From the Mayor

Season’s Greetings One & All,

I am writing this message the morning after another hugely successful Christmas On Broadway Celebration, organised by our dynamic & invaluable Junee Business and Trades group. What a spectacularly successful gathering of our community. Congratulations JBT, well done!

A very big thank you to our council staff too, who quietly and conscientiously go about their tasks, keeping the wheels turning behind the scenes. The town looks a picture.

I must tell you that when I am away on Council or personal business and people learn that I am from Junee, their faces light up with a huge smile and they remark on what a lovely and pretty place Junee is and that the people are so welcoming. What a wonderful feeling it is to be proud of where you live.

Recently our town and our vibrant villages received a huge financial shot in the arm with the announcement of grant funds by the State government. I have listed these projects below:

- Old Junee Community Hall
- Junee Tennis Club
- Wantabagery Tennis Courts & Hall
- Eurongilly Tennis Courts & Hall
- Junee Junction & Aquatic Centre
- Laurie Daley Oval Precinct Shade Port
- Junee Athenium Theatre

The Correctional Centre additions are moving along smoothly, as is Council’s Sewer Treatment Works upgrade.

These two projects have resulted in a big boost to business in the town as workers seek food, drink and accommodation in and around Junee. The interest and competition for houses and land is also at an all time high and I am sure that the same goes for the towns and villages around us.

Another major project that is underway is the inland rail line joining Melbourne directly with Brisbane. Consultations with the community and affected land holders are ongoing. Whilst it is inevitable that some will be negatively impacted, it is pleasing to see that nation building projects like this are being undertaken. The vision for Australia’s transport future needs to be kept firmly in sight, by not only the current government, but future governments, to ensure that we keep pace with the future needs of our vast country.

Lastly, I would like to mention the upcoming Australia Day Awards. I encourage you all to think about that special person or group in the community who is making a difference. A person or group that is selflessly making an effort to positively improve someone else’s life. The categories are:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Volunteer Team of the Year
- Sports Award
- Junior Sports Award

Nomination forms are available at Council’s offices, the Junee Newsagency and a number of other locations as well as on Council’s web site. Nominations close Friday, 21 December 2018.

Thanks for your time, take care as you travel, particularly during the busy holiday period and thank you for being part of our positive, inclusive community.

Mayor, Cr Neil Smith
INTRODUCING COUNCILS NEWEST TEAM MEMBERS

Eddie Costello
Works Operator – Major Plants
Eddie joins us from the private sector where he worked with local contractors. Eddie can operate all items of plant.

Shane Dickson
Labourer
Shane has worked for council on and off for the past six months and is now a permanent member of the team. He joins us from Labour Hire.

Bruce Turner
Team Leader - Construction
Bruce joins us from Yass Shire Council and brings with him over 10 years’ experience in construction and supervision.

Frank Plozza
Project Engineer
Frank comes to us with a wealth of experience within the mining and civil construction industries. Frank will be involved in the Laurie Daley Oval, John Potts Drive and Stronger Country Communities projects.

Alana Lesslie
Communication & Events Coordinator
Alana recently relocated back to Junee, swapping city life for the friendly, country hospitality she enjoyed growing up in Junee. Alana comes to us with a background in the event management, media and customer service industries.

VILLAGE FEATURE - WANTABADGERY

Steeped in ‘Bushranger’ history and bursting with community pride and enthusiasm, Wantabadgery is a village community in the true sense of the term.

With so much to see and do, such as the infamous Bushrangers Trail and picturesque Sandy Beach, which provides excellent locations for camping, fishing and swimming. And let’s not forget the bi-annual Picnic Races featuring the famous ‘horse race without horses’ Clayton Cup.

The Wantabadgery Tennis Courts and Clubhouse are set to undergo exciting upgrades thanks to a successful application in Round Two of the NSW Government’s Stronger Country Communities Fund. This funding will see much needed repairs to the clubhouse and courts and the purchase and installation of playground equipment.

The Wantabadgery McDonald Memorial Hall will also be getting an upgrade in the way of a refurbishment to the servery area and installation of a hot water system to help with the running of the picnic races.
The NSW Government’s Stronger Country Communities Fund has delivered some fantastic outcomes for our Shire. The Mayor has already listed in his newsletter welcome the seven projects benefiting from Round 2 funding which totals $1.26 million. The outcome of Round 1 applications was announced back in March 2018 and the three projects awarded a total of $1.075 million are progressing well:

- **Illabo Tennis Clubhouse and Courts** – the refurbishment of the courts is essentially complete with two new synthetic surface courts in use. One is marked purely for tennis and the other is a multipurpose court for tennis, netball and basketball. The refurbishment of the clubhouse building commenced in November and is expected to be completed before Christmas enabling the Illabo ‘community-spirit revival’ to be active over the festive season.

- **Laurie Daley Oval playing surface upgrade** – this project is nearing completion with the new turf laid at the end of November. The works leading up to this point included removal of the previous surface and excavation to install a drainage and irrigation system. The surface is expected to be back in routine use for the next rugby league season.

