

The Silly Season is coming

Did you know there is only fifty odd sleeps until Christmas!!!! Where on earth has this year gone!

Hat Parade

We are having a little fun with a Melbourne Cup Hat Parade & afternoon tea, here at the House on the 4th November at 2:30pm. Bring a plate of afternoon tea to share if you can. See the poster on page 3.

Keep our Doors Open Campaign

Around half of all Neighbourhood Houses in Victoria are running at a loss. Unfortunately our funding hasn't kept up with wage and operating costs and next year we will be forced to cut some of our programs and activities. In order to "Keep our Doors Open" we need an increase in our funding.

Neighbourhood Houses Victoria (NHVic) are running a Postcards Campaign. (see poster on page 3). Please come in a sign a postcard if you wish to support us. All postcards will be hand delivered to our local Ministers.

Pancake Breakfast

As usual, our free Pancake Breakfast on the first Monday each month of the school term continues. Drop in for pancakes and gossip with other locals between 8:30 and 9:30am. The breakfasts through to the end of the year are the 3rd of November, and 1st of December.

Kindergarten Nears Completion

The new Kindergarten is all but finished. The landscaping and roadworks have been completed and all the temporary fencing has been removed. The builders are putting on the finishing touches and should be all done in a couple of weeks.

The Kinder is currently taking enrolments for 2026 and will begin operations in January 2026.

ToyWorld Toy Drive

The ToyWorld toy drive is on again this year and the Bendigo Neighbourhood Houses are very lucky to be distributing the generously donated toys.

We thank Bendigo ToyWorld for their continued generosity, and providing us with this amazing opportunity to help our community.

Marong Christmas Carols

The Marong Community Action Group will be hosting Carols at Malone Park again this year on Sunday 14 December. (See flyer attached page 8)

CFA Christmas Raffle

The Marong CFA are having a Christmas Raffle with some great prizes, please support if you can (flyer on page7)

Power Saving Bonus, 5th Round

The fifth round of the Power Saving Bonus commenced on 25th August. Applicants for this round must hold at least one of the following concession cards: Health Care Card, Pensioner Concession Card, Veterans' Affairs Pensioner Concession Card, or Veterans' Affairs Gold Card. The bonus is a single payment of \$100, to be paid by cheque or directly into your bank account (EFT).

The Neighbourhood House is an outreach partner for this program and we can apply on your behalf. To apply, you will need a copy of your latest electricity bill, your concession card, your driver's licence or medicare card, and your bank details if you prefer payment by EFT.

Applications can also be made online at <https://compare.energy.vic.gov.au> —Janine.

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Opening Hours (we open only during school terms)

Term	Start	Finish	Marong Neighbourhood House		TOFS Op-Shop	
Term 1:	28 Jan	04 Apr	Mon:	9.00am to 3.30pm	Mon:	9.30am to 12.30pm
Term 2:	22 Apr	04 Jul	Tue:	9.00am to 3.30pm	Tue:	9.30am to 12.30pm
Term 3:	21 Jul	19 Sep	Wed:	9.00am to 5.00pm	Wed:	9.30am to 12.30pm
Term 4:	06 Oct	19 Dec	Thu:	2.00pm to 6.00pm	Fri:	9.30am to 12.30pm
			Fri:	Closed	Sat:	10.00am to 12.00pm

Regular Programs

M O N	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Craft Circle	Bring your craft project and supplies. \$4 per session.
T U E S D A Y	9.00am - 11.00am	MNH Playgroup	Children can play or participate in a friendly, safe environment facilitated by Ro. Bring your own snacks. Costs \$4/session/family or \$20 for 6 sessions.
	9.30am - 10.30am	Walking Group	Meet at the Clubhouses at Malone Park for a leisurely stroll; all ages and abilities welcome. Friendly, well-behaved dogs on leads also welcome. No cost.
	1.00pm - 3.00pm	Family History Lessons	Kath can help you research your family history. Computers for research are available if required. Cost is \$4 per session.
W E D	10.00am - 11.00am	Over 60s Exercise Class	Bookings required. Over 60s strength & mobility exercise class, \$5/person, places are limited.
	1.30pm - 3.00pm	Art Class	Each week, artist Rob shows you how to produce your own masterpiece. Materials & equipment supplied. \$4 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 \$4/session/family or \$20 for 6 sessions.
	12.30pm - 6.00pm	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.
F R I	9.30am - 4.00pm	Machine Embroidery	Fridays, but please call for dates. Bring your machine & lunch along to this all-day session at the Marong Neighbourhood House. \$4 per session.
S A T	10.00am - 3.00pm	Sewing Workshop	Judith teaches sewing (bring your own machine), usually fortnightly. Please contact us for exact dates. Costs \$4.

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.

