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COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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Ditch the Dust at NYE 2020

Council is excited to announce the coming together of two exciting community events; Ditch the Dust and Coolamon New Year Eve Street Festival (NYE). Council has endorsed to merge Ditch the Dust with NYE. This has been made possible with the support from funding body Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources through the Drought Communities Programme.



Utilising funds made available through the Drought Communities Programme will reduce the pressure on small local businesses to sponsor the event as they have done so in the past. The injection of the grant funding will also result in exciting new opportunities

for the 2020 event. Although this is a one-off funding opportunity, Council are excited to see what this brings to the community.



Councillor Mayor John Seymour OAM highlighted that "In the past events like these would not be possible without the generosity of our local businesses, it is great that we are able to provide a small relief during these challenging times".

'Ditch the Dust at NYE' will be held on Thursday 31 December from 6pm to 10pm in Cowabbie Street Coolamon. Further information regarding 'Ditch the Dust at NYE' will be provided over coming months. Visit Council's website and social media for regular updates.

Installation of Shipping Containers

Development consent may be required for the installation of shipping containers.

Do you have a shipping container located on your land?

If your Land is zoned RU5 (Village) you will require development approval from Council to locate a shipping container on the property. Shipping containers located on RU1 (Primary Production) and RU4 (Rural Small Holdings) may be exempt from the need to obtain development approval if they comply with certain development standards (this should be confirmed with Council).

The installation of a shipping container is often seen as a cost effective option for storage. However, it is illegal to install a shipping container on land without development consent where consent is required. In addition, Council's Development Control Plan requires all shipping containers to be tied down to an adequate footing system designed by a Structural Engineer.

If you have a shipping container on your land and it does not have the appropriate approval it is requested that you either remove the container or lodge a development application with Council. Contact Council's Development and Environmental Directorate on 6930 1800 to learn more and make sure you are not liable for enforcement action.

Meeting with Council Staff...

Please phone ahead to make an appointment.

To avoid disappointment, if you wish to see a staff member we kindly ask for you to contact 69301800 prior to coming into the office. Making an appointment also allows staff that are required on inspections to manage their schedules .

Rotary Club of Coolamon Donation



Council would like to acknowledge the Coolamon Rotary Club for their generous donation of \$2,000 to assist in the purchase of equipment for use by residents at Allawah Lodge .

Council always appreciates the support received from local community organisations to ensure the ongoing comfort and viability associated with looking after our elderly.

Queens Birthday Honours – Tony Donoghue

At the June Council Meeting, Mayor, John Seymour congratulated Council's General Manager, Tony Donoghue on receiving the Public Service Medal for outstanding public service to local government in NSW. Tony received recognition for the work he has undertaken for Coolamon Shire and wider Riverina region.

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.



Library News ... We Are Open!

The Library has implemented modifications to adhere to social distancing and ask all 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 we ask for your patience through this time.

The Library will be offering school holiday fun craft packs for all ages to enjoy. Simply ring or call into the library to pick up crafts packs to keep kids entertained. Due to COVID-19, the library is unable to host our normal school holiday program.

We will still be offering our FREE home delivery service to our borrowers within the town limits. This will still apply to residents in the towns of Coolamon, Ganmain, Matong, Marrar, Beckom and Ardlethan. Phone the Library for any further details or concerns - 69272492

Coolamon Early Childhood Centre Contact us to be added onto our wait list!

The Centre has been a buzz of excitement with stage two of the centre extension and alteration now complete. The 0-2 age group have moved to their new space including a spacious learning environment, cot room, storeroom and combined bathroom and nappy change area. The completion of this extension means a built for purpose area can now be enjoyed by educators and children.



The Centre's stage three construction is now underway and is only weeks away from finished. On completion of the build the centre will have the capacity to increase the enrolled spaces each day and have separate learning environments for each age group of children.

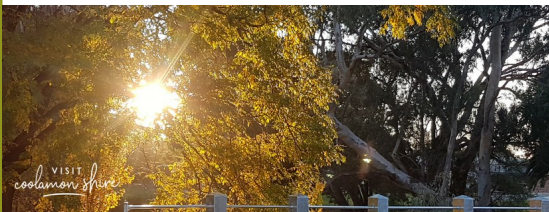
The children at Centre have been engaging in many experiences in recent weeks including Reconciliation Week and Pizza Day. Through-out Reconciliation Week they participated in craft, songs, dream time stories and learning the centre Acknowledgment to Country. COVID-19 restrictions meant that cooking has been limited in centre programs. Educators have used a variety of ideas to continue learning about foods and cooking through group discussions, craft and role play. For Pizza Day, the children made pizzas using paper plates



and craft items. For afternoon tea they all enjoyed a yummy slice of real pizza prepared by the centre educators. The Centre currently has a waiting list for placements, all enquires can be forwarded to Renae at the centre 0269273991



New Residents to Coolamon Shire



With a number of new residents making the move to Coolamon Shire, we'd like to hear your story. Coolamon Shire Council participates in the Country Change program which encourages people to move to regional areas. If you are a new resident to Coolamon Shire, please make contact with us by emailing Laura Munro on lmunro@coolamon.nsw.gov.au

Have you recently moved to Coolamon Shire? We'd love to hear from you.

COOLAMON LIBRARY

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN CRAFT PACKS

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POM POM MONSTER CRAFT KIT
@ \$3.00
EASY TO MAKE

TANGRAMS PUZZLE KIT

HAVE FUN WITH SHAPES
SUITABLE FOR ALL AGES
FREE



LEGO ONLINE CHALLENGE
GRAB YOUR FUN BOOKLET & CHALLENGE CARD
LOTS OF PRIZES TO WIN
@ \$2.00



GUESS THE JELLYBEANS IN A JAR
BORROW IN THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
WINNER TAKES ALL

PAPER PLANE CRAFT KIT
@ \$3.00
CREATE LOTS OF PLANES TO FLY

DIG A DINOSAUR PACK
EVERYTHING INCLUDED + ACTIVITY PAGES
@ \$5.00
LEARN MORE ABOUT DINOSAURS
BORROW A BOOK TOO
LIMIT OF TEN PACKS



Calling for local farmers... Time to get involved in tourism program

The Canola Trail is a tourism program promoting the Shires of Coolamon, Junee and Temora, it's a self-drive tour encouraging visitation all year round with extra focus when canola is flowering. Every year people travel to see the stunning bright yellow fields and visit many attractions and local businesses while here. The Canola Trail Committee are inviting farmers within these Shires to get in contact with us to be involved this year. This is great opportunity to help promote tourism for our region and connect visitors to farmers.

What does getting involved mean:

- Adding your canola paddock(s) to the www.canolatrail.com.au website as a key point to view
- Providing your contact details to Council, as a reference point for visitors that may like to have a photo near/in the canola

If you are interested, please get in contact with Laura, Council's Tourism and Business Development Officer on lmunro@coolamon.nsw.gov.au or 6927 2492 to chat further.

We believe this is a great opportunity to further showcase our wonderful area.

Pumptrack and Mobile Skatepark ... It's Back!

The current pandemic and restrictions have caused play equipment to be closed to minimise transmission. Council is happy to announce both the Pumptrack and Mobile Skatepark will be returning to the communities as of the 1st July 2020. The Pumptrack will be going to Beckom and the Mobile Skatepark will be going to Ganmain.

A full schedule of future locations will be out soon.

