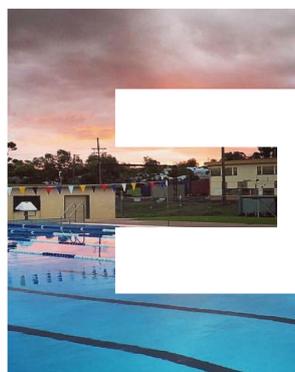


# NEWSLETTER



# AUTUMN 2021

## FROM THE MAYOR

Hello again residents of Junee Shire and welcome to another newsletter. Quite a bit has been happening recently and there are also a number of activities coming up on the community calendar.

Many of you would be aware that our Australia Day celebrations were held in our

recently renovated and air-conditioned Athenium Theatre. The positive responses I and my fellow Councillors have received regarding the quality and comfort afforded by this unique venue have been many and greatly appreciated. A highlight of the celebrations was a video produced by a local production company featuring locals paying tribute to the Junee Community and our volunteers. It was a heart warming presentation - well done to all involved.



2021 Citizen of the Year, John Foord with Australia Day Ambassador, Yianni Johns.

Council recently celebrated the official opening of Junee's new sewage treatment plant. Steph Cooke MP was present as well as Councillors, staff and contractors. The \$9 million project will cater for the future growth of the town for the next 30 years. The new installation includes a 98 kilowatt solar array which it is anticipated, in combination with potential future battery storage, will significantly reduce the ongoing running costs of the facility.



L-R: Mayor, Cr Neil Smith, Junee Shire Council General Manager, James Davis, Junee Shire Council Director Engineering Services, Cole Davis and Member for Cootamundra, Steph Cooke MP at the official opening of the Junee Sewage Treatment Plant.

Some upcoming events to keep an eye out for:

- Youth Week – 11 – 17 April
- Seniors Week – 18 – 24 April
- National Volunteers Week – 17 – 21 May

As the glorious Autumn weather unfolds, it's a perfect time to get out and about in our Shire's open spaces. Whether it be a picnic at Bethungra Dam or Sandy Beach, a relax watching your canine socialise at the dog agility park or an amble along our many shared, accessible pathways - take the time to breathe the air, chat with passersby and appreciate what we have here in our neck of the woods.



Until next time, I remain your very proud Mayor.

Mayor, Cr Neil Smith

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**MEET OUR NEW DIRECTOR  
 PLANNING & COMMUNITY  
 DEVELOPMENT**



Stacy Moses joined Junee Shire Council in January 2021 as the Director Planning and Community Development.

After growing up in Coolamon, Stacy spent many years working in Sydney with top tier accounting firms and an American legal practice before returning to the Riverina five years ago. Throughout her career she has held a variety of senior management roles within the Aged Care and Immigration sectors.

Stacy is very excited to be working with Junee Shire Council and thanks everyone for making her feel so welcome.

**ENGINEER -  
 SOUND CAREER CHOICE**

Jackson White is looking forward to a career in Civil Engineering recently accepting a placement at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst following his passion to become an Engineer. The journey started some time ago with Jackson knocking on Council's door expressing an interest and support in working with Council to assist him build an engineering career. Jackson was very certain with his career choice and was looking for hands on experience to help his understanding in engineering and his coursework.

Having successfully completed year 12 and recently been offered a GEO scholarship at this year's Australia Day event, Jackson has settled into working at Council during the summer break before setting off to University to start his degree. We will be seeing more of Jackson when he returns during semester breaks and in 18 months' time he will commence a year-long internship with Council's engineering department.

**NEW SCHOOL-BASED  
 TRAINEES COMMENCE AT JSC**

Continuing the highly successful school-based traineeship program, we welcome two new students to Council. Over the past five years over 15 young people have completed a two year work placement with the Council.



**MADDISON CORCORAN**

Maddison has joined Luke Taberner and Lloyd Hart in the finance and administration team, where she will learn all about accounting and finance, whilst completing a Certificate II in Business Services with TAFE NSW.



**SOPHIA CAMERON**

Sophia has joined Amanda Russell and Shara Mutimer in the Family Day Care team. Sophia will be learning the administration side of the service and completing support visits with our Educators whilst she studies towards a Certificate II in

Business Services. Sophia will capture the essence of how our early childhood education services operate.



L-R: Director Engineering Services, Cole Davis, Engineering Cadet, Jackson White & Transport for NSW Project Engineer, Stephen Targett.

