

# Council Corner

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## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL MAY 2020

### VALE LAURENCE ATHOL ROBERTS OAM



Councillors and staff were saddened by the passing of Laurence Athol Roberts.

During his life Athol was a dedicated member of the Goolgowi community serving on many clubs and associations, often as president.

Athol served as a Carrathool Shire Councillor for over 40 years. First elected to Council's A riding in 1963, he was then elected Deputy Mayor in 1969 and served as Mayor of Carrathool Shire from 1983-2004.

Athol sat on many committees including Australian Wheatgrowers, Barley Committee and NSW Farmers Association.

Councillors and staff would like to extend our sincere condolences to the family at this time.

### INFRASTRUCTURE NEWS

#### Lachlan River Stabilisation Works

A newsletter has been released outlining the next stage of the Lachlan River Stabilisation Works project, showing areas along the river where it is recommended structural works are implemented to reinforce two potentially problematic areas.

The newsletter can be viewed on Council's website or in hardcopy at the Hillston District Office.

#### McGee Street Rehabilitation Project

The McGee Street Rehabilitation Project has been progressing slowly due to the recent rainfall. Preparation of the drainage and base is complete ready for the laying of kerb and gutter which is scheduled to begin late May weather permitting.



### MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR - COVID-19

Residents and ratepayers will be aware that the NSW Government is removing restrictions imposed by the COVID-19 pandemic. The lifting of these restrictions has implications for some Council facilities and services.

Council playgrounds and parks are now open; however, caution needs to be exercised when using these facilities. Council does not sanitise this equipment so please, when using this equipment take care of your own personal hygiene and continue to adhere to social distancing.

I am pleased with how the community of Carrathool Shire has dealt with the difficulties during this time. I believe people have accepted and are aware of the need for social distancing and hand hygiene. These practises are to continue even though some restrictions are being eased.

Our businesses within the shire have adapted over the last few weeks, however it has been and will continue to be a difficult financial time for them. Please continue to support our businesses and shop locally.

For the latest COVID-19 information for NSW head to [www.nsw.gov.au](http://www.nsw.gov.au)





# Rankins Springs

## MEETING MATTERS

### Request to go to Open Tender

Council resolved to go to open tender for Line Marking and Bitumen Supply Services.

### Rankins Springs Flood Study

At the May meeting Council approved an application for funding into a flood study of the Rankins Springs township and the assembly of a Flood Committee should the application be successful under the governments next round of Floodplain Management Grants.

### Lower Speed Limit Application

Council resolved to approve an application to lower the speed limit on The Springs Road. Council will now apply to the required regulatory authorities to approve the proposed 70km speed zone, 1.5km in length, located east of the current 50km speed zone on The Springs Road, Hillston.

## UPCOMING CLOSURE

Council offices, library, depots and landfills will be closed on Monday 8 June 2020 for the Queens Birthday public holiday.



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

### OWNING A CAT OR DOG IN NSW

- All companion animals must be microchipped and registered before they are 6 months old.

*NOTE: This is a 2 step process, microchipping your pet is NOT the same as completing your pets lifetime registration.*

- From 1 July 2020 additional annual permits are required for dangerous dogs and cats who are not de-sexed (by age 4 months). These annual permits are payable on top of your pets lifetime registration fee:
  - Non de-sexed cats - \$80 annual permit  
*Exceptions include cats that are lifetime registered before 1 July 2020 and cats kept for breeding purposes by registered breeders.*
  - Dangerous dog - \$195 annual permit
- Remember, it is your responsibility as the owner to update the animals owners information - DO NOT leave this up to the new owner, if the dog is involved in a serious incident or declared dangerous, YOU as the named owner of the dog may be fined.

Under the *Companion Animals Act 1993* section 11 the owner of an identified companion animal must notify Council of any animal information changes within 14 days of the change occurring.

To update your current or old animals details, simply contact or visit Council for a change of ownership form.



## WATER & SEWER NEWS

### Clearing Works

Council have undertaken works to clear 2.4km of vegetation along Council's water main pipeline around Erigolia. These works provide staff with adequate access for operational and maintenance purposes.

