



NEWS FROM THE MAYOR



Hi Everyone,

It was a pleasure to have Geoff Coombes visit Leeton as our 2019 Australia Day Ambassador. His address on the work that he and his group "Tour de Cure" are doing to raise many millions of dollars to help find a cure for cancer was heartening.

Congratulations to our 2019 Australia Day Award Winners and all the nominees. Yet again I was extremely proud of our Leeton Shire community. It was also heartening to welcome so many new Australian Citizens on such a special day.

The General Manager and I attended the Murray Darling Association Strategic Planning Forum where over 35 delegates - including all Region Chairs - assembled to discuss water related issues across the Basin and set the priorities for 2019. A key aspect we want to focus on is being ready to meaningfully engage with government and relevant agencies when new water projects are floated. We particularly want to ensure that any proposals for diverting water to the environment are not at the expense of our communities and our economies.

Senior staff and councillors attended a presentation at the Leeton District Hospital by the

CEO and Chair of the Murrumbidgee Local Health District. We were updated on the service and their ongoing advertising for on-call doctors. There is ample funding for on-call doctors but sadly no applicants. This is a dilemma apparently being faced by many district hospitals.

Earlier this month I attended a meeting with the Murrumbidgee Police District Commander to get an update on Police numbers at Leeton and Narrandera. Leeton is fortunate to have all positions filled but we continue to ask questions about some of the jobs police are being made to do that can take them out of town for hours on end. As Mayor I don't think that's good enough and will keep advocating for our police to be available in Leeton when on duty.

It was both delightful and delicious to attend the opening of the "Leeton Cannery Teahouse" at the Leeton Community Op Shop. This new social space provides a great opportunity for people to gather together.

Last week's turnout at the Roxy Redevelopment Community Consultation Sessions was excellent - over 150 people came along to have their say. I'd like to thank participants for their constructive input. The specialists listening will consider the feedback and come back with a revised set of designs. Council looks forward to the next iteration of plans and further engagement with community. I would also like to thank Council staff and volunteer Roxy Redevelopment Committee Chair, Katherine Herrmann, for organising the three productive engagement sessions. It's a big job! Well done!

Kind Regards, Mayor Cr Paul Maytom

COMMUNITY STRENGTHENING ONE-OFF GRANTS - ROUND 2 NOW OPEN

Leeton Shire Council is pleased to advise that applications are now open for Community Strengthening One-Off Grants.

Funding is available to support Community groups and organisations in their endeavours to establish, strengthen and/or implement projects which will benefit the Leeton Shire Community.

Applications for this grant close 5pm Tuesday 30 April 2019. You can obtain a copy of the guidelines and application form at www.leeton.nsw.gov.au, via email request to council@leeton.nsw.gov.au, or by collecting a hard copy from Council offices.

For grant queries please contact the Leeton Shire Community Development Team on 6953 0913.

DOGS IN THE POUND

To view impounded dogs go to:-

<http://www.leeton.nsw.gov.au/animals-in-the-pound.aspx>

LEETON SWIMMING POOL CARNIVAL TIMES

The 50m Swimming Pool and wading pool will be closed to the Public as follows:

Monday 4 March 2019 from 8.00am - 3.30pm Riverina Swimming Carnival. Please note that the Toddlers Pool will be available to the public during this time.



**Wednesday 6 March
10am-1pm
Council Chambers
23-25 Chelmsford Place**

To secure a spot contact
sarahc@leeton.nsw.gov.au or 6953 0913

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