

NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2019

FROM THE MAYOR

Aah, the change of seasons, what a great thing it is. I've spoken before about my love of nature's cycle and how here in Junee, we really do enjoy that definite change in weather. The wattle and canola bring us a vibrant splash of colour to herald the new season and the countryside looks like a quilter's masterpiece.



On the subject of weather, unusually this year, the Schoolboys Football Carnival enjoyed beautiful weather. As always, the event was well patronised, went off without a hitch and brought an economic boost to our town. Of particular note is the high praise council staff received from the Junee Sports Committee and the organising committee, well done and thank you to our dedicated staff.



Many will know that Burns Park (originally named Broadway Park) was moved to its current location in the mid 2000's to make way for the current hospital. This has resulted in a soccer facility that is the envy of the region. Burns Park, was dedicated to the memory of Alan Burns, a very highly regarded man who served on council for 44 years, 25 of those years as Town Clerk. Members of the Burns family and representatives from local sporting organisations recently attended the re-dedication ceremony of Burns Park.

An upgrade to Council's Sewage Treatment Plant will be completed shortly along with extensions to the Junee Correctional Centre. This will see the Centre housing around 1,300 inmates and providing employment for approximately 120 additional staff. The Correctional Centre continues to donate significant funds to many community projects around not only Junee Shire, but the wider region.

90th birthday celebrations are planned for our Athenium Theatre in mid October. This jewel in Junee's crown is a unique and beautifully restored gem that, for anyone entering the building for the first time, is a jaw dropping surprise. Recently provided with state of the art sound and lighting, users can revel in old world charm with up to date facilities. A commercial kitchen, better storage, an outdoor bar & entertaining area will be the next additions to this already outstanding facility.

The Deputy Mayor and I recently represented Council at a very well run and attended memorial service to acknowledge our Vietnam Veterans. John Curtis organised the event. John's family and a large number of veterans from as far afield as Melbourne attended the service at the Junee Ex-Services Memorial Club.



Our communities continue to thrive and work to improve every corner of the Junee Shire, I only wish there were more space to elaborate and to thank the very many hard working people and committees. Without our volunteers, we would grind to a halt, and there are never quite enough volunteers in any community organisation. What I would ask is that each and every one of you choose a volunteer organisation and give a little of your time. Giving is so rewarding and so fulfilling. You will meet new people and be a part of something special.

Thank you for your time. Once again I commend you to our seasonal newsletter, I hope you find it interesting and informative.



BULK FREIGHT FUTURES

On the 11 July 2019, Junee played host to a brand new event in the rail industry calendar which saw over 60 technicians, industry and government leaders come together in our beautiful town to look at the future of bulk freight movement in Australia.

An initiative of Junee Shire Council and strategically sponsored by Destination NSW, the targeted one day symposium provided an excellent opportunity for stakeholders involved in the transport of bulk freight across the agricultural, food & beverage, bulk liquids and commodities industries to reflect on the importance it plays in the supply chain.

Key topics aimed to provide delegates with an understanding of what infrastructure and technological changes are required to drive efficiencies, reduce costs and meet customer expectations in Australia and global markets.



The symposium was officially opened by The Hon. Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister with Local Member for Cootamundra, Steph Cooke MP also in attendance.

With an impressive line up of industry guest speakers along with the inclusion of several local case studies such as Hanlon Enterprises

and the Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory, the event proved to be a great success from not only a corporate point of view but for local tourism as well.



The Hon. Michael McCormack officially opens Bulk Freight Futures Rail Symposium in Junee.

VILLAGE FEATURE - OLD JUNEE

In a little twist to our usual village profile, we decided to sit down with Old Junee villager and local personality, Anna Lashbrook and in her own unique words find out what's been happening and coming up in Old Junee. Over to Anna....

Our playground is dead set amazing and getting lots of use by locals and visitors. Thanks to the Stronger Country Communities Fund, we now also have air-conditioning, solar panels and battery, window blinds, zip instant boiler, hot water and raised garden beds at the Old Junee Hall.