- **Laurie Daley Oval amenities** – the expansion of the central canteen and media centre had been in the planning phase for some time awaiting a suitable funding source. The funding from the Stronger Country Communities Fund will see the existing central building expanded with a wing each side incorporating change rooms for home and away teams as well as rooms for referees and public amenities. With the design and tender specifications complete, tenders for the construction will be called.

**SECTION 355 COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL**

Earlier this year Council put in place a new committee structure referred to as Section 355 Committees. You may be scratching your head and asking “what is Section 355?”, this is the section in the Local Government Act which covers how Council can exercise its functions. This new committee structure aligns nicely with the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) and areas of particular interest that were expressed during the community engagement leading to the current CSP.

The Section 355 committees are:
- Access Advisory
- Arts and Culture
- Events and Tourism
- Village and Rural Improvement

To date each committee has met at least once with some having held informal meetings to further actions in between. The committees report to and make recommendations to Council in the context of their area of relevance and terms of reference. The committees comprise elected members from the community who will be in place for the term of the current Councillors (4-year term commencing September 2016).

Despite a limited number of meetings which to a large degree have focussed on orientation and induction, the benefits that the committees will bring to Council and the community has already been demonstrated via valuable contributions. Each committee meets three times a year in their own right with one all-encompassing meeting each year planned for January.
JUNEE RECREATION CENTRE WATERSLIDE - OPEN FOR FUN!!

It’s that time of year again where we all want to cool down and have some fun at the local pool.

The Junee Recreation Centre is gearing up for another busy summer and, as usual, the Waterslide is a big attraction.

The Waterslide will be open to the public from 12:00noon to 2:00pm on the following days:

- Weekend of 8th and 9th December
- Weekend of 15th and 16th December
- Weekend of 22nd and 23rd December
- Monday 24th December
- CENTRE IS CLOSED ON 25th and 26th December
- From Wednesday 27th December through to Sunday 27th January the Waterslide will be operating everyday

Don’t forget that the Waterslide is also available for private, exclusive hire outside of the above times for a cost of $90 per hour. For more information please contact the Centre on 6924 4680.

CONGRATULATIONS SOUTH WEST REGIONAL FAMILY DAY CARE

South West Regional Family Day Care has been providing care for families over seven shires for 23 years. The service, families, children and educators appreciate the support that Junee Shire Council has given to enable this much needed child care service to continue. Recently Educators from the service received Long Service Awards as a show of appreciation for their devotion to providing a high quality home based child care service.

- Congratulations to Michelle Hart
  - 10 years of educating and caring for Junee children
- Congratulations to Sally Splitt
  - 15 years of educating and caring for Junee children
- Congratulations to Amanda Russell
  - 15 years of being part of the South West Regional Family Day Care

Michelle Hart  
Sally Splitt  
Amanda Russell
SEWAGE TREATMENT WORKS PROJECT UPDATE

Construction work has begun on the sewage treatment plant upgrade with excavation and earthwork commencing in August of this year.

The creation of two sludge lagoons is currently underway with lagoon two now being 95% complete and work on lagoon one just starting and currently sitting at 10% complete.

Planned significant achievements over the coming months include; the installation of a new switch room building and the excavation and embankment construction of sludge drying beds.

PORTABLE SWIMMING POOLS...
NOT NECESSARILY A CHEAP CHRISTMAS PRESENT

As the weather warms up and we are on the lookout for Christmas presents, it can be very tempting to grab one of those affordable portable swimming pools that cost between $50 and $100.

What most people don’t realise is that depending on the pool’s water depth and volume a $50 portable swimming pool may be treated the same under NSW Swimming Pool and Planning law as a $50,000 permanent in-ground swimming pool. This means that planning approval from Council and a pool safety barrier, resuscitation sign and inspection for compliance may be required. Whilst this may sound very bureaucratic and “over the top” there is good reason to have these controls in place – portable pools that are not appropriately secured present a real danger to young children.

Although nothing can substitute for appropriate supervision, swimming pool safety law has been introduced to help reduce this danger. As a guide, a small pool (water depth not able to be more than 30cm and volume less than 2000 litres) doesn’t need a child resistant barrier (fence) and no planning approval is required. A medium pool (water depth capable of being greater than 30cm but water volume less than 2000 litres) MUST be protected by a child resistant barrier (fence), must be registered on the NSW Swimming Pool register, MUST have a resuscitation sign but it does not need planning approval. Larger pools (water depth capable of being greater than 30cm and volume greater than 2000 litres) require approval, registration and all the protective measures.

For more information please visit Council’s web site, office or consult the NSW Swimming Pool Register www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au
(3) Beach Street Kerb & Gutter Construction

(4) Regent Street Drainage and Kerb & Gutter Construction

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**ROADWORKS**

**JULY - NOVEMBER 2018**

(1) McGledes Hill Road Reconstruction

(2) Billabong Road Gravel Resheeting

(5) Junee Reefs Road Shoulder Grading

(6) Pattersons Road Capital Renewal

(7) Retreat Road Rehabilitation

(8) River Road Capital Renewal

(9) Kahmoo Lane Rehabilitation

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