

COUNCIL NEWS



LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL

SAIL YOUR TALE ON LEETONS HERITAGE

Council will soon be inviting the community to share their story about our history on Council's Have Your Say Website.

Funding has been received to construct 4 - 6 artworks in public places in Yanco, Leeton and Whitton which will be used as Heritage Stations.

Council will be working with Western Riverina Arts to invite artists and designers to submit concept designs for these artworks in the coming months.

A heritage sign will be displayed on each of these artworks, that depict an interesting aspect or tell an interesting story about our heritage.

Do you have a story to share? Stories might show how we used the environment, what places we visited, how we lived or what we built or wrote.

To sail your tale please contact Councils Planning and Environment Manager Kelly Tyson or email council@leeton.nsw.gov.au

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NEWS FROM THE MAYOR



It has once again been a very busy time as Mayor of Leeton Shire Council.

This month I was part of a Water Augmentation Enquiry with Federal Government representatives where as Mayor I put in a submission on behalf of our Shire. This enquiry also gave all of the different key stakeholders in our region an opportunity to express their water related concerns.

Over a couple of weekends during March my fellow Councillors and I have participated in Councillor Day Trips as part of educating ourselves better about the various important issues in our Shire. One of the day trips focused on Shire roads. It is imperative that we as an elected body are aware of the various categories and conditions of roads within our Shire in order to make informed decisions on roads that need urgent attention and those that need to have a clear plan for maintenance put in place moving forward.

It was also great for our Councillors led by senior staff to be taken on a guided tour of the Leeton Resource Recovery Centre (Landfill) as part of one of our Councillor Site inspections. It was excellent to see how this service operates on site and it is important that Council continue to visit these sites as a group periodically to keep up to speed with latest works being undertaken.

My wife Julie and I had the privilege of attending the Royal Far West Fundraising Dinner held recently. This event raised over \$3000 with all the proceeds going towards assisting children and families in our community with learning

and health needs. The effort put in by our local committee here in Leeton in partnership with local schools has been a significant factor in the success thus far of this group. Keep up the great work.

I also attended the Tocal Graduation Day at Yanco Agricultural Institute. It is certainly encouraging to see the wide range of training and development pathways being offered at this facility.

In my role as Chair of the Murray Darling Association (MDA) Region 9, Leeton recently hosted the latest meeting of this committee. Murray Darling Basin Association (MDBA) Regional Engagement Officer Liz Stott along with representatives from DPI Water and the Office of Environment and Heritage gave presentations at the meeting. These presentations provided the delegates from neighbouring Councils with a better understanding of the current water and environmental related issues and outcomes.

And lastly, I would like to congratulate the organisers and thank the many volunteers of the 24-hour Mega Swim, Yanco Agricultural High School Gala Day and Leeton Bidgee Classic events held recently. Your contributions to ensuring these fantastic annual community events run so smoothly certainly don't go unnoticed by Council. Well done one and all.

Take care and best wishes until my April Mayoral Update. **Mayor Cr Paul Maytom.**

NEW CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

Council is currently advertising for:-

- Director of Corporate and Community
 - Director of Environment and Engineering
- Please see jobs at www.leeton.nsw.gov.au

COME ON BOARD FOR BETTER DESIGNED PLACES AND SPACES

There are significant reforms proposed to planning legislation in NSW. One of the key reforms aims to encourage better urban design.

Leeton Council will be hoping the community, developers and designers will come on board and work together to encourage best practice to promote more sustainable development and development that contributes to civic pride and the environment.

Whether you are wanting to build a shed, a house, a dual occupancy or a commercial or industrial development Council will be trying to encourage better outcomes through the planning and design process.

If you are considering a project, you are urged to contact Council to find out about the ways to make your development more sustainable and achieve the best outcomes for you, for future occupants, for the environment and for the community.

Well planned development up front can result in better outcomes with improved amenity and significant savings in resources and energy consumption

Come on board and help make Leeton a better place.

YOUTH WEEK EVENT