



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Cr Tim Elstone

As winter comes to a close, we reflect on the local events that bring our community ever closer.

The 'Why Not Winter in Wentworth' campaign driven by Council and Wentworth Regional Tourism drew a number of visitors to the region, as well as local residents, with many attending the locally run workshops and events.

The Wentworth Show again proved a great success. Well done to the Wentworth Show Society and all others involved on a successful day, with many staying in Wentworth to join the festivities at the 'Saturday Night Street Party' in Darling Street.

The 'Winter Art Fest' in Darling Street attracted a range of participants in the 'Recycled Runway', with creative outfits on display. The town was buzzing with activity, with excellent feedback from local businesses and stallholders.

With spring on the horizon, I look forward to welcoming Wentworth Shire residents and visitors to the upcoming events across our region.

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## WENTWORTH SHIRE CELEBRATES NEW AUSTRALIAN CITIZENS

Wentworth Shire has celebrated and conferred four new Australian Citizens at Council Chambers on Wednesday 23 August 2023.

Mr Balraj Singh Brar, Jasnoor Singh Brar and Mrs Amandeep Kaur Sandhu (all of Indian origin) and Mrs Klinruk Robertson (of Thailand origin), were granted their Australian Citizenship status in the formal ceremony.

To mark the special occasion, the conferees were gifted Australian native plants by Wentworth Shire Council and a 2023 Citizenship Commemorative Coin.

"To welcome these individuals in Wentworth Shire as Australian Citizens is a great honour. On behalf of Wentworth Shire, we wish them well in their future endeavours. Congratulations on this special occasion," Wentworth Shire Council Mayor Tim Elstone said.



### 2023 Australia Day Award Winners

Gwen Wilkinson (2023 Citizen of the Year)  
Daniel Hawkins (2023 Young Citizen of the Year)  
Rebecca (Bec) Marshall (2023 Sportsperson of the Year)  
Kalesita Burton (2023 Young Sportsperson of the Year)



2024  
Australia Day  
Award Nominations  
**OPEN**

To nominate an individual, community group or organisation for a 2024 Australia Day Award, complete the nomination form: [wentworth.nsw.gov.au/nominate](http://wentworth.nsw.gov.au/nominate)

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE: 5:00PM, WEDNESDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2023**





# WENTWORTH winter art fest

The Wentworth Winter Art Fest was a huge hit for locals and visitors alike, with over 1000 people visiting Darling Street over the course of the day on Sunday 30 July.

Proudly funded by West Darling Arts, the Wentworth Winter Art Fest was hosted with the aim to showcase the many local artists within the region, showcasing their artwork and product creations through displays and demonstrations.

Running for the second year in a row, attendees enjoyed the perfect weather by relaxing in the sun, enjoying some of the great food from Enjoy Catering, Verdict pop up catering, Scad's Cruisin Cafe', The Van, Wentworth Public School P&C Sausage Sizzle and the many local businesses who were open throughout the day.

Fantastic entertainment was provided throughout the day with cultural performances, Stray Notes and the Sunraysia Community Choir, dance performances by Sunraysia Dance Academy, acoustic duo Nev N Toni and the highlight, the Recycled Runway Fashion Show.

The Recycled Runway Fashion Show was a new addition to this years event, with thirteen entries in total for both categories – the under 16s and main event.

Some amazing creations were put together by some very talented locals, with the entries Plastic Fantastic, Coronation, Black Swan, Ned Kelly Can all winning a prize.

The outfits were put together using all recycled materials including corrugated iron, mesh, wire, aluminium cans, cardboard, old fabric and more.

Fun was had by all ages with many kids activities including balloon animals, face painting, lego building, caricature drawings, a scavenger hunt, amazing sidewalk chalk drawings by Dee Craig and free art classes run by Steve and Anne Hederics – plus some fun for the adults with the free Paint + Sip sessions held at Lock10 & Weir Restaurant.

