

# November 2020



Photo: Michael Reid



## COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

### Capture Coolamon Shire Celebrates its 9<sup>th</sup> year

An impressive 266 entries were received across the youth and open categories. This year's judges, Ganmain photographer Jodie Harris from Down Brushwood Road, photographer John Egan and Tim Kurylowicz, Executive Director from Eastern Riverina Arts. The judges were very impressed with the quality and creativity of the entries.

The \$1000 major prize, awarded to the image that "Best Depicts the Coolamon Shire" was awarded to Michael Reid (pictured above) for "Colours of Coolamon".



A new addition to the 2020 competition is the inclusion of a 'Runner Up' Major Prize to the value of \$500. Congratulations to Jamie Blair for 'Mothers Natures Eye'.

For the announcement of all winners visit Capture Coolamon Shire Facebook page.

### Honoured Citizen Awards

Bill Thompson and Colin Patterson receiving their Award presented by John Seymour for their contribution to the Coolamon Shire.



### Australian Citizenship

Congratulations to Susan Sawtell, who received Australian Citizenship at the November Council meeting. Pictured Left with Mayor John Seymour



### Deputy Prime Minister Announcement

#### Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program

Michael McCormack MP visited Coolamon on the 19th November, to announce Council has been allocated a further \$629,075 under the extension of the current program.

The original allocation of \$772,445 funding announced in May 2020, enabled Council to complete various projects throughout the Shire including; an upgrade to Beckom



Playground; internal fit-out and solar provision to the Ardlethan Museum; landscaping and signage projects across the Shire; footpath expansions in Marrar, Coolamon and Ardlethan; a Caravan/RV dump point installation in Ardlethan; solar provision at the Ardlethan Preschool and an extension to the Coolamon Bike Track. Projects for the additional funding will be determined shortly.

### New Years at Home

Coolamon Shire Council is disappointed to announce that the annual Coolamon NYE Street Festival has been cancelled. To make the event COVID safe would dramatically alter the atmosphere of the event and community safety and health is most important.

Council encourages residents to have a COVID safe 'NYE @ Home'.

For residents of Coolamon, Council will be arranging for

fireworks, that were not used last year due to the bushfires, to be used in a display that can be enjoyed from your verandah, kerb or paddock. More details to be released shortly regarding 'NYE @ Home'.



## Harvest Across Coolamon Shire

### Be Patient Be Safe

Across the Coolamon Shire harvest has started and when farmers are moving their machinery between paddocks, they often need to use public roads and with more trucks transporting grain on our local roads we are asking all road users to respect each other, to ensure a safe, incident free harvest period.



The movement of Large Agricultural Vehicles (LAV) like tractors and harvesters on our roads can slow down traffic flow. When approaching an oversized vehicle/LAV take a moment to evaluate the situation:

- make sure you have enough time and space to overtake
- Ensure it is safe
- Be aware of the driver's blind spots

Allow the oversized/LAV's room to manoeuvre and slowdown when approaching them.

Loaded grain trucks carry a lot of weight and can be slow travelling uphill, but they pick-up speed quite fast when travelling downhill, so before overtaking consider:

-  The length of the vehicle, Do you have enough room?
-  The drivers' blind spot, Is it safe?

Taking responsibility, driving to the conditions and using common sense around grain trucks, oversized vehicles and LAV's will help to keep our communities safe.

## Remembrance Tree

In conjunction with Coolamon Hospital, the Library will have a Christmas tree of Remembrance. This is an opportunity for community members to include lost loved ones in the festive season. Community members are invited to write a message to their loved one, to include them in the spirit of Christmas. The message will be hung on the Christmas Tree of Remembrance in their memory. After Christmas, it will be dismantled and a small ritual will be held to honour the memories contained in the messages.

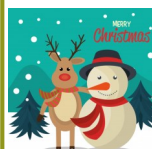


## Coolamon Shire Library Storytime Returns

Friday's, 4<sup>th</sup> December "Zoo" theme and 11<sup>th</sup> December "Christmas" theme at



10.30am in the Library.



**Bookings are essential!**

## Candle Rolling

Christmas Candle Rolling kits are available in a take home kit. Kit includes pre-cut pure beeswax sheets plus instructions to roll them into 4 Christmas tree candles. The kit cost is \$10.00 and with limited kits available – phone the Library 69272492.

## Food Appeal

The Library will be holding a Christmas Food Appeal this year - this will be replacing food for fines. We are asking for donations of non-perishable foods which will then be given to our community members in need. Donations can be accepted from the 24th November – 24th December.

## School Holiday Program

The Wizard of Oz production will be at the Coolamon Library on the 15th January 2021, bookings are essential to adhere with the COVID restrictions.



## Mobile Library 9.00am till 12.45pm

Will be visiting **Ardlethan** on Friday **11th December 2020**

## Register Your Lights Display Today

No matter how big or small your Christmas display is, we encourage you to head to our website and register

[www.visitcoolamonshire.com.au](http://www.visitcoolamonshire.com.au)

By 23 November 2020 for a spot on the tour map.

WITH CHRISTMAS FAST APPROACHING

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IS CREATING THE ULTIMATE

Christmas Lights + FARM GATE TOUR

## Christmas and New Year Closures

The Council Offices, including the Library and Community Care will be Closing Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> December at 3.00pm and Re-Opening Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> January at 8.30am.

Allawah Lodge will remain open and kindly ask for anyone wishing to visit friends or family to make a booking by calling 69273 477.



Bin collection will remain unchanged as per the schedule.

Landfill sites will be closed on Public Holidays including Saturday 26th December.

## Australia Day



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