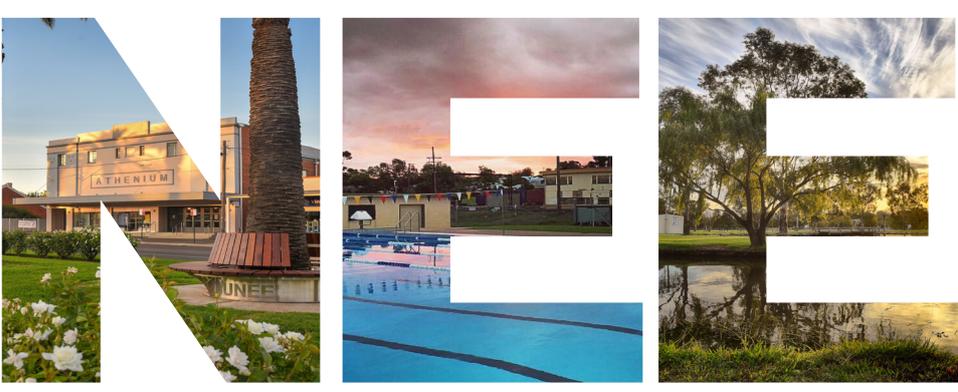


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FROM THE MAYOR

A hearty g'day to everyone from the Mayor's desk. Junee and district is a busy place with lots and lots of things happening. Below I have endeavoured to highlight just a few.

Recently Junee Shire joined forces with it's like minded neighbours, Coolamon and Temora to produce a high quality document that is aimed at attracting visitors to explore the Canola Trail. More information on this exciting new publication can be found later in the newsletter. I was honoured to be the MC for the launch hosted by Coolamon Shire and put together a hastily worded short poem for the occasion.



Our stalwart Friends of the Athenium recently held a 90th birthday party for the theatre and to celebrate, were responsible for installing new lighting to the facade and to the underside of the verandah. The grand old lady is looking better than ever in her 90th year.



Athenium Theatre Birthday Celebrations:
Steph Cooke MP, Mayor, Cr Neil Smith with Friends of the Athenium, Maria Turner, Virginia Stewart and Karen Clemson.

The hard working team at Junee Business and Trades have just pulled off another very successful Christmas on Broadway. Every year I am totally blown away by the energy of the JBT crew who put together this great event that brings our community together. As the MC for the stage acts, looking across the sea of happy faces, seeing the kids and parents lined up for a photo with Santa or watching the incredible talent and bravery of the up and coming school children as they stand straight and tall on stage, it gives me such pride and joy. Junee Shire is truly a great place to live, work and be immersed in the community.



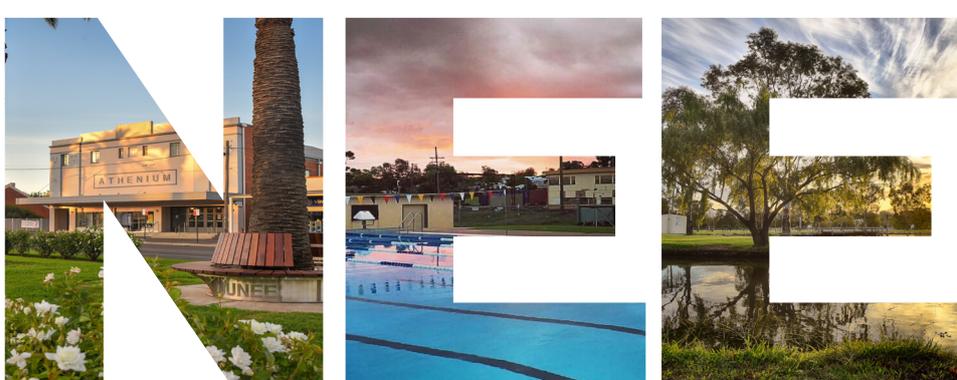
That's about it for now folks. Take care on the roads over the festive season and I look forward to catching up with you next year. Merry Christmas one and all.

Mayor, Cr Neil Smith

THE WINNING TRIFECTA

When neighbours work together they sometimes become mates.
When councils and their communities work together it's just great.
You've heard the age old adage, "we work better as a team",
Well what you see right here and now is that oft elusive dream.
The dream that neighbour councils could work together for one goal.
Well these three councils do it, and they do it heart and soul.
A few short years ago, we banded with the Lifestyle crew,
And here we are again tonight, another celebration "do".
There are many more examples of like-minded solidarity,
But time is short, we must move on, I'm simply the MC.
So give thanks for top shelf neighbours, think on how it really affects ya.
Back Junee, Coolamon and Temora - they're a dead set winning trifecta!

