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hotline
1800 831 099



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COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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COVID 19 - Rates Relief

In the current environment, if you are having difficulties or facing increased pressure paying your rates, please contact Council early. Council has a process to consider hardship provisions and work with people to stay on top of payments.

Additionally Council recently resolved to approve flexibility around paying rates by not charging any interest on unpaid rates and not taking any legal action on unpaid rates, for the next 6 months.

In effect this allows rate payers the opportunity to pay their rates as it suites their circumstances for the next 2 installments.

Landfill Sites


All landfill sites closed on Saturday 25 April, 2020.


Due to the ANZAC Day public holiday all landfill sites will be closed. Normal operating times will be adhered to on Friday 24th April and resume on Tuesday 28th April.




Local Roads Update

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

 Marrar North Road – 0.5km road reconstruction has commenced.

 Roping Pole Road – 1.36km road reconstruction has commenced.

 Shire Urban Street Bitumen resealing has commenced.

Portable traffic lights will be on site and motorists may experience delays up to 5 minutes. Please exercise caution, observe road signage and road conditions.

Ardlethan Aged Persons Unit to Let

A vacancy exists in one of Council's Aged Persons Units situated at the corner of Mithul and Redmond Streets, Ardlethan. Applications are invited from persons interested in renting a unit in Carpathia Court and will be received up until 5.00pm on Friday, 8 May, 2020.

An "aged person" means a person who has attained the age of sixty years. For couples, one of the tenants must be an aged person.

Contact Council on 69301800 during normal working hours or on Council's website: www.coolamon.nsw.gov.au under 'News'

ANZAC Day 2020

There's no doubt that ANZAC Day 2020 will be very different to ANZAC Days of previous years. While we will not be gathering at services or marches, there are still ways to acknowledge ANZAC Day and ensure Australian servicemen and women are appropriately remembered.

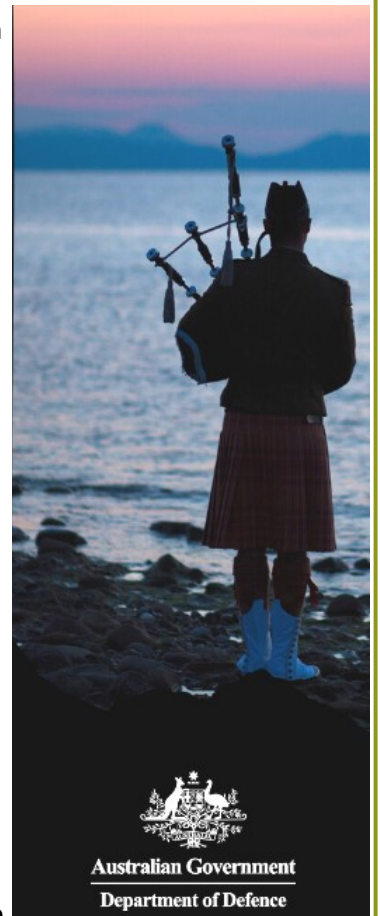
Light up the dawn. At 6am on ANZAC Day 25 April, go to the end of your driveway or stand on your balcony and listen to a brief commemorative service. Together – even while apart – we'll remember those who served and sacrificed. You can sign the pledge to light up the dawn at rslanzacspirit.com.au

Tune into live services and virtual commemorative services.

The ABC will be broadcasting a 5.30am service from the Australian War Memorial in Canberra. There will also be a 10am service from the Anzac Memorial in Sydney that will be broadcast on ABC and streamed live.

Reach out to a mate who might be alone.

Many people are alone during this time of isolation. It's an opportunity to invoke the ANZAC value of mateship and check to see how a mate is doing.



Australian Government
Department of Defence



We encourage post photographs of your driveway ceremony on the Coolamon RSL Facebook page.

Animal Fines and Penalties

Penalties and fines related to companion animals

As a dog owner you are responsible for the actions of your dog.

