

# WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL COUNCIL CONNECTS

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

August 2021

## Message from the Mayor



My thoughts go out to all our residents effected by the current COVID-19 lockdown.

These are indeed different times that many of us would not have experienced before the pandemic.

Please everyone for the good of the community abide by the Public Health Orders and help us all minimise the risk of COVID-19 in our community. But also remember to be compassionate, and reach out to check up on friends, neighbours and relatives who might be doing it tough. We can all do our bit to help get through the pandemic by rolling up our sleeves and getting vaccinated.

Everyone 18 and over can now book a vaccination appointment at a NSW Health Vaccination Clinic, your nearest participating pharmacy or your local GP.

Vaccination bookings can be made through the Far West Local Health District on 1800 602 001 or Wentworth Pharmacy on 03 5027 3121.

Coomella Health Aboriginal Corporation, or CHAC, is also able to provide vaccinations to residents who meet eligibility criteria.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community members aged 16-59 are eligible, as are non-Indigenous people age 40-59 and essential workers.

You can check your eligibility at [www.health.gov.au](http://www.health.gov.au) or by calling CHAC's Wentworth Clinic on 03 5002 9029.

Remember, New South Wales needs to reach 80% double vaccination rate to get back to enjoying the things we love.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday 15 September 2021 at the Wentworth Shire Council Chambers commencing at 10:00am.

Members of the public are invited 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.

Stay safe everyone.

Cr Susan Nichols  
MAYOR

## Wentworth Shire snippets

### Council services update

In response to the current Public Health Order and Stay At Home Directions for Regional NSW, Wentworth Shire Council will remain open for business but our Adelaide Street Office Wentworth together with Wentworth and Dareton Library doors will be closed for public entry until further notice. We can still be contacted via telephone on 03 5027 5027, via email [council@wentworth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@wentworth.nsw.gov.au) or [www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au) The Midway Service Centre and Bendigo Bank Branch at Buronga is now also

closed until further notice.

The Wentworth Visitor Information Centre is also closed for public entry but Staff are happy to take calls on 03 5027 5080, via email [tourism@wentworth.gov.nsw.au](mailto:tourism@wentworth.gov.nsw.au) or [www.visitwentworth.nsw.gov.au](http://www.visitwentworth.nsw.gov.au)

### Pop up COVID-19 clinics

The Far West Local Health District will be running a series of Pop Up COVID testing clinics in the district which commenced on Sunday 15 August 2021 from 10am to 4pm, running daily until further notice.

The testing sites for the Wentworth LGA are:

- Dareton – George Gordon Oval
- Gol Gol – Gol Gol Football Oval, off Carramar Drive
- Wentworth – Wentworth Showgrounds
- Namatjira Reserve

Everyone is asked to please obey the local traffic conditions around the clinics.

Visitor restrictions have been implemented at all FWLHD facilities.

Border bubble residents now require a cross-border community – Extreme Risk Zone permit to cross between Victoria and NSW. Permits can be applied for at [service.vic.gov.au](http://service.vic.gov.au) or via the Service Victoria app and are valid for 14 days from the date you first entered Victoria (unless revoked earlier).



## BURONGA NATURE PLAY AREA COMPLETED

Work has finished on the Buronga Nature Play Area.

Nature-themed equipment in the play area includes rope play structures, scaling ropes and a fort structure which includes a tube slide.

In addition to the playground equipment new picnic tables with a river view, public seating and

benches, shade structures, a new car park area including bollard fencing, landscaping, vegetation, grassed areas, irrigation, bins and timber elements have been installed. The project also encompasses the rationalisation of paths through the eastern and western sides of the George Chaffey Bridge.

## TENDERS

### WENTWORTH AERODROME UPGRADE - STAGE 3

Tender Reference PT2122/02  
Closing date 3:00pm Friday 6  
September 2021

Wentworth Shire Council is seeking tenders from suitably qualified contractors to undertake the supply and installation of additional Aerodrome Lighting for Stage 3 of Runway 17/35. Tender documentation is now available

### WENTWORTH SHIRE BRIDGE LIFTS AND MAINTENANCE

Tender Reference PT2021/09  
Closing date 3:00pm Monday 13  
September 2021

Wentworth Shire Council is seeking tenders for suitably qualified and competent personnel/company to undertake the raising and lowering of the bridge deck of the Abbotsford and Wentworth bridges to allow passage of river vessels over a period of 12 months. Tender documentation will be available from Tuesday 24 August 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 .

### TENDER PANEL

Closing date 3:00pm, Monday 20  
September 2021

Wentworth Shire Council are seeking tender responses from suitably qualified personnel and businesses to facilitate the delivery of capital works programs and operation service delivery at various locations within the municipality.

The following tenders are now open:

- Supply of building trades, professional and consultation services (PC2122/01)
- Hire and construction plant and equipment (PC2122/02)
- Supply of road construction materials (PC2122/03)

Tender documentation for each of the above mentioned tenders will be available from Tuesday 31 August 2021.

Interested parties can visit Council's website [www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au) to register and view the tender documents.

## Meeting mentions

### Donations, Contributions and grants funding announced

Wentworth Shire Council at its August Ordinary meeting voted to grant seven requests for assistance from community organisations within the shire under the Donation, Contributions and Grants funding program. The total value of the requests that were under consideration was \$19,750.00.

This included:

- \$2,750 to the Wentworth District Rowing Club towards the upgrade of the club's hot water service
- \$1,844 to the Pooncarie Field Day Group Inc to go towards the Pooncarie Gymkhana and Come and Try Bikekhana expenses
- \$3,700 to the Wentworth Military Collection to go towards the Marching Matilda Experience Program
- \$5,000 to the Wentworth Rifle Club towards the reconstruction of the club's 600 yard firing mound to meet standards
- \$1,000 to Pomona Public School P&C Association to go

towards the school's 100 year celebration

- \$5,000 to Pooncarie Racing Club inc to go towards the 2021 Pooncarie Cup
- A fee waiver of \$456 to Sunraysia Aeromodellers Inc for hire of the Wentworth Showgrounds for a model glider contest

As all requests were granted \$38,360 of the original \$160,000 remains available for allocation for the remainder of 2021/22.

### Development applications continue to roll in

For the month of July 2021, a total of 17 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 \$1,892,838.00. This brings the year to date total to 88 Development Applications and 21 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$13,528,179.00.

## More news from the Wentworth Shire

### Abbotsford Bridge update

The Abbotsford Bridge at Curlwaa is now open for road traffic.

The bridge will remain open day and night until 20 September when night works resume.

These works are expected to continue for five weeks, weather permitting.

The bridge lift span will remain out of operation until the completion of the night works.

Small vessels will still be able to travel under the

bridge.

Larger vessels should consider postponing their journey until the bridge lift is back in operation.

### NSW-Vic border permits

Border bubble residents now require a cross-border community – Extreme Risk Zone permit to cross between Victoria and NSW.

Reasons for crossing are:

- To obtain necessary goods and services,

including medical care

- Care and compassionate reasons
- Work
- Education
- Receiving a COVID-19 vaccination

Permits can be applied for at [service.vic.gov.au](http://service.vic.gov.au) or via the Service Victoria app and are valid for 14 days from the date you first entered Victoria (unless revoked earlier).

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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