

# NEWSLETTER

## AUTUMN 2019

### FROM THE MAYOR

Well, what a hot one we have had. Record breaking temperatures in January saw Council open the pool for free during the weeks leading up to student's return to school. Hopefully an appreciated and welcome relief for those in our community who are struggling with rising energy costs and balancing an already teetering budget.



Although an extremely hot day, Australia Day this year was very well attended. We had some extra fun this year in the form of a novelty race in the pool on a variety of inflatable devices. I'm pleased and proud that some of our shire councillors were keen to be part of a team that participated against other teams which included our local police force, Junee Business and Trades, Junee Tennis Club, the Pink Ladies and our local town fire brigade.

Residents may have noticed some improvements to the Broadway Gardens in the centre of Broadway. Council has recently installed some very stylish seating which will make this lovely area more attractive for day to day users. Additional power outlets have also been installed to enhance the area for functions such as markets and festivals. I often reflect on the forward thinking of our early civic leaders in planning the wide streets and central gardens we call Broadway. Seeing people enjoying their lunch in this area or lounging on the lush grass makes me smile and is a happy daily reminder of the relaxed lifestyle we enjoy in this beautiful town.

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### VILLAGE FEATURE BETHUNGRA

Rail buffs will love Bethungra, one of the fascinating and historical villages of the Junee Shire. Home to the famous "Bethungra Spiral" which is the largest and only 360 degree spiral in Australia.

Stop in and visit hosts, Gaylene and Garry Crabtree at the Olde School T-House, which is the perfect location for a 'coffee break'.



Peruse the Memorabilia Room which is home to the original letter of the first settlers and be treated to locally produced items such as jams, chutneys and hand-crafted gifts.



Whilst in Bethungra check out the historic Shirley B&B. This stunning building was first established in 1886 when Bethungra was a busy railway town.

If you are into canoeing, sailing, camping, picnics, swimming or fishing then Bethungra Dam is a must on your list of places to visit.



Originally constructed in 1895 as a water supply dam to service Junee but nowadays features as a scenic public recreation area.

For more information on things to do in Bethungra and surrounds check out the Canola Trail website [www.canolatrail.com.au](http://www.canolatrail.com.au)



## FROM THE MAYOR Cont.

While in this corner of town, let's stroll across the Broadway to the Athenium Theatre, already an iconic and unique art deco space.

People will be pleased to know that a significant amount of money has been announced for two projects. This is not especially new news but the transformation that will shortly occur and the modern facility and convenience that will result will ensure the building's relevance and wide appeal for decades to come. With the inclusion of air conditioning and a south east wing that incorporates a commercial grade kitchen, theatrical storage spaces and an outdoor bar & entertaining area, the Athenium will be able to comfortably cater for the crowds that this grand old lady was built to host.

Council continues to work strategically as well as keeping the day to day wheels turning. I'm sure you would all agree that our staff do a fantastic job, keeping the day to day activities going with a big and helpful smile. Shire councillors will soon be spending a strategic Saturday, climbing into the metaphorical helicopter, to look at the future of Junee Shire. We will be thinking about and planning for where we see our local government area, our town and our villages, in the decades ahead. Being almost 3 years into our 4 year term, our Councillors are well seasoned and settled in to their roles so now is the perfect time to harness that knowledge and experience to plan for the long term future. I look forward to being part of this process as we look to the community strategic plan, our budget and our people to do the best for Junee Shire.

Thank you for your time & attention. I commend you to another informative news letter.

Mayor, Cr Neil Smith



## INTRODUCING COUNCIL'S SCHOOL BASED TRAINEES

Council has great pleasure in introducing our three new school based trainees who commenced their employment in mid-January this year.

**Rhys Diggins** has joined the outdoor crew under the supervision of Parks and Gardens Team Leader, Micheal Butt. Rhys will be studying towards a Certificate II in Horticulture.

**Alex Corneliusen** joins Braiden Philipse in IT where he will be completing a Certificate III in Information, Digital Media and Technology.

