



NEWS FROM THE MAYOR



Hi Everyone,

To kick start the month the General Manager and I attended the inaugural meeting of the Riverina and Murray Joint Organisation (RAMJO). It's make up is very similar to the former RAMROC organisation but its strategic focus is going to be significantly boosted by having the Department of Premier and Cabinet (DPC) sitting around the table as a full member. This new formal agreement with the State Government will see improved collaborative planning by local and state government which is exciting for regional councils such as Leeton.

Earlier this month I attended the NAIDOC Week Flag Raising Ceremony at Council. It is important that Council offers its support to NAIDOC Week which is celebrated annually. I also attended the NAIDOC Family Fun Day in Gossamer Park which was another great occasion where everybody came together as one.

It was a great turnout at the Brainstorming and Briefing Session to discuss the relaunch of the Leeton Art Deco Festival in 2019. Council is pleased to announce the region will host a winter celebration of Art Deco culture on

Friday 12th, Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th July 2019. As Mayor I see it as a priority that Council and the advisory committee for this event establish strong links with our main street building owners that have art deco features to ensure they are looking in immaculate condition for the event in 2019.

My wife Julie and I had the pleasure of attending the Inner Wheel District A54 Changeover Luncheon and the Rotary Club of Leeton Central Changeover Dinner. It was good to celebrate the contributions that both of these groups have made in our community over the past 12 months.

Planning is well advanced for the Murray Darling Association National Conference which is being hosted by Region 9 in Leeton. This event will be a great opportunity to showcase industries within the Western Riverina region and also a chance through a great lineup of guest speakers to give us an update on the Murray Darling Basin Plan and on farm and off farm water related efficiencies.

Councillors and senior Council staff were given the opportunity to visit the new and improved Service NSW facility (formerly the RMS Office). This facility will now cater for a broad range of service requirements for improved customer service and make access to a wider range of government transactions easier for our community.

I have also been in regular contact with Jake Lindsay from Central West Lifestyle Magazine who has been tasked with highlighting the key stories about Leeton and its surrounding villages. This publication will be launched in November this year.

Take care and best wishes until my August Update.

Kind Regards, Mayor Paul Maytom

"BOB THE BUILDER" STORYTIME AT LEETON SHIRE LIBRARY

The Leeton Shire Library in partnership with Council's Engineering Team are planning a special 'Bob the Builder' Storytime to celebrate 2018 Local Government Week on Wednesday 8th August commencing 10.30am at the Library.

Lots of stories and fun songs as per the usual weekly Storytime routine with kids and adults invited to head into the Sycamore Street carpark across the road from the Leeton Shire Library directly after Storytime where our engineers will have some of the council machines doing what they do. Don't let your kids miss out on what will be a fun morning!

LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK FREE MICROCHIPPING FOR DOGS & CATS

At Parkview Tennis Courts Clubhouse on WEDNESDAY 1 AUGUST 2018.

Dog & Cat owners need to arrange an appointment time and complete the relevant form/s at Leeton Shire Council office located at 23-25 Chelmsford Place PRIOR TO 1 AUGUST 2018.

Please note all dogs need to be on a leash. No aggressive dogs will be accepted. All cats must be in a carry cage.

For further details contact Council on 6953 0927.

TAXI RANK RELOCATION DURING AUGUST

Leeton Shire Council would like to advise residents that the taxi rank will be relocating temporarily during the Leeton Eisteddfod event from 30 July 2018 to 30 August 2018. The taxi rank will be moving from Wade Avenue adjacent to the Roxy Theatre to a new location in Chelmsford Place between Pine Avenue and Sycamore St.

The regular location of the taxi zone on Wade Avenue will revert to a loading zone and no parking zone to allow families with competitors to drop off equipment required for their performances and to facilitate the safe pick up and drop off of students at the Roxy Theatre during the Eisteddfod.

Please note that vehicles cannot be parked in this area and rangers will be patrolling the zone to ensure it is used properly.

DOGS IN THE POUND

To view impounded dogs go to:-

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