

EVENTS

February

- 4 Fingerling Release
- 4-5 Hay Lions Fishing Competition
- 11 2 Hay FM Trash & Treasure
- 18 Hay Night Rodeo
- 19 Cottoning on the Murrumbidgee River
- 25 Hay Scouts & Community Markets
- 25 Little A's Trivia Night

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on events visit

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New Minister for Local Government

Welcome to our new Minister for Local Government the Honorary Gabrielle Upton MP Member for Vacluse and the former Attorney General in the Baird government. The new Minister has undertaken to listen to the voice of communities, a commitment which will be tested in light of the impending mergers at the conclusion of various court challenges.

New Premier, the Hon Gladys Berejiklian MP, has also committed to look after small communities as well as major cities.



New Sewer Treatment Plant

Plans for the new Sewer Treatment Plan are almost ready to go to tender. The replacement of the existing treatment plant is essential as the 75 year old existing facility is in danger of imminent failure. It is estimated the new plant will take about twelve months to complete at a cost of \$4.5M-\$6M. Council has been planning for this project for many years and has built up cash reserves of \$2.2M in the sewer fund.

Council is vigorously pursuing State and Federal Governments for assistance by way of a 50% subsidy towards the capital cost. Depending upon the success of these endeavours the cost of the new sewer charge for residential assessments will rise by between \$97 and \$250 per annum. A 50% subsidy will result in an increase of \$95 per annum whereas no subsidy will result in an increase of \$249.

Council is confident it can obtain a 50% subsidy for this essential project.

Australia Day Celebrations!

Hay's Australia Day Celebrations kicked off to a great start with the traditional Gaol Breakfast and Award Ceremony. Congratulations to all award winners, especially Hay's Citizens of the Year Marg Tighe and Ron Headdon. All award recipients were very deserving of their accolade.

The John Houston Memorial Pool had a great crowd of families attend the afternoon celebrations and there was no better way to cool off on Australia Day. There were plenty of activities such as inflatable obstacle courses and chalk drawing competitions to keep everyone entertained.

Thank you to all volunteers who assisted at both these events, your help was appreciated by the community.

Congratulations to the following competition entrants:-

Chalk Drawing Competition

Under 5 years- First: Juno Gethin; Encouragement: Alanah Lauer. Under 8 years- Equal First: Tanya Dave and Clare Lauer; Encouragement: George Deacon. Under 12 Years- First: Clementine Fouche; Encouragement: Ella Jackson, Indy Wilson, Rory Moorhouse, and Glory Nauer. 13 years and over- First: Brandy Deacon; Encouragement: Courtney Turner and Kayla Rickus.

Colouring in Competition

Under 5 years- First: Tyler Browne; Encouragement: Giselle Gill. Under 8 years- First: Charlotte Baird; Encouragement: Lane Stewart. Under 12 years- First: Caragh Gillian; Encouragement: Emily Cai. 13 years and Over- First: Kate Pingiaro; Encouragement: Beckie Lund.

Photos: Top Right - Pierre Terblanche flying through an inflatable obstacle course. **Right** - The chalk drawing competition underway with some very creative designs.



Know Your Council:-

Mayor Cr Bill Sheaffe
Deputy Mayor Cr Michael Rutledge

Councillors: Jasen Crighton, Jenny Dwyer, Peter Dwyer, Robert Howard, Dave Townsend, Kevin Walter

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SHIRE SNIPPETS

Council Works in Progress

Construction works have commenced (or are ongoing) on:

Irrigation – Replacement of irrigation on number one oval in Hay Park.

Street Furniture – Replacement of aged timber seating with recycled plastic seating in Hay CBD.

Cycleway – Construction of cycleway in Moppett Street near St Marys.

Rural Road Works - reconstruct and seal works on MR319.

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Rural Road Works - reconstruct and seal on Rye Lane east.

Town Streets - Reconstruction works in various town street locations.

Town Streets - Sealed pavement patching in urban areas and Regional Roads.

Sewer Manholes – Replacement of sewer manhole lids in Murray Street. Commencement of manhole refurbishment in Murray Street 30th January.