Tech Assistance

We can help with:

- Mobile Phones
- & Tablets

Drop in during business hours

KEEP OUR DOORS OPEN

PICK UP A POSTCARD HERE
AT YOUR NEIGHBOURHOOD
HOUSE ASKING FOR THE
MINISTER'S SUPPORT



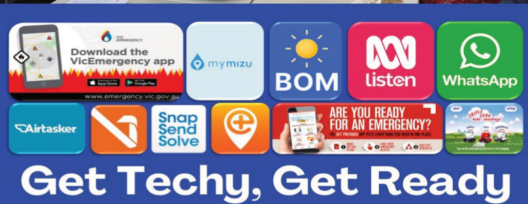
MELBOURNE CUP DAY HAT PARADE

Tuesday 4th November 2025
2:30pm

Wear your best Cup Day Hat & bring
a plate of Afternoon Tea to share.



Marong Neighbourhood House
Get Techy, Get Ready
Free Session
Monday 10th November
2pm – 3pm
Afternoon Tea Provided



A practical workshop empowering people to use technology
more effectively before, during and after emergencies

- ▶ A hands-on session supporting people to download and set up useful apps that enhance resilience
- ▶ Connecting with people and connecting them to relevant support
- ▶ Supporting local learning hubs' to boost digital literacy for emergencies among high-risk communities
- ▶ An easy to deliver workshop that can be run anywhere, anytime

MNH services offered

Photocopying & Printing

For a small charge per page, document photocopying, printing of digital photographs, or printing documents in most popular formats (PDF, MS-Office) can be done:

	A4	A3
B&W	\$0.20	\$0.30
Colour	\$0.40	\$1.00

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 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 now have a couple of worm farms, as well as 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.

TOFS Op-Shop

Our Op-Shop (The Old Fire Shed Op-Shop or just

TOFS), at 16 Cathcart Street, is excellent value—most items are just three 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. More details are on the following page.



Recycling Options



CITY OF GREATER
BENDIGO

**CLOSE
THE
LOOP**

MNH is 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 pallets, crates, trolleys, and 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.

If you drop your old mobile in to MNH, we will get it started on it's 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.



EUFS
Pharmacies Est.1916

The Pharmacy that supports your Community!



pharmacycycle™



Thanks to EUFS sponsorship, 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 Pharmacycle, then the metal foils are re-smelted and the plastics are melted down for reuse.

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 taped-up 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



Community Information



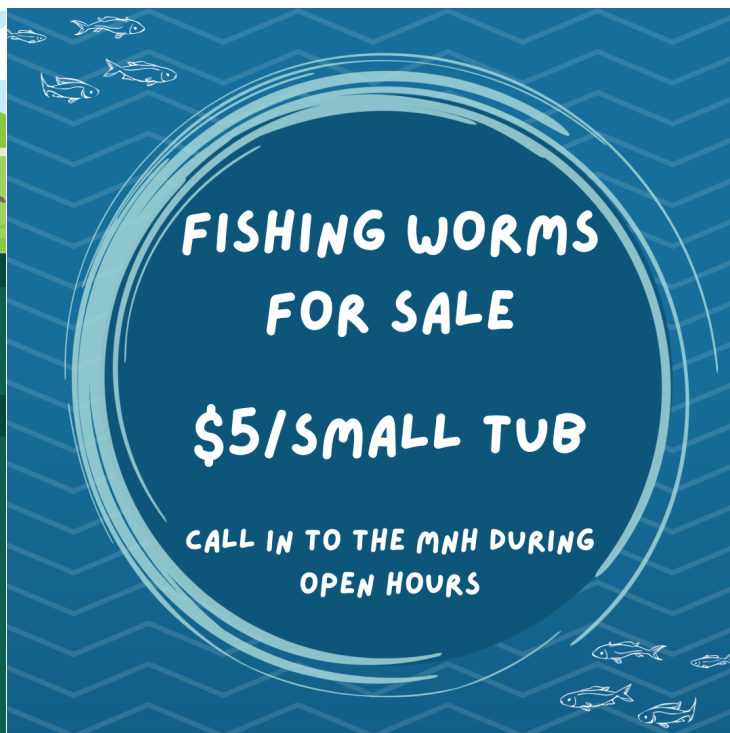
2025-2026 RURAL REGENERATION GRANTS NOW AVAILABLE

GRANTS OPEN:
October 22, 2025

GRANTS CLOSE:
November 30, 2025

ELIGIBLE PROJECTS MAY INCLUDE:

- Fencing off waterways from livestock, or protecting paddock trees
- Indigenous plantings for shelter belts
- Regenerative horticulture/viticulture
- Moveable fencing and troughs for regenerative grazing



**FISHING WORMS
FOR SALE**

\$5/SMALL TUB

**CALL IN TO THE MNH DURING
OPEN HOURS**



Gift bags
are a great
replacement
for wrapping
paper!

