

# WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL COUNCIL CONNECTS

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

May 2021

## Message from the Mayor



The Councillors and I were fortunate enough, along with our Mildura Rural City Council counterparts, to meet with New South Wales Cross Border Commissioner James McTavish and Victorian Cross Border Commissioner Luke Wilson recently.

The past 18 months have certainly highlighted cross border issues that were already there, as well as created new ones thanks to the COVID-19 pandemic, so this "meet and greet" certainly allowed us to air our various concerns that come with being a Shire so close to the border of our state.

We are fast approaching September's Local Government elections and I encourage anyone thinking about running for Council to put their hand up.

Having served on two Councils in two different states I can vouch that being on Council is a rewarding experience and a great way to make a difference for your community, shaping its future direction and priorities.

Don't forget that Council is offering two separate collection periods for domestic hard rubbish coming up.

Week one commences 31 May 2021 and week two commences 7 June 2021.

For full details and a collection schedule go to <https://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/domestic-hard-rubbish-kerbside-collection/>.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 30 June 2021 at the Wentworth Shire Council Chambers 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 snippets

### Abbotsford Bridge to close for maintenance

The Abbotsford Bridge at Curlwaa will be closed in mid-July for up to 10 weeks, weather permitting, as Transport for New South Wales carries out essential maintenance work to upgrade its mechanical lift span.

This work will improve safety and reduce the need for future maintenance on the bridge.

The first stage of the work on the NSW Government funded \$2 million project will begin in mid-June, with night closures of the bridge before it is closed 24/7 from mid-July. Detours will be in place during the work

with motorists advised to cross the Murray River via the George Chaffey Bridge between Mildura and Buronga.

For the duration of the project the lift span will not be operational and no large maritime vessels will be able to pass under the bridge lift span. Smaller vessels will still be able to pass underneath the bridge truss spans.

### Dine and Discover NSW

The Dine & Discover program has been introduced by the NSW Government to encourage NSW residents to go out and spend money to support small and regional businesses across the

State most impacted by COVID-19.

The program provides vouchers to every NSW resident, aged 18 and over, to spend at registered dining, arts and tourism businesses of their choice. These vouchers expire at the end of June 2021.

To apply online go to the Service NSW website and log in, or create your MyServiceNSW Account. Follow the prompts to apply for the vouchers.

If you do not have a MyServiceNSW Account or you're unable to apply online, you can call 13 77 88 or visit a Service NSW Centre with your proof of identity documents to apply for the vouchers..



## DOMESTIC HARD RUBBISH COLLECTION

Need to dispose of unwanted household items such as old furniture, electrical appliances, BBQ's, beds, mattresses, mowers, hot water services, scrap metal and other hard waste items?

Wentworth Shire Council is offering an opportunity for domestic hard rubbish kerbside collection

on the same day as normal waste collection across two weeks.

Week one commences 31 May 2021 and week two commences 7 June 2021.

Week one concerns electronic waste, whitegoods (fridges, freezers, air conditioners), scrap metal, BBQ's and mattresses only.

All items to be picked up in week one must be pre-booked by 5:00pm 17 May 2021 and not exceed 2x2x1 cubic metres.

Contact Buronga Landfill on 03 5022 0145 or email [burongawaste@wentworth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:burongawaste@wentworth.nsw.gov.au) with your name, address, daytime phone number, email address and a description of the items being collected.

For more information, including a collection schedule, go to <https://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/domestic-hard-rubbish-kerbside-collection/>

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Access frequently used services including:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Cost of Living service
- Birth, death and marriage certificates
- Driver licence and Photo Card applications and renewals
- Working With Children Checks.

Visit [service.nsw.gov.au/msc](http://service.nsw.gov.au/msc) to find out when we're next near you.

### Next in town

 **Saturday 22 May 2021 9:30am - 12:30pm**  
Australia Post Car Park  
Hendy Road/Sturt Highway, Buronga



## TENDERS

### DGB20 HD CLASS 1 ROAD BASE MATERIAL SUPPLY & DELIVERY

Tender Reference PT2021/11  
Closing date 3:00pm Friday 4 June 2021

Wentworth Shire Council is seeking tenders from suitably qualified suppliers for the supply and delivery of 15,750 tonne Class 1 DGB20 HD road base material.

Tender documentation will be available from 8:30am Monday 17 May 2021.

### SELECT FILL MATERIAL SUPPLY & DELIVERY

Tender Reference PT2021/12  
Closing date 3:00pm Friday 4 June 2021

Wentworth Shire Council is seeking tenders from suitably qualified suppliers for the supply and delivery of Select Fill, as per TfNSW QA Specification 3071.

Tender documentation will be available from 8:30am Monday 17 May 2021.

Interested parties should contact the Roads and Engineering Department on 03 5027 5027 to request a copy of the tender documentation for the above tenders.

## Meeting mentions

### Financial assistance granted

Wentworth Shire Council granted 10 requests for financial assistance through its Donations, Contributions and Grants Program at its May Ordinary meeting. The requests totalled \$17,778.63, which leaves \$21,975.14 in the Donations, Contributions and Grants fund.

The requests granted were:

- \$310 to the North West Rail Alliance as a refund for hire fees for the hire of the Midway Service Centre.
- A \$114.25 rate reduction to the Pooncarie Hospital Reserve Trust
- A \$46 refund to the Ballads on the Barka/Baaka for the hire fees for the Darling Street cul-de-sac and the River End of Bilbarka Park Pooncarie.
- A \$46 refund to the Community Bank Wentworth and District for hire fees of Memorial Rooms.
- A \$2000 grant to Palinyewah Public School to go towards the Combined School Year 6 Canberra Snow Camp.
- A \$4112.38 rate reduction for Wentworth Pioneer Homes Committee Incorporated.
- A \$5000 grant to the Wentworth District Racing Club to go towards the 2021

Wentworth District Racing Club Support Race.

- A \$250 donation to the Wentworth Sporting Complex Golf Club towards the purchase of weedicide for the golf course fairways.
- A \$5000 grant to Gyndarra Preschool Inc towards the funding of a new waterproof shadesail.
- A \$900 grant to the Gol Gol Preschool Association Corporation for bus transport to bush kinder at Trentham Cliffs one day a week over a six week period.

### Development applications continue to roll in

For the month of April 2021, a total of six Development Applications and six S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning. The estimated value of the determined developments was \$436,627.00. This brings the year to date total to 36 Development Applications and 14 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$8,416,075.00.

## More news from the Wentworth Shire

### Draft Operational Plan on Public Exhibition

The draft 2021-2022 Operational Plan is currently on public exhibition.

The proposed rates and annual charges outlined in the Operational Plan are:

- Ordinary rate increased by 2.00% (the maximum amount allowable).

- Waste water access charges increased by 2.00%
  - Raw and filtered water access charges increased by 2.00%
  - Domestic waste charges increased by 2.00%.
  - No increase to the Water Consumption charges.
- A full copy of the draft

2021-2022 Operational Plan can be downloaded from Council's website. Submissions regarding the Operational Plan must be lodged in writing before the close of business on 11 June 2021. Submissions can be made by email to [council@wentworth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@wentworth.nsw.gov.au)

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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