

NEWSLETTER

Winter 2018

ONE IN EVERY FIVE JUNEE RESIDENTS VOLUNTEER!

From the Mayor

We have lots of reasons to celebrate our terrific community and it is my very great privilege to highlight a couple of these that are close to my heart and in line with some of the goals that we as a community have developed for our town and shire.

On 25 May I welcomed more than 100 people to the Athenium for the Junee Volunteers' Summit. Thank you to everyone who organised and participated in this event. It was a busy, interesting day. One to build from.

You may have read in Council's half yearly report that over the past few months eight school based traineeships have been offered throughout the shire. I'd like to congratulate Junee High School, the students who have been offered and taken up the traineeships and also the employers who see fit to invest back into our community by backing these students with time, money, knowledge and resources. This is wonderful news.



My warmest congratulations to Dennis Lambert and the team at Junee Community Power Inc on their partnership with Junee High School in addressing the issues of energy poverty and energy efficiency. I understand this is the only program of its kind in the state!

To hear what these students are learning, understanding, and now teaching about energy efficiency in our homes, and the long term and practical solutions being developed, is absolutely inspirational. Well done to Dennis Lambert, Martin Holmes and the team at Community Power Inc. and to Scott Frazier and the students and teachers of Junee High School.

Junee Volunteers give a little. Change a lot!



Over 100 participants from Junee and neighbouring Shires attended the Junee Shire Volunteers Summit.

The day provided Council with a wonderful opportunity to recognise and thank our many volunteers, and to provide a networking and learning opportunity.

Thank you to all who attended on the day and made it a rich and interesting day.

Going forward Council will be developing some frameworks and strategies to assist volunteers and volunteer groups in;

- Development of skills
- Providing opportunities for skill sharing and networking
- Ongoing support in the recruitment and succession planning of the Junee volunteer base.

There will be more from us on this front!

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Introducing Leisa and Chris - welcome to the JSC Team!

A big welcome to Leisa Sowerby, new Centre Co-ordinator at the Junee Recreation Centre.

Leisa says she has come to Junee for the great job and the chance to be part of a small community after years of travel and enjoying the wide open spaces. She's looking forward to working with Junee people to develop their fitness and says that always helps her own development. We asked Leisa what motivates her? 'Knowing that I can make a difference, no matter how big or small, in people's lives, and change how they feel about themselves and motivate them while having fun.'

What do you want to help clients achieve? 'I would like them to feel good about themselves, learn more about themselves so that they feel empowered and successful.'

What do you love about working in fitness? 'Feeling good/successful after you have completed your exercise and being able to share that feeling with others.'

What a great philosophy. Welcome Leisa!



Ready to BUILD relationships!

Chris Butt is one of our newest faces around the office and has been on deck for a few weeks now as the Assistant Building Surveyor.

Chris grew up on his parent's farm in the shire and attended school and commenced work in Wagga. Chris worked as a draftsman (building designer) in Wagga for over 11 years, progressing from a Civil Draftsman apprenticeship, through to Structural Engineering Draftsman, so the move to Council is a great career progression.

Chris is looking forward to working with residents and building owners in

the Junee Shire. He is excited about the large scale projects happening around the shire, like the new waste water treatment facility with incorporated new technologies, the renewable energy projects and upgrades to the industrial sectors.

He is also passionate about sustainable living, reducing our carbon footprint and is looking forward to working with Junee Shire residents and investors.





'The only thing you absolutely need to know is the location of the library.' Albert Einstein

Think you don't need to use the library because you don't read books...think again!

There is something new happening and it's worth becoming a member for. It's our new alternative collection which includes tennis racquets, a ukelele, games for kids and teens, soft toys, a digital camera, cake decorating equipment and more - all available for loan. We are continually adding items. If you have a suggestion for this collection we'd love to hear from you.

Storytime will be held each Tuesday throughout winter, except in school hols. Storytime is open to anyone who wishes to attend and is free. It starts at 10am and lasts for around one hour. The activity involves books, craft and interactive games or play.

