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COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Clean-up Campaign

Monday 7th September - 11th September

This clean-up is open to residents of the Coolamon Shire. **This is for residential waste only.**

The purpose of this clean-up is to assist residents with the removal of larger items to the Waste Landfill Depot. All items registered with Council should be easily accessible and ready for collection on Monday 7th September, for pick up that week.

Register with Council by; Friday 28th August 2020 NO REGISTRATION – NO PICK-UP
Book today on 69301800.

✔ **Council will collect large household items.**

✘ **NO GAS CYLINDERS, NO TYRES, NO MATTRESSES.**

Ardlethan Sewerage Complete

Funded under the State Government’s Restart New South Wales program with \$3.2 million, Council invested a further \$578,000, residents are now able to connect to the service.

“Ardlethan Sewerage has been identified in our Community Strategic Plans for 20 years and is essential for improving the environmental and health outcomes for our community,” Cr Seymour said. “With Ardlethan located at the junction of the Mirrool and Bygoo creeks, parts of the town are on flood-prone land which carries overflow risks in extreme weather events. The new sewerage system mitigates this risk and will improve the amenity, health and environment of the township.”



Planning and Environment - Consent Required

Do you know when approval is required for infrastructure on your land? NSW Government stipulates the regulations and requirements of landholders that require consent like dwellings, sheds, swimming pools and other structures. In addition, living in sheds and temporary homes is often seen as a cost effective option to escape the rent trap and occupy land while planning or building a house.

Can you live in a shed? No, It is illegal to occupy a shed or garage for residential purposes without development consent. The Building Code of Australia (BCA) requires residential buildings be built to a higher standard of construction than sheds. The lower standards required for sheds and garages render them non-habitable, and further without development approval from Council, they are illegal to reside in.

Like to know more? Visit Councils website - Planning and Environment

Pensioner Rebate for Rates

If you have a current Pensioner Concession Card (issued by Centrelink or the Department of Veteran Affairs) you may be eligible to a rate rebate. To be an “eligible pensioner” you must own and reside in the property and be the holder of either:

- * A Pension Concession Card
- * Veteran Affairs TPI or EDA Card
- * Veteran Affairs Gold Card and receiving income supplement support.



To apply for a pensioner rates rebate a completed pensioner application form must be submitted to Council. This form can be obtained at Council’s Administration Office or online through Council’s website

Local Roads Update - Construction Period

Road Conditions Recent good rain has been welcomed with the majority of rural dams replenished. Council has commenced gravel road maintenance grading and gravel re-sheeting. Rural water access is appreciated if available.

Road Works Heavy rehabilitation and road shoulder reconstruction works are to be carried out on the following roads:

Bygoo Road - Northern End	Reconstruction works	Commence Mid September
Roping Pole Road	Shoulder widening works	Late September
Deepwater Road	Shoulder widening works	Early October

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

Coolamon Early Childhood Centre ... Contact us 69273 991!

0-2 VACANCIES AND 2021 WAITING LIST ENQUIRIES



The Centre has recently purchased new equipment for the playground using our Quality Environments Grant. The yard now has a pirate ship, train, new bridge and noughts and crosses game. This has been a wonderful addition to our spacious yard with the children given more opportunities for social interaction and imaginative play.

The centre has recently extended its capacity and is now able to use the new extension to its full potential. It has been a busy atmosphere with 45 children attending most days of the week and new families starting. Our educators have been focusing on settling these children and families into our centre environment. The team at the centre has also expanded



with 3 new educators being employed to support growing numbers.

There are currently vacancies on a Monday in the 0-2 age group and a waiting list for enrolments starting in 2021. If you are interested in care for your child, contact us for more information.



Allawah Lodge COVID Plan



A set of Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) has been prepared that you might be thinking and/or worrying about when you hear the media coverage surrounding COVID-19 Outbreaks in Aged Care.

We'd like to hear from you if you have questions, concerns or congratulations about Allawah Lodge and its operations.

Connect through Facebook or drop a feedback form into any of the feedback compliments/complaints boxes we have placed around the facility. We will be updating FAQs as required based on feedback and developments with the pandemic response.



Stay updated with information by connecting with Allawah Lodge on Facebook.

FAQ's link is on the Allawah Lodge Facebook page or can be downloaded by visiting;
<https://www.coolamon.nsw.gov.au/f.ashx/Community/Allawah-Lodge-COVID-Preparedness-Letter-7-August-2020.pdf>

Library News ... Come In and See Us!

The Library is open and we would love to see community members come into the library. We have implemented systems and procedures to ensure the safety of visitors and borrowers. We are a COVID Safe service.

One public computer is available to use and printing and photocopying services are also available. We are still offering our FREE home delivery service to our borrowers within the town limits.

Brain Games Booklet



Come and pick up a brain games booklet from the Library. This will be a monthly activity booklet containing puzzles and brain-teasers to keep your mind active. Suitable for all ages and is available now – Cost is a gold coin donation.

Library promotion



During the month of September the library will be running a promotion to encourage children to read and borrow from the Library. Each time a child borrows a book they will enter a draw to win book vouchers.

READING IS FOR EVERYONE



Storytime will be live on our Coolamon Library Facebook page every fortnight for children to enjoy. Keep an eye out for updates!

Mobile Library— It's back on the road again!

Will be visiting Ardlethan on Friday, 4th and 18th September

Capture Coolamon Shire Photo Competition



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Enter now!

Entries close 12 October 2020

Open \$10 Youth \$5

Entry forms, Terms and Conditions and all competition information can be found at www.visitcoolamonshire.com.au



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