Wentworth Shire Council would like to thank everyone for their attendance and their tremendous support to the local businesses and stallholders throughout the day. A huge thank you is also extended to West Darling Arts for making this event possible and bringing to light the fabulous artists we have in our region.

Wentworth Shire Council hopes to continue to host this event again in the future.





# 2023 MILDURA WENTWORTH COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL

## TWILIGHT EVENT

MARKET STALLS | LATE NIGHT SHOPPING | LIVE MUSIC

### FRIDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2023

3:30PM - 7:30PM

DARLING STREET, WENTWORTH



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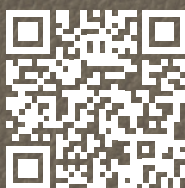
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[experiencewentworth.com.au](http://experiencewentworth.com.au)



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*and surrounds*

Wentworth  
SHIRE COUNCIL



## EXERCISE 'BALLET'

Emergency services in Wentworth Shire tested their skills on Wednesday 16 August at Wentworth Aerodrome while undertaking 'Exercise Ballet'. The multi-agency emergency management exercise was conducted by Wentworth Shire LEMC with the aim of testing the capability, cooperation, coordination and communication between rescue agencies within the footprint of the Wentworth Shire LGA.

In accordance with the Wentworth Aerodrome Emergency Plan, emergency services were put to the test in response to a simulated airport emergency and rescue incident. Participants of the simulation included; NSW Police Force, NSW Ambulance, Fire and Rescue NSW, NSW Rural Fire Service and Sunraysia Collaboration with the Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health.

The simulated emergency scenario involved an aircraft with two occupants that had failed to land safely on the tarmac at Wentworth Aerodrome. As a result of the impact, the occupants are trapped with a minor fuel spill surrounding the aircraft.

Role playing as the trapped occupants were nursing students Sam and Luci from Sunraysia Collaboration with the Broken Hill University Department of Rural Health.

The objectives of the exercise were to; test the Wentworth Aerodrome Emergency Plan, to test the response of emergency services to an emergency at Wentworth Aerodrome, to test the call out procedures for an emergency at Wentworth Aerodrome and to test the interagency communication at a rescue.

General Manager of Wentworth Shire Council, Mr. Ken Ross observed the exercise as LEMO-Support Exercise Director and was pleased with the response and coordination amongst the emergency services teams.



Baby BOUNCE	0-24 MONTHS	Toddler STORY TIME	18-36 MONTHS	Sensory STORY TIME	3-10 YEARS	STEM IN OUR WORLD	5-12 YEARS
An interactive, early literacy program specially developed for children 0-2 years of age.		Stimulate your child's imagination and help develop their language and literacy skills.		Discover new stories, songs and a variety of sensory experiences, with a focus on neurodiversity.		Explore the library after school with the fun science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics activities.	
Weekly - every Friday		Weekly - every Thursday		Fortnightly (Mondays)		Fortnightly	
10:00am Wentworth and Midway Libraries		10:00am Wentworth and Midway Libraries		10:00am Wentworth and Midway Libraries		3:45pm, Monday Midway Library	
11:00am Dareton Library						3:45pm, Wednesday Dareton Library	

Would you like to join other activities with Wentworth Shire Libraries?

Join a book club, social sewing and craft group, school holiday activities or the Wentworth walking club.

All ages are welcome in our libraries.

Contact your community library for further information.

follow:



your community library Dareton (03) 5027 4258 | Midway (03) 5027 7060 | Pooncarie (03) 5029 5318 | Wentworth (03) 5027 5060

Wentworth Shire Libraries provide free & accessible programs that contribute to lifelong literacy & learning. For further information, scan the QR code or visit: [wentworth.nsw.gov.au/library](http://wentworth.nsw.gov.au/library)

**Library**  
WENTWORTH SHIRE LIBRARIES

## USING & UNDERSTANDING

# YOUR ELECTRICITY



Wentworth Shire Libraries will be running information sessions on **using and understanding your electricity app**.