**Consider giving
a gift card or
experience!**

**Cut down on your waste
this Christmas!**

Lions Christmas Cakes and Puddings



Mini cake
\$2.00

1½kg cake
\$20.00

1kg cake
\$16.00

900g pud
\$16.00

400g pud
\$10.00

Contact Details

Marong Neighbourhood House
39 High Street
Marong
Victoria 3515

General enquiries no.: 03 5435 2486
Co-ordinator (Janine): 0494 102 904

Email: marongnhh@gmail.com

[Marong Neighbourhood House page & group](#)

[Marong Neighbourhood House Playgroup page](#)

[Marong Neighbourhood House - The Old Fire Shed Op-Shop page](#)

[MNH web page: \[www.marongnh.com.au\]\(http://www.marongnh.com.au\)](#)

[TOFS web page: \[marongnhh9.wixsite.com/marongopshop\]\(http://marongnhh9.wixsite.com/marongopshop\)](#)



The poster features a green background with white and gold snowflakes. At the top, the text 'Marong CFA' is in large, white, rounded letters with a red outline, followed by 'CHRISTMAS RAFFLE' in the same style. To the right is the CFA logo, a red square with a white checkered pattern and the letters 'CFA' in red. Below the title, it says 'Prizes Drawn Sunday 14th December'. In the center, there is an illustration of a red fire truck with a ladder on top and a CFA logo on its side. To the right of the truck is a large, red, torn-edge ticket with '\$5.00' written on it. Below these are four red circular ornaments hanging from gold chains. The first ornament (numbered 1) lists: 'Toro 60v Recycler Cordless Self Propelled 43 cm Lawnmower', 'Marong Family Hotel Dining Voucher'. The second ornament (numbered 2) lists: 'Wheelbarrow with Garden Hamper', '2 Extreme Golf Vouchers', '6 pack of Balgownie Estate wine and Food hamper'. The third ornament (numbered 3) lists: '\$500 Bunnings Voucher'. The fourth ornament (numbered 4) lists: 'AND MANY MORE FANTASTIC PRIZES'.

Marong CFA CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

Prizes Drawn Sunday 14th December

\$5.00

1 Toro 60v Recycler
Cordless Self Propelled
43 cm Lawnmower
Marong Family Hotel
Dining Voucher

2 Wheelbarrow with
Garden Hamper,
2 Extreme Golf Vouchers,
6 pack of Balgownie
Estate wine and Food
hamper

3 \$500
Bunnings
Voucher

4 AND MANY
MORE
FANTASTIC
PRIZES

With many thanks to our special donors of these prizes

Toro Australia, Leed Engineering & Construction Pty Ltd, Balgownie Estate, Connor Park Wines, Marong Big 4 Holiday Park & Bendigo Lifestyle Village, Marong Family Hotel, Marong Post Office, Riordan Fuel, The Elmore Bakery-Marong, Graham Morris, Marong General Store, Marong Men's Shed, Marong Produce and Maiden Gully IGA

Community Information

A festive green poster for a Christmas Carols event. At the top, there are logos for the City of Greater Bendigo and Birchgrove Property, with strings of warm white lights. The title 'CHRISTMAS Carols' is prominently displayed in the center. Below it, the event details are listed: 'MERRY CHRISTMAS AND SEE YOU AT THE MARONG COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP CAROLS AT MALONE PARK, MARONG'. A list of activities includes live music, food vans, and a special visit from Santa. A yellow box specifies the entry as a voluntary charitable gold coin donation. The date and time are '14 DECEMBER 2025 FROM 5.00PM'. The poster encourages family-friendly participation and thanks the sponsors. The bottom features a colorful illustration of Santa, a snowman, a reindeer, a bear, a penguin, and a gingerbread man standing between two decorated Christmas trees with gifts.

ENJOY VARIOUS SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:

- LIVE MUSIC & CAROL SINGING
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE & FOOD VANS
- A SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA!

ENTRY: VOLUNTARY
CHARITABLE GOLD
COIN DONATION

14 DECEMBER 2025
FROM 5.00PM

COME AND ENJOY THIS FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT.

THANKYOU TO OUR PROUD SPONSORS
CITY OF GREATER BENDIGO
BIRCHGROVE PROPERTY

Community Information

Make sure your best
employee shows up
for work!



The team from Bendigo Animal Relief Centre are heading out to the Bendigo Livestock Exchange offering **FREE** microchip checks for working dogs.

BARC can implant your working dog with a microchip if not already implanted.

Friday November 7
8.30am to 10.30am

Stockyard Reception Main Office

- **FREE** for Bendigo Residents
- \$40 fee applies for non-Bendigo residents (cash only)

Have your dog's microchip details checked to make sure they are up to date so they can get back to work quickly!



Bendigo Animal Relief Centre 

20 Piper Lane, East Bendigo

t. (03) 5441 2209

www.bendigoanimalreliefcentre.com.au

BARC
Bendigo Animal Relief Centre



Community Information

TOYWORLD

where the best toys come from

★ Bendigo

Toy Drive

This year, the generously donated
toys will be distributed by

Community & Neighbourhood Houses

Toys can be dropped off at any of your local and friendly
Community & Neighbourhood Houses mentioned below

