

# NEWSLETTER

## WINTER 2019

### FROM THE MAYOR

Well the seasons roll around again and winter is knocking on the door. One of the lovely things about being here in this part of our beautiful country is the change of seasons. I love that definite and distinctive change that reminds us of the natural rhythm of the seasons. Now it's time to look forward to crisp, bright mornings and warm snugly nights. If we are fortunate, curled up with a hot drink in front of a cosy fire perhaps.



On the subject of the property market, Junee continues to be a popular place to invest. On 8th March this year, Council officially opened stage 7 of it's John Potts Estate. This stage comprises 18 blocks, 13 of which have already been sold. This is a very positive indicator of Junee's position in the region and its bright future. Council continues to develop land, not simply as a means of making short term profit, but also to reduce the overall cost per capita of running and operating it's business. It simply makes good sense to share the costs of running the Shire over a larger number of people and getting the most out of our roads, sewage treatment plant and other fixed infrastructure.



The regular monthly meeting of Council in April was held at the Wantabadgery Hall. A quality gallery of locals were present to see the wheels of local government turning and to chat afterwards in a relaxed atmosphere over a cuppa. Council endeavours to take it's meetings to the villages occasionally and this seems to be well received by local residents.

ANZAC day this year saw, yet again, a spectacular turn out of people from our community. In particular this year I noticed a large number of families attending with small children. It's both heart warming and encouraging to see. It means too, that the "Lest We Forget" message, a message reminding us of not only the sacrifices made but also the futility and horror of war, is being reinforced and passed on down to our younger generations and future leaders.



I must also congratulate our staff and local businesses for the wonderful job they have done on the cenotaph. Many residents have stopped me in the street to compliment me on the excellent job done in painting the structure and having the Broadway Gardens and surrounds in tip top shape for the commemorative occasion. This pro-active approach by our diligent staff is something that we should all be very proud of. Well done!



I commend to you this, our Winter 2019 Newsletter. Thank you for taking the time to read it, I hope you find it informative.

Mayor, Cr Neil Smith

## INTRODUCTIONS & WELCOMES

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce and welcome Council's newest staff members. Now lets take some time to get to know them better....



**RUBY BRODIN**  
Lifeguard - Junee Recreation & Aquatic Centre

**What do you like most about your job?**

It's a positive healthy environment to work in.

**If you could meet anyone in the world past or present who would it be and why?**

Beyonce because she's an awesome performer.

**If you had to eat one meal, every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

Oreos and peanut butter.

**What is your favourite movie or book?**

The Hunger Games movie.

**If you could do another job for just one day, what would it be?**

Food critic.



**KYLIE HEFFERNAN**  
Library Assistant - Junee Library

**What do you like most about your job?**

Helping and conversing with the customers.

**If you could meet anyone in the world past or present who would it be and why?**

Pink. I love her positive attitude to life and that she stands strong for her beliefs.

**If you had to eat one meal, every day for the rest of your life, what would it be?**

Chicken and mushroom risotto.

**What is your favourite movie or book?**

Movie: Legends of the Fall.

Book: Thornbirds by Colleen Mccullough.

**If you could do another job for just one day, what would it be?**

Tour guide on a tropical island.

## VILLAGE FEATURE - EURONGILLY

The 'village' of Eurongilly may only be small but it epitomises the words strong and brave which stem right back to the 'villages' humble beginnings in the mid 1800's when Eurongilly was given to pastoral land.

### SCHOOL DAYS:

The first school was built in 1875 by the community with the teachers salary being paid by the parents at so much per child. The school closed in



1903 due to lack of students. In 1890 a school was opened at Mitta which served the Eurongilly 'village' but it closed in 1915. Local parents and citizens sought and gained permission from the Education Department to transport the building to the present site of the Eurongilly school which opened in 1918.

**GOLD:** On the 6th September 1878 the official proclamation of the gold fields in Eurongilly was made. At the peak of the gold rush there were over 2,000 miners at the Eurongilly gold fields.



**WAR:** Accepting the call to arms requests that occurred during the history of Australia, a total of 34 locals served during World War II, which equates to approximately 10% of the total locality population.

Another four of the Eurongilly population served during the Vietnam War. The 'village' proudly pays tribute to these brave men on the commemorative gate posts of the RJ Cooper (DFC) park.