In accordance with the Companion Animals Act 1998 and the Companion Animals Regulation 2008, the legislative requirements for owning a dog in NSW include:

- All dogs must be microchipped by 12 weeks of age or earlier if sold or given away
- All dogs must be lifetime registered by 6 months of age
- All dogs must wear a collar and identification tag when outside their property
- A dog that is in a public place must be under the effective control of a competent person at all times, by using an adequate chain, cord or leash that is attached to the dog and that is being held by (or secured to) the person
- Dogs must not, without provocation, attack or menace a person or animal
- The owner or person in charge of a dog that defecates in a public place must immediately remove the dog's faeces and properly dispose of them.

Failure to comply with the provisions of the Companion Animals Act 1998 can result in fines and penalties being imposed on the owner of the dog.

There have been a number of recent complaints by residents to Council in regards to dog faeces being left on nature strips and being deposited of in front yards – residents are reminded that this is an offence and carries fine amount of \$275.00. Dog owners are encouraged to collect / clean up in instance where dogs defecate in such areas.

Coolamon Early Childhood Centre

In recent weeks as we see the affects of COVID 19, Educators have been implementing a variety of ways to continue to connect with children and families during the world pandemic, this has included

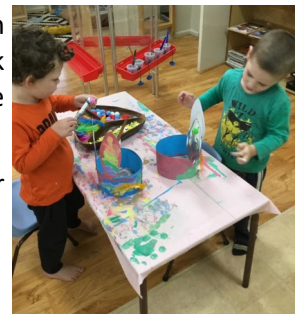


engaging in video calls with the children at home. It has been wonderful to see so many children join in and be able to connect with each other despite being at home. These interactions have included learning for the children from reading stories, to dancing and singing songs. This coming week will be extended with sessions daily covering more learning areas. Information and photos of our video sessions can be seen on the centre facebook page.

Centre's alterations and extensions are making steady progress with the building extension beginning to take shape. It has been an exciting time for the children and staff as they have watched a vacant block turn into their new building. The extension will include a new 0-2 room to accommodate 12 children a day with a cot room, store room, bathroom and kitchenette. Part of the extension also includes a new kitchen for the centre, office and toilet. We look forward to sharing more news as the building progresses.

The centre is currently taking orders for their annual Ganmain Pie Drive.

Please contact the centre to order before Wednesday, May 6th 2020.



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THE LIBRARY CAN PROVIDE BOOKS, MAGAZINES, AND DVDS, TALKING BOOKS TO YOUR FRONT DOOR. GIVE US A CALL TO ARRANGE A DELIVERY 69272492

THE LIBRARY IS CURRENTLY CLOSED DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS

"A BOOK IS A DREAM YOU HOLD IN YOUR HAND"

Allawah Lodge

We encourage other ways to brighten the residents day, during the current health pandemic visitation is limited but there is other ways to put a smile on their faces.

Drop off some flowers, write a letter and drop in the letter box, draw a picture, Skype, drop off some winter annuals to plant, drop off some homemade goodies to share at morning tea



Support Local Businesses

Unsure how you can help our local businesses, we've put together a handy list that might help.

- ➡ Shop local - Every dollar spent locally goes to local families and our community.
- ➡ Get it delivered - Yes please! Many businesses are offering deliveries as part of the new restrictions.
- ➡ Pick up a takeaway dinner - Don't feel like cooking, arrange takeaway from one of the local cafes, pubs, restaurants.
- ➡ Buy a gift voucher - Why not plan for an upcoming gift, dinner or coffee date. Grab a gift voucher to use later
- ➡ Tell your friends and family - Word of mouth! Let's spread the love for our businesses. Share, comment, like, post a picture, leave a review.
- ➡ Events - When events start to reschedule (...and they will) – Lock them in your calendar and tell your friends.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 14th May 2020, Commencing at 3:00pm.