



Council Corner

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2023

LAKE WOORABINDA FESTIVAL

Join us on 11 March at Lake Woorabinda, Hillston to celebrate our community together.

There will be market stalls including food, drinks and locally made goods as well as inflatables to keep the kids entertained.

Lantern decorating workshops will be held throughout the day and the lanterns will be lit and floated on the lake at dusk before our firework finale.

Live music kicks off at 4.30pm with Melbourne band the Baker Boys performing.

So come on down and relax by the lake for a family day out in Hillston.

You can find out more about the event on our Facebook page.



11 MARCH 2023

From 11am



STATE GOVERNMENT VISIT

The Deputy Premier of NSW the Hon. Paul Toole MP visited Goolgowi on Monday afternoon and made a major announcement about rural and regional internet connectivity.

The State Government in conjunction with NBN Co. have joined forces to enable 46 sites across the state (approximately 11,000 customers) to be able to access broadband internet.

This will be an important investment for business, including home businesses, students and social well being.

There will be a tower based at Goolgowi which will provide service to a radius of approximately 30kms which will include Tabbita, Goolgowi and Merriwagga. It is expected to be much

cheaper than the current satellite providers with the ability to have unlimited data plans.

The service is expected to be up and running in approximately two years.

STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND SUCCESS

Council have been successful with 4 applications to the Strong Country Communities Funding - Round 5:

- Hillston Water Tower Mural \$280,680
- Lake Woorabinda Upgrade \$228,714
 - BBQ
 - Shelters
 - Drinking Fountain
 - Signage/Artwork
- Community Infrastructure \$166,547
 - Merriwagga Hall
 - Pinkers Beach
- Town Beautification \$154,017
 - Town Signage
 - Rankins Springs Footpath
 - Settlers Park Irrigation

The SCCF is provided by the NSW Government and this funding is part of \$160m provided across NSW.

WELCOME TO NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZEN

In conjunction with the February 2023 Council Meeting a citizenship ceremony was conducted by Mayor Cr Darryl Jardine for Mrs Cheryl Watts.

Congratulations to Mrs Watts on her decision to become an Australian Citizen.



MEETING MATTERS

Sponsorships & Donations

At the February meeting of Council it was resolved that Council would provide \$500 in sponsorship for the Rankins Springs P & C Golf Day.

Request to go to Tender

Council approved two requests to go to open tender:

- Drilling, Blasting & Crushing of Gravel
- Supply & Delivery of Fuels & Lubricants

More information regarding Council's current tenders and quotations can be found on Council's website.

Policy 082 Councillors Expenses & Facilities

Council intends to adopt the draft Councillor Expenses and Facilities Policy 082 following a public exhibition period of 28 days.

The policy will be available to view at the Goolgowi Office, Hillston District Office, Hillston Library and the Council's website. Any enquiries should be directed to Council on 02 6965 1900.

Submissions will be accepted at any time during the exhibition period which ends at 4.15pm Thursday 23 March 2023.

Community Development Report

There are still more events planned funded by the Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Program happening throughout March:

Lake Woorabinda Festival:

This event will include markets, children's activities, lantern workshops, live music and fireworks.

Find out more: www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/lake-woorabinda-festival

Dinner and Live Music:

Two nights, the first in Hillston on 18 March and the second in Goolgowi on 25 March, have been planned with dinner provided and live music from Wobbly Boot.

Find out more: www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/events

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
- Sanitary Products
- Cigarette Butts
- Cotton Balls
- Cotton Buds
- Cotton Pads
- Any type of plastic



ANIMAL REGISTRATION

Do you know your responsibilities as a pet owner in NSW?

- Your animal must be microchipped by 12 weeks of age.
- Animals are to be lifetime registered by the age of 6 months.
- You MUST notify Council or the NSW Pet Registry if an animal is sold/missing or deceased.

