

# Junee Shire Council Newsletter

WINTER 2014

## JUNEE LOCAL EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

One of the Community's most desirable outcomes is to retain young people in town. Time and time again when community forums are held the issue of retaining young people in Junee through local employment keeps coming up. This may be driven by families wanting to be closer to one another or perhaps it is about job creation and supporting the local economy.



As a civic leader and leading community advocate we have asked ourselves: what is it we can do to make a collective contribution for Junee towards this cause? Here is our response!

1. There are a significant number of young Junee people attending Universities across Australia. They are usually in desperate need of work during their semester break to support their education and living costs.



2. Ideally this cohort of individuals would benefit from work placement in their chosen future industry. They are acquiring skilled theory while at university and would benefit from practical experience in their chosen field while on semester breaks.
3. We are currently developing a Junee tertiary student register. On one side of the register there will be Junee's University Cohort, on the other Junee's most progressive employers; making a collective improvement in our community.

4. University Students should have, as a minimum, completed their first year prior to participating in this program.
5. The natural benefits flowing to employers include:
  - Students can bring new perspective and fresh ideas to the business
  - The ready adoption and innovative use of technology by young people can broaden the business operations.
  - The prestige reserved for businesses that invest in and support growing local talent.



6. The Council acknowledges there may be some concern with privacy issues in developing a register of this kind so individual's details will not be publicly available. Requests for work placement by employers will be provided to students who will be encouraged to contact that employer.

To help build the register and in an interesting reversal of roles we encourage you to seek permission from your son or daughter to nominate them for inclusion in this program.

Potential students and employers interested in being part of this project can register their interest on Council's website.

To lead the way,  
Junee Shire Council will  
be providing two student  
placements this year.

## BYRNES ROAD DEVIATION

No doubt anyone who travelled from Junee to Wagga along Byrnes Road in June would have noticed the flurry of activity in the paddocks to the east at Harefield.

This followed a successful application by Junee Shire Council to the Fixing Country Roads Initiative which saw the NSW State Government commit \$550,000 in funding across the 2013-14 and 2014-15 financial years. The total project has an estimated cost of \$1.1m.



While we were subject to inclement weather for the vast part of June, the Council's outdoor staff put in a tremendous effort to maximise the opportunity this grant presented, carting in some 10,000 tonnes of gravel, stripping 6,500 tonnes of topsoil, the establishment of two stockpile sites and sediment and erosion control measures.

## GOLDENFIELDS WATER COUNTY COUNCIL 500 PROJECT

The Goldenfields Water County Council 500 (GWCC500) project aims to link 500km of wildlife corridor, utilising habitat areas adjacent to their pipelines and offset planting to allow for the free movement of birds, mammals, reptiles and seed across the region.

As part of the GWCC500 project, Junee Shire Council has made available a number of areas for the benefit of the local schools taking part in the project.

Preliminary environmental monitoring, including remote temperature and humidity recording, will be undertaken as part of the project, as will the planting of native vegetation.

Following the completion of planting, reporting of animal movement data from monitored bird and bat boxes will measure the success of the project and provide students with a valuable educational resource.

For further information see Goldenfields Water County Council's website: <http://www.gwcc.nsw.gov.au/index.php/gwcc500>.

Following this initial flurry of activity, the site will be vacated until later in this calendar year when construction will recommence. This will allow the soil to condition as the weather begins to warm in September and October and will provide us with the best opportunity to avoid further wet weather interruptions.

The objectives of the deviation revolve around road safety. A number of accidents, of varying severity, have occurred at the Byrnes Road/Harefield Road intersection; the deviation, once complete, will see an upgrade to this intersection. Also, with the lengthening of Harefield Road, the stacking length for trucks using that road will be increased, eliminating the risk of a truck stacking across the railway line.

Freight, livestock and grain transport will also enjoy a benefit upon the completion of the deviation. The new intersections will be designed to accommodate high productivity vehicles, eliminating the 'first and last mile' issues posed by the poor intersection layout and the proximity of the railway crossing to the intersection.

