



Council Corner

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL JANUARY 2024

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS

Australia Day 2024 was celebrated at Hillston Lions Park with over 100 people in attendance. The special day commenced with the award ceremony led by Mayor Daryl Jardine and our 2024 official Australia Day Ambassador, Debbie Watson - Olympic Water Polo Player.

Ms Watson is one of Australia's finest female water polo players, with her sporting career spanning 17 years at the elite level and saw her voted best player in the world in 1992. Debbie has led a string of World Cup, World Championship and Olympic victories, and was instrumental in the golden result for the Australian team for 2020.

The celebratory spirit continued throughout the day with the luncheon cooked by the Hillston Lions Club, the Hillston Pool Party and into the night with Gowi Groove on the Grass from 7pm.

Council would like to thank Ms Debbie Watson for joining and celebrating with us as our official Australia Day Ambassador. Council would like to congratulate all nominees and winners and we hope you enjoyed being part of our Australia Day Ceremony.



Australia Day



CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2023 JAMIE PARSONS

Jamie is an active member of the Rankins Springs community. Jamie played a crucial role in the establishment of the Proten cup, he has since played an integral part of the success and ongoing development of the sport in Rankins Springs.

In 2023 Jamie worked hard as a member of the Centenary Committee and actively participated in fundraising in order to create a memorable celebration for the Rankins Springs Township 100 years event. Jamie also heavily contributed to the research, writing and publication of the town Centenary History Book.

Jamie is also an active member of the Rankins Springs Progress Association, and has held the position of vice president from 2021 - present.



SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR 2023 LACHLAN KEEFE

In 2023 Lachlan was very successful in a number of sporting teams and activities including successfully qualifying for the Zone and Riverina Carnivals in a number of events.

Lachlan was a member of the Central Schools Relay Team participating at the CHS State Carnival and represented both Hillston Central School and the Southwest Zone in athletics at the Riverina Carnival.

Additionally, Lachlan represented RAP in open touch football, soccer and basketball, and refereed for the Bill Turner Soccer competition.

Following his successful streak in 2023, Lachlan received the Most Improved award for the Hillston Swans Open Men's AFL.



JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR (12-18 YRS) 2023 JESSIE MACDONALD

Jessie had a successful year, showcasing his swimming talent and capabilities. Jessie was awarded the Hillston Central School and Southwest Zone Age Champion.

Jessie competed in the 13 years division, winning all his events. Jessie continued to compete at the Riverina Carnival, where he was successful in winning 5 events and qualifying for the CHS State swimming carnival held in Sydney.

Jessie also represented Hillston Central School and the Southwest Zone in the Cross Country Event.

JUNIOR SPORTSPERSON OF THE YEAR (5-12 YRS) 2023 HAMISH LUELF

Throughout 2023, Hamish qualified for the Zone Swimming Carnival and competed in the Goolgowi/ Springs Cross Country, where he proceeded to win 1st place in his age category.

Hamish participated in the Griffith Zone Cross Country, finishing 4th place which saw him qualify to attend and represent Rankins Springs School at the Riverina Cross Country in Gundagai.

Hamish also competed at the Griffith Small Schools Athletics and qualified for the Griffith Zone Athletics Carnival.

COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR 2023 HILLSTON SWANS FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB

The Hillston Swans are a local community sporting club who are highly dedicated to providing opportunities for the locals to participate in sport but also to support the health and wellbeing of the whole community.

In July 2023 the Swans hosted an Indigenous round of AFL and netball resulting in \$3,742.60 being raised and donated to Hillston Can Assist. Their Ladies Day Event was another successful fundraiser raising \$3,000 that was donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. The Swans also partnered with Murrumbidgee Public Health and hosted a free flu and Covid Vaccination Clinic.

COMMUNITY EVENT OF THE YEAR 2023 RANKINS SPRINGS CENTENARY

Held from 15 - 17 September 2023, this successful event attracted over 500 visitors, with the Friday Night opening ceremony hosting over 200 people.

Throughout this event, there was a unanimous sense of community spirit, pride and joy, that will never be forgotten. The event was a great town effort, with many of the community members assisting to raise funds, grant applications, write pages, organise merchandise and a time capsule.

Activities included free bus tours, show and shine car show, new township history signs, a local town history book, fireworks display and a church service.





Rankins Springs

SENIORS FESTIVAL 2024

Celebrate the 2024 Seniors Festival with the Hillston Library this year.

Join us on 20 March 2024 for a tour of NIVAGUM Flower Farm with morning tea followed by a Luncheon at the Hillston Exies.

Transport from other villages in the Carrathool LGA is available, but bookings are essential as spaces are limited. RSVP NOW on 02 6967 2503.