For more information on Companion Animals, including lifetime registration prices and more detailed information regarding your responsibilities as a pet owner. You can head to: www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/services/companion-animals or visit the Pet Registry at:



WEEDS NOTICE

Green Cestrum has been found in the township of Hillston. It is commonly found in backyards as a garden shrub.

The berries that are grown on this shrub are fatal to people and animals.

If you have seen this weed please contact Council on 02 6965 1900.

Find out more on the weeds wise website: weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au/Weeds/GreenCestrum



WATER METER READING

Council would like to notify residents that water meter readings are being conducted between:

27th February to 17th March 2023*

Please ensure that 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 due to these issues, your account will be issued with an estimated reading.

**planned dates*



ADVERTISEMENTS

THE SPRINGS ROAD PAVE & SEAL

Council will be undertaking a 2.2km section of road construction on the Springs Road commencing from the Sloans Road intersection. Work is scheduled to commence on Wednesday 15th February 2023 and is expected to take approximately seven weeks.

During this period drivers are asked to exercise caution and utilise the detours via Wallanthery Road, McDonalds Road and Mallee Downs Road. See below map for full detour.

For more information contact Council on 02 6965 1900.



RATES NOTICE EMAIL DATABASE

Council software now has the capability to email rate and water consumption notices. We are currently building our database to begin offering this service in the future.

If you would like to take advantage of this, please send your request and contact email address to: council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au

It will be advertised when these services will commence.

For more information call Council on 02 6965 1900.

Did you know you can also request to receive a digital copy of the Council Corner each month via email?

Simply contact us and let us know.



MOBILE LIBRARY

27. 28 & 29 March 2023

Tuesday

11.55am - 12.00pm	Rankins Springs Pre-School
12.10pm - 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	Carrathool
Tuesday	Merriwagga Village
Thursday	Hillston Home visits



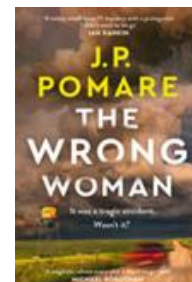
Where the River Divides
Library Staff have been working on reproducing this popular local history book over the past months.



It has now been reprinted with some minor updates and is available from the library.



NEW BOOKS





Hillston

SENIORS FESTIVAL 2023

Over 70 seniors attended the annual Seniors Festival Luncheon held at the Hillston Exies on Wednesday 8 February 2023 making the event a huge success.

Cr Julie Potter welcomed everyone to the event and Andrew Cottrill from the NBN was the guest speaker, giving a talk on SCAMS and how to avoid them.



Community

Shopping Bus



10TH MARCH 2023

14TH APRIL 2023

Hillston - Griffith

**Book now on
02 6961 7600**

DINNER & LIVE MUSIC EVENTS

Funded by the NSW Governments Reconnecting Regional NSW Community Events Program our two dinner and live music events are coming up fast.

The events will be held in Hillston on Saturday 18 March and in Goolgowi Saturday 25 March and both are free to attend.

RSVP for dinner is essential as spaces are limited. The Hillston event is currently fully booked but names are being taken for a reserve list in case of cancellations.

If you have RSVP'd for the Hillston event and can no longer attend please contact Council ASAP so we can allocate those seats elsewhere. We want this event to be successful and to include as many members of the community as possible.

A bar service is available ran by Hillston Swans, at your own cost.



SAVE THE DATE

**SERVICE NSW
GOOLGOWI VISIT
7 MARCH 2023**

**SERVICE NSW
HILLSTON VISIT
14 MARCH 2023**

**GOOLGOWI
WOBBLY BOOT
25 MARCH 2023**

**LAKE WOORABINDA
FESTIVAL
11 MARCH 2023**

**HILLSTON
WOBBLY BOOT
18 MARCH 2023**

**HILLSTON RACES
HILLSTON
1 APRIL 2023**

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: 21st March 2023
Venue: Goolgowi Council Chambers
Agenda Closure: 8 March 2023
Agenda Available: 17 March 2023

After Hours Road Emergency: 0407 244 429

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