

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL FEBRUARY 2024

LAKE WOORABINDA FESTIVAL 2024

Join us on Saturday 9 March at Lake Woorabinda, Hillston, to celebrate our community together. This year is sure to be bigger and better than the last!

The day kicks off this year with our NSW Women's Week event—Laughter on the Lake (see image below).

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.

Throughout the day Dr Nincompoop will be back onstage and Folk U will be providing some music to relax to. Our evening live music kicks off at 8.30pm, following our fireworks, with the Baker Boys Band performing.

During the evening, the Lions Club will be on the BBQ and soft drinks will be available to purchase, but feel free to bring your own esky along.

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.



LAUGHTER AT THE LAKE

HILLSTON LIONS EXPLORER PARK

11AM - 12PM

FEATURING MELBOURNE COMEDIAN

TRACY BARTRAM



FREE EVENT INCLUDES MORNING TEA





RSVP 0439 565 122

MEETING MATTERS



At the February meeting Council received several requests from local community groups for support and/or donations.

Council resolved to provide the Hillston Golf Club \$300 in support of the upcoming Business House Day to be held on 23 March 2024. The Hillston Creative Arts Council will also receive support by way of waiving hall hire fees for their upcoming 'River Country' Art Exhibition held from Friday 12 April 2024 to Saturday 13 April 2024.

Council will also continue to waive community hall hire fees for the Hillston Volleyball Association's upcoming 2024/25 season.

Election of Deputy Mayor

At the February meeting an election was held for the position of Deputy Mayor. Cr Bev Furner was re-elected unopposed as Deputy Mayor.

Council Office, Library & Depot Closures

All Council Offices, Library and Depots will be closed for the Easter long weekend from 4.15pm Friday 29 March, reopening Wednesday 3 April from 8.30am.

During this time the emergency on-call numbers will be available and, numbers can be found on the back of this newsletter.

Public Exhibition

Councillors Expenses & Facilities Policy

Council Policy 082 Councillors Expenses & Facilities has been reviewed and only minor formatting changes have been made.

Prior to readoption the policy will be on public exhibition for a period of 28 days. During this period the draft policy will be available to view at the Council Offices and online on Council's website.

Any submissions regarding the policy should be sent to Council addressed to the General Manager before the public exhibition period ends.

Public exhibition ends: 25 March 2024.

Community Development Updates

At the February meeting the Community Development Officer provided updates to Council on current projects and events:

Youth Week 2024 & Holiday Break Program

A number of events are lined up including roller discos, a trivia night, scavenger hunt and the inaugural Lachlan River Duck Regatta.

Town Entry Signs

New signs have now been placed on the Booligal Road and Roto Road approaches to Hillston, and on the Hay approach and Rankins Springs approach to Goolgowi.

Keep up to date with Council Notices, Road



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POSITIONS VACANT

Are you a motivated team player who enjoys the outdoors, and are you a great communicator? We are searching for the following full-time permanent roles to be based in Hillston.

- Landfill Operator—ISLO262-24
- Town Maintenance Operator—ISTMO261-24

If you having any questions about these roles, please contact Bert Breuling on 0429 651 348.

Apply for these roles by:

-Visiting our Hillston or Goolgowi offices.

-Visit our website at Carrathool.nsw.gov.au/aboutcouncil/work-for-council/current-vacancies/.

Applications for these roles close **4:00pm Friday 15** March 2024.

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2024/030, LOT 7 DP1843348, 61 BURNS STREET HILLSTON

For more information, including supporting documents, visit www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/development/public-exhibition-planning-and-development/

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 .Transport contributions start at only \$10 per person.

Bookings are essential as seats are limited.

Call now to book your seat:

SHOPPING BUS

02 6961 7600



www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au



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

Proposed Changes to Hillston Landfill Hours

After receiving suggestions from residents, Council is looking at trialling new opening hours for the Hillston Landfill. If you have any objections to the changes please send Council a submission in writing to council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au. You can also deliver submissions in person to the Hillston District Office during office opening hours. The current and proposed hours are laid out in the table below.

All submissions must be received by Council before 4pm on Monday 4 March 2024.

Day	Current Hours	Proposed Hours
Monday	CLOSED	7.30am-10am
Tuesday	7.30am-10am 1pm-5pm	7.30am-10am 1pm-4pm
Wednesday	7.30am-10am	7.30am-10am
Thursday	7.30am-10am	7.30am-10am 1pm-4.30pm
Friday	7.30am-10am 1pm-5pm	CLOSED
Saturday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday	10am-4pm	8am-2pm

Vehicles for Sale/Trade

• Plant No 1592 Isuzu D-Max 4x2 Single Cab

• Plant No 1889 Isuzu D-Max 4X4 Crew Cab Pick Up Inspections may be arranged by contacting Council's Office or Bert Breuling, Manager Fleet and Town Services, during normal business hours on (02) 6965 1900 or 0429 651 348.

Quotations close 12 noon Wednesday 4 March 2024.

Barking and Roaming Dogs

Council has had many complaints recently regarding barking and nuisance dogs. Dog owners are reminded that under the Companion Animals Act they are responsible for the behaviour of their dog/s, this includes unacceptable nuisance barking. Fines in excess of \$800 can be issued.

There has also been an increase in the number of dogs roaming public streets. It is a dog owners responsibility to ensure their dog/s are secure and cannot roam. If dogs are picked up roaming, fines and daily pound charges will apply.

MOBILE LIBRARY 18,19,21 MARCH 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

Visits to the below locations now need to arranged beforehand.

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

Monday Carrathool Tuesday Merriwagga Village Thursday Hillston Home visits





139-145 High Street, Hillston

Email:

council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au

Website: www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au

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

After Hours Road Emergency: 0407 244 429

Agenda Closure: 6 March 2024 Agenda Available: 15 March 2024

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