**Bella Willis** has teamed up with Communication and Event Coordinator, Alana Lesslie where she will learn all about the exciting world of event management, whilst studying towards a Certification III in Events.



## CAREER MOVE...

- Are you interested in making money from home?
- Is child care difficult to find?
- Are you interested in supporting children's learning?



SWRFDC are looking for expressions of interest to attend an information session on the 27th March at the Junee Library. If you would like to work from home and would like to know more please contact

**Amanda at SWRFDC - 6924 1017**  
**Kim at Library - 6924 2111**



## AUSTRALIA DAY 2019

Around 400 residents filled the Junee Recreation Centre stadium for the Official Australia Day Ceremony. Nominations for this year's awards were exceptional and it's a real credit to all in the Junee Shire that we have so many wonderful and deserving community members.

2019 awards winners were:

- Citizen of the Year - **Julie Shepherd**
- Young Citizen of the Year - **Mae-Rose Harrison**
- Volunteer Team of the Year - **Junee Community Power Inc**
- Sports Award of the Year - **Junee Men's Bowling Club Grade 4 Pennant Team**
- Junior Sports Award of the Year - **Jaxson Allen**



A huge acknowledgment must also be given to our fantastic Australia Day Ambassador, Mr Mark Warren, who delivered an inspiring, humorous and heart-felt speech. Can we also add, what a bundle of enthusiasm and energy he was. Expanding his role outside the Official Ceremony, to get involved in every aspect of the day, from official starter of the Fun Run to commentator and participant in the Novelty Challenge. Thank you Mark, we welcome you back (home) anytime.

Despite the extreme heat around 115 keen runners, walkers and wheelies turned up to compete in the annual Jail Break Fun Run.



Zach Diggins blitzed the course on his scooter, coming in first overall with an impressive time of 12 mins and 30 secs. Ethan Sims took out the Open Male category with a time of 17 mins while Rylee Mclean won the Open Female category coming in at 24 mins and 16 secs.

In the junior categories, Sam and Lucy Molinueux reclaimed their titles from the previous year. Sam winning the Junior Male category in 17 mins and 38 secs and sister Lucy winning Junior Female with a time of 21 mins and 45 secs.

A new "novelty" event was added into the program this year and what a huge amount of fun it was. Six teams, consisting of the Junee Police, Junee Fire Brigade, Junee Business and Trades, Junee Tennis Club, Pink Ladies and Junee Councillors, battled it out in a 4 x 50m swimming relay, with the winning team taking home the inaugural Australia Day Novelty Challenge Cup. It was a tight race but in the end the boys in blue came away with the win.

Congratulations to all the teams (and their enthusiastic supporters), we look forward to seeing you all again next year.





## COMPANION ANIMAL REGISTRATION

Dog and cat owners in NSW are required to have their pets microchipped and registered - one obvious benefit of this is being reunited with your pet if it becomes lost.

All cats and dogs must be microchipped by 12 weeks of age or before being sold or given away, whichever comes first. A microchip is a permanent method of electronic identification because it is implanted by vets and other authorised people. It is only part of the process, however, and although the microchip process records details about the animal and owner there is still a further registration requirement.

Before six months of age all cats and dogs must be registered. The registration fee is a once-only payment which covers the cat or dog for its lifetime in NSW regardless of any changes in owner. The fees are set by NSW Government (the Pet Registry) and discounted fees apply to de-sexed animals to encourage this practise. Registration is easily completed over the counter at Council's office, at Service NSW or on-line at [petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://petregistry.nsw.gov.au).

So what happens if you don't microchip or register your cat or dog? Penalties apply and they can be quite high especially if there is an incident involved that leads to discovering the lack of microchip or microchip but no registration. For example: a dog that is not chipped, not registered and found wondering public places can attract fines totalling \$840. Dogs must be under effective control at all times – this means they can be free to run around a fenced yard as long as they can't escape the yard. However, if they can run into public places they are not under effective control. In off-leash areas they must be responsive to commands and must not be of a nature where they run at people or other animals.

