

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2023

Coolamon shire
council

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COOLAMON SHIRE

CELEBRATING AUSTRALIA DAY 2024 IN MATONG

Nominations for the Coolamon Shire Australia Day Awards are now open. Let's recognise the hard work and dedication of local people who typify the Aussie spirit.

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE
MONDAY NOVEMBER 27TH 2023**

**FURTHER DETAILS AND ONLINE FORMS:
WWW.COOLAMON.NSW.GOV.AU/COMMUNITY-AWARDS**

Hard copies are available at the Coolamon Shire Council Office & Library

Road Works

Council would like to advise motorists that heavy road patching, concrete culvert repair, table drain cleaning and road sealing works are to be carried out on the following Roads:

- Canola Way East of Coolamon – multiple heavy road patching.
- Marrar South Road - multiple heavy road patching.
- Mary Gilmore Way – multiple heavy road patching.
- Ardlethan Road – multiple heavy road patching and culvert repairs.
- Rannock, Dullah, Methul and Matong Nth Roads – culvert table drain cleaning.

Portable traffic lights and traffic controllers stop/slow will be on site and motorists may experience delays of 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.

Pool Safety

Are you swim ready?

Helpful pool safety checks to include on your to-do list:

- Does the pool have a barrier that complies with the Australian Standard 1926.1- 1993/2012?
- Is the pool barrier well maintained and in a good state of repair as an effective and safe barrier?
- Does the gate swing freely, close and latch by itself from any open position?
- Is there an appropriate resuscitation (CPR) sign in the immediate vicinity of the pool area?
- Is the resuscitation sign easily readable? Do you require a new one?
- Is your pool fence clear of any objects such as BBQs, trees, rocks, shrubs, garden items and deckchairs that could assist someone to climb over the fence? Please Note: the non-climb zone is measured from the top of the horizontal and should be clear of any object at least by 900mm.
- Is your first aid certificate valid? Do you need to schedule in some training for first aid?

The above checklist is to be used as a guide only.

Should you require further information or assistance in assessing the compliant nature of your swimming pool please contact Council, to arrange an inspection.

Inspection cost \$150.00.

Council reminds residents that there is no better prevention of swimming pool drownings than direct supervision.



Illegal Dumping

Illegal dumping costs councils hundreds, if not thousands of dollars a year. Where the depositing of waste causes concern to the environment or for illegal dumping of waste reporting, the following details can be utilised:

- Councils should be contacted for the following areas: Roads/streets, local parks and gardens and private property
- EPA should be contacted for the following areas: National and State Parks (historic sites/nature reserves) and vacant Crown Land.
- Police Assistance Line and Crimestoppers should be contacted if you witness and can obtain any traceable information of the illegal dumper i.e. number plate of the vehicle utilised to dispose of the waste.

Additionally the NSW EPA has developed an online database known as RIDonline, this is utilised to record and manage illegal dumping incidents. Visit <https://ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au/>

When & why is a Section 138 Approval Required?

Section 138 of the *Roads Act* requires that all works undertaken within Council's road reserves (driveways, footpaths, access ways, gardens etc.) **must** be approved by Council prior to any work being undertaken. Coolamon Shire Council is the appropriate roads authority required to implement the provisions of the *Roads Act*. In addition to the *Roads Act*, the *Work Health and Safety Act (2011)* and the *Regulations 2017*, place specific requirements in relation to working in or near vehicular or pedestrian traffic.

Any person undertaking works within the road reserve must ensure the safety of all persons including motorists, pedestrians and the general public. If you and/or the contractor you have engaged do not have adequate safety systems in place, approved documentation and current insurance, you may be at risk should someone be injured or property damaged. The essential requirements are to:

- Lodge an application,
- Obtain approval (which will include technical requirements for the site and works proposed),
- Engage a Coolamon Shire Council approved contractor,
- Adhere to the conditions of the approval and;
- Ensure you have a fully compliant traffic management plan to ensure everyone's safety.

The appropriate application form is located on Coolamon Council's website:

<https://coolamon.nsw.gov.au/forms-applications-certificates>

Should you have any further enquiries about the above, please contact Council on (02) 6930 1800.



Coolamon Library News

Storytime - Friday, 13th October – "Balloons"
and Friday 27th October – "Unicorns" at 10.30am.

Come along and join in the fun.

Baby Bounce - Will be held on Wednesday, 25th October at 10.30am. Baby Bounce is a 30 minute early literacy program designed to help very young children to explore language. This is done by everyone joining in and learning an array of simple stories, rhymes and songs.

New families are most welcome.

Local History Group - Our local family History group will meet at the Library, Saturday 28th October at 10.30am. If you enjoy family history, come along, morning tea is provided.

Lego Club - held Wednesday afternoons from 4.00pm – 5.00pm and Saturday mornings from 10.30am – 11.30am. The aim of the Lego Club program is for children to have fun, learn to communicate with others and to develop problem-solving skills.

Delivery Services - Our home delivery service is still available for residents within the Shire - Library staff will deliver on Friday mornings. Contact the Library for further details: 6927 2492.



What is recycling contamination and why is it a problem?

Recycling contamination occurs when the wrong materials are placed in the yellow lid (or in some cases the historically issued dark green lid) recycling bin. This includes materials that are not currently recyclable, or not recyclable at our facilities (for example polystyrene, soft plastics, plastic bags, nappies, toys, clothing and textiles). It also includes items that belong in your green lidded organics bin (grass cuttings, pruning's, leaves, weeds, food scraps, soiled paper and cardboard) or problem wastes that can be taken to your local Community Recycling Centre.

Any other items not accepted through the above listed methods can be placed in your red general waste bin.

Recycling contamination affects the safety and efficiency of sorting processes at the Recycling Centre.

Contamination contributes to a more dangerous and unpleasant work environment for staff and can lead to recyclable items being landfilled.

Council appreciates your cooperation in minimising contamination of the organics and recycling bin.

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)

9.30am - 11.30am

Ardlethan (Ariah 62 Cafe)
12 Oct, 9th Nov, Feb 8th

Ganmain (Rural Transaction Centre)
26th Oct, 23rd Nov, 22nd Feb



The next
Council
Meeting:
19th
October
2023 from
3pm



**Mobile Visiting Timetable
for Ardlethan:**
Friday, 6th & 20th October,
9.00am - 12.45pm
<https://rrl.nsw.gov.au/>

3 BINS - WHAT GOES WHERE?

