

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER - January 2022

Australia Day 2022 Ambassador

Coolamon Shire Council is happy to welcome Ms. Robina Beard OAM. Robina is an Entertainer, Dancer and Actor, renowned for the role of 'Madge' in the long running advertisement for Palmolive hand cream. Robina has been a former NSW Seniors Festival Ambassador and runs exercise and tap dancing classes for seniors. Robina was presented with an OAM for her service to the Arts in 2011 and has received Australian Dance Award for Lifetime Achievement.



Australia Day 2022

Join us to celebrate Australia Day 2022 at the Marrar Public School. Kicking off with a free community BBQ breakfast from 8.00am with the official Australia Day Ceremony starting at 9.30am, where local citizens will be recognised for their valued contributions to the community. We ask that if you are unwell, please stay at home as this will be a COVID safe function. The following community members have been nominated for the 2022 Australia Day Awards.

Citizen of the Year Award

Mark Canino
Barrie Brill
Joanne Langtry
Tanya Angove
Don Wood
Toby Parker
Megan Hardman
Greg Guthrie
Karen Wood
Greg Manglesdorf
Kevin Maddox

Young Citizen of the Year Award

Hannah Walker

Shane Till Memorial Sportsperson of the Year Award

Jeremiah Maslin
Stuart Dunbar

Young Sportsperson of the Year

Chloe Clark
Emmerson Buchegger
Joshua Allen



AUSTRALIA DAY
COOLAMON SHIRE

2022 Free Cuppa - Business

Registrations are open

Local businesses are invited to help tackle driver fatigue by registering to take part in this year's 'Free Cuppa for the Driver' scheme. The scheme runs each year from 1 March to 31 May. The scheme sees partnerships formed between participating Councils and local businesses. The Councils provide the marketing and administer the scheme whilst the participating businesses provide the free cuppas. The campaign is supported by Transport for NSW. Registrations for the 2022 scheme are now open and close on Monday 31 January 2022. Go to www.freecuppa.com.au to sign up. For further information, please contact Coolamon Shire Councils' Road Safety Officer, Karen Trethowan, on 0437 645 183.



Election of Mayor and Deputy Mayor

At the new Council's initial meeting held Thursday 13 January 2022, Councillor Dave McCann was elected unopposed as Mayor and Councillor Alan White was elected unopposed as Deputy Mayor. Congratulations to you both and all the best in your new roles.



New Council

Council would like to introduce the new Councillors to the community. The following people we elected following the December 4th 2021 election;

- * Jeremy Crocker
- * Bronwyn Hatty
- * Bruce Hutcheon
- * Wayne Lewis
- * Kathy Maslin
- * Dave McCann
- * Colin McKinnon
- * Garth Perkin
- * Alan White

If you wish to contact a Councillor please visit;
<https://www.coolamon.nsw.gov.au/about/mayor-and-councillors.aspx>

Coolamon Library News

Storytime 2022

Storytime will start again Friday 11th February @ 10.30am theme – “Counting 1,2,3,4,5”. New families are most welcome to attend. The next storytime for the month of February will be held on Friday 25th February @ 10.30am theme “Farms”.

Tech Savvy for Seniors

The Library is offering free computer courses for our seniors in the community. The program helps you build the skills and confidence to use computers, tablets and smartphones. It includes face-to-face training, the course will be held over 8 weeks.

Unique hobby or Collections

The Library is looking for any residents with unusual collections or pastimes who would enjoy the opportunity to share with others over a social morning tea. If you require further information contact the Library on – 69272492.

Mobile Library

9.00am till 12.45pm



Will be visiting **Ardlethan**
on Friday **4th** and **18th February**

Service NSW

The mobile van is in our area on the following dates:

Coolamon Thursday 17th Feb
8:30am – 12:00pm
Ganmain Thursday 17th Feb
1:00pm – 3:00pm
Ardlethan Tuesday 8th Feb
10:00am – 2:00pm



WELCOME TO 2022



FROM
CENTRE MANAGER
Renaë



Hello and welcome to all of our new and existing families joining us at Coolamon Early Childhood Centre for 2022! I hope everyone had a safe and happy Christmas. It has been wonderful to see you all again and our centre educators have enjoyed spending quality time with returning children. We have seen a large transition to new rooms this year with each age grouping having increased amounts of new children to build bonds with.

2022 will see new changes within our centre with some educators taking on different roles within the service, changes to program delivery and changes to our physical environment with our undercover outdoor area construction in progress.

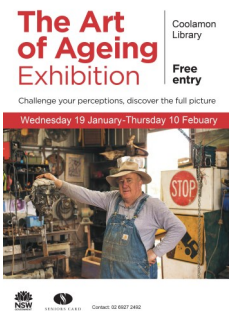
While COVID19 continues to impact our daily lives and cases being extremely high in NSW, the centre will be operating in accordance with all advice given by the Department of Education. This means our door drop off and collection procedure will continue for a period of time to limit the risk of infection within our service. I encourage all families to utilise our storypark app to communicate directly with your child's educators. COVID has encouraged reflection on ways for our centre to communicate with families and 2022 will see all children's routines, centre programs and children's learning communicated using storypark. If you are having difficulties connecting to the app please contact the centre for assistance. All families are also welcome to phone the centre or email any queries.

We are currently taking enrolments for this year with vacancies in our 0-2 room and limited vacancies in other age groups. All enrolment enquires can be directed to the centre on 69273991.

I wish everyone a wonderful start to the new year.
Renaë (Centre Manager)

The Art of Ageing

The Art of Ageing is a photographic exhibition that celebrates the value, experience and contribution older people bring, and challenges out-dated perceptions of ageing. These extraordinary people have carved out an interesting life for themselves that keeps them young. The exhibition will be displayed at the Library from Wednesday 19th January – Thursday 10th February.



Community Visitors Scheme

The Community Visitors Scheme (CVS) aims to improve the quality of aged care residents who are lonely or socially isolated by matching visitors with a resident using common interests and backgrounds to achieve the best outcomes for both residents and volunteer visitors. CVS visitors also helps to establish links between aging persons that still reside in their own homes and are in receipt of a Home Care Package, that would benefit from a friendly visitor. Contact Riverina Community College for further information;
<http://www.riverinacc.edu.au/>



The next Council Meeting will be held on 17th February, Commencing at 3:00pm.