### EURONGILLY HALL

was built in 1925, funded by money raised by the community. Today the hall is lovingly maintained and improved by the community and used as



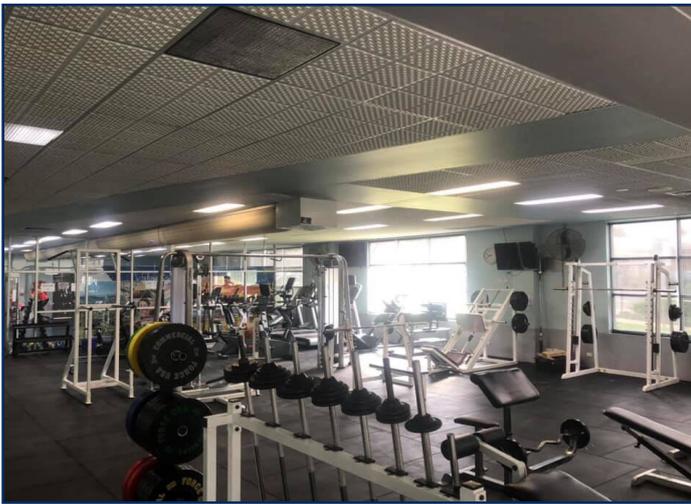
a 'village' meeting place where regular BBQ's and gatherings take place. Thanks to a successful grant application in the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Round 2, funding has been received to further revitalise the hall with works expected to commence mid-June this year.



## JUNEE RECREATION CENTRE

Autumn sees the Recreation and Aquatic Centre make the change into winter mode with the installation of the Boom in the 50m pool converting it to 25m, keeping both the main pool and program pool warm during the winter months.

After the severe down pour on the 22nd March that saw 90% of the centre flooded, a massive week of clean up was needed to get the centre back up and running. New rubber tile flooring was installed in the Gym to replace the old flooring that was damaged during the flooding and has the gym looking great.



Even with the cooler months approaching, Centre memberships sit well above previous year's numbers; up an average of 10%.



Be sure to keep an eye out for our 8 Week Fitness Challenge competitors who are taking full advantage of all the programs available here at the Centre with some amazing results sure to be coming their way.



## PROJECT UPDATES

### SPORTING & RECREATIONAL HUB SHADE PORT (PARK DAM)

On-site construction of the Regional Sporting & Recreational HUB Shade Port for BBQ is now complete with Council undertaking some additional work of concreting under the shade shelter and installing a second BBQ. Seating and lighting will soon be installed. This facility is now ready for use.



### JUNEE ATHENIUM THEATRE

The new audio visual and lighting system has been installed and was a tremendous hit at the Volunteers BBQ and movie event on the 31st May. Other works in progress include the new air conditioning system and new commercial kitchen, storage and interpretive signage.

### SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANT

The new sewage treatment plant is currently sitting at 40% complete.



### ILLABO TENNIS CLUB

Works at the Illabo Tennis Club are all but complete with only the purchase of an electric BBQ and placement of signage remaining.

### OLD JUNEE COMMUNITY HALL UPGRADE

Internal refurbishment and electrical work has been completed along with the installation of solar panels on the roof (with the batteries and convertor). The new playground has been ordered and due for arrival and installation in mid-June.

Other projects in progress include:

- Eurongilly Hall Revitalisation
- Wantabadgery Tennis Courts & Clubhouse
- Laurie Daley Oval Amenities
- Junee Tennis Club Redevelopment
- Bethungra Dam Walking Track



## WASTE MANAGEMENT DONE RIGHT!

Waste management is the collection, monitoring, disposal, transportation and recycling of waste. It is important to use waste management to protect our environment and the health of the population.

Truck loads of contaminated recycling are being sent to landfill for disposal simply because the **WRONG** things are being put into recycle bins.

We all need to be vigilant and make sure we **KNOW** what is recyclable before it goes into the recycle bin.

To recycle properly make sure to:

- Remove lids from bottles and place lids into the rubbish bin.
- Rinse all bottles, jars and containers before recycling.
- Don't put broken glass, ceramics, window glass, light globes, soiled cardboard, food scraps or garden waste in the recycling bin.

**Remember: IF YOU'RE NOT RECYCLING RIGHT..... YOU'RE NOT RECYCLING AT ALL**

### RURAL TRANSFER STATIONS:

**ONLY** household waste and recyclables are to be left at the rural transfer sites. All farm waste (including bulky building waste) is to be taken to Junee Waste Landfill Facility which also has services to handle used oil, scrap metal, green waste and tyres.