We're submitting an application for Round 3 Stronger Country Communities Fund. We're hoping to reinstate the tennis court, landscaping and community garden and BBQ area. Fingers crossed! Some seriously fun inter-village competition on the horizon.

We have a large mural painted by talented artists from the Junee Correction Centre arriving any day. This is to be installed permanently as the back drop for the stage in the hall. It's a really cool combination of all things Old Junee including the silos, Old Junee school, canola paddocks and railway tracks.

Upcoming concert: We're hosting singer songwriter Fanny Lumsden's "Country Halls Tour" on Friday, 4 October. The Country Halls Tour first kicked off in 2012, raising money for BLAZEALID and helping Riverina communities rebuild after floods. It's since visited halls all over the country helping to keep the spirit of the hall alive, both financially and with the energy and enthusiasm it brings with it. It's a one of a kind tour, with totem tennis, stories, incredible musicianship by Fanny's band The Prawnstars (nee Thrillseekers), features a feed by a local community group and performances by local acts.

To keep up to date with all the happenings in Old Junee follow Old Junee Hall on facebook.

JUNEE RECREATION CENTRE

Member and casual user activity at the Recreation Centre continues to grow. We've teamed up with the Junee Community Centre to help run a weekly fitness class for kids at the high school. It's every Tuesday morning at 8.00am and all kids are welcome.

Our Spring Promotion is just around the corner so keep your eye open for it – it's a beautiful part of the year and there's no better time to join the Recreation Centre.

There's plenty of other activity happening too at the centre with Stronger Country Communities funding being used to tile the



Program Pool and upgrade the filtration system. We are working hard to minimise the inconvenience on patrons whilst these projects are underway. The Program Pool was drained on the weekend of 24/25 August and the surface is being prepared before new tiles are installed throughout the pool. This will give the Program Pool a new look and feel as well as extending the life before further future maintenance. We can't avoid the Program Pool being out of service whilst the tiles and grout cure so we apologise for any inconvenience. During this time all aquatic activity will be accommodated in the 25 metre pool. The Program Pool is expected to be opened again in October.



The filtration project is a little different. It's quite a technically complex project to replace the entire existing filtration system and chemical handling area, however, the

new systems will be installed whilst the old continues to operate and we expect minimal disruption when we change across to the new system via new connections in the piping system. A new shed will be constructed first to house all the new equipment.

Council also approved other improvement projects for 2019/20. The other projects involve refreshing the appearance of the facility and progressive updating of equipment.

PROJECT UPDATES

LAURIE DALEY OVAL AMENITIES



Works commenced on the new amenities mid-August. Plumbing has been completed with the project expected to be completed prior to Christmas.

EURONGILLY HALL REVITALISATION

At 90% complete all that remains is to sand and polish floor boards. Footpaths have been poured and a new stove in the kitchen has been installed.



JUNEE TENNIS CLUB REDEVELOPMENT



Work has started on the Junee Tennis Courts, old surfaces have been stripped with the laying of the new surface underway.

OLD JUNEE COMMUNITY HALL UPGRADE

All works have been completed including the refurbishment of the supper room, solar panel installation and new playground.

WANTABADGERY COURTS & CLUBHOUSE



All works are now complete with the installation of a brand new playground including soft fall inside the play area.

Other works:

- 1km of Oura Road rehabilitation and seal. Shoulder grading on Crudens Road.
- 200m of Gundagai Road rehabilitation along with drainage replacement and pothole repairs. Pothole repairs on Byrnes Road.
- Bethungra Hill construction works including drainage, installation of segment markers and pothole repairs.

SUMMER IS COMING - IS YOUR POOL READY?

Are you a private swimming pool owner? – YES – Well with the summer fast approaching it is now a great time to check if your child resistant barrier is safe and well maintained.

People often think that a child drowning on their property will never happen, but in reality in Australia it occurs far too often

Pool owners are legally responsible under the NSW Swimming Pools

Act to ensure that swimming pool safety barriers on their property are properly installed, maintained and comply with Australian Standard AS1926.

For useful information and self-assessment checklists for pool barrier inspections visit the NSW Swimming Pool Register on www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au or contact Council if you have questions.

