

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2022



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Waste Collection

You are reminded that when placing bins out for collection, it is appropriate that they are within 1metre of the road. They will need to be approximately 0.5metres (500mm) apart and the trucks can lift no more than 80kgs.

Residents should ensure the following:

- Bins should not be overfilled,
- Bins should not have the lid open,
- Bins should not be facing the wrong way,
- Bins should not be overweight
- Plastic bags should not be placed beside bins

Should any of these situations occur, the Contractor may not collect the bins and it will be the responsibility of the landowner to get the waste to the tip.

Please take the time to get it right on bin night.



Harvest Roads Update

The Council road network has been heavily impacted by the ongoing rain events resulting in the LGA receiving Natural Disaster Declaration. Council maintenance crews are working hard to address the many road defects, this will take some time for them all to be accomplished and with harvest approaching all motorists are always advised to drive to the conditions present. Harvest transporters are advised to avoid operation on wet roads to reduce likelihood accelerated deterioration and closer.

Cooperation and understanding of the public is appreciated.



Coolamon Landfill - Transfer Station

Residents are advised that the Coolamon landfill site is nearing the end of its lifespan with approximately 6 months left in the current underground landfill disposal cell. As a result Council will be converting the landfill site to a transfer station. This will ensure that residents are still provided with a waste disposal facility within the township.

An access charge will be implemented at the gate for all persons who seek to deposit general and identified problem waste streams at the Transfer Station. Whilst a service charge will be imposed on residents for use of the transfer station, it should be noted that residents will still have the opportunity to use, free of charges (for applicable waste streams), both Ganmain and Marrar Landfills which are located approximately 10 min from Coolamon. The disposal charge for domestic waste/recycling for residents who elect to use the transfer station is proposed at \$30.00 per m3 or part thereof.

The construction of the transfer station will commence in February 2023, with an anticipated operational date of late March 2023.

For further information visit: <https://coolamon.nsw.gov.au/news/coolamon-landfill-transfer-station> or phone Coolamon Shire Council on 02 6930 1800.



Bus Safety Update - Slow Down, Move Over, Give Space!!!

Lights flash on buses to warn motorists that buses are picking up and dropping off children and by law, "A Driver Must Not Overtake Or Pass A Bus With Flashing Lights At More Than 40km/h".

The extreme wet weather we have been experiencing has caused a lot of damage to our Rural and Regional road network, with pavement damage, potholes and softening of the roadside edges and shoulders. The softened roadside edges and shoulders make it nearly impossible for school buses to pull off to the side of the road to pick up or drop off school children which means the bus driver may need to stop the bus on the road for safety reasons. We as road users need to be aware of the dangers for bus drivers and children under these current conditions and be aware that a stationary bus can impede view of children.

PLEASE SLOW DOWN, MOVE OVER AND GIVE SPACE TO KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE.

Further information visit: <https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au>

Follow council Road safety Officer: <https://www.facebook.com/RoadSafetyInfo/>



Christmas and New Year Closures

The Council Offices, including Allawah Community Care and the Coolamon Shire Library will be Closing Friday, 23rd December at 5.00pm. Businesses will re-open Tuesday, 3rd January 2023 at 8.30am.

Allawah Lodge will remain open. To keep up to date with visitor requirements please follow them on Facebook;

<https://www.facebook.com/allawahlodge>

or call 69273 477.

Bin collection will remain unchanged as per the schedule. Landfill sites will be Closed Tuesday 27th December due to the Public Holiday.



CECC Christmas Closures -

The Centre will Close at 6pm Friday, 23rd December 2022 and re-open at 7am on Monday, 9th January 2023.



IT'S ON
in coolamon shire

Have you seen what's on in the Coolamon Shire.

For a list of events and activities visit;

WWW.VISITCOOLAMONSHIRE.COM.AU
@visitcoolamonshire

Coolamon Shire Library News

Storytime - Friday, 2nd December at 10.30am – “Clothes”
Friday, 16th December at 10.30am – “Xmas”

School Holiday - Christmas Activities

The Library is holding three Christmas activities for children to enjoy before Christmas. They include:

- 21st December - Xmas Biscuits decorating at \$5.00
 - 22nd December - Xmas Reindeer at \$5.00
 - 23rd December - Xmas Cupcake decorating at \$5.00
- Bookings are essential - 69272 492

Remembrance Tree - The Library will again have a Christmas Tree of Remembrance. This is an opportunity for community members to include lost loved ones in the festive season. Community members are invited to write a message to their loved one, to include them in the spirit of Christmas. The message will be hung on the Christmas Tree of Remembrance in their memory. After Christmas, it will be dismantled and a small ritual will be held to honour the memories contained in the messages.

Food Appeal - The Library will be holding our annual Christmas Food Appeal this year - this will be replacing food for fines. We are asking for donations of non-perishable foods which will then be given to our community members in need. Donations can be accepted from the 21st November – 24th December 2022

Book Club - 2023 - The Library is taking names to join a Book Club for 2023. The aim is to form a group of ten individuals, nominate a group leader and pay the membership fee. The library provides ten copies of the one title plus background notes and discussion questions. For further information, phone the Library – 69272492.



COOLAMON NYE STREET PARTY

31 DECEMBER 2022
6PM - 10PM

- Live Music
- Entertainment
- Food Stalls
- \$10 Kid Zone Passes
- BYO Chairs
- Family Fireworks Spectacular 10pm

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visitcoolamonshire.com.au

FREE EVENT



Thank you Fiona and Marcia

After 20 years and 13 years respectively both Fiona Minchin and Marcia Ryan retired from Ardlethan Pre School. We acknowledged both Fiona and Marcia's collective years of service and the difference they had made to the community by educating, nurturing, guiding and caring for the many children and families over the years. Thank you to both ladies for all you have done and continue to do for Ardlethan.

Doll & Bridal Exhibition

During the Yield Festival at the Up To Date Store, Faye Innes, Alma Chaston and Eileen Bowey joined forces to present their Doll and Bridal Exhibition from September 23rd to October 2nd. Entry was with a gold coin donation. A huge thank you to Faye, Alma and Eileen who have donated the proceeds after costs of \$324 to the Coolamon Shire Community Benefit Fund.



Public Notice SUSPENSION OF ALCOHOL FREE ZONE FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE FESTIVAL

Please be advised that the Alcohol Free Zone within the Coolamon main street will be suspended for the New Year's Eve Festival. The consumption of alcohol will be permitted during the celebrations, **6pm till 11pm on Saturday 31st December 2022 for that night only.** After the event normal Alcohol Free Zone requirements will apply.

NEW YEAR NEW CAREER

With the start of a new year upon us, there is no better time to make that bold move towards a better job, a better career and a better life! Coolamon Shire Council currently have vacancies, for a full list of positions visit our website:
<https://coolamon.nsw.gov.au/working-with-council>

riverina regional library
Mobile Visiting Timetable
Ardlethan - Friday, 2nd December - 9.00am - 12.45pm and
Friday, 16th December - 9.00am - 12.45pm
<https://rrl.nsw.gov.au/>

Bringing services to your community

Coolamon
1st December 2022
8:30am - 12:00pm
Ganmain
1st December 2022
1:00pm - 3:00pm

Where we'll be: 124 - 130 Cowabbie Street, Coolamon
Victory Gardens - Ford Street, Ganmain

The Next Council Meeting
15th December 2022 from 3pm