### Goolgowi Sewer Mains Assessment

Last week Council engaged RSP Environmental Service to carry out a condition assessment of the Goolgowi sewer main. A report of the assessment will be presented to Council to help determine any future maintenance and relining work necessary.

### Water Meter Reading

Council would like to notify residents that water meter readings are being conducted between 23 May 2020 and 10 June 2020. Please ensure all gates are unlocked, dogs are restrained and water meters are visible and clear of any overgrown vegetation during this period. If Council officers are unable to read your meter you will be issued with an estimated reading.

*You can stay up to date with Council news including water interruptions and works updates on Council's Website and also Council's Facebook Page which can be found at [www.facebook.com/carrathoolshirecouncil](http://www.facebook.com/carrathoolshirecouncil).*

## REMINDER ~ SEWER CHOKES

Council would like to remind residents not to flush down the toilets anything that does not dissolve in water.

**These items include the following:**

- Paper towels
- Tissues
- Wet wipes / Nappies
- Latex gloves
- Any type of plastic
- Sanitary Products
- Cotton make up pads/Q-tips



## Seen this plant?

### Parthenium weed

*Parthenium hysterophorus*



**Call us: NSW DPI Biosecurity Helpline  
1800 680 244**





## ADVERTISEMENTS

### SURPLUS ITEMS FOR SALE BY QUOTATION

Council currently have one surplus item for sale by quotation:

- Plant 5059 Honda Push Mower

Inspections can be arranged by calling Tony Blunden on 0409 723 757 during business hours.

Quotations close 12 noon Wednesday 10 June 2020. For more information on Council's quotation process please call the contacts above or go to Council's website [www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/council/tenders-quotations](http://www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/council/tenders-quotations).

Please note you will only receive further contact if your quotation is successful. Faxed quotations will **not** be considered. The highest / lowest or any quotation will not necessarily be accepted.

### DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION DA2016/043 MODIFY 2, LOT 4 DP1220390 'THE RANCH'

**149 BACK HILLSTON ROAD, TABBITA**

Council has received a Development Application to modify a Livestock Intensive Industry (Poultry Production Facility) on Lot:4 DP:1220390 'The Ranch' 149 Back Hillston Road, Tabbita. In accordance with s 4.46 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, Council hereby provides Notice of the proposed development, which will also be assessed as Designated and Integrated development.

The name of the applicant is VOAG 4 and the Consent Authority for this development is Carrathool Shire Council, PO Box 12, Goolgowi NSW 2652. The approval authority for Integrated development is NSW Environment Protection Authority under s.43 of the *Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997*.

The proposed development modification provides for the relocation of a water storage dam of reduced capacity and the construction of a new retention basin in the location of the former water storage dam.

The proposed development is Designated Development under the meaning of s 4.10 of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979*, as being a livestock intensive industry for the commercial production of birds accommodating more than 250,000 birds.

The Development Application and supporting documents may be inspected at the offices of Carrathool Shire Council located at 9-11 Cobram Street, Goolgowi, and the Department of Planning, Industry & Environment Offices from Monday 18 May 2020 up until close of business on Monday 1 June 2020. During this time any person may inspect these documents and make written submissions to Carrathool Shire Council. Any submissions made will be considered public document.

Council advises that, as per Clause 118(5)(d) of the *Environmental Planning and Assessment Regulation 2000*, if Council approves the application there is no right of appeal to the NSW Land and Environment Court by an objector.

If you have any further queries contact Council on 02 6965 1900 during business hours.

### POSITION VACANT

### WATER AND SEWER OPERATOR- ISWS174 (Readvertised)

Council is seeking a suitably qualified and motivated individual for a Water and Sewer Operator, based at Rankins Springs.

The key functions will be to ensure the provision of a reliable service to the community through effective and efficient operation of water and sewerage plant, and maintenance of water and sewerage reticulation systems.

The position will be offered on a fulltime basis. Hours of work are 38 hrs pw with a rostered day off each fortnight. Salary will be in the range of \$986.41 to \$1,075.19 per week plus allowances, dependent upon skills, qualifications and experience.

