

Parliamentary Delegations

Mayor Bill Sheaffe, Deputy Mayor Mick Rutledge and General Manager Allen Dwyer attended Parliament House Sydney on Thursday 6th April for several organised meetings with Ministers seeking support and funding for various proposals as follows:-

The Hon Adam Marshall MP Minister for Tourism and Major Events – The Minister was appraised of the importance of tourism as a major economic factor in the community and the need to have National Parks available and open to the public to further enhance visitor experiences. The matter of releasing a major proportion of the Nimmie Caira wetlands for commercial activities as a matter of urgency was also discussed with Mr Marshall. The Minister undertook to pursue the matters raised.

The Hon Rick Colless MLC Parliamentary Secretary for Natural Resources and Western NSW – Mr Colless MLC was pleased to hear Council concerns and offered to take all matters raised to the responsible Ministers. Rick has been a strong supporter of issues raised by Council in the past.

The Hon Niall Blair MLC Minister for Primary Industries, Minister for Regional Water, Minister for Trade and Industry and Deputy Leader of the Nationals - Minister Blair extended a cordial approach to Council delegates and assured the representatives that the bulk of the Nimmie Caira area would be released for commercial activity in the near future. He also expressed confidence that the new sewerage treatment plant would receive an offer of subsidy in the near future.

The Hon Bronnie Taylor MLC – Ms Taylor MLC was appointed to the position of Parliamentary Secretary for Southern NSW and Regional Communications on 25th August 2016. Ms Taylor undertook to pursue funding opportunities for Council, particularly in regard to the airport costs of resealing and fencing and the upgrading of playground equipment and facilities. Ms Taylor requested Council provide a detailed submission in these matters.

The Hon Melinda Pavey MP Minister for Roads, Maritime and Freight - Minister Pavey was appointed to this portfolio from 30th January 2017 and expressed understanding and support for Council concerns regarding B-Double access to the Highways, reconstruction of Lachlan Street Hay and the replacement of the Maude Bridge. A suggestion was made that the upgrade of intersections of Shire Roads with Highways could be funded through the Fixing Country Roads program. Council staff will make further submissions in the matter. The Minister also undertook to review the matter of reconstruction of Lachlan Street and visit Hay in the near future.

In summary, the Council delegation was well received and all submissions attracted positive comment. Council will monitor the issues and prepare appropriate detailed submissions to support the applications for funding.

\$150,000 NSW GOVERNMENT FUNDING FOR HAY LIBRARY

Member for Murray Adrian Piccoli has announced \$150,000 of funding under the NSW Government's 2016/17 Public Libraries Infrastructure Grant program for the extension of the Hay Shire Library.

The funds will be used by Council to increase the Library's public space, provide flexible furniture arrangements, deliver information and technology projects and offer co-operative library development activities to increase the services offered at the library.

The Public Library Infrastructure Grants program is administered by the State Library of NSW on behalf of the Library Council of NSW.

The John Houston Memorial Swimming Pool will close for the season on 18th April 2017

Youth Week 2017

Youth Week 2017 kicked off with a Pop Up Youth Centre for 10-17 year olds at the Hay Park on Tuesday. Those that popped in to the youth centre enjoyed many types of games and sports, movies, music, snacks, to name a few things. On Wednesday a bus load of Hay youth headed to Griffith to watch 'Boss Baby' at the cinema followed by ten pin bowling. Thank you to the kids that participated and were well behaved.



Giant Chess and Connect Four, and the Playstations were popular at the Pop Up Youth Centre

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EVENTS

April

- 15 Hay Gun Club Easter Shoot
- 15 Shear Outback Hay Yard Dog Trial
- 28 Operation Art 2017
- 29 Community Markets
- 29 SSAA Hay Branch Clays State Titles - Day 1
- 30 SSAA Hay Branch Clays State Titles - Day 2

2017 HALL OF FAME INDUCTION

15TH & 16TH APRIL

SHEAR OUTBACK

Includes:

- Inductions
- Yard Dog Trials
- Demonstrations



Tristar Medical Service

Tristar Medical Service Hay now have flu and shingles vaccines available. Australia Hearing will be visiting the clinic on 12th May and bookings are essential for this service. Please contact Tristar Hay on 6993 1900 to make an appointment or for further information on these services.

Note from Tristar: Tristar Medical Group Doctors and staff would like to wish Dr Soban and his family all the best. Dr Soban and his family will leave Hay on the 13th April 2017 and will be sorely missed by the Staff and patients of Hay.

Council will be making representation to Tristar to have Dr Soban replaced as soon as possible.

