



## NEWS FROM THE MAYOR



Hi Everyone,

Water has remained a big focus this month. Jody Swirepik, the Commonwealth Environmental Water Holder (CEWH) travelled to Leeton to present to the Murray Darling Association, Region 9. We learnt how the CEWH orders water, which is no different to any other irrigator, and how to track environmental water holdings and watering actions for the Murrumbidgee on the Dept Agriculture's website. Jody also tabled the model the CEWH follows for prioritising watering decisions during periods of drought.

RAMJO (Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation) is also working up a set of water security principles and actions common to the wider region to take to state and federal governments. To improve our resilience, I continue to push for crop diversity and trading rules that support our MIA farmers above speculators.

The General Manager and I presented to the Leeton Senior Citizens earlier this month. Jackie provided an overview of the Wade Avenue upgrade plans. Being a medical / health precinct frequently used by older people in our community, the plans are geared towards slowing traffic, making pedestrian access safer,

increasing carparking, creating more shade and providing some seating.

I enjoyed attending the Whitton-Murrumbidgee Public School "Blokes Day and BBQ Fun Day". Based in Whitton, the school is a significant asset to the community. They are working towards offering before and afterschool care next year which will make life much easier for working parents who live in the area.

Whitton's local museum is also charging ahead with increased opening hours and a new toilet block planned. Margaret Strong has done a wonderful job sourcing and displaying a wide array of railway photos that tell the Whitton story. Once we get the proposed new tourist loop between Darlington Pt, Whitton, Leeton and Narandera confirmed, the Whitton Museum will be a key feature on that trail.

Earlier this month I had the pleasure of handing out service awards to our volunteer firefighters. It was around the same time as those awful fires up north and reminded me how fortunate we are to have trained people on hand to protect our communities. Congratulations and sincere appreciation to these volunteers for their dedicated service.

Other business this month included a visit by NSW Ports, a meeting with the Australian Consul General from Shenyang province in China, and a catch up with the operations managers of the Daily Drinks Company (owned by Lion). Council remains committed to growing Leeton's employment creating industries by facilitating new markets and ensuring freight is moved as efficiently as possible.

Finally, last week's Citizenship Ceremony was extra special as 5 of the 9 new Australian citizens I welcomed are children. Like their parents, they couldn't stop smiling about their new country.

## LEETON GOLF CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday 9 October 2019

**Time:** 6pm

**Where:** Leeton Soldiers Club (Rapps Room)

If you require more information, please contact Mick Burton on 0412 766 214.

## VACATION CARE ACTIVITIES

For all enquiries please contact the Out of School Care team on 6953 5788.

<b>Monday 30 September</b> Spring Craft, Cooking & Sports Fun <b>Local - \$59.00</b>	<b>Monday 7 October</b> <b>Centre Closed due to Public Holiday</b>
<b>Tuesday 1 October</b> Library & Chinese Lunch <b>Lunch Provided</b> <b>Excursion - \$64.00</b>	<b>Tuesday 8 October</b> Big Screen Movie, Pizza & Bike Day <b>Lunch Provided</b> <b>Excursion - \$64.00</b>
<b>Wednesday 2 October</b> Laser Tag & Botanical Zoo Wagga <b>Excursion - \$64.00</b> <b>Drop off between 9-9.30am – Back by 5:30pm</b>	<b>Wednesday 9 October</b> Bunnings Workshop Fun <b>Local - \$59.00</b>
<b>Thursday 3 October</b> Leeton Stadium *fun/mixed sports/games* <b>Local - \$59.00</b>	<b>Thursday 10 October</b> Disco & Pyjama Party <b>Local - \$59.00</b>
<b>Friday 4 October</b> Hunky Dory & Park <b>Excursion - \$64.00</b>	<b>Friday 11 October</b> Griffith Cinemas & Bowling <b>Excursion - \$64.00</b>

## VOLUNTEERS AT THE ROXY

We are looking to develop an exciting volunteer program at the Roxy. We are currently searching for enthusiastic residents from Leeton and surrounds to assist us in presenting guided tours of the theatre!

Tours are conducted during business hours Monday - Friday and occasionally on weekends. Volunteer benefits apply, including free admission to a film of your choice with each tour conducted.

If this sounds like you, please give us a call on (02) 6953 2074 or email us at roxy@leeton.nsw.gov.au.

## DOGS IN THE POUND

To view impounded dogs go to:-

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