



NEWS FROM THE MAYOR



Hi Everyone

Our communities along with many others are experiencing a challenging time with the current COVID -19 (Coronavirus). More than ever before, we need to remember that we are part of a local, national and global community working together to combat the spread of the virus. This means we all have a role to play which includes ensuring regular washing or sanitising of hands, maintaining a social distance of 1.5 metres at all times, and sneezing into a tissue (and immediately binning it) or your elbow rather than your hand. If we take these small actions seriously, we will go a long way in preventing the spread of the virus and saving lives.

Council is an essential service and is taking its direction from the federal and state government. Leeton Shire Library, Leeton Visitor Information Centre, The Roxy Community Theatre, Leeton Indoor Sports Stadium, and Yanco, Whitton, Murrumbidgee and Multipurpose Centre halls are now closed. Council's other services remain open at the moment, but we strongly request our community to avoid entering Council facilities unless it is absolutely necessary. You can make bill payments electronically and access e-books and e-magazines. If you would like to be set up, please phone the Library on (02) 6953 0945.

Many Council queries can be easily answered over the phone and, for more complicated enquiries such as development applications, Council's General Manager invites you to phone Council on (02) 6953 0911 to make an appointment with staff. COVID -19 is having a devastating effect on local businesses. We encourage affected business owners to access any federal and state support packages on offer – visit Council's website www.leeton.nsw.gov.au for more information. Council staff are currently considering options for bringing some additional relief and support and will be discussing this with Councillors over the coming week. In the meantime, we ask residents with secure incomes to do their best to support local businesses.

Our sincere thanks to the health service and health care workers who are working tirelessly to test and treat patients. One of our jobs now is to look after each other by doing the right thing consistently, including self-isolating if we could possibly have picked up the virus while travelling or being in close contact with someone who is ill. If it is not necessary to meet in person, choose not to as the virus spreads through droplets that are transmitted person to person.

If your neighbour is self-isolating, let's be kind and offer to assist with shopping or errands. Remember if doing so, no direct contact and practice good hygiene such as using hand sanitiser or washing your hands. Council will be disseminating a friendly flyer which you might like to print and offer your neighbours. I also encourage members of our community to remain positive, calm and avoid panic buying during this pandemic. This will one-day end and life will return to normal. The more we cooperate now the quicker we will recover. Stay safe! Regards Paul

LEETON SHIRE COUNCIL EXPRESSION OF INTEREST LEETON LANDFILL SECONDHAND SHOP

Leeton Shire Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from individuals or organisations interested in managing the Recycling Second-Hand Shop at the Leeton Landfill.

The role of the Recycling Second-hand shop is to convert waste to resources which can be then reused or sold. Council is prepared to support and assist the operations of the Shop so that a viable business is maintained.

Interested persons and organisations are invited to submit their Expression of Interest proposals to Council. Any proposals submitted should include a brief Business Case identifying intended operational hours, the extent of Council support required and addressing how the environmental impacts of the business will be managed.

Expressions of Interest should be received by the Leeton Shire Council Office located at 23-25 Chelmsford Place, Leeton 2705 by close of business on 9th April 2020.

For further information please contact Council Waste & Recycling Coordinator,

Guy Retallick on 0417 041 336

LEETON SENIOR CITIZEN'S MORNING TEA

Please be advised that the monthly Leeton Seniors Morning Tea has been cancelled until further notice

DOGS IN THE POUND

To view impounded dogs, go to:
www.leeton.nsw.gov.au/animals-in-the-pound.aspx

LEETON LANDFILL AND RECYCLING DEPOT CHANGE TO OPENING HOURS

Please note that from the 5 April 2020 the Leeton Landfill and Recycling Depot will open from 8.00am and close at 4.40pm daily.

It will be closed on Friday 10 April 2020 for the Good Friday public holiday and also on the 25 April 2020 for the ANZAC Day public holiday.

For further information please call 02 6955 6384

AVOID MOSQUITOS

Mozzies can be a nuisance, especially at dawn and dusk. Sometimes they transmit diseases. Council's local mosquito monitoring program has detected evidence of Kokobera at one station, an infection which can lead to mild fever, aches, headache and lethargy.

The good news is that mosquito numbers are low in the region and expected to decline further as the weather cools off. But it's always best to be safe rather than sorry so be sure to cover up with loose fitting shirts and long pants when outside and apply repellent to exposed skin.

Where possible screen windows and doors and remove standing water close to the house. For further information visit www.health.nsw.gov.au.

UPDATES

For latest updates on the operation of various council facilities and any closures during the COVID-19 Pandemic, please visit Council's website www.leeton.nsw.gov.au

or visit Council's Facebook page facebook.com/LeetonShire