It is expected that the works will be completed in mid-2015.



## PRIVATE WATER SUPPLY GUIDELINES

Council has received several copies of the NSW Private Water Supply Guidelines published by the NSW Health Department free of charge. The guidelines are for any business or facility that supplies people with drinking water from a water supply other than mains or reticulated water. This includes water directly from rivers, creeks, bores, dams and rainwater tanks. They are designed to assist private water supply operators in providing water that is safe to use. Copies can be obtained by contacting Council's Development and Environmental Services Department.

## BETHUNGRA HILL ROAD WIDENING

Road works on the Olympic Highway between Bethungra and the Tanyinya railway crossing commenced in May; the works are part of a staged widening of Bethungra Hill, funded by NSW Roads and Maritime Services and delivered by Junee Shire Council.

Included in the project is the widening of the three lanes to 3.5m each (they are currently 3m each on average), widening of the road's shoulders, improved drainage and road safety works including the creation of a safety corridor and upgrading safety barriers.



The site is not without its challenges and, for the safety of both workers and the public, extensive and permanent traffic control arrangements have had to be implemented. In this regard we ask for your patience as you travel through the work site.

Completion of the first stage is expected later this year.

## FAMILIES NEED FAMILY DAY CARE

In the 2014-15 Federal Budget the government announced changes to funding for family day care.

Should these changes take effect in their current form and timeframe, they will have a significant impact on the financial viability of most family day care services in Australia.

Junee Shire Council has been the licensee for South West Regional Family Day Care (SWRFDC) for over fifteen years. SWRFDC provides Education and Care for children in a registered home based child care service; over 160 children are currently using the service and there are 25 Educators who operate their small businesses in six local government areas.

Some of the support services that the Junee Family Day Care Coordination unit provides for Families and Educators are, resource and monitor the Educators through support visits, training, implementing the latest standards, administering the families Child Care Benefit, Child Care Rebate and placing children in care.

The Federal Government provides the Funding to assist in the operation of the service. As of July 2015 the Eligibility Criteria to access the funding has become more stringent. This may result in the service losing the funding. SWRFDC require this funding to continue supporting our families and educators.

Family Day Care Australia has begun lobbying the Federal Government to review the Eligibility Criteria, especially for the rural and remote areas. South West Regional Family Day Care is asking families to have their say at: [www.familiesneedfamilydaycare.com.au](http://www.familiesneedfamilydaycare.com.au).



## BECOME A RIVERINA LOCALIST

The Riverina Localist program is an initiative of Riverina Regional Tourism and it encourages you to get out and about with your visiting friends and relatives.

Participating businesses offer great deals to Riverina Localists so you can discover all the great places to eat, drink and visit throughout the region. It's free to register and costs nothing to be involved, with great benefits coming your way.

You'll love the exclusive offers for accommodation, food and wine, activities, shopping and so much more.

Anyone who lives in the Riverina can be a Riverina Localist.

Whether you've lived here all your life or are new to our wonderful region, you'll be amazed at just how many fantastic experiences there are to enjoy.

Simply register to be a Riverina Localist at [www.riverinatourism.com.au/localist](http://www.riverinatourism.com.au/localist) with your name, email address and other information in the required fields.



## 2015 RHYTHM N RAIL FESTIVAL COMMITTEE

On Tuesday 8th July, the Junee Rhythm n Rail Festival held their Annual General Meeting to elect the new 2015 Festival Advisory Group. With a fantastic response from the community a motivated and dedicated advisory group of Junee Business & Trades was formed, as follows:

- Neil Smith
- Bob Callow
- Martin Holmes
- Ralph Tambasco
- Natalie Phillips
- Karen Clemson

The 2014 Junee Rhythm n Rail Festival was marked with great success and exceeded expectations. To grow, improve and continue its success numerous volunteers were also elected from the community to manage different parts of the festival, however there are still some vacant positions so if you wish to assist, your helping hands would greatly be appreciated!