**JUNEE**  
**YOUTH COUNCIL**  
 Your Voice

**WE ARE RECRUITING.**  
 BECOME A MEMBER OF THE JUNEE YOUTH COUNCIL  
 AND BE THE VOICE FOR YOUTH AT JUNEE SHIRE COUNCIL.

If you are interested in being a part of the Junee Youth Council or would like more information, contact Council on 6924 8100 or email [jsc@junees.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jsc@junees.nsw.gov.au)

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## WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT OUR AUSTRALIA DAY CITIZEN OF THE YEAR NOMINEES?



**JOHN FOORD** - Volunteers with Oz-Harvest, the Anglican Church, Annies on Broadway and Rotary. John operates the Tuesday night meals at the Anglican Hall and in 2017 he started Christmas Lunch at the Anglican Hall. He assisted with organising donations for the 2019/20 bushfires and is a member of the Junee Anglicare Disaster Recovery Team. In 2020 John was awarded the Overall Regional Volunteer of the Year Award.



**BRIAN BEASLEY** - Active volunteer particularly at the Broadway Museum. Hosts bush furniture making at the Broadway Museum and can be found in many places around town with his ukelele singing along just to make people happy. He is also a member of Rotary.



**BERNADETTE BURCHER** - Life member and volunteer at the Junee Trots for the past 34 years. Bernadette volunteers at the Junee Hospital, Coinda Court providing haircuts to residents, Showgirl Coordinator with the Junee Show Society and has been Welfare Officer with CanAssist for over 10 years.



**GLENDIA CLEMSON** - Caring, compassionate and bubbly are just three words used to describe Glenda. An asset to not only the Junee Medical Centre but to the Junee Community. Glenda has a special way of making everyone feel at ease when visiting her at the

Medical Centre. She goes above and beyond in her role even extending to making home visits for those unable to attend the centre.



**PAUL HOLDSWORTH** - Actively involved with teaching community members/groups First Aid, involved with Junee Junior and Senior Rugby League as a trainer, President, Secretary, Treasurer and G9 Delegate. APEX Club Honorary Award recipient after 40 years of

service. Active member of CanAssist and the Junee Rural Fire Service with 31 years of service as either President or Deputy President. Was a volunteer

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Community Transport driver for 20 years. Recipient of the Australian National Service Medal and Bar, SES Service Medal VRA Crest 30 Year Service Medal, Rural Fire Service Medal and Bar.



**JUNE JACKSON** - Awarded life membership of Junee Public School's P&C after close to 60 years of support to the school. Patron of the Junee High School P&C. Assists with the Junee Hospital Auxiliary and part of the organising committee that set up the "John

Potts Tribute Garden". Meals on Wheels Management Committee member and driver. A key member of the "Old Bastards" assisting the Junee Bowling Club with catering and fundraising activities for almost 30 years. Volunteer since 1996 at Coinda Court and supports, through cooking, the Red Cross and CWA.



**JENNY ROSS** - Volunteer with Country Hope for the past 5/6 years, Junee Rugby League Schoolboys Carnvial, Junee Swimming Club and Junee Poker Run. Jenny assists in teaching children how to swim and works in a support role within a school environment.

## LEARN, CONTRIBUTE & MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Volunteers are essential for organisations especially not-for-profits. They have the ability to boost power, lighten the load and significantly increase an organisation's impact. Best of all, they do it because they believe in the cause and want to help. But finding these superstars who freely give their time, energy and expertise can be difficult?

People choose to volunteer for a variety of reasons. For some it offers the chance to give something back to the community or make a difference to the people around them. For others it provides an opportunity to develop new skills or build on existing experience and knowledge. Regardless of the motivation, what unites them all is that they find it both challenging and rewarding.

Here in the Junee Shire there are countless opportunities for those wishing to volunteer, the Junee Visitor Information Centre being one place in need of people who have a passion for our wonderful Shire. There has never been a better time than the present to get out there and make a difference.

**CRITICALLY ENDANGERED SWIFT PARROTS IN THE JUNEE REGION**

Sightings of the critically endangered Swift Parrots will soon be returning to our area, where they return to feed in the same foraging areas each year.



Swift Parrots are one of Australia’s rare species of parrot and are listed as critically endangered under the Australian Government legislation. It is estimated that less than 2,000 birds live in the wild. Without conservation efforts, this iconic species could be extinct in as little as 16 years.

Swift Parrots are only found in south-eastern Australia. They breed in Tasmania and begin migration to the mainland around April each year in search of winter foraging habitat and mature feed trees. This means that Swift Parrots will be moving into our region very soon so keep an eye out!

