyrene of any kind
Laminated materials and overhead projector transparent sheets
Disposable facemasks
Rubber gloves
Tarpaulins
VHS tapes
Disposable nappies
Plastic takeaway containers and lids
Cat and dog food pouches
Squeeze pouches with lid on (e.g. yogurt/baby food)