Help with technology is provided every Wednesday at 11am. If you need friendly help doing something on the internet, have something you need scanned, want to learn how to make better use of your laptop, phone, tablet or computer than come along and receive the special help you require in an easy, fun atmosphere.

The third Thursday of every month is **movie day**, with an up to the minute movie and free afternoon tea. Movie starts at 1pm. Check Council's facebook page for movie details.



Old Junee + Young Attitude = Village Life!

Great to hear that the Old Junee Hall Committee has been successful with a Building Partnerships Grant; which has seen the new water tanks go in, paths upgraded and ramps installed.

In partnership with Junee Shire Council, an application has been lodged into the NSW Stronger Country Communities Funding round; this time ramping up the environmental factor at the hall with rooftop solar, battery storage, lots of green space and a community garden. Fingers crossed for this one.

The committee is busy with regular events; annual markets, quarterly bingo and the Christmas Party, and of course there's always time for fun; like the hugely popular Easter Egg Cup at Lashbrook Farm.

You can keep up to date with events and meetings at the Old Junee Hall facebook page, or checking the notice board at the hall.



People in Old Junee are younger, richer and more employed!

- More than 30% of the population is under 30.
- The weekly take home pay is \$45 higher than the national average
- AND the unemployment rate is 2.2% compared to a national 6.9%!



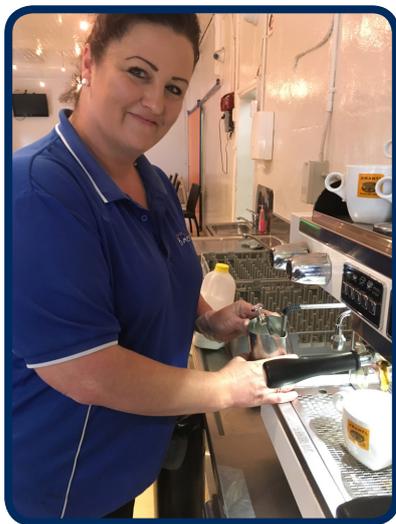


Junee Bakery under new ownership.

We spent half an hour with Tina Johnson, the new owner/operator of the Junee Bakery...

So, a beauty therapist by training, with a blossoming career in photography buys a bakery. What gives?

“I was a staff member here for five years, and when the opportunity came up, terrifying as it was, I decided it was a good time to take the leap.”



“I love being here at the front of the shop, I love seeing all my local faces; it’s the customers and and the atmosphere that they create.

I’m really optimistic about Junee with the building works and growth, the goal for this business is to expand.

“We have just been able to employ a third baker.”

What role do you like best in the business?

“I really enjoy the creative side of the business, actually baking and creating new ideas with the music going, but the best part is here serving customers.”

What do you think makes a business successful?

“What I’ve learned going from an employee to an employer is that you must look after your staff, without them I don’t have a business and Junee does not have a bakery. They deserve recognition every day.”

Well said! Thank you Tina.



G M Says new signs reflect a liveable, family town!

Some of you may have already seen the new Junee town entry signs that have been installed.

Many thanks to Junee High School for permission to incorporate the beautiful photo of the kids into our artwork; which to me speaks volumes about the kind of family oriented community that we are and that we aspire to be. Thank you to Tash Harpley for the smashing photo.

Our aim is to make the signage intentionally fun, youthful and aspirational. That this is the town where young families live.

The sign also reflects that 57% of our population is under 45 years old. According to ABS statistics, we are a family town.