Library News

Visiting Author: The Hay Library will be hosting a visit from best selling Australian author Tricia Stringer on Wednesday 10th May commencing at 2.00pm. Tricia's visit to Hay is part of a promotional tour for her new book 'Jewel in the North'. Anyone interested in meeting with Trish are more than welcome to come along.

Knitting: Next Knit In will be on Wednesday 19th April. Keen knitters are invited to join the Knit In's.

Scrabble Group: Scrabble session will be held Wednesday 26th April.

Children's Reading: Children's reading and activities held every Tuesday commencing at 10.30am.

Easter Garbage Collection & Waste Arrangements: The arrangements for garbage over the Easter period is as follows:-

- There will be no household garbage collection on Easter Monday. Households that normally have their bins emptied on a Monday will be picked up Tuesday 18th April and those that normally have their bins emptied on a Tuesday will be picked up on Wednesday 19th April.
- The Waste Transfer will close at 4pm on Thursday 13th April to allow for clean out (instead of the usual Friday clean out).
- On Good Friday (14th April) the Waste Transfer Station will open at 7.30am and close at 6pm.

Anzac Day Garbage Collection Arrangements: There will not be any domestic waste pickup from residences on Tuesday 25th April due to Anzac Day Public Holiday. Residents that normally have their bins emptied on the Tuesday will now have them collected on Wednesday 26th April.

Council Works in Progress

The status of Council's operations is as follows:

- Grading – Main Road 501 reconstruct and seal works. A primer seal to the first 2.5km of the 5km project was applied 8/3/17. The remaining 2.5km is currently being reconstructed in preparation for a primer seal on Wednesday 5/4/17.
- Grading – Bairds Lane Reconstruct and seal has commenced. The sealing of the road will take place the week commencing 3rd April.
- Bridges – Replacement of two small timber bridges with large concrete culverts on MR 319 between Maude and Ravensworth. The culvert cells are in place with the roadworks to be carried out over the next few weeks.
- Gravel re-sheeting – Gravel re-sheeting a 7km section of the Booligal/Gunbar Road.
- Gravel re-sheeting – Gravel re-sheeting a 4.5km section of Ti-Tree Road.
- Weeds – Property inspection are being conducted.
- Trees – Removal of the trees in the Hay Park pond enclosure.

UNAUTHORISED BUILDING WORKS

A number of unauthorised buildings, particularly sheds, have been identified not only in town but in the rural areas as well. If you have erected a shed (or any building) that you may not have sought approval for through Council, please contact us. A grace period of 8 weeks will be given to allow you to contact Council about your unauthorised building, before notices will be sent to the owner of the property.

Unauthorised buildings can have insurance implications for the owner, and can impact the sale of a property as Council won't necessarily issue a Building Certificate for all unauthorised buildings.

2017 Rural Womens Award

Congratulations to Sandra Ireson on winning the 2017 Rural Womens Award.

Sandra was nominated for starting the Hay Inc. Rural Education Program, which provides hands-on training, mentoring and networking for young people starting out in primary industries.

Sandra will now go on to compete for the National RIRDC Rural Women's Award later this year at Parliament House, Canberra.

Mobile Breast Screening Van

The NSW mobile breast screening van will be in Hay on Monday 15th May. It will be located at the Hay Park (near the community building) and is a free service available to women between the ages of 50-74.

For appointments call 13 20 50

Are you a HACC client?

If you are frail aged or disabled, or care for someone who is frail aged or disabled (who lives in their own home), you may be entitled to receive the assistance of the HACC services.

If you feel you may be in need of HACC services, call down to the HACC offices at the Library Complex and discuss your needs with either Paula or Rebecca. An assessment will be carried out to determine your eligibility to receive these services.

The HACC office is located at Offices 1 and 2, Hay Library 204-216 Lachlan Street, Hay. Alternatively you can give the staff a call on 6993 3222 or 6993 2297.

Meals on Wheels Roster

17 April	Rosemary Pedley & Lee-Ann Everett
18 April	Helen O'Brien & Annette Pocock
19 April	Sue Vitucci & Partner
20 April	Wendy Heerey & Nerida Reid
21 April	Di Smith, Maria Langley, Bub Martinelli
24 April	Laurie & Carol Tighe
25 April	Shirley Wall, Lyn Murphy & Ellen Zambon
26 April	Roy & Christine Sullivan
27 April	Jenny Sheaffe & Marg Harvey
28 April	Maria Kouroulis & Anna Antonakas

Meals to be picked up by 11.45am from Riverina Hotel.

If volunteers notice any discrepancies between this list and the one provided by HACC please refer to your HACC roster.