



Council Corner

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OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF THE CARRATHOOL SHIRE COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2023

MAYORS CHRISTMAS MESSAGE



I write to you in the spirit of Christmas and goodwill.

Christmas means different things to all of us. For some it is a time to reflect on a child born in a manger, the 3 wise men and their search for the baby Jesus. Others rejoice in the gathering of family and friends, a time for giving and receiving and to spend quality time with our

loved ones. For many it is a chance to escape the daily grind, to relax, sit back and let the world's troubles flow over them.

However we celebrate Christmas I encourage you to show kindness to family, friends and the wider community. Please reach out and give to the less fortunate if you are able, a neighbourly visit can mean so much to those without.

May we continue to usher in joy and peace into the New Year with a laugh and celebratory drink.

On behalf of myself, Councillors and Council staff I wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas.



CHRISTMAS CLOSURES

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

Council Offices, Depots & the Library will be closed from 3pm Friday 22 December 2023. **Reopening 8.30 am on Tuesday 2 January 2024.**

Changes to Landfill Hours & Garbage Collection

All landfills will be CLOSED on 26 December 2023.

Hillston Garbage Collection will be on Wednesday 27 December instead of Tuesday 26 December.

All landfill closures are available on Council's Website or by calling 02 6965 1900.

Emergency contacts over the 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

AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS 2024

Join us for our annual Australia Day celebrations on Friday 26 January 2024.

This years ceremony will be held at the Lake Woorabinda Precinct in Hillston and will be followed by the annual Hillston Pool Party.

The day will consist of the Carrathool Shire Council Australia Day Award Ceremony followed by a free luncheon.

Everyone is welcome, RSVP's are preferred for catering numbers. To RSVP contact Council on 02 6965 1900 during business hours.

GOWI GROOVE ON THE GRASS

Back again for another year our Australia Day Gowi Groove on the Grass event will kick off from 7pm at the Goolgowi Recreation Ground. This is a free event with food and live music. Bring your own chair and drinks.



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MEETING MATTERS

Sponsorships & Donations

At the November meeting of Council it was resolved that Council donate a family pool season pass to the Goolgowi Progress Committee to be included in their prize raffle at the Goolgowi Christmas Tree on 9 December 2023.

Infrastructure Updates

At the November meeting the Director Infrastructure Services provided Council with the following updates:

Hillston Riverbank Stabilisation

Works have commenced on the riverbank stabilization project. The works on Lachlan Street have now been completed (apart from minor tidy-up works) and work has moved to High Street. The damaged stormwater outlet at the back of the Council Office has also been replaced.

Mt Grace Road

Re-sheeting works have commenced and approximately 17km of the roadworks have been completed.

Rankins Springs Water Treatment Plant

A shed building is now completed, generators have been installed and electrical works commenced during November.

Annual Report and Annual Financial Statements

The 2022/23 Annual Report including the annual financial statements was provided to Councillors at the meeting.

The annual report can be viewed online at Council's website or can be viewed at the Hillston Office, Hillston Library and Goolgowi Council Office.

SWIMMING POOLS

Hillston and Goolgowi swimming pools are now open.

This season both pools are operating unsupervised Monday - Friday with supervised hours commencing at 12.30pm Saturday's and Sunday's (and on Public Holidays).

Access to the pools during unsupervised hours will require an access card. These cards can be purchased as season passes or as single day entries.

Please note both pools will be CLOSED on Christmas Day.

For more information regarding opening times and fees please visit Council's website:

www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/services/swimming-pools



COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2024

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

Date	Venue	Time
20/2/2024	Hillston	10.00am
19/3/2024	Goolgowi	10.00am
16/4/2024	Hillston	10.00am
21/5/2024	Goolgowi	10.00am
25/6/2024	Hillston	10.00am
16/7/2024	Goolgowi	10.00am
20/8/2024	Merriwagga	10.00am
17/9/2024	Hillston	10.00am
15/10/2024	Goolgowi	10.00am
19/11/2024	Hillston	10.00am
17/12/2024	Goolgowi	10.00am

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 Wednesday 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 or via email to council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Garbage Collection

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

Sulo bins overfilled especially with grass clippings and green waste can become very heavy and may be damaged during collection. Replacement sulo bins and replacement parts can be purchased from Council subject to availability.