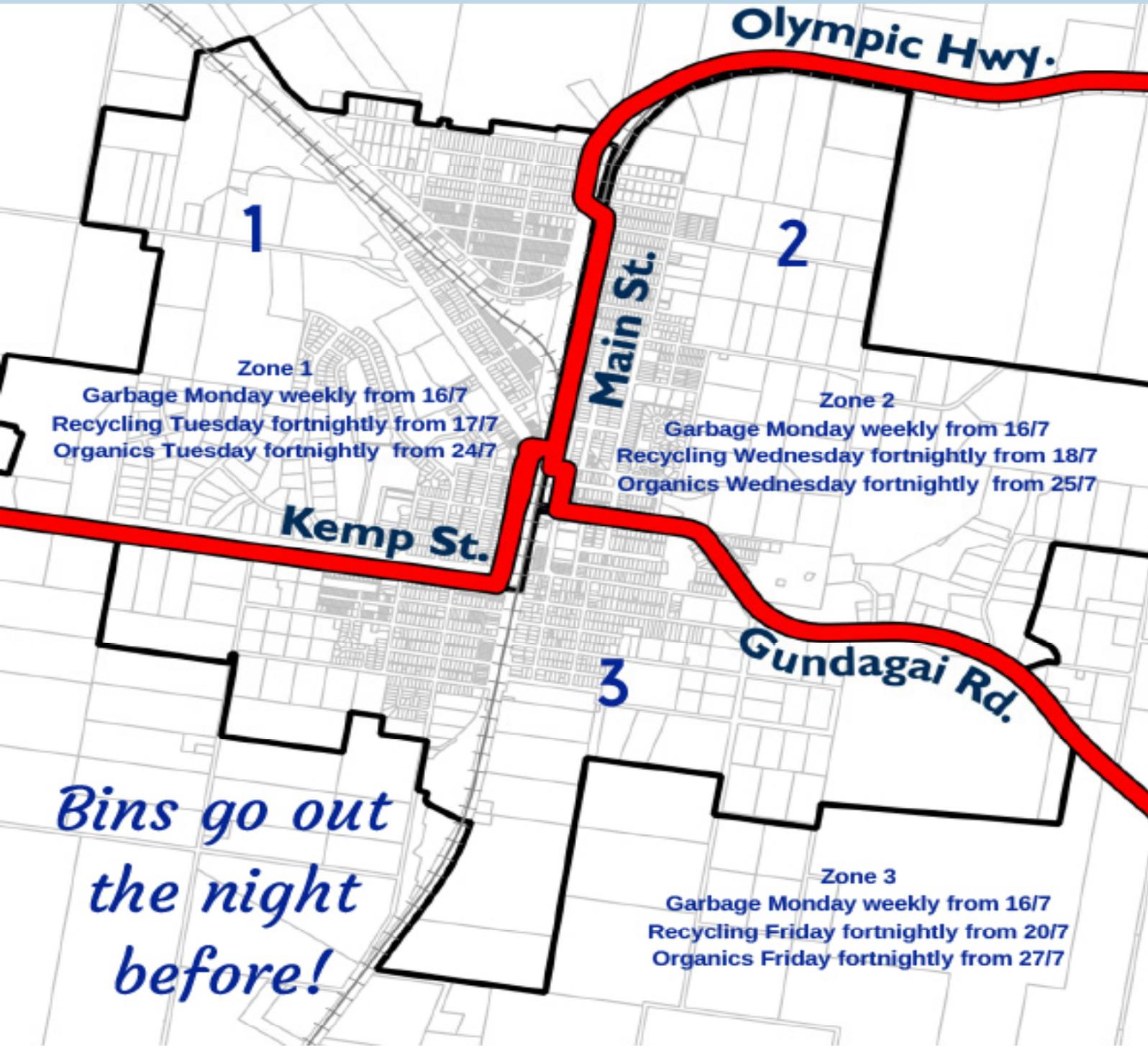
The new signage will be part of a raft of initiatives that carry the message of liveability in Junee.



