

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER - February 2022

Australia Day in the Coolamon Shire

Coolamon Shire Council celebrated Australia Day with a community breakfast hosted by the Advance Marrar Committee, at the Marrar Hall. Following breakfast was an official awards ceremony where local citizens were recognised for their valued contributions to the community.

This year the Coolamon Shire Council were proud to welcome 2022 Australia Day Ambassador Robina Beard OAM. Coolamon Shire Council warmly welcomed three new Australians with citizenship ceremonies. Congratulations to the recipients of the Coolamon Shire Council Australia Day Awards;

- * **Citizen of the Year Award** – Karen Wood
- * **Young Citizen of the Year Award** – Hannah Walker
- * **The Shane Till Memorial Award for Sporting Achievement** – Stuart Dunbar
- * **Young Sportsperson of the Year Award** – Chloe Clark

Coolamon Shire Community Conversation

It's time to develop a new Community Strategic Plan for Coolamon Shire. All local governments in NSW are required to develop a Community Strategic Plan which identifies the key issues impacting upon the Shire, and the future aspirations the community has for the towns and villages throughout the Shire. Planning for Communities has been appointed to support the development of the Plan and will be spending time in each of the 6 towns and villages in Coolamon Shire during March 2022.

Matong	Tuesday 15 March 2022
Beckom	Wednesday 16 March 2022
Marrar	Thursday 17 March 2022
Coolamon	Tuesday 22 March 2022
Ardlethan	Wednesday 23 March 2022
Ganmain	Thursday 24 March 2022

There will be drop-in consultation sessions, workshops, a survey, discussions with key organisations, agencies and schools, where you can share what you love the most about your community, what your vision is for your community, and what you would like to change. More information about how you can be involved in the community conversation will be available in the coming weeks. If you would like to know more about the Community Strategic Plan please contact: Jacqui Collins, Community Development Officer Ph: 02 69301800 Email: jcollins@coolamon.nsw.gov.au



Farewell and Thank you John Seymour

On Friday February 11th we celebrated John Seymour OAM's contribution as Councillor and Mayor of the Coolamon Shire for the past twenty two years. There were many highlights during the evening with Michael McCormack MP, Steph Cooke MP, Mayors and deputies past and present from surrounding shires,

council staff and many Coolamon locals in attendance. Thank you to John and Margaret for many years of service to the Coolamon Shire.



HERITAGE CONSERVATION AREAS

Each of the Shires Towns and Villages contains a Heritage Conservation Area (generally the main street). 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. Contact Council's Planning and Environmental Services Section to learn more.

Community Groups

A reminder to all community groups, if you have any updates or changes to your organisational structure. Could you please provide the following details; Name, Organisation, Position, Mobile & email. Email updates to jcollins@coolamon.nsw.gov.au

Positions Vacant

Coolamon Shire is currently looking to fill positions across our businesses. If you are interested in working with us please contact council on 6930 1800. All available positions are advertised on our website.

**COLLECTION OF DOMESTIC WASTE,
RECYCLABLES, FOOD AND GARDEN
ORGANICS (LIMITED), AND PUBLIC PLACE
BINS (RFT 2022/02)**

Coolamon Shire Council is inviting tenders for the collection of Domestic Garbage, Recyclables and Food and Garden Organics (limited), and Public Place Bins. It is intended that the Contract to be awarded will be for a period of seven (7) years commencing on 20 April 2022 with an option for the Council to extend that period for up to three (3) further years.

Interested parties **must** obtain copies of the tender documentation from Coolamon Shire Council.

Tenders close at 4:00PM, 1 MARCH 2022.

For enquiries please contact:

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Roads Update

Road Works

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

- MR240 Ardlethan Road – 2.1km road reconstruction has commenced.
- Orr, Bruce, Booth and Lewis St Coolamon – New kerb & gutter installation has commenced.
- Wade St (Canola Way) Coolamon – Stormwater pipe installation has commenced.
- MR243 Canola Way West – 1.0km road reconstruction to commence start of March.
- Mann St/Bredins Ln Coolamon – Reconstruction and shoulder widening to commence end of March.

Shire Urban Street 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.



Coolamon Library News

Baby Bounce – The Library is introducing a new program called Baby Bounce. Baby Bounce is a 30 minute early literacy program designed to help very young children to explore language. Our first Baby Bounce will be held Thursday 31st March at 10.30am in the Library, we welcome new mums and their bubs.

Lego Club returns - Lego Club will recommence at the Library, it will be held on Wednesday from 4.00pm – 5.00pm and Saturday from 10.30am – 11.30am, all ages welcome. Covid regulations will apply – bookings are essential, call 69272492.

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Career Building Work Experience for University and VET students in 2022

Are you a university or VET student living in the Riverina? Is putting a newly learned skill into practice a worthwhile consideration? Is adding a valuable practical skill to your resumé something of interest?

Again in 2022, on behalf of its member Councils, the Riverina Joint Organisation is coordinating a placement program for university and VET students who wish to gain practical work experience in line with their tertiary studies. Participation is open to university and VET students who are either required to complete work experience as a condition of their studies, or students voluntarily seeking work experience to support their career development. Just like the broad range of Council occupations which are found within Local Government Areas, the work experience opportunities available in 2022 are similarly diverse. Interest and enquiries can be made by emailing The Coordinator, Paul Worsfold - paulworsfold@riverinajo.nsw.gov.au

2022 COOLAMON SHIRE EVENT FUNDING PROGRAM

Coolamon Shire Council has allocated funding towards its annual Event Funding Program. This funding program provides financial assistance for community or tourism related events held within the Shire. Funds are to assist Coolamon Shire to increase levels of day and overnight visitation. Applicants can apply for funds from a pool of \$10,000 (maximum of \$3,000 per application), which will be assessed and allocated as per the program guidelines. The event must be held between 1 January to 31 December 2022. For more information ; www.coolamon.nsw.gov.au or www.visitcoolamonshire.com

Seniors Festival

Shire Seniors Dinner - Ganmain

Tuesday 29 March 2022 7pm at the Ganmain Sports Club. Residents are invited to enjoy a wonderful FREE evening including dinner and entertainment. Bus service available from:

- Coolamon Community Centre - 6pm (Book your seat: Barrie 0429 301 001)
- Ardlethan Bowling Club - 5:30pm (Book your seat: Aileen Bound 6978 2382)
- RSVP to Barrie Logan on 0429 301 001 or Logan and Hitchens 6927 6301 by Tuesday 22 March.

Soap Making

Wednesday 30 March 2022, 10:30am at the Coolamon Shire Library, \$5 per person, all materials supplied. Morning tea provided. Phone 69272492 to book.

"Slap It On" Seniors Interactive Painting

Friday 1st April 2022, 10am at the Coolamon Shire Library. \$7.50 per person, all materials and instructions provided. Enjoy morning tea while you paint. Phone 6927 2492 to book.



Dates for March:

4th March, theme - "Bath time"

25th March, theme - "Counting 1,2,3,4,5"



Mobile Library

9.00am till 12.45pm Will be visiting **Ardlethan** on Friday 4th and 18th March 2022



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