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CANOLA TRAIL VISITOR GUIDE

Friday, 15 November 2019 saw the launch of the very first Canola Trail Visitor Guide; a joint destination marketing initiative between Junee, Coolamon and Temora Councils.

Over 70 guests from across the region came out to celebrate the launch at the Little Rustic Pantry in Coolamon. MC'd by Junee Shire Mayor, Cr Neil Smith



with special guests including, The Hon. Michael McCormack MP, Deputy Prime Minister and Member for Cootamundra, Steph Cooke MP.

The guide showcases the best our region has to offer and engages readers with a mix of informative articles and local interviews. It promotes visitors to explore the Canola Trail, our people and local businesses, attractions, places to stay and things to see and do.

The guide also puts a spotlight on our Shire's villages. Through interviews with Cackleberries Farm and feature pages on their unique village halls, it highlights the significant role our villages play in our community.

The Visitor Guide is available now at Visitor Information Centres and local tourism hotspots. For more information on the Canola Trail visit:

www.canolatrail.com.au



Excited Tourism Officers -

Alana Lesslie (Junee Shire Council), Craig Sinclair (Temora Shire Council), Laura Munro (Coolamon Shire Council)

JUNEE RECREATION CENTRE

You know it's Summer when the main pool at the Rec Centre gets converted to 50m and weekend opening hours are extended, Saturday 9am-5pm and Sunday 10am-5pm.



CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

- 24 December - 6:00am to 8:00pm.
- Christmas Day – Closed
- Boxing Day – Closed
- 27 December – 6:00am to 8:00pm
- 28 - 29 December – 10:00am to 7:00pm
- 30 - 31 December – 6:00am to 8:00pm
- News Years Day – 10:00am to 7:00pm
- Unrestricted 24 hr gym access for members

AUSTRALIA DAY

Preparations are underway for the 2020 Australia Day festivities. We have a jam packed day full of fun activities for the entire family.

JAIL BREAK FUN RUN - grab your joggers, bikes or scooters and start your day off with a bang.

OFFICIAL CEREMONY - commencing at 9:30am at the Junee Recreation Centre.

NOVELTY CHALLENGE - open to businesses, community and sporting groups. Teams of four, participants must be 18 years of age or older. To register your teams interest contact Alana at Council on 6924 8100.

For further information on the days events visit:

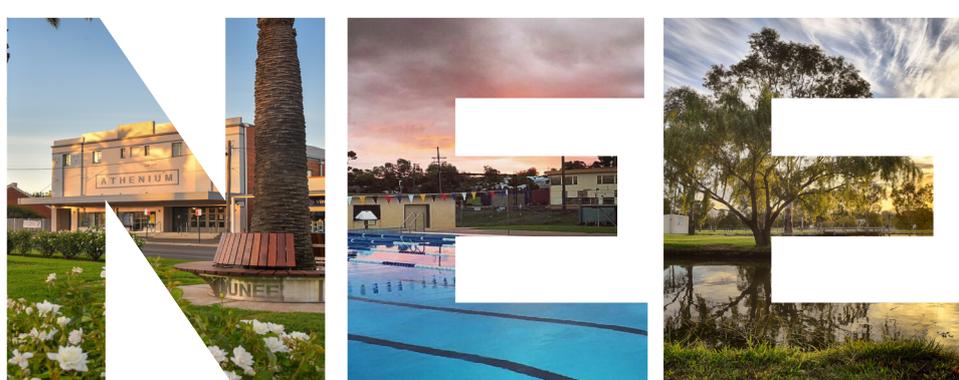
www.youmeandjunee.com.au



Australia Day

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STUDENTS PREPARE FOR THE REAL DEAL

Junee High School is to be congratulated for hosting career mock job interviews on the 15 November for a staggering 65 students. Interviews were as close to a real job interview as possible with local business people, council staff, TAFE and employment agencies lending a hand to conduct interviews on behalf of the High School. Students applied for a range of different roles such as apprenticeships for mechanics and in building trades, stable hands, as well as retail and hospitality jobs.

