



# Campaspe Times Newsletter

## August 2022

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## August Calling

Welcome to a new winter month! August is going to be a particularly exciting time, with many of the projects scheduled in this new financial year progressing.

In June, Council adopted its 2022-23 Budget which included an astonishing \$41.4 million Capital Works Program – the largest ever in Council's history. 'Around the Wards' on page 2, provides a snapshot of just some of the planned projects. In addition to delivering projects, the focus continues on our day to day works and operations. Maintaining our parks and gardens, road network, and public buildings; delivering services such as libraries, children's services, immunisations; and future planning; and so much more.

It was my honour to be involved in the July Citizenship Ceremony, as I remember my own Citizenship Ceremony fondly. It gives me great pleasure to welcome so many people to live in our beautiful shire. And what a smorgasbord of nationalities; from Peru to Poland, India to Ireland, we are home to people from absolutely every corner of the globe! You can read more about the ceremony on page 5.

During the first week of July, we all came together to celebrate NAIDOC Week with numerous councillors and staff attending ceremonies throughout the shire. I found great pride in seeing the sheer number of attendees at these events. The theme this year was 'Get Up! Stand Up! Show Up!' and – we certainly did that! What a fantastic way to celebrate the history, culture, and achievements of our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Possibly my favourite event from the past month or two – we officially opened the Echuca East Precinct Stage 1 Redevelopment. The East community is a strong one and it was a terrifically attended event. With Stage 2 works underway, I know you share my excitement when I say I can't wait to see the entire precinct completed!

Lastly, I attended the Minister's Kyabram Fauna Park announcement at Melbourne Zoo, that is that the Fauna Park will become part of Zoos Victoria. Zoos Victoria management will benefit the resident wildlife, deliver improved staff opportunities and increase tourism to Kyabram. What an exciting time for everyone's favourite Fauna Park!

**Cr Chrissy Weller**  
Mayor



(L-R) Kyabram Fauna Park General Manager Lachlan Gordon, Minister for Environment and Climate Action the Hon Lily D'Ambrosio, CEO of Zoos Victoria Dr Jenny Gray, Member for Northern Victoria Mark Gepp, Mayor Chrissy Weller, Council Interim CEO Tim Tamlin and Zoos Victoria Board Member the Hon Marsha Thomson.

## Around the Wards

A snapshot of just some of the projects to be delivered across our shire, ward by ward, in the coming year. A full list of projects is available in the 2022-23 Budget which can be viewed on Council's website.

### Echuca Ward

**Cr Rob Amos, Cr Tony Marwood,  
Mayor Chrissy Weller**



The Echuca East Community Precinct Stage 2 redevelopment has started which will see a parking area created along Sutton Street, a dog park, landscaping and demolition of old buildings. Stage 1 was well received by the community, with a community celebration held on 24 July. We are confident Stage 2, to be completed by the end of the year, will add to the vibrancy of this precinct, and consequently the entire Echuca East area.

Following Federal and State Government funding totalling \$803,660, the Victoria Park boat ramp and upstream riverbank walls will be upgraded. At this early stage, it is hoped construction will occur during the 2023 winter period, following the peak summer season – a fantastic asset for our many homegrown water sports enthusiasts.

More than \$780,000 has been allocated to the shire-wide footpath replacement program, addressing community input through the pre-budget process. This increase in funding will focus on connecting footpaths, particularly supporting our kids in safely walking or riding to school, as well as the demand by the wider community, and reducing our reliance on driving.

### Kyabram Deakin Ward

**Deputy Mayor Colleen Gates,  
Cr Daniel Mackrell, Cr John Zobec**

Design for the final stage of the Kyabram cycling / walking trail, creating a connected trail along the north side of Breen Avenue from Cooma Road to Allan Street, was completed last year. This year, funds for construction have been allocated, which will see the trail completed, something our community is extremely excited about.



An allocation of \$750,000 will see the reconstruction of an additional compliant netball court and upgraded lighting adjacent to the existing compliant court at the Kyabram Recreation Reserve, a great project our football netball club has been rallying for. The project has been funded through the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure (LCRI) Program with works to start in October.

### Rochester Ward

**Cr Paul Jarman**

A total budget of \$14 million has been allocated to roads around the shire. In the Rochester Ward, this will see specific projects completed as well as benefitting from the many shire-wide annual road programs for resealing roads, resheeting gravel roads or resheeting the gravel shoulder of a sealed road.

McColl Road, a section between the Northern Highway and Restdown Road, will be resurfaced. At Barnadown Myola Road, a 200 metre section between Barnadown Knowsley Road and Roulson Road, will also be resurfaced.