Some of the main threats to the Swift Parrot are:

- Habitat loss and fragmentation from forest harvesting, residential/industrial development, agricultural clearing, senescence and dieback.
- Changes in habitat due to climate change.
- Reduced food availability due to drought conditions.
- Competition from introduced bees and large, aggressive honeyeaters for food resources.
- Collisions with human made structures resulting in death or injury (be careful on the roads!)
- Psittacine Beak and Feather Disease vulnerability.
- Weed invasion impacting on habitat regeneration and health.
- High fire frequency impacting on food resource availability.
- Aggressive exclusion from forest and woodland habitat by over abundant Noisy Miners.
- Predation by cats.
- Illegal capture and trade of wild birds for aviculture

What can you do to help?

1. Protect and enhance critical Swift Parrot habitat, to help provide reliable and accessible food sources. Key feed tree species include Mugga Iron Bark, White Box, Grey Box and Yellow Box.
2. Report a sighting. BirdLife Australia are super keen to hear of ANY sightings of these birds, as all information on their location and numbers helps to contribute to knowledge which can ultimately help us to protect them. If you see a Swift Parrot, please report the details to: [woodlandbirds@birdlife.org.au](mailto:woodlandbirds@birdlife.org.au) as soon as possible.

Other critically endangered animals that have been sighted in our region:

Regent Honeyeater: A sighting of this critically endangered rare bird has been recorded just near the Junee railway station right in the middle of our town!



**VILLAGE IMPROVEMENT PLANS**

As part of Junee Shire Council’s Delivery Program, throughout 2021 Council will be engaging with our Illabo, Bethungra, Old Junee and Wantabadgery communities to develop and implement Village Improvement plans. As part of this process;

- Consultation will commence with stakeholder groups in each village;
- Alignment with Community Strategic Planning strategies will occur;
- The plan will work to identify areas/items of key focus in each village over the medium term;
- Character statements will be prepared referencing existing community social and physical strengths;
- Draft plans will be exhibited for public comment.

Council looks forward to working with the local communities in this process throughout 2021.



## MOBILE FOOD & DRINK OUTLETS - HOW ARE THEY REGULATED?

Traditionally, mobile food outlets are operated at agricultural shows, music festivals, community markets and other organised events. The cancellation of these events in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic has seen many operators selling their products directly to the public in the CBD areas of our town and villages.



The introduction of mobile food outlets operating in the CBD area of town has raised some questions on how these outlets are regulated.

The food safety regulation surrounding mobile operators is practically the same as any other retail food outlet. The mobile outlet must be registered as a food business with the local Council where the operator (generally) resides. The outlet is subject to routine food safety inspections and evidence they have passed these inspections is to be provided to a Council Health Inspector when operating within a new Council area. Mobile food outlets also have to gain the necessary approvals including:

1. If a mobile food outlet wants to operate on community land or a road reserve, then approval under the Local Government Act is required to be obtained from the local Council. The Council has its own policy outlining the terms and conditions of such approvals, for example, the Junee Shire Council policy stipulates that a mobile food outlet cannot operate within 200m of an existing retail business selling similar products.
2. If the mobile food outlet operates as part of an organised event, like community markets, they can do so without the need for a separate approval of Council, so long as they have satisfied the requirements of the event organiser.

3. If a mobile food outlet wants to operate on private land with the landowners consent, then they can do so as 'Exempt Development' meaning that no approval is required from the Council. There are some specific development standards that cover the activity which can limit the hours of operation and restrict the number of outlets etc.

As the regulations governing mobile food and drink outlets is 'state based' and 'supportive' of such industries, it is likely we will continue to see mobile outlets operating in town.

## REC CENTRE UPDATE

It's been a hive of excitement at the Junee Recreation Centre over the summer months, with swimming carnivals from local Junee Schools as well as a number of Wagga schools making the trip across to use our amazing facility.

In February we saw Synergy Healthworks open their doors to the public in the new purpose built rooms located within the Recreation Centre. Synergy are a fully Quality Innovation Performance (QIP) accredited and NDIS registered practice, providing the highest quality physiotherapy, rehabilitation, wellness and allied health services to their clients. For more information visit [synergyhealthworks.com](http://synergyhealthworks.com)



### SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

9:30am - 10:30am - Monday to Thursday  
 For all school age children  
 Cost: \$5 p/p

Join Hannah Monday and Wednesday for Fitness Fun Games.

Join Mel Tuesday and Thursday for Pool Games.

To find out more, contact the Rec Centre on 6924 4680.