Council Office – Refurbishment of the Council front office continues.

Dog Pound – Extension of the animal shelter at the pound continues.

Weeds – Spraying khaki weed throughout park areas and town lanes.

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Stormwater Pit - New stormwater pit installation on the corner of Edward and Macauley Streets.

Vacant Myers Lane Unit

Council has a vacancy at the Myers Lane Self Care Units, Myers Lane, Hay. Applications are invited and will be received at Councils administration centre, 134 Lachlan Street, Hay. Application forms and further information can be obtained from Councils office.

Any prospective applicants must undergo a medical assessment prior to entering a tenancy agreement for a unit. Applications will close 5.00 pm on 17th February 2017.

Please contact Councils administration centre at 134 Lachlan Street if you have any enquiries.

Business and Community Groups

This is the last chance for businesses or community groups to update their details for inclusion in the Business and Community Directory on the new website.

If you want your business or community group details included on the new website when it goes live, you need to complete a Business and Community Directory Details form as soon as possible and return it to the Council Administration Centre or Visitors Information Centre. Forms are available from Council's website, Administration office, or the Hay Visitor Information Centre.

Vehicle Replacement

Applications are invited and will be received up to Friday 10th February for the replacement and or independent purchase of the following vehicle:

- 2015 Nissan Pulsar Sedan, registration number BZ26GM, travelled approximately 62,000km

The vehicle has been used by the Home and Community Services Department and is in excellent condition. All quotations including those for private purchase, must be made on the specification form which is available from Council's office or www.hay.nsw.gov.au.

Library News

Knitting: Next Knit In's will be on Wednesday 8th and 22nd February. Keen knitters are invited to join the Knit In's.

Scrabble Group: Scrabble session will be held Wednesday 15th February 2017.

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

Science Kits: The library has new science kits for children to borrow. The kits come complete with the necessary items to conduct experiments based on sound, light, magnets, astronomy and water to name a few.

Intereach—Services

Moneycare: Moneycare is the Salvation Army's free financial counselling service for individuals, couples and families.

Moneycare Financial Counsellor Geraldine Jackson visits Hay Community Hub the 3rd Thursday of each month from 10 till 3pm. This is a drop in service, no appointment necessary.

Ability Links: Ability Links works with disabled, their families and their carer's. Contact Liz Matthews 0437906843 Or call into Hub on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Centrelink (Hay): Opening Times 9.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Friday

Meals on Wheels

- 6 Feb Zelda Rutledge & Kellie Rutledge -Robson
- 7 Feb Gary & Jenny Clark
- 8 Feb Gaylene Stephens & Jenny Rankin
- 9 Feb Peter Casperson & Laurie McIlwraith
- 10 Feb Jenny Bunyan, Helen Rogers & Gayle Griffiths
- 13 Feb Trish Desailly & Liz Gibson
- 14 Feb Lyn Schiller & Marg Robinson
- 15 Feb RMS—Debbie, Serena & Cara
- 16 Feb Robyn Howard & Irene Christensen
- 17 Feb Commonwealth Bank Staff

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.

FREE Workshop Introduction to Grant Writing

Regional Development Australia Riverina & Murrumbidgee Landcare are pleased to present a FREE workshop—Introduction to Grantwriting which aims to provide core skills for volunteers, staff and fundraisers in writing successful grant applications for your community organisation.

DATE: Monday 13th February

TIME: 5.30pm—8.30pm

VENUE: Training Room 2, TAFE RI Hay

REGISTER: Contact Annabel Lugsdin on 0428 549 647 or alugsdin@mli.org.au
Limited spaces!

Cottoning on to the Murrumbidgee

You are invited to a fun family day kayaking and exploring the local river and its wildlife. Come and see what special guests Taronga Zoo have bought for you to look at! Kayaks and PFD's provided, along with a free morning tea and BBQ lunch.

WHEN: Sunday 19th February

TIME: 9.30am—2.30pm

WHERE: Hay Weir, Maude Road

RSVP: Kerri Keely on 0428 396 826 or kkeely@mli.org.au by 3rd February.
Spaces are limited!