The Council partners with Junee High School across a number of programs and projects throughout the year. Many of Council's neighbours are very impressed with the way in which the Junee Council and Junee High School work together each year to employ students as school based trainees.

Under this program students are employed at the Council one day a week over two years. This year we have students employed in the areas of library, recreation and fitness, business support and information technology. The program has been very successful with one student taking on full time employment at the Council; others receiving employment with companies who work for the Council and spotted talented school students and offered them casual work.

STRONGER COUNTRY COMMUNITIES FUND PROJECTS

RECREATION CENTRE
– tiling of the Program Pool. This project was completed as planned and on time with the pool going back into use 14 October. What a great look and feel with tiled surfaces throughout.



The filtration system upgrade is progressing with the new filters having now arrived in Junee. Installation will proceed over the summer with a switchover planned for the off-season to minimise the disruption to pool users. As an aside, the water slide is getting

attention too before the peak summer weather with some repainting and general tidy up.

The various village projects are all but complete.

The new amenities at **LAURIE DALEY OVAL** are progressing really well and the project is expected to be completed before Christmas. The expanded facilities look a picture...



The **JUNEE ATHENIUM THEATRE** air-conditioning is now designed and out to tender closing early December 2019. Pending the outcome of the tender assessment and approvals from the Heritage Office we are expecting installation to commence in the Autumn.

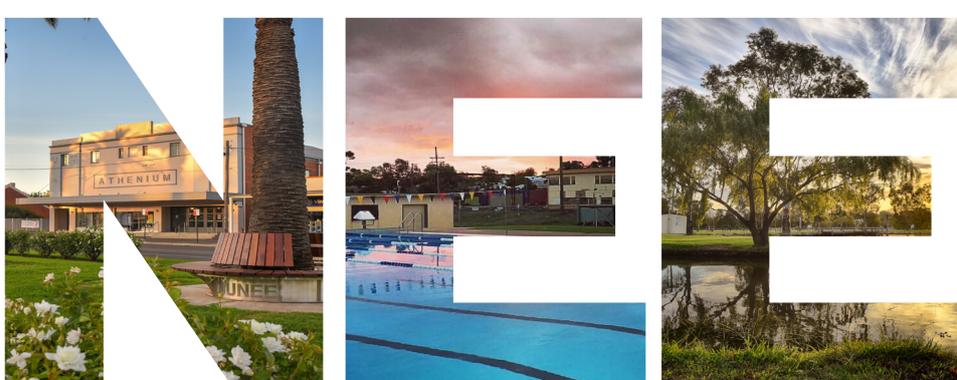
The new kitchen and storage facilities at the Athenium Theatre are funded from the Regional Growth Environment and Tourism Fund. The design has been completed and this project is out to tender closing early December 2019. Pending assessment and approvals construction is likely to start in the Autumn.

Junee's application for an **ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND** was successful under the My Community Project funded by the NSW Government. Detailed design is progressing whilst the funding arrangements are finalised.

RECORDING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Ever wondered what goes on at a monthly Council meeting? They can be interesting if not a bit slow at times and while the public can always attend these public meetings not everyone has the time or patience to sit through an entire meeting. As part of broader local government sector reforms across the State, councils are to record their meetings and post that information on their website. From December this year the public will be able to download this information to catch up on what's important to them.

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SHARPS EDUCATION & DISPOSAL

Community Sharps is a term used to define sharps that have been generated by non-clinical activities in the home or public facilities. This generally includes needles, syringes and lancets used by patients with diabetes or other medical conditions or injecting drug users.



To ensure sharps are correctly and safely disposed of in the community, Council have conducted a review of safe sharps disposal services throughout the town of Junee and updated collection bins in many of our public toilets. These bins allow for the safe disposal of sharps that have been generated by non-clinical activities in the home or public facilities.

Remember, if you find sharps in public spaces, don't touch it and call Council on 6924 8100 or the NSW Needle Clean-Up Hotline on 1800 633 353. A trained council employee person will collect and safely dispose the sharps.

BE SHARPS SMART

Council also hopes to embark on an innovative approach to engage, educate and help children learn about sharps over the coming months. In co-operation with Wagga Wagga City Council, it is aimed to use the resources developed by Wagga's Environmental Health Team to educate children in identifying sharps and its dangers in open public spaces, helping children and the community understand the action that needs to be taken when sharps are spotted. Children learn to step back and tell an adult straight away. The community is also educated on the processes to follow should they observe or be notified of sharps in public spaces.

