

Ditch the Dust

Everyone is invited to 'Ditch the Dust'!!

Council is hosting a great free event on Easter Saturday, 11 April in Coolamon.

It's about bringing our communities together to celebrate resilience during drought. Attendees can participate in a range of family fun activities on the day. 'Ditch the Dust' is funded by the Federal Governments Drought Communities Programme.



Bike Ride /Walk
12noon to 2pm

A bike ride and walk on the new tracks.

An official opening of the new tracks will take place before riders and walkers hit the track. Pick from three different courses:

Gilgai Track (Riders Only) – Coolamon to Ganmain 32km return.

Kindra Forest (Riders Only) – 10km loops within Kindra Forest .

Coolamon Urban Track (Walkers Only) – 8km loop.

All three tracks will start from The Clock at Coolamon (Cnr Cowabbie and Mann Streets).

Riders and walkers are encouraged to register online before the event and receive a free drink bottle.

Party in the Park : 2pm to 9pm

Plenty of fun in Redgrave Park, kicking off from 2pm. Enjoy live music, food vendors, beer, cider + wine, kids activities, entertainment and fireworks.

YOUTH FEST at Ditch The Dust



SATURDAY APRIL 11
COOLAMON SKATE PARK
x 5pm - 7pm x

x DJ CENTENNIAL x
x GIANT WII GAMES x
x PING PONG x
x HEAPS MORE x

For further event details, please visit
www.visitcoolamonshire.com.au



Photo Credit—Sara Flowerday "Dusty Travellers"

FEBRUARY 2020 COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Australia Day 2020

This year the Coolamon Shire Council was proud to welcome 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. Coolamon Shire were also pleased to welcome Federal Member for the Riverina, Michael McCormack MP to Coolamon for the celebrations.



Congratulations to the recipients of the Coolamon Shire Council Australia Day Awards;

Citizen of the Year - Phillip Furnell
Young Citizen of the Year - Madison Marshall

The Shane Till Memorial Award

for Sporting Achievement - Len Brill

Young Sportsperson of the Year Award - Sam Neale

The Community Group/Event of the Year Award - Matong Public School Centenary Celebrations and Muster and Moonies March

Local Roads Update

Road Works - Council would like to advise motorists that heavy rehabilitation and road sealing works are to be carried out on the following Roads:



Marrar South Road (Junee Shire) – 2.5km road reconstruction has commenced.



Mirrool South Road – 1.3km road reconstruction has commenced.



Brushwood South Road – 1.75km road reconstruction to commence early March.

MR240 Ardlethan Road – 1.0km road reconstruction to commence mid-March.



Regional Road and Urban Street Bitumen Reseals – commencing in March.

2020 NSW Local Government Elections

This year is an election year for NSW Local Government. In September, Councils throughout NSW will be holding elections for Councillors. Information about the 2020 NSW Local Government elections is available on the NSW Electoral Commission website: www.elections.nsw.gov.au/LGE20. Pre-Election seminars are available for those who are interested and more information can be found on Councils website. You can also contact the NSW Electoral Commission Phone: 1300 022 011

Companion Animals

All dogs and cats in NSW must be microchipped by the age of 12 weeks and registered by the age of 6 months. Failure to do so will incur a fine of \$330.00 per dog. Registration will still be required to be paid as well as the infringement notice.



The fine for owners of dogs that are found wandering from their place of residence is also \$330.00

There are a number of companion animals that are roaming the streets and are not able to be identified and returned to their owners. Animals that are not able to be identified within the allotted time of 7 days will be re-homed.

Please ensure that your animals are safe in their own yard and not causing a nuisance to the wider community.

Coolamon Early Childhood Centre

Recently Coolamon Early Childhood Centre participated in Random Acts of Kindness week from February 17th-23rd. This is a favourite week for our centre as educators and children enjoying giving and receiving kindness, extend their learning on feelings and engage in activities to promote communication.

Children of all ages were acknowledged for their random acts of being thoughtful, considerate and helpful. Visitors to the centre can view our kindness love hearts displayed through-out the centre, documenting these lovely moments shared.



Allawah Lodge Visit

The Preschool children planned for and participated in an excursion to the residents of Allawah Lodge for a special morning tea. This included cooking muffins to decorate with the residents, practicing songs and group discussions of how to be kind during the excursion. It was a memorable morning with the children and residents interacting, sharing ideas and helping each other.



Allawah Lodge was full of love, laughter and chatter and the Centre looks forward to more visits soon. Allawah Lodge encourages visitors and volunteers, for more information contact 69273 477.



Centres Alterations and Extensions

As the construction progresses with stage 1 (front entrance) is nearing completion, works have commenced on the next stage of a new purpose built room for 0-2 years. More information is available on Council's website under child care and education services. The centre is currently adding potential enrolments to our waiting list in preparation for increased capacity later this year.

Council is encouraging families who are seeking care to contact Renae at the centre to be added to the waiting list 69273 991.

Ardlethan Bulk Water Filling Station

Ardlethan's bulk water station is now in operation.

Goldenfields Water are offering 25% reduction for all residential & rural standpipe customers until 30 June 2020, to assist with financial pressures during these dry times.

Contact Goldenfields Water directly 02 6977 3200

Murrumbidgee Health Survey

Health is an important service to Coolamon Shire and its residents. Council encourages residents to complete the survey by accessing Murrumbidgee Local Health District website :

2020 Community Survey NOW OPEN
please complete our survey or visit
www.mlhd.health.nsw.gov.au

What's happening at the Coolamon Shire Library

Phone 69272492

Join the Library today,
Membership is FREE.

Family History Group

Interested in Family History, come along to the Library Saturday, 28th March 10.00am. Chat about family history or history in the area, everyone is most welcome.

Monthly Brain Games



Starting on the 6th April, the library will be hosting a fun filled morning with puzzles, riddles and other brain teasers between 10.30am - 12.00pm. No bookings are necessary

Storytime in

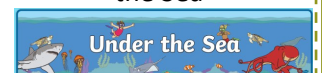
Ganmain

Held monthly at the Ganmain Hall at 10.30am. The next session will be held Friday, 27th March. Plenty of books, songs and activities for children to enjoy.

JOIN US FOR **Storytime** Coolamon Shire Library 10.30am Start

Friday 6 March 'Jump and Jive'

Friday 20 March 'Under the Sea'



Riverina Mobile Library
Will be visiting **Ardlethan**
Friday; 6th and 20th March 2020

The next Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 19th March 2020, Commencing at 3:00pm.