- James Davis General Manager

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NEW COLLECTION SERVICES COMMENCING



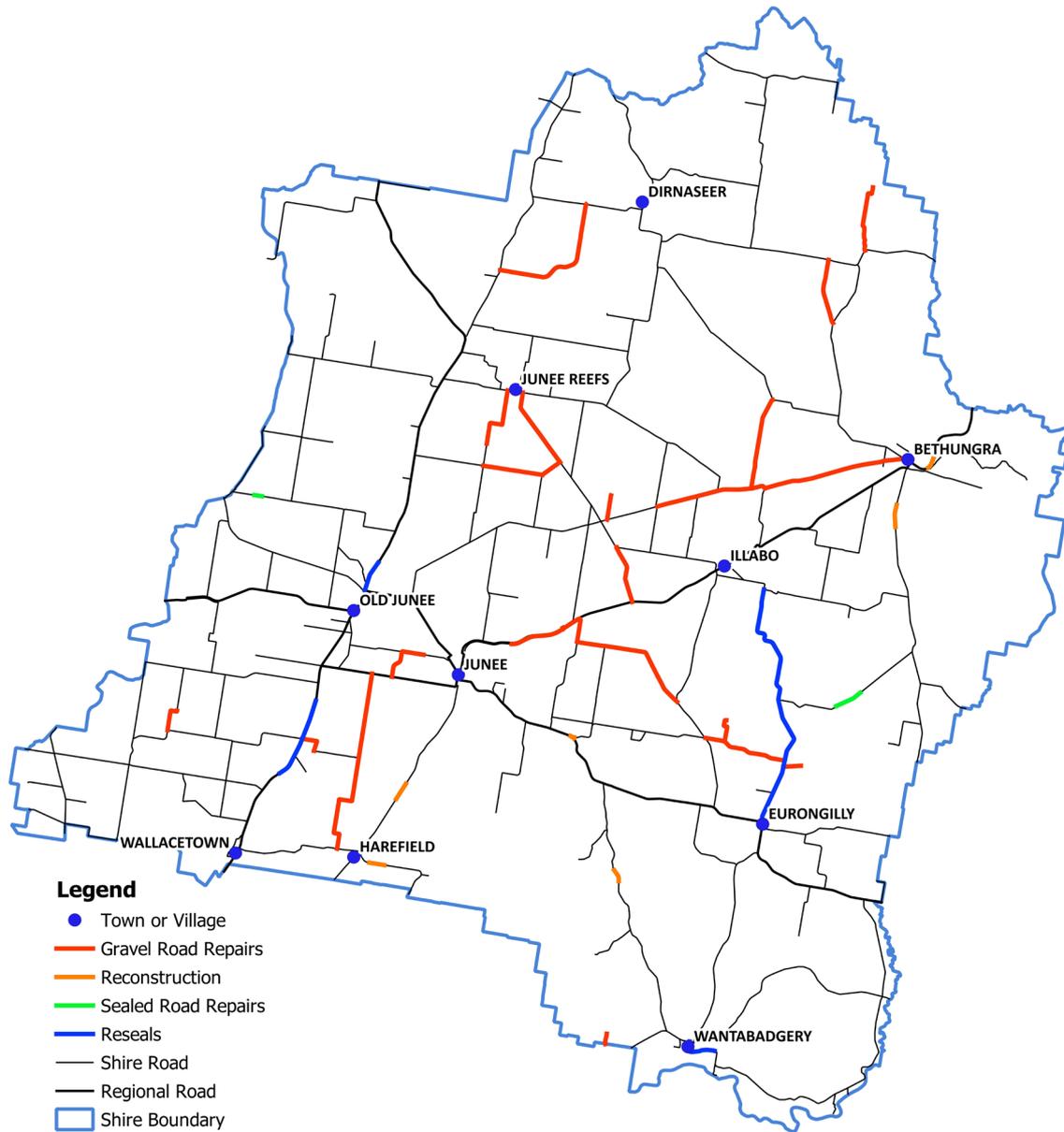
OLD JUNEE
Garbage Thursdays
Recycling Thursdays
Thursdays fortnightly from 19/7

ILLABO
Garbage Thursdays
Recycling Thursdays
Thursdays fortnightly from 26/7

BETHUNGRA
Garbage Thursdays
Recycling Thursdays
Thursdays fortnightly from 26/7



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