JUNEE LIBRARY

The Junee Library is a welcoming and friendly space that provides our community with a wealth of services and activities for both the young and young at heart. Whether you're after free computer use, workshops, school holiday activities or just a quiet place to relax and read, the Junee Library is a great place to visit.



What's happening over Summer?

SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Encourage your child to keep reading over the summer break with this year's Summer Reading Program. Starting Monday, 16 December children can collect a free folder and reading log from the Junee Library. Children who successfully read 15 books will be presented with a certificate at an award ceremony. The program is free and students from K-2 are encouraged to sign up.

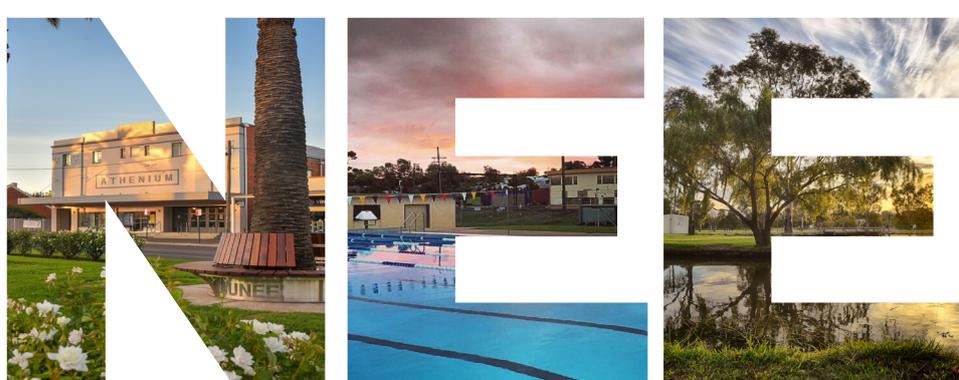
SIGN UP SUMMER

Be in the running to win a meal and drinks voucher to the value of \$40 from a local café by participating in Sign up Summer and get registered to an emailing list. From December until the end of January visit the library and fill in an email list form allowing you to stay up-to-date with all the latest events and programs.

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

During the hot summer days the library is a fantastic place to bring the kids with loads of games, Lego and craft activities to enjoy. Anyone can take a turn using the Virtual Reality games available as well as taking up the tablet scavenger treasure hunt.

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WHAT DOES A 98 KILOWATT SOLAR ARRAY LOOK LIKE?

With the Council building a new Sewage Treatment Plant it provided a great opportunity to build in energy sustainability. Council believes this may be the largest solar array on a commercial premises in the Shire.

All the solar generated power will be used onsite without returning electricity to the grid. This ensures the most efficient use of electricity at the location at which it is generated. The return on investment is estimated to be five years and we look forward to commissioning the project in February 2020.



PRIVATE POWER POLES

Essential Energy are reminding property owners of their responsibility when it comes to power poles on private land.

Some property owners may be unaware where exactly the responsibility for the poles and wires located lies – it can be confusing. Essential Energy specify private responsibility is between the first connection pole on the property and the Main Switch Board. In addition Essential Energy has the right to inspect private poles and wires and may require the land owner to either make the necessary repairs or Essential Energy can undertake them and charge the landowner.

Most residential properties will be unaffected by this requirement. If property owners are unsure they should contact Essential Energy directly.

<https://www.essentialenergy.com.au/at-home/private-power-poles>

ELECTRICAL CABLE SAFETY RECALL – IS YOUR HOUSE SAFE

Fair Trading NSW has asked Councils to help inform homeowners of potentially dangerous electrical cabling that may have been installed in homes built or renovated since 2010.

Fair Trading issued a mandatory recall of Infinity Cables back in 2013 as these cables have proved to be unsafe in their construction and when exposed to higher than ambient temperatures, the insulation becomes brittle and with disturbance may expose live conductors in a confined space increasing the risk of electric shock to persons who come into contact with the cable.

The affected cables are used in all kinds of electrical wiring work. It is used in roof spaces, wall cavities and may at times be exposed in some accessible locations of homes. The cables are also used in commercial and retail premises.