### Waranga Ward

**Cr Adrian Weston**

With works recently started, the strengthening and upgrade works on Groves Weir Bridge, Colbinabbin will be particularly welcomed by our rural sector. When these works are completed, the load limit on the bridge could be removed. However, this load limit will remain until the load capacity of a Goulburn Murray Water bridge further north, can be confirmed as adequate.



Two grant announcements totalling \$2.5 million secured the funds needed for the Rushworth to Murchison Rail Trail. This will see an 11 kilometre trail connecting the towns along the former rail reserve via Waranga Basin. Discussions are underway with adjacent property owners and a plan will come out to the wider community in coming months.

Again, grant funding will support part of the \$1.1 million redevelopment of the Rushworth Service Centre. This project will create an accessible building with automated entry, provide an open, bright, community library space with supporting multi-purpose meeting room and amenities. A project information board will shortly be set up at the service centre for the community.

### Western Ward

**Cr Leanne Pentreath**

An allocation of \$750,000 will see construction of two compliant multipurpose courts and lighting at the Lockington Recreation Reserve, a project Lockington Bamawm United FNC are looking forward to. The design work has been done and tenders will be called for shortly.



## Out and About

Campaspe Shire councillors and staff have been 'out and about' in the community, attending various events and celebrating partnerships between Council and the local community. Here's a few of our most recent snapshots.



The Ash Street Detention Basin received a site inspection, the group discussing the project's finishing touches. (L-R): Council Interim CEO Tim Tamlin, Echuca Bowls Club Board Member Dianne Payne, Club Treasurer Anna Meyer, Mayor Chrissy Weller, Club President Trevor Rickard and Project Manager Paul Arthurson.



Mayor Chrissy Weller and Cr Rob Amos joined many other local dignitaries at the NAIDOC Week flag raising and smoking ceremony at Kyabram and District Health Service.



Every year, Council hosts an event recognising staff who have achieved significant years of service at Council. (L-R): Manager Information Technology Matt McPherson chats to Cr John Zobec.



The second hand goods shop at the Echuca Resource Recovery Centre received one its regular inspections. (L-R): Council Waste Services Coordinator James Marsh with VIVID's Nathanael Smith and Veolia's Adam Morssinkhof.



Council recently hosted two Youth Mental Health First Aid courses to assist the youngest members in our community. (L-R): Youth Gurus Founder Andy Bell with Council Community Programs Officer Ben Hearn.



Community Development Officers Deb Chumbley and Declan Napier joined Strathbogie and Moira Shire representatives for a tour of the Echuca Materials Recovery Facility. Veolia offer educational sessions to community groups.

## Grant Programs

Many of the wonderful community projects, activities and events that take place in Campaspe can benefit from a Council grant program. As well as providing funding directly, Council can also assist community members to source other funding opportunities and to help them apply.

### Community Grants Program

- For not-for-profit community organisations, groups and associations
- Open twice a year, in March and August (open now)
- Grant maximum of \$4,000

### Business Assistance Grants

- For businesses and new businesses
- Open twice a year, in March and August (open now)
- Application amounts vary depending on category

### Community Equipment Grants

- For community groups and sporting clubs
- Open all year round, assessed every second month
- Grant maximum of \$2,000

### Community Event Sponsorship

- For not for profit community organisations, groups and associations
- Open all year round, application submitted at least 3 months prior to event
- Application amounts vary depending on category

### Responsive Grants Program

- For not for profit groups, schools or community organisations
- Open all year round
- Grant maximum of \$1,000

### Business and Commercial Event Sponsorship

- For individuals, businesses, groups and associations
- Open all year round, application submitted at least 3 months prior to event
- Grant maximum of \$5,000

### Junior Development Grants

- For young local people aged 18 years or younger
- Open all year round
- Application amounts vary depending on representation

For more information on these grant programs, including eligibility and funding priorities, go to Council's website: [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/grants](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/grants)

The webpage describes how your application will be assessed, what will not be considered for funding and other important information. If you require help or advice with your application, contact Community Executive Assistant Bobbi Aitken on 5481 2200. Staff with a range of technical expertise in events or community development are also available to discuss specific queries or ideas and advise what to include in your application.

## A Recent Recipient



Rebecca Wells and Audrey Dickens (L-R) are advocates for their beloved home of Gunbower. We caught up with these local ladies to discuss their recent successful grant application. Meeting at the site of the Old Gunbower Island School, we caught up with them to discuss how they found the grant application process.

