



# Council Corner

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## OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL MAY 2024

### ROADS REMINDER

Council would like to remind all residents and travellers that unsealed roads are dry weather roads only.

Council road condition notices on the website and Facebook are updated when changes occur during business hours Monday - Friday, please ensure you obey all road closed signage.

Unsealed roads are closed during wet weather events, not only to maintain the road surface, but also to keep motorists safe. Vehicles on unsealed roads take longer to stop and are harder to control.

For more information and to view current road closures you can visit [www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/services/roads/road-conditions](http://www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/services/roads/road-conditions).

## ROAD CLOSURES



### COMPANION ANIMALS

Council is receiving 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.

More information regarding barking dogs can be found on the EPA website at [www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/noise/neighbourhood-noise](http://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/noise/neighbourhood-noise).

There has also been an increase in the number of dogs roaming public streets. Dogs loose on the streets will be impounded and fines and pound release fees issued.



### NSW Pet Registration

All cats and dogs must be registered by 6 months of age. You can register your animals online or at a Council Office. For more information visit: [www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au)

More information regarding your responsibilities as a dog/cat owner in NSW can be found at [www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-cats/](http://www.olg.nsw.gov.au/public/dogs-cats/)

### PUBLIC EXHIBITION DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024/25

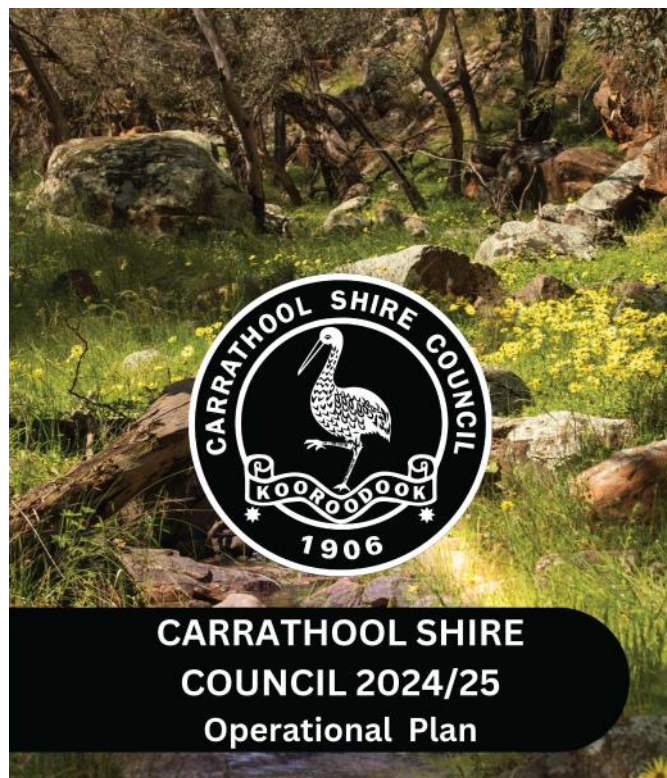
Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with the provisions of sections 404 and 405 of the *Local Government Act 1993*, Council has developed its Draft Operational Plan 2024/25.

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 Operational Plan which will be available at the following locations:

- Council's Website: [www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au](http://www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au)
- Hillston District Office, 139-145 High Street
- Goolgowi Council Chambers, 9-11 Cobram Street
- Merriwagga Post Office, 1 Charney Street
- Rankins Springs Post Office, 18 Boomerang Street
- Carrathool Family Hotel

Written submissions on the Draft Operational Plan, addressed to the General Manager, will be received until 4:15pm Thursday 13 June 2024, for consideration at the Council meeting to be held on 25 June 2024.





# Merriwagga

## MEETING MATTERS

### Crown Land Management

At the May meeting, Council resolved to inform Crown Lands it wished to be appointed Crown Land Manager of the Goolgowi Golf Course and Goolgowi Sports Ground, to ensure these facilities remain available for the community.

### Merriwagga & Rankins Springs Rezoning Update

The Manager Building & Regulatory Services provided Council with an update regarding the rezoning of land in Merriwagga and Rankins Springs.

Currently Council have received the Contamination Report and are still awaiting the results of the Biodiversity Impact Assessment, both of which were required to be carried out before final proposals could be submitted to the Department of Planning and Environment (DPE).

Once the Biodiversity Impact Assessment has been received Council staff will meet with the DPE to determine the correct path forward to achieve the additional blocks in both communities.

