



Council Corner

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2022

MAYORS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



On behalf of Carrathool Shire Council, I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

At the time of writing this message our community is still experiencing the challenges of this year, and as Christmas approaches, considerable angst as flood waters

come down the Lachlan and spread out around us. Council has been monitoring the situation for some time and are confident with our responses.

Many residents in our Council area have suffered ups and downs, and as a community we will continue to support each other through these events, please spare a thought for those in our neighbouring Shires who will be celebrating Christmas after having lost everything in recent flood events. Any assistance we can give to those struggling through this time would be appreciated.

It is imperative to acknowledge the volunteers in our community who come to the fore in these circumstances. Thank you to all for the assistance provided and also for the continued vigilance until the flood situation has eased.

At this time of year some of us look forward to time with family and friends to reflect on the challenges we have faced and celebrate knowing that better times are ahead.

Over the past year Council has worked to provide services for our community, I am proud of what has been achieved with the new Council over this time.

2023 is fast approaching, no doubt it will have more trials for us, as we recover from recent events. I hope Council and the community continue to work together to make our Shire a safe and prosperous place to call home.

While travelling is again restricted, this time due to the flooding events, please take care on the roads and return safely. Best Wishes for the Festive Season.



CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

Notice is hereby given that the Carrathool Shire Council Offices, Depots, Library will be closed as follows:

Office, Depot and Library Christmas Closures

From 3pm Friday 23 December 2022. Reopening 8.30 am on Tuesday 3 January 2023.

Garbage collection & tip hours for Christmas and New Year

There will be no changes to Garbage Collection dates over the holiday period.

Tip closures are available on Council's Facebook and Website or by calling 02 6965 1900.

Emergency contacts over Christmas period

After hours Emergency:	0407 244 429
Goolgowi Water & Sewer	0429 690 010
Hillston Water & Sewer	0429 672 119
Rankins Springs Water & Sewer	0428 661 305

The Councillors and staff wish all Shire residents and ratepayers a safe and Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Celebrating our Multicultural Community

Council is looking for a suitably qualified/experienced business or community group to assist with providing the following services at the upcoming Lake Woorabinda Festival on 11 March 2023:

- **Bar Services** (The successful group/business will need to apply for and be granted a suitable liquor licence before the event)
- **Food Stalls**
- **Local Produce Stalls**
- **Local Handmade Goods Stalls**

To request a full copy of the EOI or for more information you can contact Council on 02 6965 1900 or visit Councils Website: www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/Lake-Woorabinda-Festival-EOI

EOI's close: **4.00pm Friday 6 January 2023.**

MEETING MATTERS

Annual Report 2021/22

The Carrathool Shire Council Annual Report for 2021/22 is now available to view on Council's website.

The report includes the audited financial statements for the year as well as the end of term report on the delivery program achievements.

Hillston Caravan Park Cabin Replacement

At the November meeting Council resolved to fund the installation of a new deluxe cabin at the park utilising Caravan Park Reserves.

Community Development Officer Report

Summer Holiday Break Program

Council have been successful in securing \$15,000 in funding from the NSW Government and have several events planned throughout the summer holiday break. More information can be found in the attached insert or on Council's website.

Australia Day

Nominations are still open for the 2023 Australia Day Awards, you can find more information and nomination forms on Council's website.

Council have also applied for a grant to hold a live music event on the evening of Australia Day in Goolgowi.

COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2023

In accordance with section 232 of the *Local Government (General) Regulation*, residents of Carrathool Shire are advised that ordinary meetings of the Council will be held as follows:

Date	Venue	Time
21/02/23	Hillston	10.00 am
21/03/23	Goolgowi	10.00 am
18/04/23	Hillston	10.00 am
16/05/23	Goolgowi	10.00 am
*27/06/23	Hillston	10.00 am
18/07/23	Goolgowi	10.00 am
15/08/23	Rankins Springs	10.00 am
19/09/23	Hillston	10.00 am
17/10/23	Goolgowi	10.00 am
21/11/23	Hillston	10.00 am
19/12/23	Goolgowi	10.00 am

*June meeting is to be held on the 4th Tuesday to allow for statutory advertising and receipt of submissions on the annual budget.

