

# WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL COUNCIL CONNECTS

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

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## Message from the Mayor



Welcome all to 2022, it is a pleasure to communicate with you through this column as Mayor for the first time. Your new Wentworth Shire Council has not taken long to get their feet under the desk and begin working for the community. It is good to return to Council with some old faces, while also welcoming some new Councillors who bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to their roles.

2022 shapes as a big year for the Shire in terms of projects, with the Willow Bend Caravan Park and Pooncarie-Menindee Road two high profile examples of this.

I look forward to the next 12 months and representing the Wentworth Shire community to the best of my abilities along with my fellow Councillors and hope this is a successful year for all.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 16 February 2022 at 6:30pm.

Members of the public are permitted to attend meetings however Council must adhere to limitations on attendee numbers as directed by the NSW Government.

Attendees must be double vaccinated to enter the Council Chambers for a meeting.

All persons attending meetings are required to wear face masks.

It is permissible under the Public Health Order for councillors, staff and others to remove their masks for the purposes of addressing the meeting but they must wear masks at all other times.

You can also view the live public sessions of each Council meeting on Facebook.

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.

Regards,

Tim Elstone  
MAYOR

## AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS



Jeanette Stephens (pictured) was announced Wentworth Shire's 2022 Citizen Of The Year at the 25 January awards ceremony at the Coomealla Memorial Sporting Club.

Jeanette has been heavily involved in the Anglican Parish of Wentworth Dareton as Parish Secretary and was Sunday school teacher for 45 years, also furthering her studies in an effort to improve the Parish.

She has always displayed a strong support of school communities through involvement with P & C associations, tuck shop duties and voluntary reading with students. Jeanette has been local her entire life and during this time has fostered 16 children of varying backgrounds, whilst having three daughters of her own.

Young Citizen Of The Year was awarded to Jess Doidge. Jess was a member of the Wentworth Area Skate Park committee, raising money for the Wentworth Skate Park and was a helper at all of their fundraising events.

Through school she has

volunteered at Murray House by assisting staff, spending quality time with residents and performing for residents as part of the school band.

In 2021 Jess was the Wentworth Public School Vice-Captain and assisted the school's P & C at a number of fundraising events.

Nicholas Witte was announced the Young Sportsman Of The Year.

Nicholas is a junior member at Wentworth District Tennis Club where he assists with clubhouse and ground maintenance, plays in the B1 & B2 Pennant Teams and was runner up in singles and doubles for the Junior Boys Club Championships.

He is also a dedicated member of the Coomealla Wentworth Cricket Club in the Under 14s side and trains with the Curlwaa Islanders senior men's team.

Nicholas competes in school-based sports, was part of the school representative soccer team and is always encouraging other students to participate.

## EMPLOYMENT

Wentworth Shire Council has an exciting future and we are currently seeking self-motivated and passionate individuals to add to our team. Positions advertised are plus 10 per cent superannuation. Successful applicants will be required to undergo a fit for work assessment and pre-employment drug and alcohol testing.

### ASSETS INSPECTOR – R2022/05

Full time permanent position  
Closing 4:00pm Monday 21 February 2022  
Commencement salary of \$61,759.78 plus 10% superannuation.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH OFFICER (RE-ADVERTISED) – R2022/02

Permanent part-time position (up to 35 hours a fortnight)  
Closing 4:00pm Monday 21 February 2022  
Commencement salary of \$40.6135 per hour plus 10% superannuation

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.

## WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Do you want to keep up to date with projects and other goings-on in Wentworth Shire? Wentworth Shire Council is offering a quarterly eNewsletter direct to your email inbox. Keep informed about our projects, future events and more. Scan the QR code with your phone's camera or a QR scanning app to register your interest.



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

## Meeting mentions

### Development applications continue to roll in

For the month of November 2021, a total of 17 Development Applications and one S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning. The estimated value of the determined developments was \$3,687,880.00.

For the month of December 2021, a total of 10 Development Applications and three S4.55 Modification Applications were determined. The estimated value of the determined developments was \$2,344,720.00. This brought the 2021 year to date total to 194 Development Applications and 32 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$32,708,057.00

## Your new Wentworth Shire Council



Wentworth Shire Councillors (from left): back row – Steve Heywood, Brian Beaumont, Greg Evans, Peter Crisp; front – Susan Nichols, Tim Elstone (Mayor), Daniel Linklater (Deputy Mayor) and Jo Rodda. Absent: Councillor Steve Cooper.

Councillor Tim Elstone has been elected Mayor of Wentworth Shire Council at Monday 10 January's Ordinary Council Meeting. Councillor Elstone, who had served as Deputy Mayor since 2016 under the Mayorship of first Melisa Hederics and then Susan Nichols, will be supported by new Councillor Daniel Linklater as his Deputy Mayor. "I look forward to this upcoming term as Mayor," Councillor Elstone said. "With some new faces on Council as well as some more experienced heads it is now time to get to business as we look to the future."

"There are a lot of great projects in the works around Wentworth Shire and I can't wait to see progress on those in the coming months as well as new projects and initiatives we will endorse as a Council." The new Wentworth Shire Council will consist of the Mayor and Deputy Mayor as well as Councillors Susan Nichols, Greg Evans, Steve Heywood and (all returning), Peter Crisp, Jo Rodda, Brian Beaumont and Steve Cooper (all entering their first term on the current Council).

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