CHRISTMAS WISHES

On behalf of the councillors and staff of the Carrathool Shire Council, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all residents and visitors to the shire a very Merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and prosperous New Year.

Council looks forward to working with its communities in 2018 for the benefit of all.

Please enjoy the festive season and take care, particularly if you are travelling on the roads—Mayor Peter Laird

AUSTRALIA DAY 2018

Carrathool Shire’s Australia Day Ambassador for 2018 is Jeff Sayle, or “Sayley” as he likes to be known. Sayley is a legend in world of rugby. He played one Test for Australia, the New Zealand 75th Jubilee Test, and one game for NSW, but he played an incredible 379 club games for his beloved home club, Randwick. A man’s man who wears his heart on his sleeve, his passion, his very life, is rugby. He is one of the few who have put more back into the game than he ever got out of it, his playing heroics, coaching deeds and administrative contribution being second to none.

Everyone who knows him has a Sayley story, somewhat in the manner of two other rugby immortals, Bill Cerutti and Stan Pilecki. In Sayley’s case the stories have a seemingly mythic quality, but in actual fact they are invariably true. He simply is the stuff of which legends are made.

Sayley will be our official guest during Australia Day, so make sure you come along to the Australia Day celebrations at the Hillston Community Centre on Australia Day, Friday 26 January 2018.

CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

Notice is hereby given that the Council’s offices at Hillston and Goolgowi will be closed for the:

Annual Staff Meeting on Friday 15 December 2017 ~ Hillston from 2 pm / Goolgowi from 3 pm.

Christmas and New Year Saturday 23 December 2017 to Monday 1 January 2018. Offices will reopen 8.30 am on Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Council’s Library will be closed from Saturday 23 December 2017 and will reopen Tuesday 2 January 2018.

Council’s Tip’s in Hillston and Goolgowi will be closed on Christmas Day and Tuesday 26 December 2017.
MEETING MATTERS

The Mayor and General Manager attended the Country Mayors meeting in Sydney and the Riverina and Murray Regional Organisation of Councils at Jerilderie during November. These meetings provide great networking opportunities on a number of subjects relevant to our community.

The Auditor General’s Office presented the Audit Report on Council financial statements this month. A full copy of the report is contained in the statements on Council’s website.

A new Councillors Expenses and Facilities Policy based on the model provided from the Office of Local Government has been placed on public exhibition for the next 28 days. Public comments are welcomed.

Council’s Annual Report has been completed and was presented to Council at the November meeting. A full copy of the document can be found on Council’s website.

Council have set the meeting dates for the 2018 year and these will be advertised in due course.

RANGERS INFORMATION - SUMMER AND YOUR PETS

IT'S NOT COOL TO LEAVE PETS IN HOT CARS!
It can take just 10 minutes for the temperature in your car to rise to over 40 degrees – in a further 10 minutes it can rise to over 60 degrees. As with humans, exposure to these extreme temperatures can be extremely dangerous. Dogs cool themselves by panting, if the air around them is too hot with no access to cool water, they are unable to regulate their body temperature.

The time it takes to pick up a few things for dinner and go through the checkout, a dog in a hot car could have already died an agonising death.

If you find a pet in a hot car, please call the police on 000. The police are equipped to dispatch officers quickly from the nearest police station.

KEEPING YOU PET COOL THIS SUMMER:
- Walk your dog in the cooler part of the day, morning or evening
- Make sure your pets have cool shady areas
- Make sure your caged pets are not in direct sunlight and under shade
- Make sure your pet has access to plenty of cool drinking water

DOG WELFARE AND SAFETY WHEN TRAVELLING ON VEHICLES
It is illegal to travel with a unsecured load on the back of your vehicle. A unrestrained dog can be considered “an unsecured load”. Under the Animal Care and Protection Act 2001, you are obliged to ensure your dogs safety and wellbeing at all times.

Common causes of injury:
- dogs being struck by oncoming or passing vehicles
- dogs being dragged along the sides of vehicles after losing their footing
- dogs attempting to jump from moving vehicles

Your dog should be caged or tethered at all times to stop these kinds of injuries. It also fulfils your legal obligation to make sure your dog is safe.

Remember the heat. Ute trays heat up and can burn dogs paws. In hot conditions consider covering metal trays. Dogs left in the sun can suffer heat stress so provide them with shade and shelter. To prevent dehydration on long journeys allow for frequent stops to give your dog water.

SNAKES ARE OUT AND ABOUT
To make your yard less appealing to snakes keep your grass cut low and your property clear of places for them to hide. The tiger and brown snakes are responsible for most of the snake bites in domestic pets and can be fatal.

Signs of snake bite include:
- Sudden weakness followed by collapse.
- Shaking or twitching of the muscles and difficulty blinking
- Vomiting
- Loss of bladder or bowel control
- Blood in urine
- Paralysis

If you think your pet has been bitten, keep them calm and quiet as possible and get them to a vet immediately. A firm bandage over and around the bite site to apply pressure can help slow the venom from spreading.