Council also has an obligation under the Act to educate and promote backyard pool safety in their communities. Junee Shire Council adopted a new ‘Swimming Pool Inspection Policy’. Under the policy Council has committed to provide awareness to pool safety and conduct random pool safety inspections of backyard swimming pools.

This year Council building inspectors will be focussing on newer pools erected in recent years. If Council have not been informed that the pool construction has finished, there may not have been a final inspection and final Occupation Certificate issued. If you have a swimming pool that was installed recently and you have not arranged for a final inspection, please be aware that it is an offence to use the pool until it has gained a Final Occupation Certificate.

For more information or to arrange an inspection please contact Council.



HOW CLEAN IS YOUR FAVOURITE FOOD SHOP?

Council Health Inspectors undertake regular food safety inspections of all retail food outlets within the Shire and assess compliance with the NSW Food Act.

An effective way of informing the community about compliance is through the ‘Scores on Doors’ program that rates businesses as 3, 4 or 5 Stars depending on how well they performed during their last food safety inspection.

A business that is clean, well maintained and manages food borne illness risks exceptionally well will score a 5 Star Rating and can display a 5 Star ‘Scores on Doors’ Certificate on premises to let their customers

know that it is a clean and safe place to eat.

Scores on Doors
Hygiene and food safety

Excellent



Department of
Primary Industries
Food Authority



www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/scoresondoors

Businesses that may have a few minor issues to deal with will still obtain and can display a 3 or 4 Star ‘Scores on Doors’ Certificate. These businesses are still considered to be a safe place to purchase food.

Businesses with more major issues of non-compliance will not get a star rating ‘Scores on Doors’ Certificate to display until the matters identified in their last inspection have been rectified.

Businesses with no Scores on Doors Certificate may be subject to corrective or enforcement action based on their poor performance in safe food handling and hygiene compliance.

So next time you go out for coffee or a bite to eat, keep an eye out for the Scores on Doors Certificates being displayed. If your favourite café doesn’t have one – maybe you need to ask yourself, WHY?

OUT & ABOUT IN JUNEE



Junee Shire Deputy Mayor, Cr Matt Austin pictured at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Service.

School holiday fun - some of our local kids enjoying a game of Archery Tag at the Junee Recreation Centre.



Cr Mark Cook enjoying the action at the Vintage Speedway Tribute Meeting in Illabo.

Cr Pam Halliburton participating in Story Time at the Junee Library during Local Government Week.



Our Deputy Mayor, Cr Matt Austin has been a busy man, seen here introducing The Hon. Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister at the Bulk Freight Futures Rail Symposium.



SERVICE NSW

Did you know that Junee Shire Council, in partnership with Service NSW, opened the Service NSW Junee Agency at Council's Belmore Street headquarters on 29 October 2015?

The agency is currently providing a suite of NSW Government services to the Junee community including many Roads and Maritime, Fair Trading and Births Deaths and Marriages transactions.

The agency is staffed by Liz, Kylie and Charmaine who are multi-skilled across all Council and Service NSW services and each are committed to providing an efficient, effective and positive customer experience in a friendly and relaxed environment. The office area has recently been renovated to better utilise space and resources and this benefits both staff and customers.

The agency is making it simpler and easier for residents to access services including:

