

# COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

# OCTOBER 2023

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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](http://WWW.COOLAMON.NSW.GOV.AU/COMMUNITY-AWARDS)

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

### Important Notice from NSW Rural Fire Service

The local bush fire danger period is from the **1st October 2023 - 31st March 2024**. During this period permits will be required for the lighting of fires for the purposes of land clearance or fire breaks. (permits are obtained through the RFS).

**Firebreaks Policy** - Council requires the owners or occupiers of land within the Shire exceeding four hectares in area to make and maintain fire breaks. This involves surrounding the entire property or as near as practicable, by ploughing or maintaining bare earth to a width of not less than 3 meter's. For further information contact Council.



### Roads update - Harvest Traffic

With harvest fast approaching it's important that all drivers take extra care and use common sense and share the road with larger, oversized vehicles. When farmers are moving their machinery between paddocks, they often need to use public roads and with more trucks transporting grain on our local roads, we are asking all road users to respect each other, to ensure a safe, incident-free harvest period. The movement of heavy vehicles like tractors and harvesters on our roads can slow down traffic flow. When approaching an oversized heavy vehicle, take a moment to evaluate the situation.

Take responsibility driving to the conditions and use common sense around oversized heavy vehicles and keep our communities safe. Follow these helpful tips to keep you safe:

- Trucks and agricultural vehicles may move slowly. Take care and be patient.
- Don't try and overtake until it's safe.
- If you see a pilot vehicle, it means an oversize vehicle is approaching. Prepare to slow down and change your lane position. Oversize vehicles need extra space.
- Oversize vehicles have blind spots and may not see you. Take extra care.
- Heavy vehicles may have trailers attached and can be longer than expected. Take care when changing lanes.
- If you can, share the driving to prevent fatigue crashes.

For more information visit: [roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au](http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au)

Share the road this harvest season

### Swimming Pool Opening Hours and Fees 2023 -2024

ARDLETHAN		
Monday to Friday	2:00pm till 7:00pm	<b>Entry Fees:</b> Adult \$3.00 Student \$2.00 Non-swimmers \$1.00
Saturday and Sunday	12:00pm till 7:00pm	
Morning Swims (Mon-Wed-Fri)	6:00am till 8:00am	<b>Season Pass:</b> Family \$150 Adult \$90 Student (10yr - 17yr) \$60
School Holidays (Mon to Sun)	12:00pm till 7:00pm	

COOLAMON		
Monday to Friday	1:00pm till 7:00pm	<b>Entry Fees:</b> Adult \$4.00 Concession \$3.00 Non-swimmers \$1.00
Saturday and Sunday	8:00am till 7:00pm	
Morning Swims (Monday to Friday)	6:00am till 10:00am	<b>Season Pass:</b> Family \$250 Adult \$125 Concession \$80

GANMAIN		
Monday, Wednesday, Friday	7:00am till 7:30pm	<b>Entry Fees:</b> Adult (16yrs+) \$3.00 Child (2-16yrs) \$2.00 Non-swimmers and children under 2 free
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays	10:00am till 7:30pm	
		<b>Season Pass:</b> Family \$220 Adult (16yrs+) \$90

## ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN

 FOR 2024.... *Caterpillar Room*

Our centre caterpillar room caters for children aged 6 weeks through to 2 year old toddlers. Children are cared for by caring and passionate educators, who create a safe and nurturing environment where every child belongs. Educator Karina is the room leader for this age group has over 17 years experience working in early childhood education. She is supported in the room by educators Leah, Jennaya and Aleesha.

We encourage learning through play for babies and toddlers aged 6 weeks to 2 years old through stimulating experiences included in our room learning program. This program supports development in learning development areas. Our caterpillar room, also provides a variety of fun-based experiences that suit individual needs, abilities and interests from music, art, gardening to dance. This age group is included in extended learning programs including:

- The NSW health initiative program Munch and Move to promote physical activity and support fundamental skill development
  - External learning programs including cultural music and story telling incursions
  - Excursions within the local community
- Our educators have strong beliefs in working with families to support children reaching developmental milestones.

**The centre currently has limited vacancies within this age group for 2024. For more information or to request an information pack contact Renae at the centre on 69273991.**

## Keeping of Poultry

### How must poultry be kept in residential areas?

Keeping of poultry including chickens is considered exempt development within most residential zones in the Coolamon Shire, subject to the provisions of the State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Codes) 2008 .

The provisions under Exempt Development for fowl & poultry houses include:

- On residential zoned land (except Zone R5) , no more than five (5) fowl/poultry and no roosters
- For land within Zone R5, no more than ten (10) fowl/poultry
- fowl/poultry housing is to be located in the rear yard, with a floor area of less than 15m<sup>2</sup>
- the housing of fowl/poultry (including guinea fowls) is to be located at least 4.5 metres from any dwelling, public hall, school or premises used for the manufacture, preparation, sale or storage of food
- housing is to be enclosed to prevent the escape of poultry

You can check the zoning of your property to determine how many fowl/poultry you can keep, by using the e planning spatial viewer / NSW Government Planning Portal located at:

<https://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au/spatialviewer/#/find-a-property/address>

Please contact Councils Development and Environmental Services Sections if you have any further questions regarding the Keeping of Poultry.



## TACKLE THE TRACK

SAT 4 NOV

REDGRAVE PARK, COOLAMON



### Bike Ride & Walk

Kicking off at 10am  
4 different tracks  
Range of distances  
Register online  
Bike ride or walk

### Party in the Park

10am - 5pm  
Live music  
Food stalls  
Kids activities  
Entertainment

### FREE EVENT

Register online

<https://tacklethe-track.eventbrite.com.au>



MORE DETAILS:  
[WWW.VISITCOOLAMONSHIRE.COM.AU](http://WWW.VISITCOOLAMONSHIRE.COM.AU)



## Regional Drought Resilience Planning

### Survey

In response to environmental challenges, the Coolamon and Junee Shire's are working on the development of a Regional Drought Resilience Plan.



Drought is an ongoing conversation in the region, and we acknowledge that this isn't the first time the community has been asked for feedback.

How can I give feedback?  
Scan the QR code and complete our short survey.

You can contact us on  
1800 810 680 or at  
[community.input@ahd.com](mailto:community.input@ahd.com)

## SCAM WORKSHOP

### LEARN HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF FROM SCAMS

In 2022, Australians lost more than 3.1 billion dollars to scams, according to the ACCC. Learn how to protect yourself in this educational workshop. Morning tea will be served.

### TOPICS COVERED INCLUDE:

- Susceptible groups
- What to look out for
- Types of scams
- The financial impact of scams in Australia
- How to report scams
- How to protect yourself



### For More Information :

Ph: 6927 2492 or email  
[library@coolamon.nsw.gov.au](mailto:library@coolamon.nsw.gov.au)



COOLAMON LIBRARY  
THU 9 NOVEMBER  
10:30AM - 11:30PM  
COST: FREE

## Coolamon Library News

**Storytime** - Dates for the month of November are Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> – “Pets” and Friday 24<sup>th</sup> – “ Fire Engines” at 10.30am. Come along and join in the fun.

**Baby Bounce** - Will be held on Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> November 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** - The next meeting will be held at the Library, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November at 10.30am. If you enjoy family history, come along – morning tea is provided.

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### Mobile Visiting Timetable for Ardlethan:

Friday, 3rd & 17th November,  
9.00am – 12.45pm  
<https://rrl.nsw.gov.au/>

**The next Council Meeting:**  
16th November 2023  
from 3pm