## NEW VISITOR INFORMATION CENTRE

The Visitor Information Centre (VIC) now has a new home! After a successful relocation from the Junee Recreation & Aquatic Centre, the VIC is now operating at the Broadway Museum. The VIC is housed in the foyer of the iconic heritage building. A collaboration of museum volunteers, Betty's on Broadway Café staff and existing VIC volunteers will provide a strong base to deliver visitor information services. It will be a magnificent first point of contact that visitors to Junee will have of our town and community.



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### Councillors

Lola Cummins (Mayor)

Andrew Clinton (Deputy  
Mayor)

Matt Austin

Bob Callow

Neil Smith

Pam Halliburton

Martin Holmes

Colin Randall

Jo Ward

## TASTE RIVERINA – JUNEЕ PROGRAM

In October 2014 the third annual Taste Riverina event will take place throughout the region, and this year Juneе has big plans!

Taste Riverina is a collaboration of the region's food producers and other industry champions who inspire people in the Riverina and beyond to eat better food by providing opportunities to celebrate, experience, understand and become advocates for locally produced food.

This year a number of businesses in Juneе will work on a calendar of events that presents TASTE JUNEЕ. This will include an extra special Juneе flavoured Farmers Markets, an appearance by Costa (ABC Gardening show) at the Juneе Licorice and Chocolate Factory, local produce dinners at the Roundhouse Restaurant at the Crossing Motel, Juneе Lamb menus at the Railway Café, Whisky tasting and smash cakes at the Juneе Licorice and Chocolate Factory and local menus throughout the eateries in town.

At this stage the detail is being finalised, with a program to be launched in August. For further information on how to get involved by holding an event please visit [www.tasteriverina.com.au](http://www.tasteriverina.com.au) or contact Linda at [tourism@visitjuneе.com.au](mailto:tourism@visitjuneе.com.au).

## CHANGES AFFECTING WIRELESS MICROPHONE USERS

Wireless microphones, in-ear monitoring systems and public announcement systems are used by many community groups (such as schools, clubs and religious organisations) and businesses.

Changes to the use of wireless microphones will take effect from 1 January 2015. It will be illegal to operate wireless microphones and other audio devices in the 694-820 megahertz (MHz) frequency range because they may cause or receive interference to and from the 4G mobile broadband service.

The Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) wants to ensure that all community groups and businesses understand the change and know what they should do to prepare. The ACMA is strongly encouraging users to check their equipment and to start planning for the change now so that they know that their equipment will comply with the change by 1 January 2015.

For more information please visit [www.acma.gov.au](http://www.acma.gov.au)

## BROADWAY MUSEUM BUILDING TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS

This year is a busy one for the volunteers at the Broadway Museum. Not only are they now the home to the Juneе Visitor Information Centre, but they are also planning a major celebration for the building's 100-year birthday.

Juneе's Broadway Museum (formerly the Broadway Hotel building) will turn 100 on November 15, and to celebrate the Museum committee has planned an exciting day of events and activities.



## JUNEЕ CHARITY BALL – SAVE THE DATE!

Juneе Business and Trades is holding a major charity ball at the Athenium theatre on September 19. The event will be black tie and will include a three-course meal, live entertainment and BYO drink facilities.