### Attendees will need to:

- bring their smart phone/tablet/ipad
- bring their latest bill
- have access to their email account

### The session will cover:

- how to download your electricity app
- how to monitor your usage
- making a payment
- estimating your bill

### INFORMATION SESSIONS:

**Wentworth Library | Ph: (03) 5027 5060**  
Monday 4 September @ 6:00pm

**Midway Library (03) 5027 7060**  
Tuesday 5 September @ 6:00pm

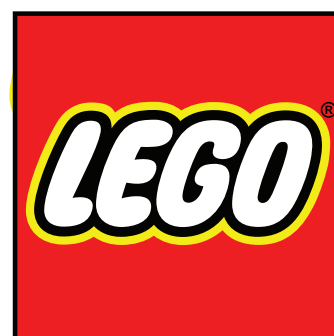
**Dareton Library (03) 5027 4258**  
Wednesday 6 September @ 6:00pm

To reserve your **FREE** spot, call the library branch above.

The sessions will be run in small groups. Bookings are essential. If the above information sessions do not suit, please talk to the library staff who are happy to help.

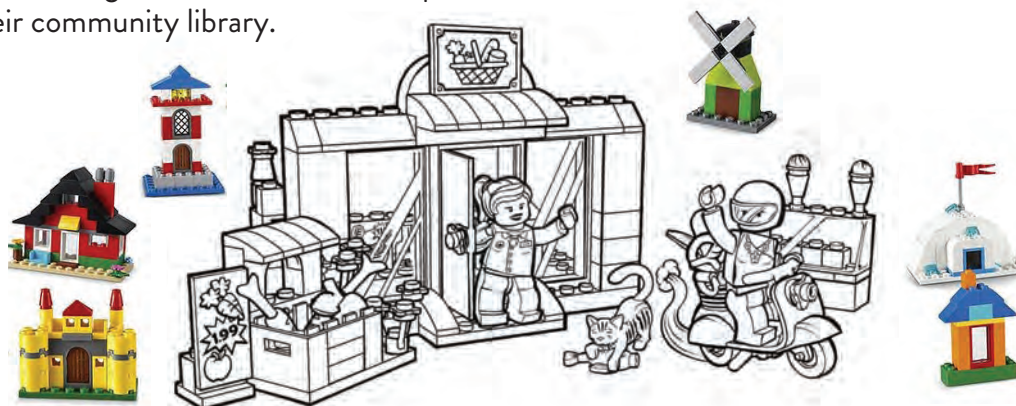


# BUILD, *paint* & COLOUR with



Build a LEGO person, Paint with LEGO or Colour in at Wentworth Shire Libraries during the September/October school holidays.

Children and parents will get a hands on LEGO experience with others at their community library.



## SESSIONS

Midway Library | (03) 5027 7060  
Monday 25 September @ 11:00am

Wentworth Library | Ph: (03) 5027 5060  
Wednesday 27 September @ 10:00am

Dareton Library | (03) 5027 4258  
Friday 29 September @ 2:00pm



# BLUEY THEMED party

Wentworth Shire Libraries will be running a Bluey themed party during the September/October school holidays.

Children and parents are encouraged to dress up as their favourite character and enjoy an experience with others at their community library.



## SESSIONS

**Midway Library | (03) 5027 7060**  
Wednesday 4 October @ 1:00pm

**Wentworth Library | Ph: (03) 5027 5060**  
Friday 6 October @ 10:00am

**Dareton Library | (03) 5027 4258**  
Friday 6 October @ 2:00pm

# Arumpo Road Reconstruction and Upgrade

Arumpo Road will receive a 24.52km upgrade in 2024. The \$6.25 million project is jointly funded by Wentworth Shire Council and the Australian Federal Government as part of the Remote Roads Upgrade Pilot Program.

