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COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

COVID-19 Update

As of the 1st of June, NSW Government has announced further easing of restrictions. Currently the **Council office** and **Allawah Community Care office** are open to the public, however if you are feeling unwell, please do not enter. We do ask residents to access information from alternative means where possible;

- ◆ Pay bills online
- ◆ Pay Accounts over the phone 1800 672 162
- ◆ Access Council's website www.coolamon.nsw.gov.au
- ◆ Lodge forms by emailing Council@coolamon.nsw.gov.au
- ◆ Alternatively contact us on 6930 1800

Allawah Lodge residents are excited to see family and friends and we ask for those wishing to visit loved ones to ring and make an appointment so that we can co-ordinate the limited number of visitors can visit at one time in the facility.

For more information contact the office on 6927 3477

As travel restrictions are also easing this means that **Caravan Parks** will also be open to travelers.

Playgrounds are open to the public but should exercise caution, practice good hygiene and adhere to restrictions as directed.

We would like to thank the local community for adhering to the current restrictions that have played a significant part in keeping us safe.

A special mention to all the service agencies that remained open and provided essential goods and services. Community members such as Nurses, Childcare educators, Teachers, Shop assistants and Emergency Services and many more, have kept us going throughout the tough times and put themselves at potential exposure whilst doing so.

Get tested!

Call the MLHD COVID-19 hotline

1800 831 099



Urban Backyard Burning Of Vegetation Burning Off in Residential Zones



Coolamon Shire Local Government Area residents are being reminded that open air burning is not permitted within residential areas, exceptions being when it is used for warmth or cooking, such as barbecues, pizza ovens, chimneys and fire pits.

Open air burning must not be offensive or a nuisance to other people, be the cause of a health hazard, affect visibility for motorists on the roads, or create any other hazard on or near a road.

Failure to comply may result in a \$500 fine.

Open burning is regulated in NSW by the Protection of the Environment Operations (Clean Air) Regulation 2010 which provides regulatory measures for a number of different air quality issues.

Burning wood and rubbish in open fires and incinerators can cause smoke, which is a major cause of air pollution. It can harm the environment and your health.

For more information on open air burning, visit the NSW Environmental Protection Agency website <https://www.epa.nsw.gov.au/your-environment/air/open-burning-reducing-pollution>

Local Roads Update

Road Conditions: Recent good rain has been welcomed with the majority of dams replenished. This will permit Council to commence gravel road maintenance and gravel re-sheets. Council's three grader crews will be spread across the Shire road network and address priority items first. Rural water access is appreciated if available.

Road Closures: All Shire roads are open at present.

Funded Projects from NSW Government

Recently, Council has completed reconstruction works to Marrar South Road funded by the NSW Government under Fixing Country Roads program.

The new 5 kilometres of road is now up to a standard to handle B-Doubles to link freight through the Coolamon Shire and surrounds.



This project was successfully delivered on time and on budget.

Council has also secured funding for the Community building partnership projects from the NSW Government ;

Funding \$4,648 to upgrade the Marrar Memorial Hall supper room.

Funding \$10,000 to upgrade the Beckom Hall.

Library News ... We Are Open!

Following the announcements from The NSW Government, Coolamon Shire Library is looking forward to re-opening to the public as of 1st of June 2020.



Monday to Friday: 8.30am to 5.00pm

Saturday: 9.00am to 12noon

Sunday Closed



The Library has implemented modifications to adhere to social distancing and ask visitors to use sanitising stations on arrival. There will be a limited amount of visitors that will be able to be in the library at one time and ask for your patience through this time.

Council is continuing to provide **FREE** contactless home delivery service to our borrowers within the town limits. This applies to residents in the towns of Coolamon, Ganmain, Matong, Marrar, Beckom and Ardlethan in particular to residents over the age of 70 - Allocated times will be scheduled. Contact us via Phone - 692727492, email or facebook message with your orders. Items will be left at your front door or at your mailbox - no contact will be made. The Library has also a great range of FREE digital services for Library members. They include:



Borrowbox: app for eBooks and eAudio



uLibrary: app for eAudio



RB Digital: app for eMagazines



Kanopy and Kanopy for kids: free streaming movies and documentaries



Storybox Library: children's stories narrated by well-loved Australians

To access these services, go to www.rrl.nsw.gov.au/elibrary

Ardlethan Aged Persons Unit .. Ready to Move In

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.

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'

Allawah Community Care... Can We Help You?

Would you or your carer benefit from some flexible respite in the home, meals on wheels, personal care or social support?

During the current pandemic, meals on wheels are a great option to receive a variety of convenient nutritious meals without the need to leave the house.

Talk to us about our services and packaged care, we can help you register through My Aged Care, we're local like you!

If you would like any information on any of our services you can access information on the Council's Website <http://www.coolamon.nsw.gov.au/services/aged-and-disability-services/multi-service-outlet-mso.aspx> or contact the office on 6927 3521



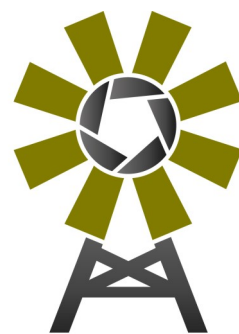
Capture Coolamon Shire... Dust off the Cameras

Capture Coolamon Shire is set to go ahead for 2020 thanks to an increased contribution from Coolamon Shire Council.

This extra sponsorship will allow the competition to continue without placing pressure on local businesses to sponsor the 2020 event.

Whilst details are yet to be finalised, photographers are encouraged to take advantage of the beautiful Autumn days in preparation for this year's competition.

Details will be released shortly on visitcoolamonshire.com.au



CAPTURE

coolamon shire
A PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

Allawah Lodge Stage 2 and 3 Project Commencement



Adaptive Interiors have been selected via a recent tender process as the successful contractor to deliver Allawah Lodge Stage 2 and 3 Project Works.

The works will be undertaken in 2 stages:

Stage 2 will include the alterations and upgrading of the existing kitchen and laundry area and the provision of a new loading/unloading area for goods in and out.

Stage 3 includes the creation of a multipurpose room in area of the existing dining room, conversion of existing residents lounge to dining room, addition/extension to the residents lounge in area of former courtyard, upgrade of existing courtyard, internal alterations to provide a new nurse's station/office and provision of new administration and reception area with new entry doors.

The project had been placed on hold due to the COVID – 19 Outbreak and the requirement for Council to protect residents at the facility. With the easing of restrictions, Council and the successful contractor have amended the works schedule to allow for the commencement of works via adjusted staging.

Commencing Monday 25 May 2020, works will start on extending and refurbishing existing rooms.

Additional works will be scheduled as aged care / COVID 19 restrictions are eased. The works to commence on 25 May 2020 have been selected as these works will not result in residents being exposed to contractors who are to work on the development.

The next Council Meeting will be held on Thursday, 18th June 2020, Commencing at 3:00pm.