### JUNEE WASTE LANDFILL FACILITY HOURS:

Tuesday: 8:30am - 4:30pm

Wednesday: 10:00am - 4:30pm

Friday: 11:00am - 4:30pm

Saturday: 10:00am - 5:00pm

Sunday: 10:00am - 4:30pm

Monday & Thursday: CLOSED



### FOOD & GARDEN

- All food waste and scraps
- Meat, chicken and fish scraps and bones
- Tea bags, coffee grounds
- Fruit and vegetable scraps
- Cake, bread, rice, pasta
- Garden waste, lawn clippings, prunings, small sticks, twigs and flowers
- Shredded paper, paper towel, serviettes
- Council provided compostable caddy liner



- Plastic bags, food packaging, cling wrap or recyclables

### RECYCLING

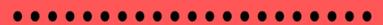
- All recycling
- Steel, tin, aluminium cans including empty aerosols
- Clear, brown and green glass bottles and jars (rinsed, no lids)
- Plastic bottles, soft drink bottles and containers (rinsed, no lids)
- Cardboard boxes, milk and juice cartons
- Newspapers, magazines, office paper and junk mail, including window envelopes



- Plastic bags, light bulbs, mirrors or drinking glasses, food or general waste, ceramics, crockery or ovenware, foam or polystyrene, waxed cardboard boxes

### GARBAGE

- General waste
- Plastic bags
- Packets, wrappers, cling wrap and bubble wrap
- Nappies and sanitary waste, wrapped tightly and stored in well-sealed bags
- Pet waste, kitty litter
- Foam, polystyrene
- Light globes, mirrors, ceramics, cookware and drinking glasses



- Building materials, syringes, oil or paint, gas bottles, hazardous or chemical waste
- Medical waste (speak to your doctor or pharmacy)



## BOUNDARY FENCES – DO THEY NEED PLANNING APPROVAL?

**Constructing a boundary fence can be a good way to improve not only the appearance of your property but can also help improve privacy, security and at times, neighbourly relations. But does a fence need planning approval from Council?**

This may be confusing but read on ... fences are defined under planning law in the same way as houses, sheds or any other land based development which suggests they need planning approval (consent). However, there is another part of planning law that lists development that can be undertaken as ‘Exempt Development’ meaning that it does not require a planning approval (consent).

The *State Environmental Planning Policy (Exempt and Complying Development Code) 2008* (the Code SEPP) covers the erection of fences on rural and residential zoned land – each having its own specific ‘Development Standards’ which must be satisfied if the fence is to be deemed ‘Exempt Development’ and not require an application to Council and consent before construction. If these standards can’t be complied with then ‘Exempt Development’ doesn’t apply and a planning approval through a development application to Council is required!

Confusing? Absolutely, but read on ....

the easiest and cheapest path is usually ‘Exempt Development’ but it is up to the land owner or builder to ensure they are satisfied that the fence to be built complies with the development standards contained in the Code SEPP applicable to the location if they are erecting the fence as ‘exempt development’.

Council can help provide general advice on ‘Exempt Development’ provisions and information is freely available on the Department of Planning’s website [www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au](http://www.planningportal.nsw.gov.au).

Some other helpful hints before progressing too far ... in addition to planning law, property owners should also check whether there are any restrictions or covenants (Section 88B attached to the land Title) relating to fences that may apply to their land.

It is also helpful to know your responsibilities and rights concerning shared boundary fencing. In NSW the Dividing Fences Act 1991 applies which generally outlines the personal responsibility of land owners concerning the erection and maintenance of boundary fences, acceptable fence styles and payments of financial contributions between neighbours. The Act is considered Civil Legislation meaning that it deals with issues between interested parties in a Civil Court. For advice on the Dividing Fences Act and how it may apply to individual cases, you should seek your own legal advice.



## JUNEE IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Over the past months Junee has been host to a number of film crews and celebrity guests, who stopped in to visit some of our fantastic tourist attractions.

**INTERESTING FACT...** during the research conducted by Destinations Riverina Murray / NSW to inform the Riverina’s national “Go With the Flow” marketing campaign, 800 people from across Sydney, Melbourne, Canberra and regional areas were surveyed on what they were most interested in doing in the Riverina. The number one experience they chose was to visit the **JUNEE LICORICE & CHOCOLATE FACTORY**.

**SYDNEY WEEKENDER  
AIRED 24 MARCH 2019**



**CANBERRA RAIDERS  
APRIL 2019**



**POSTCARDS (BRODIE HARPER)  
AIRED 14 APRIL 2019**



**BETTER HOMES & GARDENS (FAST ED)  
AIRED 24 MAY 2019**



## UNREGISTERED & ABANDONED VEHICLES

Council often finds itself having to attend to unregistered and/or abandoned vehicles (including trailers) on public roads. It is an offence to have an unregistered vehicle or abandoning a vehicle on a road. For abandoned vehicles a significant penalty of \$550 (currently) is applied through the NSW Revenue and debt recovery systems.