Anyone wishing to have correspondence considered at a Council meeting is asked to ensure that it is received in Council's Office no later than the Tuesday fourteen days prior to the meeting date, to enable inclusion on the agenda circulated the week prior to the meeting. Those wishing to address a Council or Committee meeting should contact Council's General Manager, Rick Warren on 02 6965 1900.

MEDIA RELEASES

THE GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO BE TOLD NATURAL DISASTER DAMAGE SURVEY

18/11/2022

Carrathool Shire was declared a natural disaster area on the 22 August 2022. This declaration allows for concessional loans and household assistance for eligible residents.

This declaration was upgraded to include a primary producer grant on the 4 November 2022. In order to give the government an indication of production losses and infrastructure damage across the Shire, farmers are asked to complete a short survey, the link for the online survey can be found on the homepage of Council's website: www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au.

This survey is not used for individual assistance rather it will give the Government an overview of what damage this event has caused Shire wide.

At this stage only estimates are needed to complete the form. All farmers within the Shire who have been affected by flooding or recent rain events need to complete this survey.

Examples of losses include stock, fencing and downgraded quality of the forthcoming harvest.

I encourage all farmers in the Shire to complete the survey as the total loss for our Shire will be used to unlock grant funding for your business.

Whilst the survey is not an application for a grant, completion of the survey could benefit your business with initial grants of up to \$25,000.

With natural disasters occurring over much of NSW, we need to keep Carrathool Shire at the forefront of Government departments as they calculate any grant assistance.

The Government needs to be told how great your farming losses are and what affect this event will have on your business enterprise.

FLOOD INFORMATION

28/11/2022

Mayor Darryl Jardine wants to reassure residents of Hillston that the Council have been undertaking flood preparation activities and monitoring water levels along the Lachlan River.

Cr Jardine said "Council has been working with the local SES Controller on a range of activities over the past few weeks preparing for any eventuality. Each organisation has different roles with the SES designated the combat agency for flood events in NSW."

The mayor further stated "Council staff have been removing obstructions to ensure the water flows through floodways as intended and away from the town."

The SES website www.ses.nsw.gov.au provides a great deal of further information. Flood alerts are found on this website and copies are available at the Council office of the latest notifications. Should any circumstance change the SES will notify the public.



ADVERTISEMENTS

SURPLUS ITEMS FOR SALE

Council currently has a Honda Atom Edger (Plant 5130) for sale by quotation.

More information can be found on Council's website: www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/quotations or by calling Tony Blunden on 0409 723 757.

Quotations close: Friday 16 December 2022.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2023/012, LOT 5 DP1210276, TABBITA LANE, TABBITA

Council has received a Development Application for Electricity Generating Works – Construction of a 4.95MW Solar farm and battery containers on Lot:5 DP:1210276, Tabbita Lane Tabbita.

The name of the applicant is ACEnergy Pty Ltd and the Consent Authority for this development is Carrathool Shire Council, PO Box 12, Goolgowi NSW 2652.

The Development Application and supporting documents, may be inspected at Carrathool Shire Council's Hillston District Office, 139-145 High Street, Hillston or Goolgowi Office, 9-11 Cobram Street, Goolgowi, and is available on Carrathool Shire Council's website, from Thursday 17 November 2022 up until close of business on Friday 16 December 2022.

During the time of public exhibition up until the close of business on Friday 16 December 2022 any person may inspect the documents and make written submissions to Carrathool Shire Council concerning the proposed development and if the submission is made by way of objection, the grounds of the objection must be specified in the submission.

