



January 2020

COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Coolamon New Years Eve Street Party, a great family friendly fun event in a relaxed atmosphere. Thank you to our major sponsors, Beyond Bank and Coolamon Rotary Club as well as many generous local sponsors. Attendees enjoyed bands Piston Broke and One Shot Too Many, kids amusements, local eateries and food vendors. Photos were taken by event photographer Liss Hillam Photography. We would also like to thank all event volunteers for your time in making this a successful event

Australia Day 2020

Join us to celebrate Australia Day 2020 at **Redgrave Park, Coolamon**. Kicking off with a free community BBQ breakfast from 8.00am with the official Australia Day Ceremony starting at 9.30am, where local citizens will be recognised for their valued contributions to the community.

This year the Coolamon Shire Council are proud to welcome our 2020 Australia Day Ambassador Bryce Collins. Bryce is a champion hurdler, who uses his significant achievements in his chosen sport to inspire other young people to do their best.

Our Australia Day Ambassador, will help us recognise the following Coolamon Shire locals who have been nominated for an Australia Day Award, including:

•Citizen of the Year; Phillip Furnell, Kristie Smith, Megan Hardman, Shirley Tyrell, Tin Quach, Del Garrett



•Young Citizen of the Year; Madison Marshall and Tanisha Bischof

•The Shane Till Memorial Award for Sporting Achievement; Serinah Maddox, Len Brill, Ray Golden and Jason Taylor

•Young Sportsperson of the Year Hannah Walker, Sam Neale, Jack Christopher, Brian Hare, Jakob Taylor and Loclan Nau

•Community Group/Event of the Year; Moonie's March, the Matong Public School Centenary Celebrations and the Advance Ardlethan Community Lunch Group



Emergency Management

Do you know what to do if you are called upon to evacuate your home?

In an emergency management situation, the Combat Agency best suited to manage the type of emergency is responsible for co-ordinating the response, (eg: fire, flood, vehicle accidents etc). If an emergency is deemed significant, such as the current fire emergency, local Emergency Management Plans may be enacted.

Evacuation Centre: This is the place people will be directed towards when the Emergency Management Team determine it to be appropriate. This place may vary depending on emergency type and population required. When told to evacuate a situation, information will be provided on where to go.

Community Safe Places: are locations identified by the RFS as being a place of last resort to head to in the event of imminent bushfire attack and you have not had time to prepare your property. In the Coolamon Shire, the following Safe Places have been identified.

- ⇒ Ardlethan – Ardlethan Bowling Club grounds
- ⇒ Beckom – Beckom RFS Shed
- ⇒ Coolamon - Coolamon Sport & Recreation Club Carpark
- ⇒ Ganmain – Ganmain Hall
- ⇒ Marrar – Langtry Oval
- ⇒ Matong – Matong RFS Shed



For more information go to Council's website under 'News'.

Service NSW - Mobile Service Centre

NSW Government services are coming to Coolamon on Tuesday 4 February 2020 with their Mobile Service Centre between 9.30am - 3.00pm.

Access frequently used services including;

Driver Knowledge Tests; Cost of Living Service; Birth, Death and Marriage certificates; Drivers Licence and photo card; Working with Children checks.



Allawah Lodge Community Care Volunteer Drivers

Allawah Community Care are looking for anyone who would be interested in doing Community driving. Volunteers are needed for trips to Wagga, transporting clients from Ganmain and Marrar to Coolamon and local trips within Coolamon. If you have a spare hour or two per week, fortnight or even once per month and would like to be part of a valuable team of volunteers please contact; 69273 521

YOU DON'T
NEED A
REASON
TO HELP
PEOPLE



2020 Events Funding Now Open

Coolamon Shire Council has allocated funding towards its annual Event Funding Program. This funding program provides financial assistance for community or tourism related events held within the Shire. Funds are to assist Coolamon Shire to increase levels of day and overnight visitation. Applicants can apply for funds from a pool of \$6,000 (maximum of \$3,000 per application), which will be assessed and allocated as per the program guidelines. The event must be held in 2020.

Funding guidelines and application forms are available: Online at www.visitcoolamonshire.com.au and or a hardcopy from the Coolamon Shire Council or the Coolamon Shire Library

Seniors Festival 2020

All senior residents within Coolamon Shire are invited to celebrate the following events;

Brain Games and Morning Tea - Coolamon Shire Library, 14 February 2020 at 10.30am

Shire Seniors Dinner - Ganmain, 18 February 2020 at 6.30pm To book call Barrie Logan 0429 301 001

Altina Wildlife Park Bus Trip - 5 March 2020 8am to 4pm - \$10 pp. Bus available from Coolamon and Ardlethan, contact Di McDermott 0427 782 072

Hornby Subdivision

ONLY 4 BLOCKS LEFT in the Hornby Subdivision. Get your piece of land for \$75,000. Each lot is complete with all services including;

- * Underground power
- * Gas
- * Water
- * NBN
- * Access to drainage
- * Sewer

Make the call today to secure a block, this will make the perfect site for your dream home.

Contact the Council Office for more information - 69301800



Register your AUTUMN event in Coolamon Shire

Do you have an event this **Autumn** in Coolamon Shire? Please register your event online before 22 January to ensure your event features in the printed It's On brochure. This applies to events held in **March, April and May**.

Please complete this online form:

<https://visitcoolamonshire.com.au/event-registration/>

By registering your event:

- Promoted on the Visit Coolamon Shire Website
- Printed in the It's On Brochure
- Promoted on Visit Coolamon Shire social media channels

Our Shire, Our Stories; A Celebration of Heritage in the Coolamon Shire

At its core, this project was the recording and preserving of oral history. The process of collecting the oral histories included 8 dedicated interviewers armed with some training, who knocked on doors around the Shire and were welcomed to kitchens, lounge rooms and verandas by 33 volunteer interviewees to listen to the funny, sad, powerful and harrowing stories that define each of the communities within the Shire.

The project has been presented via six vintage radios, representing the six towns and villages that make up the Coolamon Shire. Alongside



these radios is a reproduction of the "Coolamon and Ganmain Farmers Review" the original newspaper published in the shire. Visitors to the exhibition are encouraged to turn the dials and flick the pages on show, and be taken back in time to an era when stories and news were shared on a wireless on a mantle.

The project also includes a dedicated webpage on the visitcoolamonshire.com website and a comprehensive transcription document now included in the Coolamon Shire Library reference section. The exhibition is open now, at the Coolamon Up-to-Date Store and will feature a tour of other towns and villages within the Shire in 2020.

What's happening at the Coolamon Shire Library — Phone 69272492

Lego Club will commence again on, 5th February at 4pm – 5pm and also on 8th February from 10.30am – 11.30am. The aim of the Lego Club is for children to have fun, learn to communicate with others and to develop problem-solving skills. This is a free program for children from 5 years to 15 years of age. All Lego is provided

The Library is also continuously receiving new books, DVD's and magazines. It provides free Public Internet Access & WiFi, photocopier, fax and laminating services. Also a community noticeboard, children and youth services, Council school holiday programs and Local History services. It also provides housebound services to our members

Join the Library today,
Membership is FREE.

JOIN US FOR
Storytime

Coolamon Shire Library
10.30am Start

Friday 7 February
'Balloons'

Friday 21 February
'Puppy Tales'



Riverina Mobile Library
Will be visiting **Ardlethan**
Friday; **7th and 21st February**
2020

The next Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 20th February 2020, Commencing at 3:00pm.