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COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Firebreaks Policy

Council requires the owners or the occupiers of the land within the shire, exceeding four hectares in area, to make and maintain fire breaks surrounding the entire property or as near as practicable, thereto by ploughing or maintaining bare earth to a width of not less than 3 metres. Such work must be completed by the 31st October as per current advice from RFS .

Where harvesting is carried out prior to the 30th October fire breaks must be established prior to such harvest. Where it is intended to carry out clover harvesting and the clover paddock to be harvested is located on the boundary of a property, landholders are required to establish a fire break by ploughing to a width of not less than 10 metres (33ft) along such boundary

Notice from Rural Fire Services

The local bush fire danger period currently will be 1st November 2020 until 31st March 2021

As conditions may change, updated information can be obtained from the Local RFS teams.

During this period permits (obtained through the RFS **ph) 6971 4500**) will be required for the lighting of fire for the purposes of land clearance or fire breaks.

Peter Dennis Retirement

After 43 years working for Council Peter has decided to retire.

Peter has worked with Council for 43 years, holding various roles within the works gangs proving to be one of the most reliable men.

We wish Peter every success in a long and happy retirement running the horses around the track. Coolamon Shire Council would like to thank Peter and his wife, Wendy for his loyal and dedicated years of service.



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO DESERVES RECOGNITION FOR THEIR WORK IN THE COMMUNITY?

Australia Day



NOMINATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS
YOUNG SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR AWARD
SHANE TILL MEMORIAL AWARD FOR SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT
COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR AWARD
YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR
CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN
WWW.COOLAMON.NSW.GOV.AU
CLOSE 27/11/2020



COVID-19 Update On Council Matters

Council continue to receive advice and updates in relation to the current restrictions relating to COVID-19. In regards to Council run events or public gatherings, this may mean changes to how we operate. This is particularly relevant to Australia Day, NYE street party and public swimming pools. We will endeavour to keep the community updated with requirements as they unfold and change due to the COVID requirements.

Local Roads Update - Construction Period

The reconstruction of 4.87kms of Bygoo Road has been split into two stages. The first stage is underway now and aims to be completed with seal by 20th October, prior to harvest. The second stage is scheduled for February/March 2021.

As construction teams are on the roads, please exercise caution with changes to the road conditions and adhere to traffic control measures in place. Current construction works include;

Bygoo Road - Northern End	Reconstruction works	Commenced
Roping Pole Road	Shoulder widening works	Late September
Deepwater Road	Shoulder widening works	Early October

Pool Safety Requirements

Make sure your pool is fenced and meets safety regulations, even if it is an inflatable pool.

With summer and the swimming season fast approaching Council recognises the importance of working with the community to promote increased safety for young children around backyard pools.

By law, all pools that can be filled with 30cm of water or more



must have a fence that meets the requirements of the Swimming Pool Act and Regulations, additional safety requirements include (not limited to) updated resuscitation sign, eliminating climbable zones and pool compliant gates. Penalties for not complying have been increased by the NSW Government to \$5,500.

Remember, a pool fence does not mean children are automatically protected - there is no substitute for supervision and vigilance.

Make sure you regularly check your swimming pool and fence for faults throughout the year and never take your eyes off children when they are in or near water.

Like to know more?

Call Council's Development and Environmental Services Section to discuss what fencing and safety requirements apply to pools on 6930 1800.

Help Stop Illegal Dumping In Our Community

Council needs your help to stop illegal dumping in our community.

Illegal dumping is the disposal of waste on public or private land or into water without a licence, permit or approval from the relevant authority such as Council or the EPA. It varies from small bags of rubbish in an urban environment to larger scale dumping of materials in isolated areas, such as bushland.

Commonly dumped items include garden waste, building waste, asbestos, household rubbish and household items such as furniture, whitegoods and mattresses.

Illegal dumping is a crime and costs our community thousands of dollars every year, with ratepayers' money used to clean up dumped waste that could be better spent on positive community initiatives. It also contaminates land for our local wildlife, encourages weed infestation in our nature reserves, and looks unpleasant. Those found guilty face fines from \$4000 minimum up to \$1 million.

If you witness someone dumping waste or come across dumped waste, report the issue immediately to Council on 1300 87 83 87 or online at www.ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au



Mobile Library 9.00am till 12.45pm

Will be visiting **Ardlethan** on Friday 2nd, 16th and 30th October

Coolamon Early Childhood Centre ... Contact us 69273 991!

2021 is not too far away, placements are being allocated and class lists are being developed for the new year. The centre will have vacancies in their 0-2 age group from January/February 2021 and Centre Manager Renae is taking expressions of interests for positions now.

If you are considering care in 2021, please contact the Renae at the Centre.



Donation to Shoalhaven City Council

In the recent dreadful fires of last summer, the Coolamon Community raised funds to help those in need. Council made the donation to Shoalhaven City



Council and they have advised the donation went towards replacing the playground at Hoylake Grove Reserve in Lake Conjola. *Pictured left.*

Youth Fest

& SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM @ HOME

The Library will be offering a variety of craft and activities packs for our Youth Program and for the Sept/Oct School Holidays.

Due to the COVID- 19 restrictions we are unable to hold our normal Youth Fest and the usual school holiday activities. These packs will all be free of charge, funded by the NSW Government and Coolamon Shire Council.

Choice of the kits include DIY;

- ◆ Drip painting
- ◆ Macramé
- ◆ Star jar
- ◆ Day spa
- ◆ Mini greenhouse & garden
- ◆ Volcano
- ◆ Coding kits

We are also having a;

- ◆ Cooking online challenge with recipes included.
- ◆ Fitness kit, ready to get active these school holidays

Limited packs will be available To secure a pack or for further details phone the library – 69272492.