RSVP's close 11 March 2024.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Sulo Bins & Garbage Collection

Council would like to remind residents to ensure they do not overfill sulo bins.

Sulo Bins are at risk of falling into the garbage truck when collected if they are packed full of lawn clippings and other green waste. If your bin is overloaded and damaged during collection it is your responsibility to pay for a replacement sulo bin.

Sulo Bins can be purchased from both Council offices at a cost of \$77.

For disposal of larger volumes of green waste or other large items you can see Council's tip opening times on our website.

Roadworks

The following roadworks are currently underway:

- MR368 The Springs Road-2.2km sealing construction underway
- Merungi Road—gravel application for 13.86km
- Euratha Road—gravel application for 9.6km
- Melbergen Road West—gravel application for 9.15km

Council apologises for any inconvenience and thanks residents for their patience during these works.

Positions Vacant

Are you looking for a rewarding career and to work in a stable and secure environment? Then join our team and make a difference to your community. We are searching for the following full-time permanent roles to be based in Hillston:

Water & Sewer Operator—ISWSO260-24

Plant Operator/Labourer—ISPOL258-24

For more information regarding these roles and other opportunities that may be available head to www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/about-council/work-for-council/current-vacancies.

Keep up to date with Council Notices, Road Closures and so much more:

www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au

MOBILE LIBRARY

19, 20, 21 & 22 February 2024

Tuesday

11.55am - 12.00pm	Rankins Springs Pre-School
12.10pm - 12.30pm	Rankins Springs Public School
1.35pm - 1.50pm	Goolgowi Park
1.50pm - 2.00pm	Goolgowi Pre-School
2.00pm - 3.00pm	Goolgowi Public School

Wednesday

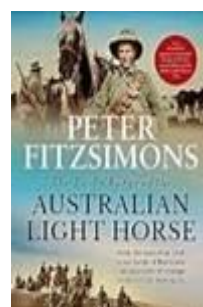
10.00am - 10.45am	Hillston Central School
11.00am - 12.00pm	Hillston Billylids & Play 'N' Learn
2.00pm - 2.30pm	St Joseph's School

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

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

Monday Carrathool
Tuesday Merriwagga Village
Thursday Hillston Home visits

Story Time sessions at the library in Hillston are lots of fun. We sing songs, read stories, play games and do crafts. Currently held every Tuesday at 11am the program is designed to introduce young children to the wonderful world of books & libraries. We have a wide focus on a range of activities to cater for children aged 0 to 5 years. Story Hour will give your child the opportunity to interact with other children of similar ages & for caregivers to get to know each other. It is free and open to all.



NEW BOOKS/ DVD'S



Rankins Springs

LAKE WOORABINDA FESTIVAL 2024 EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN

We are on the lookout for suitably qualified/experienced businesses or community groups to assist with providing services at the upcoming 2024 Lake Woorabinda Festival on 9 March 2024.

- Food Stalls
- Local Produce Stalls
- Local Handmade Goods Stall
- Entertainment Stalls

We want to make this year bigger and better than the last, so let us know your ideas and contact Alison Jardine on 02 6965 1900 for a full copy of the EOI documents.

EOI's close 7 February 2024.



COMMUNITY SHOPPING BUS

Shopping Bus Services will continue in 2024, with the bus heading from Hillston to Griffith every second Friday of each month.

This service is available to all residents of the Shire, with pickups available in Hillston, Merriwagga or Goolgowi and transport contributions start at only \$10 per person.

Bookings are essential as seats are limited.

Call now to book your seat:

02 6961 7600



RURAL FINANCIAL COUNSELLING SERVICE

The RFCS are providing free financial counselling at 'The Room' in Goolgowi.

Bookings are essential and can be made by calling 1800 319 458.

This service will run every other Monday with the next upcoming dates being, 5 February 2024 and 19 February 2024.



SAVE THE DATE

**ON THE ROAD 65+ WORKSHOP
GOOLGOWI
21 FEBRUARY 2024**

**HILLSTON OUTBACK TRIATHLON
LIONS PARK, LAKE WOORABINDA,
3 MARCH 2024**

**LAKE WOORABINDA FESTIVAL
LAKE WOORABINDA
9 MARCH 2024**

**SENIORS FESTIVAL EVENT
20 MARCH 2024
HILLSTON**

**RANKINS SPRINGS P&C GOLF DAY
SATURDAY APRIL 6 2024**

**YOUTH ROLLER DISCOS
GOOLGWOWI & HILLSTON
18 & 19 APRIL 2024**

To have your community event included in the Council Corner email council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au

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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 February 2024
Venue: Hillston District Office
Agenda Closure: 7 February 2024
Agenda Available: 16 February 2024

After Hours Road Emergency: 0407 244 429

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