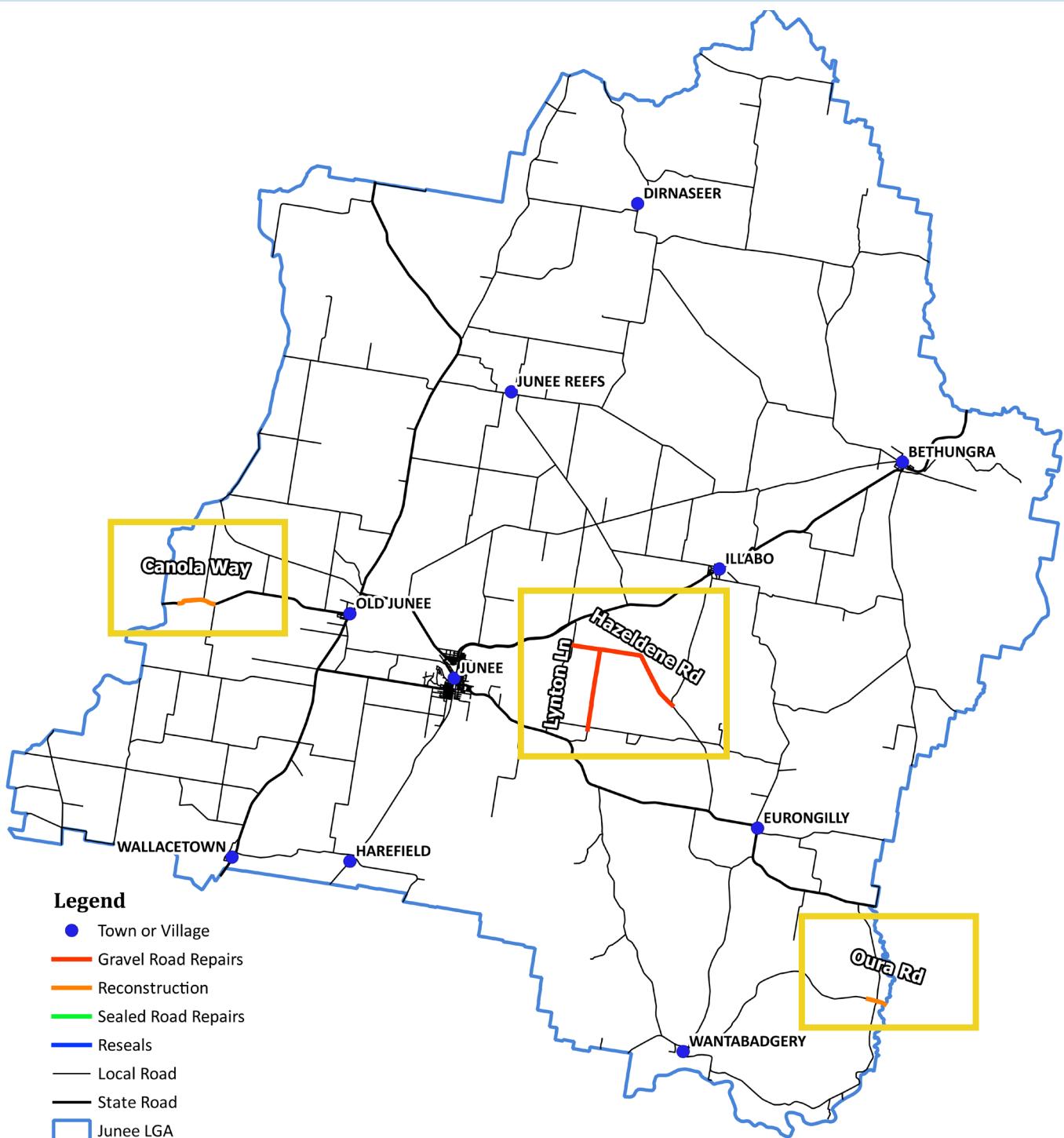
- Drivers licence, Firearms licence and other photo product transactions
- Vehicle registration renewals and transfers
- Changes of address and notices of vehicle and boat disposals
- Knowledge and Driver testing
- Mobility Parking Authority Applications
- Boat and PWC licence testing, issue and renewals
- Boat registration renewals and transfers
- Birth Registrations and Applications for Birth, Death and Marriage Certificates
- Contractor licence applications and renewals
- Working with Children's Checks and much more.

The majority of transactions available at Junee are completed online and in real time. Some transactions that require access to specialist equipment such as e-Toll and the Liquor & Gaming RSA and RCG Competency cards can only be undertaken at the larger dedicated Service NSW centres in Cootamundra and Wagga Wagga.

Car and aged driving tests are conducted by a visiting Service NSW driver tester every fortnight – bookings are essential and can be made at the agency.

The Junee Agency is open Monday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.30pm. If you have any questions about the services offered at the agency please come in and ask one of our friendly staff, visit the Service NSW website at www.service.nsw.gov.au or phone 137788.

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