



MVAC Early Learning Centre Bush Kinder

Bush Kinder also strengthened children's connection to culture, community and place by providing a calm, flexible learning space that responded to their interests and complemented classroom-based learning.

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VACCHO's 2026 Movement by Improvement CQI forum!

From 25-27 August 2026, MVAC attended this event as one of representatives from Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs) across Victoria came together in Melbourne for VACCHO's annual Movement by Improvement (MBI) Continuous Quality Improvement (CQI) Forum.

The forum featured a diverse program of workshops, presentations, tabletop yarning circles, and networking opportunities. Topics included CQI leadership, accreditation and auditing, program logic, change management, outreach service delivery, Medicare updates, immunisation strategies, social services regulation, and Aboriginal-led approaches to meaningful organisational change.

The MBI CQI Forum continues to play an important role in supporting continuous improvement, knowledge sharing, and innovation across the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health sector, helping organisations deliver stronger outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities.



☀ MVAC Bush Kinder ☀

During the first semester 2026, the MVAC Early Learning Centre continued to deliver Bush Kinder as part of its early years learning program. The sessions gave children regular opportunities to spend time outdoors, connect with the natural environment and take part in play-based learning that supported curiosity, confidence, wellbeing and social connection.

Educators used the outdoor setting to support hands-on learning through activities such as observing plants and insects, collecting natural materials, imaginative play and group discussions. These experiences encouraged children to explore, problem-solve, communicate and build independence in a safe and supported environment.



Community Court Bringing People Together in Robinvale



The MVAC-funded community court continues to be a vibrant hub for sport, recreation, and connection in Robinvale. Community-led volleyball sessions are now held twice a week, while daily youth programs and basketball training provide positive opportunities for local young people. The facility has also hosted special sporting activities, including a visit from Bendigo Kelly Sports, and continues to support soccer and basketball activities throughout the year. It is wonderful to see people from diverse backgrounds coming together, staying active, and making the most of this community space.

Screening Saves Lives

Did you know bowel cancer can develop without any symptoms? The good news is that a simple screening test can help find bowel changes early, before they become cancer. If you're aged 50 to 74, you may receive a free bowel cancer screening kit in the mail. If you do, make sure you complete it, even if you're feeling well. People aged 45 to 49 can also request their first screening kit.

Early detection can save lives

Bowel cancer is one of the most treatable cancers when found early. Screening is free, easy and can be done at home.

Talk to your doctor, nurse, or Cancer Support Team at MVAC or call the information hotline on 1800 627 701.

Weekly Program Activities



WEEKLY GROUP ACTIVITIES

Day	Activity	Time	For	Contact
Monday	Men's BBQ Lunch	From 11am	Men 18+	Ian Kirby 0492 859 286
Monday	Women, Mums and Bubs	10am to 2pm	Women 18+; children with guardian	Shirley Best 0437 303 947
Tuesday	Elders Lunch	12pm to 2pm	Elders 50+ (Men & Women)	Carol Stokes 0493 817 036
Wednesday	Cook'n'Yarn	11am to 1pm	Women 18+; children with guardian	Shirley Best 0437 303 947
Thursday	Women's Group	11am to 1pm	Women 18+; children with guardian	Amber Ison 0439 301 102
Mon, Wed and Fri	Walking Group	10.45am	Adults 18+; children with guardian	Shirley Best/ Amber Ison 0439 301 102

All activities are run by MVAC – call the contact listed to arrange your ride on the day

Reminder

Elders Lunch is for Elders aged 50 and over.
 This also applies to Elders activities and outings.
 MVAC understands that some Elders may need a carer to attend with them.
 Younger people have attended in the past, but please note there are other activities and groups available.
 If there are any special circumstances please let Carol know.

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Have your say on how we can improve MVAC

If you have some feedback about any of our operations here at MVAC, we have a new way to make your voice heard. You can have your say by scanning the QR code with your smartphone. You'll be taken to our feedback form, where you can pass on your suggestions.



2027 ENROLMENTS ARE NOW OPEN!

Give Your Child the Best Start to Their Learning Journey

Murray Valley Aboriginal Early Learning Centre is now accepting enrolments for 2027 across our early learning programs:

- 🧸 Childcare
- 🌱 3-Year-Old Kindergarten
- 🎓 4-Year-Old Kindergarten/ Pre-Prep

Whether your child is taking their very first steps into early learning or preparing for school, our caring and experienced educators provide a safe, nurturing environment where every child can learn, grow and thrive.

Ready to Enrol?

Enrolment forms are available:

- 🌐 On our website:
<https://www.mvac.org.au/>
- 🏢 From our office:
87 Latje Road, Robinvale, Victoria 3549

Contact us today

- 📞 Phone: 03 50518950
- ✉ Email: elcadmin@mvac.org.au

Places are limited, so we encourage families to enrol early to secure their child's place for 2027.