## **COUNCIL CONNECTS**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND YOUR SHIRE?







## Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavilion

Council endorsed the request by the Wentworth Show Society to formally rename the new pavilion, currently under construction, at the Wentworth Showgrounds as the Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavilion. The name reflects a facility that will be enjoyed by all for many years to come.

#### **George Gordon Netball Courts**

As part of the Stronger Country Communities Fund, Council was successful in acquiring funding to undertake upgrades at the George Gordon Oval. Works involved the installation of two additional netball courts alongside the existing playing surfaces. Also included in the upgrade was new lighting and fences around the courts. Pictured are the new coach/player boxes.

#### **Footpaths**

Council have recently constructed a new footpath along Devenport Street between Millie and Mitchell Avenue. The footpath brings much needed access to residents along Devenport Street to the library and shops.

### **James King Park**

Council have completed refurbishing works on the aging toilets at James King Park with the inclusion of disabled toilet facilities. Works included in the upgrade; internal design reconfiguration, internal painting and tiling and a new roof. You will now also see a mural on the entrance painted by local artist Terry McGowan.

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR MAYOR



The reality of living in a border town during COVID – 19 has presented us with unique daily challenges not experienced by those living in metropolitan cities. Obtaining a permit to cross the border and understanding what it means to be a Border Zone Resident is new to all of us.

As a Council, we realised very quickly that things were changing daily and that we needed to be proactive in advocating for the community. As your Mayor, and on behalf of your Councillors, we are striving to provide the community with best possible outcome in a difficult situation.

On behalf of the whole Local Government area I have been in contact with Deputy Premier Barilaro and meeting with the NSW Cross Border Commissioner, Mr James McTavish, three times each week and taking issues directly to them.

The Office of the NSW Cross Border Commissioner works closely with the bordering states to gain an understanding and develop a framework for the resolution of cross border issues.

These are indeed unprecedented times, but please be assured that I am working tirelessly on your behalf to escalate issues to whatever level of Government is required with the sole aim of a speedy resolution.

Finally, thank you for your patience, for your cooperation with the authorities and for your support. Stay safe Wentworth Shire and let us all do our bit to get through this together.

Cr Melisa Hederics, Mayor of Wentworth Shire Council.