We take the safety of people in our community seriously and part of that is ensuring that dogs and cats are registered and dogs under effective control at all times.



## 2019 PROJECTS

The Engineering Department and Outdoor Crew have been very busy with so many projects on the go this year. With the exception of John Potts Drive Stage 7, these projects have been largely funded by the NSW Government.

Laurie Daley Oval playing surface has been completed and looks fantastic, even after the extreme



weather conditions we experienced over the summer months. This will be a state of the art facility that Junee can be very proud of.



Illabo Tennis Clubhouse refurbishment has been completed with the new toilet block all but finished and a new RV dump point and septic system installed.

John Potts Drive Stage 7 has been going along nicely with all services to the Estate now complete.

Improvements to Broadway have commenced with the installation of three new circular seats and rose gardens. Congratulations to MPF Engineering and Steve Cochrane Timber Joinery for their stunning design.



Other projects in progress include:

- Eurongilly Hall Revitalisation
- Junee Regional Social, Sporting and Recreational HUB Shade Port for BBQ at Park Dam
- Junee Athenium Theatre Air Conditioning, Kitchen and Storage
- Junee Tennis Club Redevelopment
- Old Junee Community Hall Upgrade
- Wantabadgery Tennis Courts and Clubhouse

## JUNEE RECREATION CENTRE

The 2018/2019 summer season in the Riverina has been one of the hottest on record. According to the Bureau of Meteorology, not only did January have 12 days that were 40 degrees or hotter, there were another 11 days that recorded between 35 and 39 degrees. This has resulted in some record breaking statistics at the Junee Recreation Centre.

- There were over 10,300 attendances recorded in January, around 2,100 more than in January 2018
- Swim only memberships were up by over 11% from the previous summer



## DON'T FORGET THE FINAL INSPECTION

**Not getting a final inspection on your new building work may result in serious issues for the home owner and can prove to be a costly slip of the mind.**

If you are a home owner who has recently or is currently undertaking building works on your property, it is extremely important to remember to get the building works finalised at the completion of the project. This is achieved by booking a final inspection with the Certifier being used and applying for an Occupation Certificate.

Most people would know that if they are doing additions to their home, or are building a new shed or swimming pool, it is important to get certain stages of the building works inspected by the 'Building Inspector' (now known as the Certifier). What's not often realised is that getting a final inspection and having the building signed off as being completed and safe for use is, in itself, just as important.

The excitement to get into an eagerly awaited new building or addition can lead to this critical stage in the development process being forgotten and the results can be catastrophic for the home owner later on if the building is damaged or destroyed. Insurance companies may find that the building has not been lawfully occupied and therefore could refuse to honour an insurance claim.

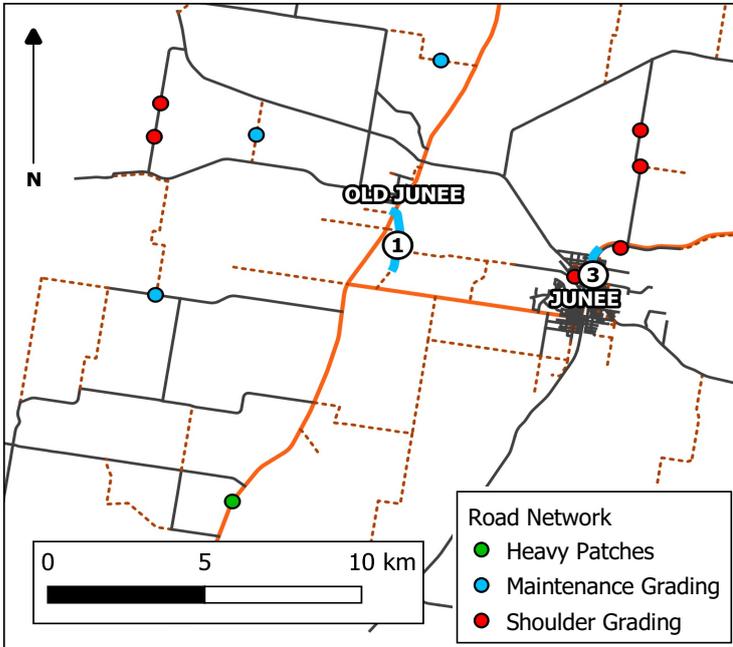
It is also important to note that time limits for obtaining Occupation Certificates may apply and if a property owner has, for example, moved into their new addition or has used their new shed for a period of greater than 12 months, then the Certifier may be unable to issue an Occupation Certificate. In such cases the home owner would need to obtain a Building Information Certificate which is often a complicated and expensive process.