### Carrathool Shire CSU Scholarship Scheme

Due to ineligibility of a previous winner, a new recipient has been awarded. Council would like to congratulate Jordan Bartholomew on her scholarship and wish her all the best with her future studies.

## LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

General Council Elections will be held on 14 September 2024.

### Non Residential Roll

Claims for inclusion on the roll of non-resident owners of rateable land, or for the roll of occupier and ratepaying lessees for Carrathool Shire, closes on 5 August 2024. Claim forms are available by contacting Council.

### Councillor Nominations

On Monday 5 August 2024 rolls will close for the purpose of being nominated on the roll.

Lodgement of nominations to stand for Council will commence on 5 August 2024.

The election is being conducted by the NSW Electoral Commissions. Information for voters and potential Councillor nominations is available online at [www.elections.nsw.gov.au](http://www.elections.nsw.gov.au).



## INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATES

### Booligal Road:

Booligal Road was the final road included in the externally funded Fixing Local Roads - Round 4 grant. Roads that received sections of resheeting were Andersons Lane, Boorga Road, Johnstons Road, Pinteebakana Road, Melbergen Road, Mitchells Lane, Wiltshire Road, and Booligal Road. This project is now fully completed.

### Rankins Springs WTP Generator:

The new generator has been commissioned successfully. This project is now fully completed as per the current capital program.

### Yoolaroi Water Mains Replacement:

Work to replace 1500m of water mains will commence in the near future and is expected to be completed by the end of June 2024.

### Umbrella Creek Widening:

The structural concrete has been completed for the widening of the road. Wingwalls have been cast, along with the dwarf wall atop the culverts which contains the widened road pavement. Short delays are expected as the concrete cures and develops its strength. The widened road pavement is set to be completed approximately in the next 2 weeks with weather permitting, followed by the installation of a guardrail prior to the end of the financial year.

### The Springs Road and Lachlan Valley Way (West):

Line marking has been completed and these projects are now fully completed as per the current capital program.

### Hillston River Bank Stabilisation:

Linemarking and wheel stop installation has now been completed at the Council Office carpark. This project is now fully completed.

### Bunda Water Mains Replacement and Vegetation Clearing:

6km of vegetation clearing work has been completed to allow the water mains replacement works to be undertaken. 1200m of water mains have been replaced. In the coming months, the remaining pipeline will be constructed as part of Stage 2. This project is externally funded and will be completed by June 2025.

## RATES REMINDER

Reminder to ratepayers that the fourth installment of rates for the 2023/24 financial year is due on:

**FRIDAY 31 MAY 2024**

Payments can be made at either the Goolgowi Council Office or the Hillston District Office by cash, cheque or EFTPOS. Electronic payments via BPAY are also available, please see the bottom right hand corner of your rates notice for the correct BPAY details.

Cheques can also be mailed to:  
Carrathool Shire Council, PO Box 12  
GOOLGOWI NSW 2652



# Merriwagga

## ADVERTISEMENTS

### DEVELOPMENT PROPOSALS

#### DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2024/038, LOT 1 DP626213, KIDMAN WAY, HILLSTON

Council has received a Development Application for Electricity Generating Works – Construction of a 5MW Solar Farm and ancillary facilities on Lot:1 DP:626213, Kidman Way Hillston.

During the time of public exhibition up until the close of business on Wednesday 12 June 2024 any person may inspect the documents and make written submissions to Carrathool Shire Council concerning the proposed development .

**DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION 2024/040,  
LOT 63 DP664722, 10738 KIDMAN WAY, HILLSTON**  
Council has received a Development Application for Electricity Generating Works – Construction of a 5MW Solar Farm and ancillary facilities on Lot:63 DP:664722, 10738 Kidman Way Hillston.

During the time of public exhibition up until the close of business on Wednesday 26 June 2024 any person may inspect the documents and make written submissions to Carrathool Shire Council concerning the proposed development.

You can inspect the documents relating to the above developments online at [www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/development/public-exhibition-planning-and-development/](http://www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/development/public-exhibition-planning-and-development/)

### COUNCIL CLOSURES

A reminder that Council Offices, Depots and the Hillston Library will be closed on Monday 10 June 2024 for the King's Birthday Public Holiday.