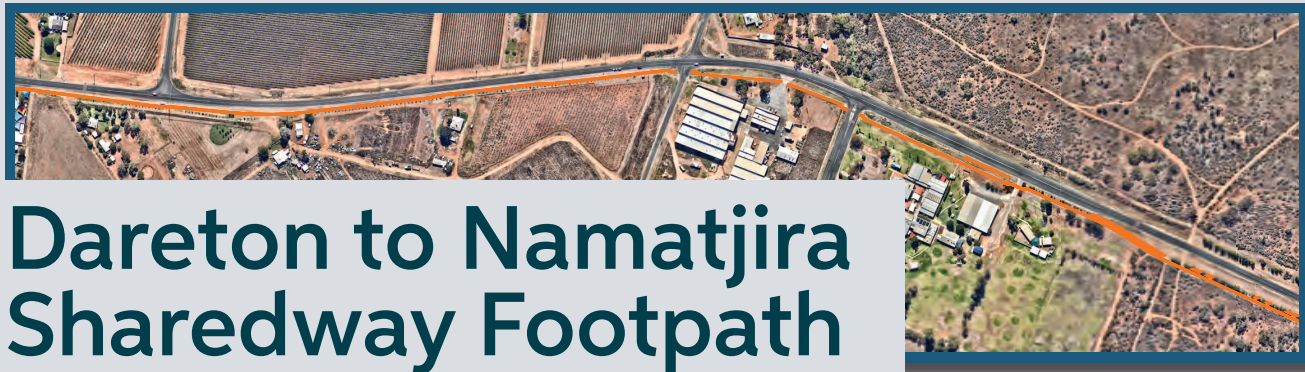
The project will include a survey and design, earthworks to reinstate formation and improve drainage, 150mm sub-base overlaid with 150mm basecourse, two coat bitumen seal and line marking.



The project is due to commence in March 2024, with an estimated completion by November 2024.



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## Dareton to Namatjira Sharedway Footpath

### Key features of the project:

- New 2.5 metre wide asphalt sharedway from the intersection of Hawdon Street and Tapio Street to Namatjira Avenue following the existing alignment.
- Widening of existing section of concrete path between Pump Station Road and Tallawalla Road.
- Installation of solar lighting along the length of the sharedway.
- Installation of bench seating along sharedway

### Expected outcomes:

- Upgrade of existing facility to improve useful life and amenity.
- Improved safety for sharedway users.

**Funded by:** \$528,000 - Get NSW Active 2023/24

This project is expected to be completed by 30 June 2024.





# Junction Island Bridge Upgrade

## Key features of the project:

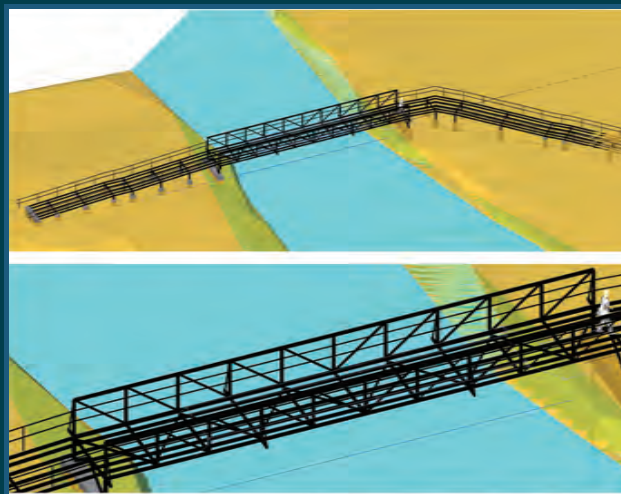
The new Junction Island Bridge will provide wheelchair suitable access to Junction Island.

The bridge will have clearance to the water level to allow continued movement between the Murray and Darling Rivers by small craft.

## Expected outcomes:

- Improved community access to Junction Island.
- Improved amenity of the Ski Reserve public area.
- Improved safety for access to Junction Island.