Given the importance of Occupation Certificates, during conveyancing solicitors are now instructing new purchasers to obtain copies of Occupation Certificates for the property they are looking to purchase. If you are looking to sell your property and don't have one, you could potentially lose a sale, or the sale could be delayed while you navigate the Building Information Certificate alternative.

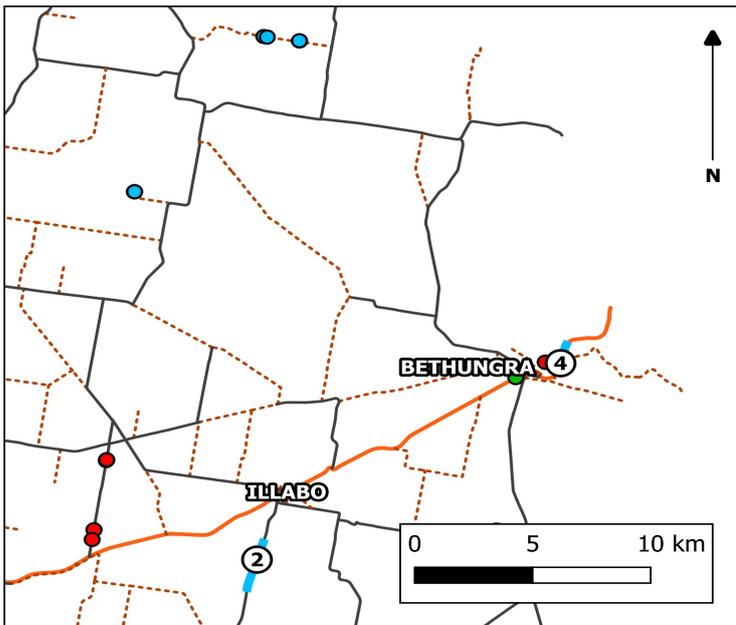
So don't risk it or put yourself through unnecessary stress. Remember to get your new building work inspected when it's finished and obtain an Occupation Certificate before you move in.



## ROADWORKS DEC 2018 - FEB 2019



- (1) Wyoming Lane Resheet
- (2) Brabins Road Reconstruction
- (3) Main Street / Illabo Road State Road 78 Reseals
- (4) Bethungra Hill State Road 78 Reseals



## HEAVY VEHICLE PERMIT CHANGES

New heavy vehicle permit regulations came into force on 1 February 2019.

While these new regulations impact the transport and logistics sector it will no doubt have an impact on our local farming community moving oversize or overmass agricultural equipment across the road network.

While some existing heavy vehicle permits remain valid, and there are some exemption from needing a permit, local farmers should satisfy themselves about any oversize or overmass agricultural equipment they may have and the requirement for a permit to travel on the road network.

The National Heavy Vehicle Regulator (NHVR) is now Australia's dedicated independent regulator for heavy vehicles over 4.5 tonnes gross vehicle mass. Their contact details are provided below and farmers are encouraged to make contact with the NHVR.

Don't risk moving oversize or overmass vehicles without the appropriate permit in place. Play it safe, don't get caught out, a vehicle accident without a permit may void your insurance protection.



The NHRV provides a single one stop shop to manage applications and a single fee no matter how far the route or whether you need to travel on national, state or local roads.

For more information  
[www.nhvr.gov.au](http://www.nhvr.gov.au)  
 NHVR on 1300 MYNHVR (1300 696 487)  
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