GOOLGOWI SWIMMING POOL

Goolgowi pool will move to unsupervised operations Monday - Friday from Monday 19 December. The proposed new hours for Goolgowi are:

Day	Opening Hours
Monday	6.00am - 8.00pm
Tuesday	12.00pm - 8.00pm
Wednesday	6.00am - 8.00pm
Thursday	12.00pm - 8.00pm
Friday	6.00am - 8.00pm
Saturday, Sunday & Public Holidays	7.30am - 12.30pm 12.30pm - 8.00pm*

*Supervised pool hours

Note: Both pools will be CLOSED on Christmas Day.

Season pass holders will be required to collect a key card/fob for access and will be contacted when they are ready for collection.

MOBILE LIBRARY

12, 14 & 15 December 2022

Monday

11.45am - 12.00pm Rankins Springs Pre-School
12.00pm - 12.30pm Rankins Springs Public School
1.25pm - 1.45pm Goolgowi Park
1.45pm - 2.00pm Goolgowi Pre-School
2.00pm - 3.00pm Goolgowi Public School

Wednesday

10.00am - 11.00am St Josephs School
11.00am - 12.00pm Hillston Billylids & Play 'N' Learn
1.45pm - 2.45pm Hillston Central School

Visits to the below locations now need to be arranged beforehand.

To book your visit, please call the **Library on 6967 2503**

Monday Merriwagga village
Thursday Lachlan Lodge & Hillston Home visits



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO US!

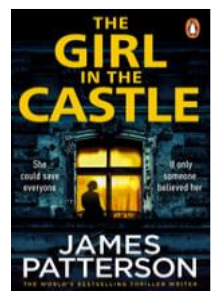
The Library will celebrate 70 years on 13 December 2022! Literacy facilities were available in Hillston from 1913 in the form of the Hillston Mechanics Institute and the Carrathool Shire Free Public Library opened in 1952.

After a couple of location and name changes in 1983 the Library became the W.G.Parker Memorial Library and in 2004 construction was completed on the purpose built Library we use today.

If you aren't already a member come and see what our library has to offer and sign up today!



NEW BOOKS



Hillston



Christmas Shopping Bus

Extra dates available leading up to Christmas!

EVERY FRIDAY FROM

11/11/2022 TO 9/12/2022

Book now on 02 6961 7600

COMMUNITY NEWS

GOOLGOWI SES

Goolgowi SES have a new truck with lots of new equipment - now they just need you!

To find out more about joining the Goolgowi SES you can contact Lawrence on 0427 020 373.



SAVE THE DATE

**SERVICE NSW
HILLSTON VISIT
6 & 7 DECEMBER 2022**

**GOOLGOWI
CHRISTMAS TREE
10 DECEMBER 2022**

**GUNBAR
CHRISTMAS TREE
19 DECEMBER 2022**

**ST JOSEPHS, HILLSTON
CHRISTMAS TREE
9 DECEMBER 2022**

**RANKINS SPRINGS
COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS PARTY
17 DECEMBER 2022**

**NYE GOOLGOWI EX SERVICEMEN'S
LIVE MUSIC 'TWICE SHY'
31 DECEMBER 2022**

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 **DECEMBER / JANUARY 2023** as declared in the table below. This application will be dependant on weather conditions.

Application	Type	Purpose	Location
Kelpie 550 & Metsulfuron Methyl	Jet Spray	Roadside Vegetation	Tabbita Lane, Pintebakana Road, Black Stump Road, Mitchells Road, Lake Cargelligo Road, Lachlan River Road, Erigolia Road
Grazon Extra & Metsulfuron Methyl	Jet Spray	Roadside Vegetation	Lachlan River Road, Murrumbidgee River Road, Rankins Springs Road, Booligal Gunbar Road
Clethodim, Round Up & Arsenal	Boom Spray	Roadside Vegetation	Kidman Way

To have your community event included in the Council Corner email council@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
Website: 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: 20 December 2022
Venue: Goolgowi Council Chambers
Agenda Closure: 7 December 2022
Agenda Available: 16 December 2022

After Hours Road Emergency: 0407 244 429

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