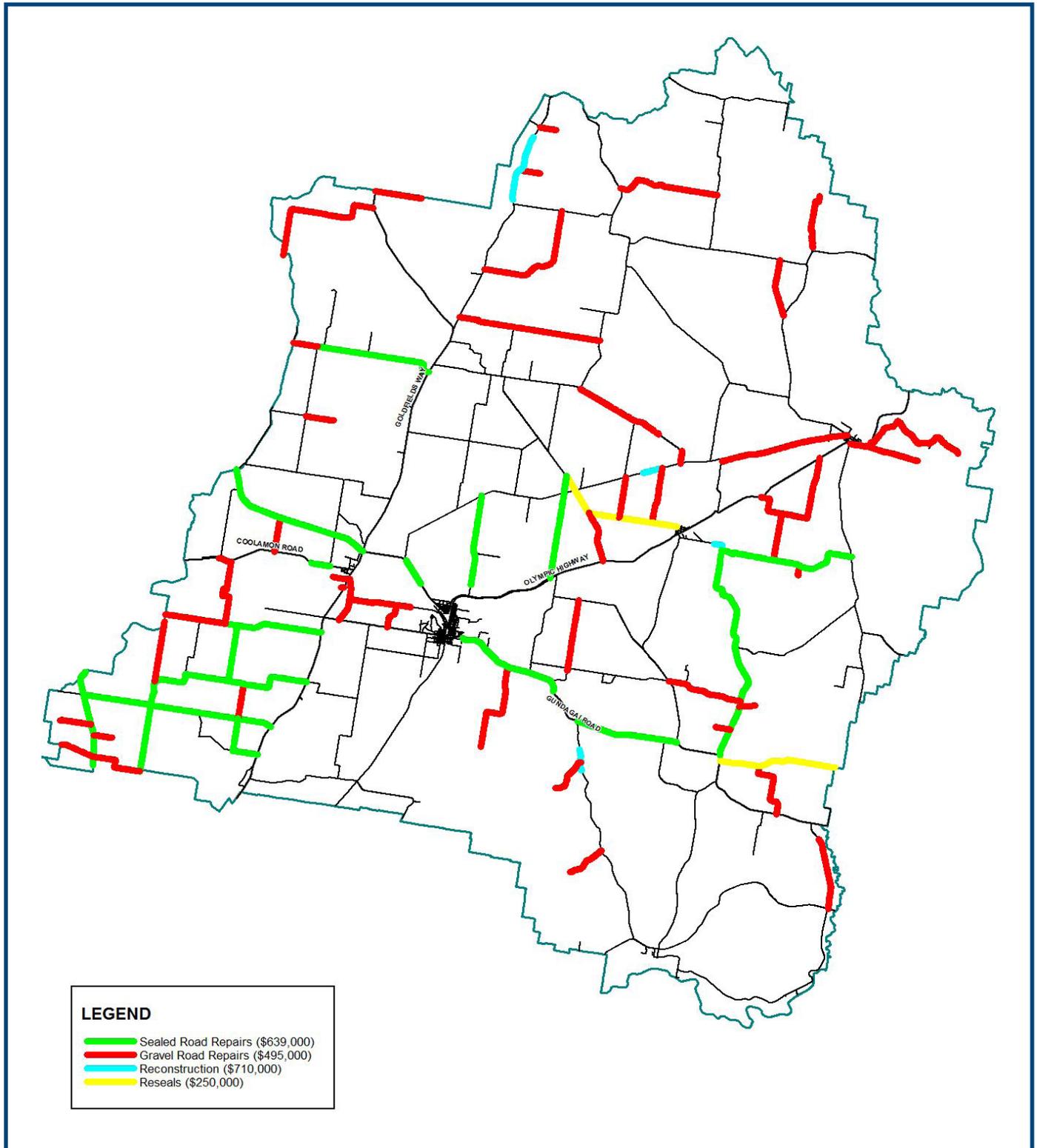
Proceeds from the night will be donated to Coinda Court, for the much needed sprinkler system.

Tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks, with the community invited to attend and businesses encouraged to consider tables of ten.

Further details available from JBT Secretariat Nicole on [business@visitjuneе.com.au](mailto:business@visitjuneе.com.au) or drop in and see Tony Butt (T-Line Steel) or Michael Commins (Commins & Hendriks Solicitors).



# WORKS PROGRAM JULY 2013-JUNE 2014



With over 800km across our road network to maintain, this map provides a complete picture of where work has been undertaken to highlight the extent of activity.