**Funded by:** \$300,000 - Resources for Regions – Round 7



Project completion anticipated by 30 November 2023



# Buronga Pump Track Stage 2

## Key features of the project:

Adjacent to the Buronga Pump Track, Stage 2 will look to continue on from Stage 1 of the Pump Track by providing the community with a more advanced course.

## Expected outcomes:

The works will include additional asphalt tracks in the Buronga Riverfront area, new toilet amenities and minor landscaping will also be undertaken to link back to Stage 1.

**Funded by:** \$400,000- Resources for Regions – Round 9



Project completion anticipated by early 2025



## ROAD CLOSURES

Darling Street, Wharf Street & Adelaide Street, Wentworth

An upcoming event is set to be held in a section of Darling Street, Wentworth.

'Country Music Festival Twilight Event' will be held on Friday 29 September from 3:30pm - 7:30pm. Street closures will be in effect from 2:30pm - 8:30pm.

Logistics for this event will require a section of Darling Street, Wharf Street and Adelaide Street to be closed for the above mentioned time and date.

### Closures include:

- Darling Street from the Darling and Sandwyck Street intersection to Willowbend Caravan Park.
- Wharf Street at the Darling Street intersection.
- Adelaide Street from the river to John Egge Lane, leaving the U-turn point free for cars to turn around.



## WENTWORTH SHIRE ROAD CONDITIONS

Wentworth Shire Council provides and maintains an extensive road network.

Covering an area of 2,626,926 hectares (26,000 sq km), the network consists of over sealed (599km) and unsealed (1,429km) road.

Road crews are committed to planning ahead to complete road and traffic upgrades to create an integrated traffic network that meets demands.

Regular road health checks and scheduled maintenance works are carried out to ensure the road network is safe and accessible for motorists.

To view the latest Road Condition Report, scan the QR code or visit the Council website. [wentworth.nsw.gov.au/road-condition-report](http://wentworth.nsw.gov.au/road-condition-report)

**Green Waste Disposal Voucher**  
Dispose of domestic green waste (up to a trailer load) for FREE

UNIQUE VOUCHER IDENTIFIER  
2324-01

PRESENT THIS VOUCHER TO THE WEIGHBRIDGE OPERATOR

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION:  
Council on 03 5027 5027, or  
Buronga Landfill on 03 5022 0145

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This voucher must be redeemed by close of business, Sunday 30 June 2024 at:  
Buronga Landfill, Dareton Transfer Station or Wentworth Transfer Station

Council has a green waste disposal initiative providing households in the Wentworth Shire the opportunity to dispose of up to a trailer load of domestic green waste for free at the Buronga, Dareton and Wentworth waste facilities.

*Note: TWO (2) Green Waste Disposal Vouchers available per eligible household.*

For further information and to check your eligibility, visit [wentworth.nsw.gov.au/gwdv](http://wentworth.nsw.gov.au/gwdv)

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### LEASE OF WENTWORTH CARAVAN PARK

Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably experienced operators to occupy a 21 year Crown Lease over the Wentworth Caravan Park.

Expressions of Interest documents can be obtained by contacting Council on (03) 5027 5027 – enquiries to General Manager, Ken Ross.

Expressions of Interest must be lodged by 12:00pm, Tuesday 12 September 2023, by email to: [council@wentworth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@wentworth.nsw.gov.au)

### COUNTRY MUSIC FESTIVAL TWILIGHT EVENT

Wentworth Shire Council is now taking expressions of interest for stallholders for the 2023 Country Music Festival Twilight Event, hosted in Darling Street on Friday 29 September from 3:30pm - 7:30pm.

New guidelines and fees apply.

For further information or to express interest in advertised events, email: [events@wentworth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:events@wentworth.nsw.gov.au)



# Looking for a career in Local Government?

To be a part of Wentworth Shire Council's future development, find out more about our current vacancies on the Council website.