Emergency contacts will still be available during this closure:

After Hours Roads Emergency: 0407 244 429

Hillston Water & Sewer: 0429 672 119

Goolgowi Water & Sewer: 0429 690 010

Rankins Springs Water & Sewer: 0428 661 305

### POOL CARD RETURN REMINDER

Friendly reminder to all season pass ticket holders, please return your fobs/cards to the following locations:

- Hillston Office
- Hillston Swimming Pool Key Box
- Hillston Caravan Park Green Key Box
- Goolgowi Office
- Goolgowi General Store
- Goolgowi Swimming Pool Key Box



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

[www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au](http://www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au)



## MOBILE LIBRARY

### 24, 25, 26 & 27 June 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

9.15am - 10.45am	Hillston Central School
11.00am - 12.00pm	Hillston Billylids & Play 'N' Learn
2.15pm - 2.30pm	St Joseph's School

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

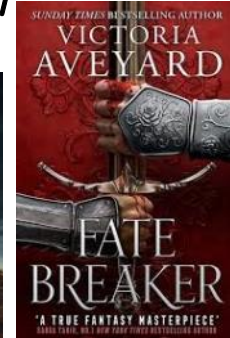
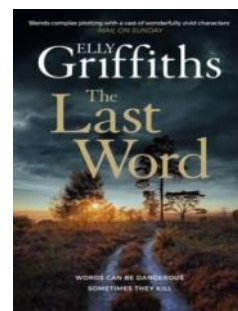
To book your visit, please call the Library on 6967 2503

**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 afternoon, 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



# Merriwagga

## SAVE THE DATE

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS  
FREE FARM FIRST AID TRAINING  
HILLSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE  
WEDNESDAY 5 JUNE 2024

AUSTRALIAN RED CROSS  
FREE FARM FIRST AID TRAINING  
OLD COUNCIL CHAMBERS  
GOOLGOWI THURSDAY 6 JUNE 2024

HILLSTON LADIES GOLF CLUB  
BREAST CANCER GOLF DAY  
23 JUNE 2024

PROTEN COMPETITION ROUND 4  
HOSTS - GOOLGOWI  
15 JUNE 2024

CARRATHOOL CENTENARY  
TIME CAPSULE OPENING  
24 JULY 2024

HILLSTON HOGS  
LONG WHITE LUNCH  
19 OCTOBER 2024

HILLSTON CENTRAL SCHOOL  
WHOLE SCHOOL MUSICAL  
12 & 13 SEPTEMBER 2024

To advertise your community event in the Council Corner please send posters and information/contacts to Council via email: [council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au)

## CALLING ALL ADULTS IN CARRATHOOL SHIRE...

After an unforeseen recess **HILLSTON MENS SHED** are looking for new members, everyone welcome, men and women - you must be aged 18 years or over to join.

The group meets Mondays 9.30am to approximately 2.30pm. The Mens Shed is a great opportunity to learn a new hobby or share your knowledge with others. This is a great social day and a way to make new connections in our community. Come along for a chat and a cuppa, and if you wish, join us for lunch. For more information please contact President, Fred Elliot on 0403 224 745 or Secretary/Treasurer, Stan Moore on 0427 346 700.

**GOOLGOWI BRANCH CWA** are meeting next month on 20 June at 12 noon at the Goolgowi CWA Hall.

The branch meets the third Thursday of every month and would love for you to join them!

For more information you can contact current President, Alice Robertson on 0428 004 655, or email [goolgovicwa@outlook.com](mailto:goolgovicwa@outlook.com).

**ACTIVE FARMERS HILLSTON** is now running fitness sessions every Monday at 6pm and Friday at 6am.

New members are always welcome, and your first session is free, contact trainer Laura on 0475 724 459 for any queries.

To highlight your community group in our Council Corner Newsletter, all you have to do is simply email us info at [council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au).



## COMMUNITY SHOPPING BUS

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

The next Shopping Bus will be **14 June 2024**. Bookings are essential as seats are limited.

**Call now to book your seat: 02 6961 7600**



KEEP UP TO DATE WITH  
COUNCIL ONLINE



[www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au](http://www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au)

Carrathool Shire Council



[@carrathoolshire](https://www.instagram.com/carrathoolshire)

To have your community event included in the Council Corner email [council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au](mailto: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](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:** 25 June 2024  
**Venue:** Hillston District Office  
**Agenda Closure:** 12 June 2024  
**Agenda Available:** 21 June 2024

After Hours Road Emergency: 0407 244 429

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