To obtain further information please visit [www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/council/positions-vacant](http://www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/council/positions-vacant) If you have any questions about the role, please contact Sam Chaudhari on 0407 402 860.

Applications should be marked with the position number and be addressed to the General Manager. Applications close 4pm on Friday 29 May 2020.

### PUBLIC EXHIBITION

### DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2020/21


Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the provisions of sections 404 and 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council has developed its Draft Operational Plan 2020/21. The Draft Operational Plan details the activities to be undertaken in the next financial year, including the Revenue Policy (rates structure) and Fees and Charges.

Residents are encouraged to inspect the plan which will be available at the following locations from Friday 8 May 2020:


- Councils website: [www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au](http://www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au)
- Hillston District Office
- Goolgowi Council Chambers
- Merriwagga Black Stump Hotel
- Rankins Springs Post Office
- Carrathool Public School


Written submissions on the Draft Operational Plan, addressed to the General Manager, will be received until 4pm Friday 5 June 2020, for consideration at the Council Meeting to be held 23 June 2020.

*Have your  
say!*



### Draft Operational Plan 2020/21





**Carrathool Shire Council**  
Promoting a future through diversity.

Version 1



# Merriwagga

## NO MOBILE LIBRARY THIS MONTH LIBRARY NEWS

Customers will find the library looking very different when we reopen. The layout of the library has changed and with new carpet and a thorough cleaning the library looks like new!

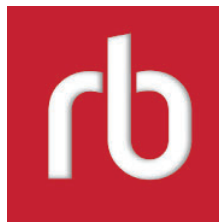
*Please Note: The library is still offering a "Click & Collect" service to all customers. Contact the library by phone on 02 6967 2503 for more information.*



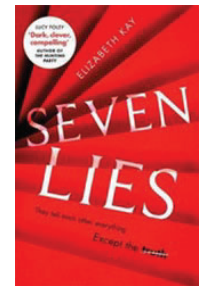
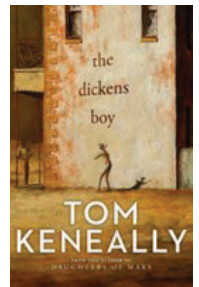
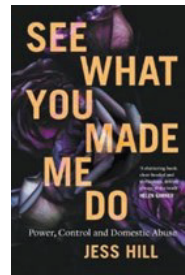
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## NEW BOOKS



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## PESTICIDE/HERBICIDE APPLICATION

In accordance with Carrathool Shire Council's Pesticide Use Notification Plan, Council hereby gives notice that pesticide/herbicide application will be undertaken within the Shire area during **JUNE/JULY 2020** as declared in the table below.

Application	Type	Purpose	Location
Grazon Extra, Round Ultra Max, Uptake	Spot Spray	African Boxthorn, Prickly Pear	Roto Road, Kidman Way, Lachlan River Road, Murrumbidgee River Road
Round Up Ultra Max, Grazon & Ally	Spot Spray	Woody Weeds	Kidman Way, Burley Griffin Way

To be included in Council's community email list or to have your event included in this newsletter please forward your contact details and/or event information to: [community@carrathool.nsw.gov.au](mailto:community@carrathool.nsw.gov.au)

### Connecting with Council

Mail: PO Box 12  
GOOLGOWI NSW 2652  
Phone: 02 6965 1900  
Fax: 02 6965 1379  
Email: [council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au)  
Website: [www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au](http://www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au)

**Goolgowi Council Chambers**  
9-11 Cobram Street, Goolgowi

**Hillston District Office**  
139-145 High Street, Hillston

**W.G. Parker Memorial Library**  
175 High Street, Hillston

### COUNCIL MEETINGS

**Next Ord Meeting:** 23 June 2020  
**Venue:** Goolgowi Council Chambers  
**Agenda Closure:** 10 June 2020  
**Agenda Available:** 19 June 2020

**After Hours Road Emergency 0407 244 429**

**Water & Sewer Goolgowi - 0429 690 010 Hillston - 0429 672 119 Rankins Springs - 0428 661 305**