Council employs people across a range of occupations and are always looking for passionate, dedicated individuals to join our team.

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- Accountant
  - Administration Officer
  - Assets Inspector/Officer
  - Biosecurity Officer
  - Building Surveyor
  - Civil Works
  - Companion Animals Officer
  - Compliance and Enforcement Officer
  - Customer Service Officer
  - Economic and Community Development Officer
  - Engineer
  - Environmental Health Officer
  - Executive Assistant
  - Finance Officer  
(Payroll, Rates, Accounts Payable)
  - Gardener
  - Governance Officer
  - Human Resources Officer
  - Labourer/Plant Operator
  - Land Tenure Officer
  - Landfill Attendant
  - Leading Hand
  - Library Officer
  - Marketing and Communications Officer
  - Plant Operator
    - Truck
    - Water Cart
    - Roller
    - Dozer
    - Grader
  - Records Officer
  - Road Safety Officer
  - Road Construction and Maintenance
  - Strategic Development Officer
  - Store Person
  - Subdivision Engineer/Officer
  - Tourism/Events Officer
  - Water and Waste Water Operator
  - Welder
  - Work Health and Safety Officer
  - Workshop Mechanic

To view current vacancies, contact Glen Norris, Manager Human Resources  
P: (03) 5027 5027 | E: [human.resources@wentworth.nsw.gov.au](mailto:human.resources@wentworth.nsw.gov.au)  
or go to [wentworth.nsw.gov.au/employment](http://wentworth.nsw.gov.au/employment)

## GRANTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

For the latest grant programs available, please visit:



**Helen Dalton MP**  
[grantguru.com/au/helendalton](http://grantguru.com/au/helendalton)



**Sussan Ley**  
**Federal Member for Farrer**  
[sussanley.com/grants-and-funding-news](http://sussanley.com/grants-and-funding-news)



**Wentworth Shire Council**  
[wentworth.nsw.gov.au/community/grants/](http://wentworth.nsw.gov.au/community/grants/)

## UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Meetings are normally held on the third Wednesday of each month from 7:00pm at the Council Chambers.

The Ordinary Council meeting is from 7:00pm Wednesday 20 September 2023 at the Council Chambers.

Members of the public are invited to attend meetings. You can also view the live public sessions of each Council meeting on Facebook.

To view previous meeting minutes, agendas and recordings, visit [wentworth.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings](http://wentworth.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings)

### Council grants financial assistance

At the June 2023 Council Meeting, Council approved an allocation of \$200,000.00 for the 2023/2024 financial year for consideration by Council, for the funding of requests from the community for financial assistance.

The total value of requests approved by Council in August totals \$33,374.80.

In this current application period, there have been seven (7) requests for assistance received from community organisations.

**\$5,000.00**

Royal Flying Doctor Service  
Operation Pelican Inc

**\$5,000.00**

Pooncarie Racing Club Inc

**\$5,000.00**

Pooncarie Public School

**\$3,874.80**

Men in a Shed Dareton Inc

**\$5,000.00**

Wentworth Area Landcare Inc

**\$5,000.00**

Wentworth Show Society Inc

**\$4,500.00**

Gol Gol Community Band

### Development Applications

For the month of July 2023, a total of nine (9) Development Applications and two (2) S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$1,607,120.00. This brings the year to date total to sixty-six (66) Development Applications and twenty-one (21) S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$10,671,906.00.

### Financial Assistance Program Open for 2023/2024

Applications for the second round of funding for the 2023/24 financial year are now open.

Community groups, school groups, charitable and not-for-profit organisations within our Shire should consider their funding requests for the 2023/24 financial year.

To be considered at the November Ordinary Council Meeting, applications must be submitted to Council by Monday 30 October.

For further information or to apply for financial assistance, visit [wentworth.nsw.gov.au/community/community-grants](http://wentworth.nsw.gov.au/community/community-grants)

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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



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