

WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL COUNCIL CONNECTS

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

July 2022

Message from the Mayor



It is an exciting step forward for the community to now have the site of our new \$30 million Wentworth Health Service identified.

Since last year's budget announcement, which followed years of advocacy by Council and other bodies, we have been anticipating this next step.

Our new hospital will see health services in Wentworth boosted exponentially.

Once the build is completed there will be many other benefits to the community on top of boosting our health services.

Hospitals need staff, which will bring in more families to our district, in turn boosting the local economy.

I can't wait to see the next stage of progress as we build towards this exciting project.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 17 August 2022 at 6:30pm at the Wentworth Council Chambers.

Members of the public are permitted to attend meetings.

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,

Cr Tim Elstone
MAYOR

COME ALONG AND SUPPORT WENTWORTH WINTER ART FEST



Wentworth Shire Council Mayor Tim Elstone encourages all to come along to the Wentworth Winter Art Fest on Sunday 31 July.

The festival will run from 10:00am until 3:00pm and see Darling Street transformed into a hive of activity for the occasion, with kids art classes, fantastic demonstrations, market stalls, food vans and live entertainment.

"Wentworth has a great local arts scene and it will be great to showcase that to the public,"

Mayor Elstone said.

"After missing out on a lot of events in the past two years this is the chance to get out and enjoy a day with friends and family at this great festival."

Please note Darling Street, Wentworth, will be closed between Sandwyck Street and Adelaide Street for the Wentworth Winter Art Fest on Sunday 31 July.

The closure will be between 9:00am-3:30pm, with detours in place.

WENTWORTH SHOW MOBILE FOOD VANS

Mobile food vendors registered with the Wentworth Show Society for the 2022 Wentworth Show on August 27-28 are also required to apply to Wentworth Shire Council to be permitted to operate at the event. These applications are to be submitted to Council no later than 2 weeks before the event. This will allow Council time to process your applications and issue the relevant permits. Please note that any applications received after this date may not be processed or accepted by Council.

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Meeting mentions

Development applications continue to roll in

For the month of June 2022, a total of nine 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 \$2,078,195.00. This brings the year to date total to 54 Development Applications and 22 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$7,542,713.36

Council endorses formation of Pooncarie Sporting Reserve 6 User Group

At the July Ordinary Meeting Wentworth Shire Council voted to endorse the creation of a User Group for Pooncarie Sporting Reserve 6. The current reserve users consist of the Pooncarie Racing Club, the Pooncarie Gun Club, who hold annual short-term licences to occupy the reserve for their various events. Increased interest by other

community groups has seen the need to create a new Reserve Licence User Group for this reserve.

Licensed User Groups elect a representative to attend a Council run meeting, reporting on individual aspirations of their organisation. Councillor Steve Heywood will be Council's representative on the User Group, with Councillor Jo Rodda the alternate.

The main objective of these meetings is to document and outline the responsibilities of all parties and to formulate a plan for the general running and future improvements of the Reserve.

These meetings also work in an advisory capacity to Council, who at times may be able to assist with the reserves future developments and needs.

Each club enters into an annual licence agreement with Council and will develop a site specific 'Management Plan' of the reserve.

This plan provides a framework to guide the planning and development of the Reserve for a period of 10 years, developed in consultation with Council staff and endorsed by Council.

TransGrid project Buronga camp build nearing completion

SecureEnergy has hit the ground running commencing one of the first milestones of the EnergyConnect Project with the construction of the first camp and laydown area in Buronga, NSW.

The camp and laydown area is nearly 30 hectares in size and when complete in early November will house up to 400 employees.

The site is currently being prepared to house 200 modules, with office space for 70 desks and a laydown yard that will hold site deliveries, general yard operations, a main office and a range of

heavy vehicles.

The main office compound and camp buildings are already starting to roll in, with camp provider APC commencing deliveries from South Australia.

This camp is one of six camps and seven laydown areas that will accommodate over 1,450 staff for the 700km build. Local communities from the SA border to Buronga can expect to see construction activities ramp up over the coming months.

Looking for a career in Local Government?
See our available employment opportunities at
<https://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/council/online-services/employment/>

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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