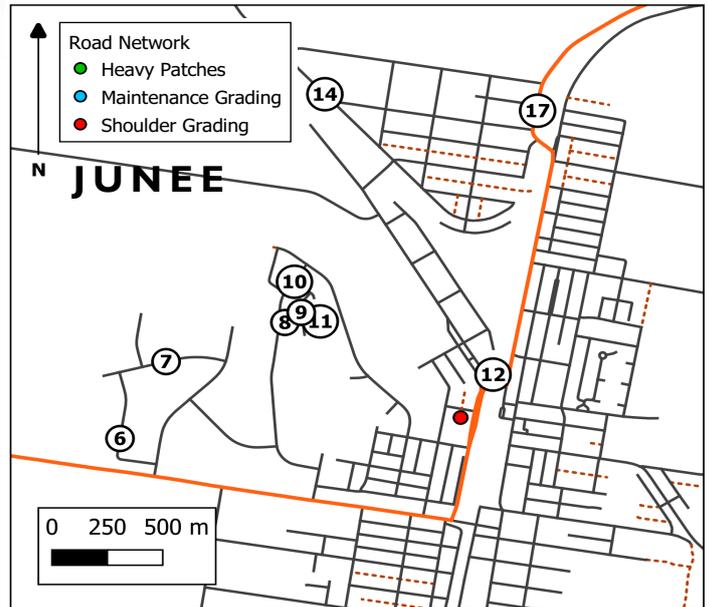


If the vehicle presents a hazard to others it can be immediately impounded under the Impounding Act 1993 (the Act). In most cases there is no immediate hazard and Council will make all reasonable efforts, including enquiry through the NSW Police, to locate the registered operator of the vehicle and ideally avoid ever having to impound the vehicle. If the registered operator cannot be located or they don't comply with instructions, Council has the power to impound and sell or destroy the vehicle under the Act. Penalties for abandoning the vehicle and costs involved in the impounding processes are imposed on the last registered operator.

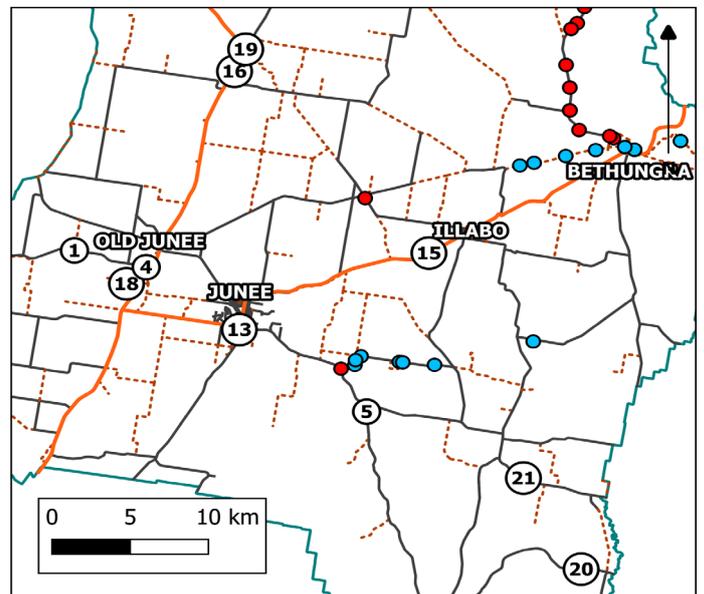
If you sell a vehicle it is most important that you properly transfer the registration of the vehicle to the new operator.

If you are concerned by an unattended vehicle on a public road contact Council or NSW Police on 131 444.

## ROADWORKS - MAR - MAY 2019



- (6) Walster St Resealing
- (7) Smythe Rd Resealing
- (8) Johnston St Resealing
- (9) Hilton Pl Resealing
- (10) Hayes Cres Resealing
- (11) John Potts Stage 7 Hayes Cres Extension
- (12) Dobbys St Lane Upgrading
- (14) Junee Linemarking
- (17) Tree Trimming



- (1) Canola Way Heavy Patching
- (2) Combaning Rd Resealing
- (3) William St, Old Junee Resealing
- (4) Beckham St, Old Junee Resealing
- (5) Wantabadgery Rd Resealing
- (13) Byrnes Rd Resealing
- (15) Highway Slashing
- (16) Goldenfields Way Culvert Upgrade
- (18) Olympic Hwy Bridge Galvanising
- (19) Combaning Rd Drainage
- (20) Oura Rd Tree Moving
- (21) Gundagai Rd Tree Trimming

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