HOPE YOU AND YOUR PETS ENJOY THIS SUMMER
PLANT / VEHICLES FOR SALE / TRADE-IN

Plant No 1294 01/2017 Holden CG Captiva LTZ 7 Seater Wagon 40,000 km
Plant No 1805 02/2017 – Toyota Hilux 4x4 SR Dual Cab 40,000 km

* Please note that Council will retain all two-way radios *

Inspections may be arranged by contacting Council’s Office or Bert Breuling, Manager Fleet and Town Services, during normal business hours on (02) 6965 1900 or 0429 651 348.

All quotations must be completed on an Official Council Quotation Form and placed in a sealed envelope clearly marked ‘Confidential Vehicle Quotation’ and clearly state the quotation name and plant number. This form can be obtained from Council. Quotations are to be received at the Goolgowi Council Chambers or by email at tenders@carrathool.nsw.gov.au by 12 noon Wednesday 6 December 2017.

All persons are advised that it is their responsibility to ensure that their quotation is received prior to the advertised closing date. Faxed quotations will not be considered. The highest / lowest or any quotation will not necessarily be accepted.
Recycling Centre in Hillston
Hillston tip now has a Recycling section, the below items can be recycled in this service:

- Water-based Paint
- Oil-based Paint
- Non-motor Oil
- Standard Gas Bottles
- Long Gas Bottles
- Household Batteries
- Smoke Detectors
- Fluorescent Tubes
- Aerosols
- Corrosive Acid
- Corrosive Alkaline
- Flammable Liquid
- Oxidising Agent
- Toxic waste containers

Household Item Recycling
A Community Recycling Station is located at the Hillston and Goolgowi offices. The below items can be recycled here:

- Fluoro Globes,
- Mobile Phones & Accessories,
- Smoke Detectors,
- Household Batteries

Driving vehicles on gravel roads
When driving on gravel roads users are reminded that these roads are for 2 way traffic and that drivers should be driving to the left whenever practicable, try to stay off the crown of the road as this will increase the life of the road and not make wheel ruts in the centre of the road. Summer is upon us and the road conditions are changing all the time, take care when driving in dusty conditions. Be aware of sudden summer storms as they will affect the roads very quickly.

LIGHTS ON ALL THE TIME, BE SEEN BE SAFE.
DRIVE TO ARRIVE ALIVE, THE MAX IS NOT A MUST
New Federal Funding Available for Community Investments in Carrathool
Round Two of the Federal Government’s Building Better Regions Fund has just opened. Funding from $5,000 to $10 million is available generally on a 3:1 ratio (for every $3 of grant funding requested applicants must contribute at least $1) but in some cases there is no requirement for any co-funding. What is exciting for our community, is that in this round, there is a Community Investments Stream which will fund community building activities including new or expanded local events, strategic regional plans, and leadership and capability building activities. The EDO is currently scoping a range of potential projects which may be suitable for a funding application. Community members who have ideas that may fit in this category are encouraged to contact the EDO as soon as possible. Applications close on 19 December 2017.

Goolgowi School Kids Get Involved With Skate Park Project
The students of Goolgowi Public School have gotten right behind the proposed Goolgowi Skate Park and have included the park design as part of their school studies. The EDO recently addressed the students and briefed them on the background and timing of the project. Input from the students will be included during the community consultation phase once funding has been approved.

Get Your Nominations In for the 2018 Australia Day Awards.
Flyers have now been posted around the Shire calling for nominations for the various Australia Day Award categories. Nominations close on 8 December 2017. Nominations are encouraged for those special people in our Shire who put in exceptional effort across a range of activities which keep our community going strong. The EDO is in touch with various community groups and organisations across the Shire regarding nominations. This year’s awards will be held in Hillston at the Community Centre.

Return Thanks
“Just wanted to say thank you for a great weekend at Rankins Springs Caravan Park. The staff were friendly and informative on the local area. The toilets and showers were spotless.

A very peaceful weekend, also the pub meals were great. Thank You.”
Helen Honeysett from Coolah NSW

“I spent the previous 2 nights at the Hillston Caravan Park and was sorry I wasn’t able to stay longer. It’s a great little park; quiet, well maintained and the amenities were spotless.

I hope to be back in the not too distant future. Thanks”
Jan Skidmore from The Basin VIC

“Could you please pass on a massive thank you to Carrathool Shire Council for the use of the Stan Peters oval and for waiving the fees associated.

We had an awesome day out despite the rain. We managed to raise over $30,000 for the Randall family.”
Kind Regards
Clint Robertson
School Holidays Story Hour

Come along to the Library on Tuesdays during the school holidays for the summer reading club.
Time: 11am to 12pm

Free Technology Classes for Local Seniors
(includes Ipads, smartphones and lots more)
Commencing on 8 February 2018 will be free technology classes for locals. Your trainer will be Sue Reynolds and some of the topics covered will be IPads & tablets, social media, emails, smart phones, online banking, sharing photos and attachments.

This is a not to be missed opportunity for all local seniors. You do need to know how to use technology and it is very rare in Hillston to have such an expert to help you on your way to learning how to use technology.

