

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2023

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Coolamon shire
council

Australia Day award Winners

The 2023 Australia Day Awards were conducted in Ardlethan and all involved should be congratulated on a great morning. Those of special mention were the MC for the event, Karen Wood and the Ardlethan Community who supported the day. Terrence O'Connell OAM was the Australia Day Ambassador and the following award recipients were Honoured:

- Citizen of the Year: Paul Horan
- Young Citizen of the Year: Thomas Riley
- Shane Till Memorial Award for Sporting Achievement: Lycinda Harris
- Young Sportsperson of the Year: Josephine Bray
- Community Event/Community Group of the Year: Marrar Campdraft Association

Council extends its congratulations to these winners and thanks all those who nominated people, and attended the event.



Roads Update

Council has received notification from TfNSW advising that our application under the RLRRP has been successful in securing additional funding. This is in addition to the initial FLR - Pothole Repair fund allocation.

Road Works - Council would like to advise motorists that heavy rehabilitation, concrete work, stormwater drainage and road sealing works are to be carried out on the following Roads:

- Cowabbie St (Stinson St – Booth St) Pavement upgrade works are schedule to commence on the 20th February.
- MR243 Canola Way East of Marrar – 2.1km road reconstruction has commenced.
- MR398 Mary Gilmore Way – Stage 2 Shoulder widening has commenced.
- Wade St (Canola Way) Coolamon – Multiple concrete driveway installation has commenced.
- Methul Road – 1.2km road reconstruction to commence start of March.
- Chamberlains Lane – 3.0km Stage 2 Reconstruction and bitumen sealing to commence start of March.
- MR243 Canola Way East of Coolamon – 1.3km road reconstruction to commence end of March.
- Shire Rural Road Bitumen Reseals – commencing in March/ April.

Portable traffic lights will be on site and motorists may experience delays up to 5 minutes. Please exercise caution, observe road signage and road conditions.

Road Conditions - Council would like to advise motorists that maintenance grading is in progress on the Unsealed Road Network throughout the Shire. Please exercise caution, observe road signage, road conditions and drive accordingly.

Road Closures - All Shire roads are open at present. Please contact Council's Engineering and Technical Services Department if you wish to discuss or report any problems relating to roads within the Coolamon Shire on 02 6930 1800.

Coolamon Community Drug & Alcohol Team

Are you interested in being a part of the Coolamon Shire CDAT committee?
Please contact Jacqui Collins on 6927 2492 for more information.

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Grant Application for Heritage Works 2022/2023

Applications will open in March for grant funding associated with heritage conservation enhancement works. This funding is directed towards assistance with minor works that will enhance or identify local heritage items. All work is required to be completed in the financial year that the money is allocated. The allocation of these grants will be on a dollar for dollar basis with priority being given, but not limited to heritage items.

Application forms are now available at the Coolamon Shire Council and on our website. Closing date for submissions will be no later than the close of business on **Friday 26th May 2023**. The successful applicants will be notified after the June Council meeting. Should you require any further information in regard to the Local Heritage Fund, please contact Coolamon Shire Council on 02 6930 1800.

Heritage Conservation Areas

In the conservation area, development consent is required for minor works where the appearance of the exterior of the property is being altered, such as the erection of a new fence, repainting of the exterior of the home, signage, or the installation of air conditioners and solar panels. Minor works where you are replacing 'like for like' does not require development consent, however, you are advised to contact Council prior to commencing any works. Council offers a free heritage advisory service for people wishing to receive advice on proposed developments within the Conservation Area or buildings listed as being of Heritage Significance.

Bin Etiquette and your Collection

Bin etiquette and placement is an important part of waste management and helps keep everyone happy.

- Place your bin/s out on the kerbside the evening before your collection day.
- Please note: Garbage trucks stop frequently and to avoid unnecessary disruption to the service and danger to both motorists and the garbage collectors, certain roads with high traffic volumes may have their collection start before 6.00am.
- Ensure lids are fully closed, as overfull bin/s may not be collected.
- Do not place rubbish on top of or beside the bin/s.
- Ensure your bin/s weighs less than 80kg +.
- Space your bin 0.5m - 1m apart from other bins.

Place your bin/s on clear ground in front of and abutting the kerb and gutter and away from any obstructions, such as vehicles, overhanging trees, electricity poles and letter boxes.

In areas with no kerb and gutter, place your bins in the road reserve abutting the edge of seal and where there is no seal, place your bin at the edge of road formation.

Residents are also reminded that unless additional services (extra bins) have been paid for and rated, that additional bins will not be collected by the collection contractor. If you require an additional service of bin, please contact Council to make appropriate arrangements. The garbage contractor has been instructed not to collect additional unauthorised services/bins.

Coolamon Library News

Storytime - 3rd March – “Frop Hop”, 17th March – “Under the Sea”, 31st March – “Easter”

Baby Bounce - Baby Bounce will be held on Wednesday, 29th March at 10.30am. Everyone is most welcome to join in.

Local History Group - Our local family History group will meet at the Library, Saturday 25th March at 10.30am.

Lego Club - is held on Wednesday afternoons from 4.00pm – 5.00pm and Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 11.30am, all ages welcome.

Tech Savvy for Seniors - The Library is offering free computer courses for our seniors in our community. The Tech Savvy Seniors program helps you build the skills and confidence to use computers, tablets and smartphones. It includes face-to-face training. Phone the Library for further details – 02 6927 2492.

Re-Visit the Library - The Library is continuously receiving new books, DVD's, and magazines. Join the Library today, membership is FREE and the Library has plenty of services and facilities to offer to the community. We provide free Public Internet Access & Wifi, photocopying, Service NSW kiosk, Community Recycling Station and laminating services. It also provides housebound services to our members. For further enquiries phone the Library on 02 69272 492.

Library Opening Hours - Monday – Friday: 8.30am – 5.00pm, Saturday: 9.00am – 12.00pm

Mobility Scooter Etiquette

Mobility scooters are used by less mobile people to assist them to get to everyday places, like the local shops, clubs, hotels and other facilities. They are classed as “a pedestrian” and are required to adhere to the road rules that apply to all pedestrians. Even though mobility scooter users are classed as “a pedestrian” they can cause serious injury to other pedestrians if not operated correctly and courteously. Although your motorised mobility device does not need to be registered and a drivers licence is not required, users must still have the capacity to take responsibility for using them safely, courteously and take into consideration other road users. If you require further information visit: <https://coolamon.nsw.gov.au/news/mobility-scooter-etiquette>



COUNCIL ON THE ROAD

POP UP OFFICE IN GANMAIN AND ARDLETHAN

Council's Community Development Officer and Tourism & Business Development Officer will be working from Ardlethan and Ganmain once a month.

Pop in and visit or arrange a time to talk.
(jcollins@coolamon.nsw.gov.au - lmunro@coolamon.nsw.gov.au)

9am - 12noon

Ardlethan (Ariah 62 Cafe)

9 March, 6 April, 11 May, 8 June, 13 July

Ganmain (Rural Transaction Centre)

23 March, 20 April, 25 May, 22 June, 27 July



A SMALL AMOUNT OF YOUR TIME CAN MEAN THE WORLD



Allawah Community Care

02 6925 3721

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**SIGN-UP
TODAY**



Mobile Visiting Timetable for Ardlethan:

Friday, 10th March, 9.00am – 12.45pm and

Friday, 24th March, 9.00am – 12.45pm

<https://rrl.nsw.gov.au/>

**The Next Council Meeting
16th March 2023 from 3pm**