

# WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL COUNCIL CONNECTS

Wentworth Shire Council community newsletter for the interest of residents and visitors

March 2021

## Message from the Mayor



Easter is fast approaching and that means the return of the Junction Junk Garage Sale on Easter Sunday. This event is always one of the highlights on the calendar for Wentworth and it was sad to see it put off last year thanks to the pandemic. Remember, one man's trash is another's treasure and you'd be surprised what you may find hidden among the items in any given stall. Recently I had the pleasure, along with the General Manager, of meeting with NSW Crown Land Commissioner Professor Richard Bush and his Senior Project Officer Clint Willoughby. As Crown Land manager for the region, it was good for us as a council to meet with Professor Bush as the independent advisor to all Crown Land users. It was also an honour to have Federal Minister for Regional Health the Hon. Mark Coulton and other stakeholders meet to give an update on the Collaborative Care project that seeks to build high quality sustainable care for local patients through a community driven workforce solution. The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 14 April 2021 at the Midway Centre Buronga, commencing at 10:00am. I invite members of the public to view the meeting live via Council's Facebook page. Footage of the meeting can be viewed on the Council website <https://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/council/about-the-shire/council-meetings/> following the meeting.

Warm regards

Cr Susan Nichols  
MAYOR

## Wentworth Shire Council snippets

### Dine and Discover NSW

The NSW Government has launched Dine & Discover NSW to encourage the community to get out and about and support dining, arts and tourism businesses. NSW residents aged 18 and over can apply for 4 x \$25 vouchers, worth \$100 in total. The vouchers will roll out

by Local Government Area (LGA) throughout March. For more information, including how to apply, go to <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/dine-discover-nsw>

### Rotary Youth Program Open

Rotary International is calling for applicants for its Rotary Youth Program of ENrichment

(RYPEN) in April. RYPEN is an introductory leadership development camp for young people aged between 14 and 17 years on the ANZAC Day long weekend at Woodhouse Activity Centre in South Australia. This camp will have keynote speakers, practical activities and theory sessions. For more information or to register go to <https://rypen9510.org/>



Wentworth Shire Council Director Health and Planning and Dareton resident Kerrie Copley go over the 'Our Town, Our Future - Dareton Revitalised' draft strategy during a community consultation session.

## DARETON LOOKS FORWARD

Wentworth Shire Council's draft 'Our Town, Our Future - Dareton Revitalised' strategy aims to revitalize the township of Dareton and the wider Coomealla district and ensure its future is secure and well planned now and in the future. The draft strategy is on public exhibition until April 9 after councillors endorsed its release at the February meeting of Council. Wentworth Shire Council Mayor Susan Nichols said the community feedback highlighted just how much pride the people of Dareton take in their town. "The Dareton community is one that is incredibly proud about the place they live and this strategy will ensure they can take ownership of its future," Cr Nichols

said. "It is exciting to see in an age where small rural townships have historically been in decline that the Dareton community is really passionate about making sure it won't be one of those townships." The 'Our Town, Our Future - Dareton Revitalised' draft strategy is available on the Wentworth Shire Council website at <https://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/council/publications-policies/public-exhibitions-hearings/>. Copies of the draft strategy are on display at the Dareton Library while community pop-up sessions were held in front of the Dareton IGA on 17 March and again from 8:00am to 10:00am on 24 March.

# Save the date

## 2021 NSW Local Government elections

**Saturday  
4 September**

Voting is compulsory

[elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21](http://elections.nsw.gov.au/lge21)  
1300 135 736

## Employment

*Are you looking to further your career with a progressive rural council?*

Wentworth Shire Council has an exciting future and we are currently seeking self-motivated and passionate individuals across a variety of fields to add to our team.

All positions are plus 9.5 per cent superannuation.

### LABOURER (ROADS) - R2021/08

Full time permanent position  
Closing 4:00pm Monday 29 March 2021

Salary of \$53,393.60 to \$56,096.65 dependent on skills and experience.

### TEAM LEADER LIBRARY SERVICES - R2021/06

Full time permanent position  
Closing 4:00pm Monday 29 March 2021

Salary range of \$72,467.20 to \$84,380.00 dependent on skills and experience.

So if you're ready for a rewarding career with an 'on the move' Council, excellent conditions and a positive team focused culture – look no further! For further information on advertised positions and details on how to apply, go to [www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/employment](http://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/employment).

Wentworth Shire Council is an equal opportunity employer.

## Easter Regatta moved

The Wentworth District Rowing Club Annual Easter Regatta has been moved to the Mildura Rowing Club for this year. This decision was made by Rowing Victoria following consultation with the Wentworth District Rowing Club and the Mildura Rowing Club in regards to concerns regarding COVID-19 border closures.

## Meeting mentions

### Next council meeting date amended

Wentworth Shire Council's next Ordinary Meeting will be held on 14 April 2021 from 10:00am at the Midway Centre in Buronga. This change, bringing the meeting forward seven days, will allow Councillors to attend the Western Division of Councils conference in Broken Hill from 19-21 April 2021. At the February 2021 meeting it was resolved that six Councillors attend the Western Division of Councils Conference.

### New development planning portal

In September 2019, a Secretary order was released by the NSW Government requiring that all concurrence and referrals as part of a Development Application from Council to other agencies must be done through the Planning Portal. This was the first part of a process by the NSW State Government to move all Development Applications onto the portal. From 1 January 2021 applicants were able to lodge

Development Applications through the portal. Council can still lodge Development Applications received through other mediums (e-mail or hardcopy files over the counter). From 1 July 2021, all Development Applications including Section 4.55 Modification Applications must be lodged with Council through the planning portal. Council will be unable to accept a Development Application lodged through other mediums (e-mail or hardcopy files over the counter).

### Development continuing

For the month of February 2021, a total of eight Development Applications and four S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning. The estimated value of the determined developments was \$1,201,370.00. This brings the year to date total to nine Development Applications and five S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$1,212,370.00.

## More news from the Wentworth Shire Council

### Council to advocate for water

Wentworth Shire Council will strongly advocate for the joining of Lake Cawndilla and the Darling River to supply water to the lower end of the Darling at May's Murray Darling Association National Conference. Council will also call for the NSW Government to prioritise connectivity through to the end of the system in all water sharing plans. The Murray Darling Association's 77th National Conference and Annual General Meeting is being held in

Wentworth from 16-19 May 2021.

### Wentworth Aerodrome open during day

The Wentworth Aerodrome is now open for daytime traffic. The main runway (08/26) is operational, however the North-South runway (17/35) is still closed for ongoing works. Wentworth Shire Council advises there will be intermittent closures as the aerodrome redevelopment project continues. Aviators will be notified by NOTAM of any closures and

pilots should check the Air Services website before any aerodrome use.

### Buronga Bendigo Bank Agency open

A Bendigo Bank Agency is now open at the Midway Centre in Buronga. The agency, operated by the Community Bank Wentworth and District, offers core day-to-day banking facilities to existing and new customers of Bendigo Bank. The agency's hours are Monday to Friday 10:00am to 12:00pm and 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

This newsletter has been produced by the Wentworth Shire Council for the benefit of the residents of the Shire and visitors to the region.  
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