Please register your name with the Library Staff so that we can contact you with further details. It does not matter how little or how confident you are our trainer Sue Reynolds is used to dealing with a diverse group of learners having taught for many years at the Western Riverina Community College in Griffith. If you are a confident user there is always something more to learn and learners will get help in overcoming their anxiety of using today’s technology.

These free classes are made possible from Grant Funding under the Tech Savvy Seniors program.

RFID is a real hit with local students
Library customers are invited to come in and try our new “state of the art” self loan station that allows you to borrow and return books yourself.

It’s very easy to use and the local children are really enjoying the ability to loan out their own items.

This exciting technology has been made possible by a successful Public Library Infrastructure Grant from the State Library of NSW.

BorrowBox for Audio Books or Ebooks…..
To listen to a great range of Audio Books simply go to the Western Riverina Libraries website or Download the BorrowBox app on iTunes or Android.

To login and access your account -
Username: Membership card barcode
Password: Members date of birth (DD/MM/YYYY)
GOOLGOWI & HILLSTON SWIMMING POOL’S

Season tickets are now available

Goolgowi       Family: $125.00  Single: $65.00
Hillston       Family: $130.00  Single: $65.00
Family includes children up to 18 years still attending full time education

Single Entry:
Over 13 years:  $3.00
2 to 13:        $2.00
Under 2:       FREE
Seniors (over 55) $2.00
Non swimmers: $2.00

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Toddlers’ Pools:
If a child is using the toddler’s pool they must be supervised by a competent adult within arms length at all times.

No child over the age of 8 is permitted in the toddler’s pool.

Unsupervised Age of Entry:
Children under 10 years of age must be accompanied and supervised by a competent adult at all times.

Children have to be 10 years and over and have the ability to swim 2x25 laps before being allowed at the pool unsupervised. The determination of the ability will be at the discretion of the Lifeguard.

Glass in all Forms:
Glass in any form is not permitted in any area of any pool.

Alcohol:
Alcohol is not permitted in any area of the pools and/or pool grounds.

COMMUNITY TRANSPORT

Please note changes to Community Transport bookings:

Booking hours 9am-4pm

Bookings can be made at the Hillston Office or by calling 6961 7600.

Transport fees are to be paid prior to the date of transport.

Cancellations within 24 hours of the scheduled trip are required to pay the full transport fee.

GOOLGOWI POOL HOURS – SCHOOL TERM
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thur 3.30 pm-6.20 pm
Friday                 3.30 pm-5.00 pm
No Swim Club          3.30 pm-6.20 pm
Saturday               12.30 pm-8.00 pm
Sunday                 12.30 pm-8.00 pm

GOOLGOWI POOL HOURS – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Open daily from 2.00 pm to 8.00 pm
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

HILLSTON POOL HOURS – SCHOOL TERM
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 3.30 pm-6.20 pm
Thursday Swim Club    3.30 pm-5.30 pm
No Swim Club          3.30 pm-6.20 pm
Saturday              12.30 pm-8.00 pm
Sunday                 12.30 pm-8.00 pm

HILLSTON POOL HOURS – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri 2.00 pm-8.00 pm
Thursday Swim Club    2.00 pm-5.30 pm
No Swim Club          2.00 pm-8.00 pm
Sat, Sun               12.30 pm-8.00 pm
CLOSED CHRISTMAS DAY

Smoking:
Smoking is not permitted in any area at both complexes.

Parties:
Please ensure at least one day’s prior notice is given to the pool Lifeguard if you are intending on holding a party at either of the pool complexes. This ensures that numbers don’t exceed the capability of the Lifeguard on the day and other staff can be arranged.
WHAT'S ON in the Carrathool Shire

DECEMBER
2 Hillston Markets
9 St Joseph’s Christmas Tree
16 Goolgowi Christmas Tree
   ~ commencing at 6.00 pm, Santa arrives at 7.00 pm
17 Hillston Community Carols 6 pm family BBQ, 7 pm Carols
18 Gunbar Christmas Tree 6.30 pm start for Santa’s arrival at 7.30 pm
19 Ordinary Council Meeting
   ~ Goolgowi Council Chambers

JANUARY 2018
25 Australia Day Official Ceremony
   ~ Hillston

COUNCIL MEETING
Agendas are available for public inspection on Council’s website, at the Goolgowi Council Chambers, Hillston District Office and the WG Parker Memorial Library Hillston from the Friday prior to the Council meeting.

Residents and ratepayers are asked to address any correspondence for consideration or requests to address a Council meeting to the General Manager for inclusion in the agenda to be received prior to the close of the agenda.

Next Meeting: 19 December 2017
Venue: Goolgowi Council Chambers
Agenda Closure: 8 December 2017
Agenda Available: 15 December 2017

PESTICIDE/HERBICIDE APPLICATION
In accordance with Carrathool Shire Council’s Pesticide Use Notification Plan, Council hereby gives notice that pesticide/herbicide application will be undertaken within the shire area during DECEMBER / JANUARY 2017 as declared below.

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