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

Riverbank Stabilisation Works

As the works continue on the Lachlan River the Hillston Office Car Park will remain closed for several more weeks.

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

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



www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au





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ADVERTISEMENTS

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

**DA 2024/017, LOT 40-44 SEC 5 DP2559
175-183 COWPER STREET, HILLSTON**

Council has received an application for an Unmanned Truck Fuelling Facility (24/7 Operation) at Lot:40-44 Sec:5 DP:2559, 175-183 Cowper Street Hillston.

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 from Wednesday 8 November 2023 up until close of business on Tuesday 5 December 2023.

During the time of public exhibition any person may inspect the documents and make written submissions to Council concerning this proposed development and if the submission is made by way of objection, the grounds of the objection must be specified in the submission.

For further assistance contact the Council on 6965 1900 during normal office hours.

POSITION VACANT

Are you looking for a rewarding career and to work in a stable and secure environment? Join our team and make a difference to your community.

WATER AND WASTEWATER OPERATOR – ISWWW260-23

The Important Stuff: Hours: 76 hours per fortnight.
Salary: base salary from \$1,116.30 to \$1,216.77 per week plus allowances and superannuation. This role is based in Rankins Springs/Goolgowi area.

You Will: Be responsible for maintenance and repairs to the water supply and sewerage infrastructure.

For more information about working for us or how to apply, please visit: www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/about-council/work-for-council/current-vacancies

If you have any questions about the role, please contact Sam Chaudhari on 0407 402 860.

Applications close **4:00pm on Friday 8 December 2023.**

VEHICLES FOR SALE

The following vehicles are available for quotation:

- Plant 1317 Holden Commodore RS-V Hatch
- Plant 1344 Toyota RAV4 Hybrid GX 2WD Wagon
- Plant 1584 Ford Ranger XL 4x2 Dual Cab
- Plant 1867 Ford Ranger XL 4x4 Double Cab
- Plant 1887 Isuzu D-Max MY23 4x4 Crew Cab

*** Please note that Council will retain all two-way radios ***

For more information on the above plant and to find quotation forms head to www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au/ quotations.

Inspections can be organising by Contacting Council's Office on 026965 1900 during business hours.

Quotations close 12.00pm Wednesday 10 January 2024.

MOBILE LIBRARY

11, 12 & 13 DECEMBER 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 - 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



NEW BOOKS/ DVD'S



Merriwagga

CELEBRATE THIS CHRISTMAS IN CARRATHOOL SHIRE



SAVE THE DATE

COMMUNITY DAY
THE ROOM, GOOLGOWI
2 DECEMBER 2023

CHRISTMAS EXTRAVAGANZA
HILLSTON EX-SERVICEMENS
10 DECEMBER 2023

AUSTRALIA DAY 2024
HILLSTON POOL / LIONS PARK
26 JANUARY 2024

HILLSTON COMMUNITY TENNIS
HILLSTON TENNIS COURTS
6 DECEMBER 2023

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE NIGHT
GOOLGOWI EX-SERVICEMENS
15 DECEMBER 2023

GOWI GROOVE ON THE GRASS
REC GROUND
26 JANUARY 2024

COMMUNITY SHOPPING BUS

Take some of the stress out of Christmas shopping this year and head into Griffith on our shopping bus this December from only \$10 per person.

With 2 dates to choose from we can get you where you need to go before the big day!

Bookings are essential as seats are limited.

Call now to book your seat:

02 6961 7600



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

Goolgowi Council Chambers
9-11 Cobram Street, Goolgowi

Phone: 02 6965 1900

Fax: 02 6965 1379

Email: council@carrathool.nsw.gov.au

Website: www.carrathool.nsw.gov.au

Hillston District Office
139-145 High Street, Hillston

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

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Next Ord Meeting: 19 December 2023

Venue: Goolgowi Council Chambers

Agenda Closure: 6 December 2023

Agenda Available: 15 December 2023

After Hours Road Emergency: 0407 244 429

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