

WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL COUNCIL CONNECTS

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

June 2021

Message from the Mayor



The recent New South Wales state budget is a huge win for the Wentworth Shire area. Of course the main highlight is \$500,000 towards the commencement of the \$30 million Wentworth Health Service Redevelopment, which we as a Council have advocated for strongly alongside the Far West Local Health District for some time -- both during my Mayorship and that of my predecessor Melisa Hederics.

On top of this the \$250,000 for the refurbishment of the Dareton Health Facility and the commencement of construction of the Buronga HealthOne Facility truly means this budget was a win for local health outcomes in our district.

Further funding for the relocation of the Wentworth Visitor Information Centre, the sealing of Pooncarie Road and extra funding for the Wentworth Aerodrome upgrade is also most welcome.

Looking beyond budget matters, September's Local Government Elections are fast approaching.

Council has been holding Candidate Information Sessions to inform prospective Councillors of the process.

Nominations for Councillors will be closed by the NSW Electoral Commission at 12 Noon on August 4.

I encourage anyone eligible who thinks they have more to give their community to stand for Council and see how they can make a difference in the Shire's future.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 21 July 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

Dine and Discover NSW extended

The NSW Government has announced a major new grants package and changes to the Dine & Discover program to help tens of thousands of small businesses and people across NSW impacted by the current COVID-19 restrictions.

The package includes grants of between \$5,000 and \$10,000 for small businesses, payroll tax deferrals for all employers, an extension of the Dine & Discover program to 31 August as well as the ability for people to use Dine & Discover vouchers

for takeaway delivered directly to their home by the venue itself.

Businesses will be able to apply for the grants through Service NSW from later in July and will need to show a decline in turnover across a minimum two-week period after the commencement of major restrictions on June 26.

The grants will be divided into two streams: the Small Business COVID-19 Support Grant and Hospitality and the Tourism COVID-19 Support Grant.

The full criteria for these grants is to be available on the Service NSW Website.

Pick up craft at Shire Libraries

Wentworth Shire Council's Libraries team has sadly needed to cancel our face-to-face school holiday programs in order to keep our community safe, but that doesn't mean you have to miss out!

We have put together pick up craft kits available at Buronga, Dareton and Wentworth libraries.

Meanwhile our digital library is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week for those unable to physically attend a library.

Give the Wentworth Shire Council Libraries team a call on 03 5027 5060 with any questions or if you are unable to make it in.

KEY DATES FOR COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Do you want to become a Wentworth Shire Councillor?

The Nominations Online management System for the 4 September Local Government Elections is now available at <https://noms.elections.nsw.gov.au/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F>

Key dates to consider:

Monday 26 July

- Lodgement of nominations open.
- Start of regulated period for electoral material.
- 6pm: Close of roll for the purposes of being a candidate, nominator and roll printing.

Tuesday 27 July

- Lodgement of postal vote applications open

Wednesday 4 August

- 12 Noon: Close of nominations and close of registration of candidates and groups.



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- Registration of electoral materials open.
Thursday 5 August
- 10am: Conduct of ballot paper draw
Monday 23 August
- Pre-poll voting period opens (closes 3 September)
- **Friday 27 August**
- 5pm: Close of registration of electoral material.
- Close of registration for third-party campaigners.
- **Saturday 4 September**
- Election day 8am – 6pm
- Close of capped expenditure period.
- 6pm: End of regulated period for electoral material.

EMPLOYMENT

MANAGER ENGINEERING SERVICES- R2021/22

Full time permanent position
Closing 4:00pm Monday 12 July 2021

A competitive remuneration package will be offered to the successful candidate

GOVERNANCE OFFICER- R2021/13

Full time permanent position
Closing 4:00pm Monday 12 July 2021
Commencement salary of \$84,380.40 plus 10% superannuation.

REGULATORY SERVICES OFFICER - R2021/15

Full time permanent position
Closing 4:00pm Monday 12 July 2021
Commencement salary of \$60,548.80 plus 10% superannuation.

CUSTOMER SERVICE OFFICER - R2021/16

Casual position
Closing 4:00pm Monday 12 July 2021
Commencement salary of \$36,264.3 per hour (inclusive of the casual loading) plus 10% superannuation.

PLANT OPERATOR/ LABOURER (GRADER) - R2021/17

Full time permanent position
Closing 4:00pm Monday 19 July 2021
Commencement salary range between \$53,393.60 and \$61,920.21 plus 10% superannuation.

For further information on these and more advertised positions and details on how to apply go to www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/employment.

Wentworth Shire Council is an equal opportunity employer.

TENDERS

EXTENSION TO WENTWORTH PRESCHOOL

Tender Reference PT2021/10
Closing date 3:00pm Friday 16 July 2021

Wentworth Shire Council is seeking tenders from NSW registered builders for the construction of the new Long Day Care Centre to be included along side the existing pre-school on Murray Street, Wentworth.

Tender documentation is now available. Interested parties should contact Wentworth Shire Council's Roads and Engineering Department on 03 5027 5027 to request a copy of the tender documentation for the stated tender

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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Meeting mentions



Council supports lower speed limits in Wentworth

Wentworth Shire Council voted at its June Ordinary Meeting to recommend a High Pedestrian Activity Area (HPAA) to Transport for NSW (TfNSW) for the Wentworth town centre speed zone review.

The speed zone on Silver City Highway in the town centre of Wentworth is currently under review by TfNSW after it was raised at Council meetings in 2020 and 2021.

The Silver City Highway traverses the Wentworth town centre with

a speed zone of 60 km/h from Hospital Road (southeast) to Renmark Road (northwest). Side streets within the town are all at the standard default speed for urban streets (50 km/h). Speed reduction requests have been raised in the highest pedestrian areas in the town centre around the intersections of the Highway with Darling Street, and with Sandwych/Adams Streets. A HPAA is a section of the town centre where the speed limit is 40km/h at all times. Associated traffic calming measures are installed to alert drivers to the lower speed limit and make them aware of the presence of pedestrians moving about or near the road. The review has been specifically requested for the purpose of pedestrian safety. A HPAA is the preferred outcome for the Wentworth town centre. The rest of the reviewed zone would remain at the current speed limit. TfNSW will be conducting inspections and interviews to determine the final outcome of the review.

Development applications continue to roll in

For the month of May 2021, a total of 17 Development Applications and three S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning. The estimated value of the determined developments was \$876,982.00. This brings the year to date total to 53 Development Applications and 17 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$9,284,057.00.