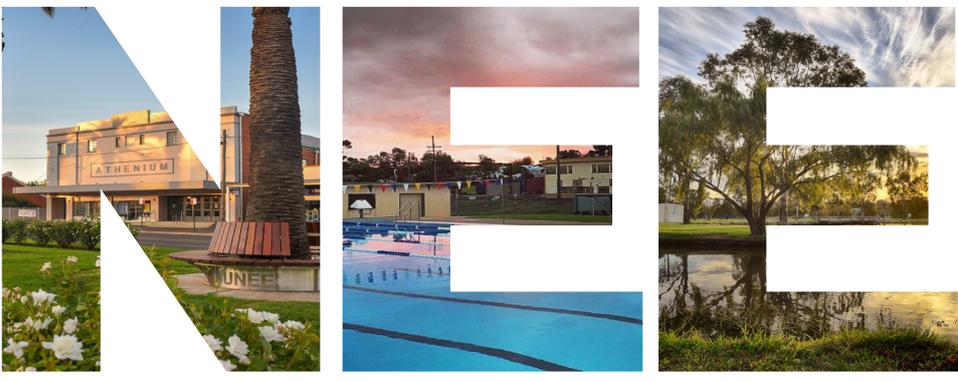
Consumers should not try to inspect the cable as any work on wiring or cables in your home should only be done by licensed electricians. If you have recently had building work done, or wiring changed or installed in your home, contact your builder or electrician and ask them to tell you what cable they used.

To find more detailed information on this safety recall and what to do please call the ACCC info centre on 1300 302 502 or visit:

www.accc.gov.au/checkyourcable



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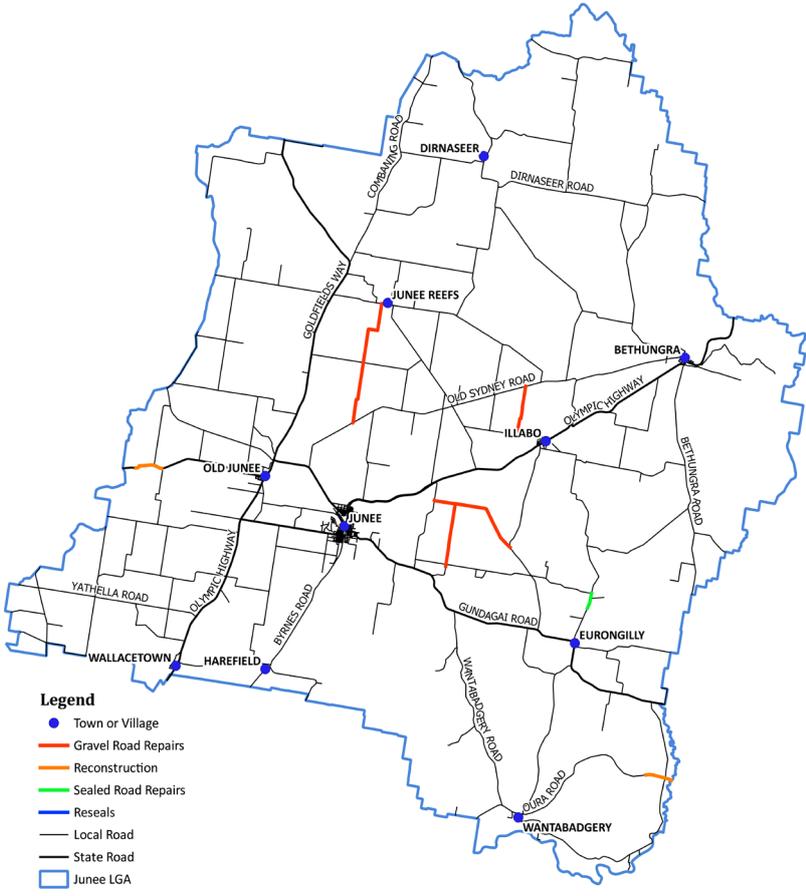


The Little Blue Dinosaur visits Junee launching their "Hold My Hand" campaign at Old Junee playground.



Junee Show Fun: (Left) Miss Junee Showgirl Winner, Sara Makeham, Junee Shire Deputy Mayor, Cr Matt Austin, Steph Cooke MP and Runner Up, Jacqueline Timms.

COMPLETED WORKS PROGRAM 1 JULY TO 30 OCTOBER 2019



Enjoying Christmas on Broadway (Right): Junee Shire Council General Manager, James Davis and Jane Davis.



Reliving their childhoods at Old Junee playground, Deputy Mayor, Cr Matt Austin and Junee Shire Council Director of Engineering, Cole Davis.

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