"The Community Grant Program has enabled us [the Gunbower and District Development Group] to upgrade our 12 heritage interpretive panels located throughout the Gunbower region," Ms Dickens said.

"It's a really good way to get initiatives off the ground, with locals driving and completing these projects. After all, it's often the locals that have the best knowledge.

"The grant application process is quite simple, however organisation is the key, so look ahead to see when the funding dates are. Get all your required quotes ready, plan how you will do it and who will be involved. That way, when the grant becomes available, you have it all written down and ready to go."

Ms Wells said localising the project as much as possible was always beneficial.

"Finally, use local people as much as possible. We have seen a flow-on effect where local providers have gone on to gain more work because of their work on our past projects."



## Becoming Australian

On Wednesday, 6 July, 16 Campaspe Shire residents were officially conferred as citizens of Australia. Held in Echuca, Mayor Chrissy Weller and Deputy Mayor Colleen Gates hosted the celebratory event. An international evening of global proportions, our now Australian citizens have backgrounds spanning every corner of the globe – Peru, Germany, Finland, India, Nigeria, Vietnam, Ireland, Poland, Bangladesh, Nepal, Iran, New Zealand and the Philippines! Council was honoured to welcome each and every conferee to their new home in Campaspe Shire.



The latest group of newly conferred Australian citizens living in Campaspe Shire with Member for Nicholls Sam Birrell MP and Mayor Chrissy Weller



Jean Sarah Tyrell of Echuca (and Ireland) whose son's birthday couldn't be overlooked!



Christina May Olsen of  
Tongala (and New Zealand)



Aaira Aanjabin of Echuca  
(and Bangladesh)



Kati Marjut Gunn of Kyabram  
(and Finland)



Tirimisiyu Jimoh of Echuca  
(and Nigeria)



Durga Limbu of Echuca  
(and Nepal)



Sonny Parumog of Tongala  
(and the Philippines)



A large crowd made up of the conferees' friends and family gathered for the celebration

## Council Meetings

Council meetings are open to the public and residents are encouraged to take part through the question time portion of the meeting. Meetings are held in Echuca and start at 6pm and are streamed live on Council's website. The agenda is available the Friday before each meeting.

### Upcoming meetings

- 17 August
- 21 September
- 19 October



## The Cup That Stops Campaspe

Campaspe Shire is fortunate to have not one, but two towns playing host to the 20th Annual Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour. Echuca Moama and Stanhope were both successful in their nomination to receive the travelling Australian icon. The Cup will visit Echuca Moama on Friday, 30 September and Stanhope on Friday, 14 October. Both Stanhope and Echuca Moama will also be part of the Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour National Sweep, which will see 24 rural and regional Cup Tour destinations across Australia be allocated a barrier for the 2022 Lexus Melbourne Cup. The town which draws the barrier of the Lexus Melbourne Cup-winning horse will be presented with a cash prize of \$50,000 to put towards a nominated charity for a local initiative.

Des Crichton from the Stanhope Organising Committee said they were thrilled to be part of this year's tour.

"We are very excited to be part of this year's Lexus Melbourne Cup Tour. We look forward to welcoming the iconic trophy and sharing the magic of the People's Cup with the Stanhope community."



Glenda Cowie, Des Crichton and Christine Dickets at Flemington Racecourse for the announcement of the Cup Tour.

## What's On

A listing of upcoming events across our region.  
Events may be cancelled or amended at short notice.

### 31 July - 21 August

Moama Lights, Horseshoe Lagoon

### August - September

Tali Bird Exhibition, Kyabram Town Hall Gallery

Quilts Show by SAQA Travelling Juried Exhibition, Kyabram Town Hall Gallery

### 1 - 6 August

Australian Darts Open, Moama Bowling Club

### Saturday, 6 August

Black Dog Ride, 2022 Red Centre Ride, Murray Esplanade

Echuca Farmers Market, Aquatic Reserve

St Mary's Golf Day and High Tea with Walt Collins, Rochester Golf Club

### Sunday, 7 August

Johnno's Run CLRS Fun Run, Moama Sound Shell

### Saturday, 13 August

Hopwood Garden Market, Hopwood Gardens

### Sunday, 14 August

Girgarre Farmers' Produce and Craft Market, Girgarre Memorial Hall

Stanhope Monster Garage Sale, Birdwood Avenue

### 19 August - 11 September

Painted On Smile Art Exhibition by Tuesday Junction, The Foundry Art Space

### Saturday, 20 August

Echuca Farmers Market, Aquatic Reserve

Rushworth Market, High Street

### Sunday, 21 August

Echuca Country Music Club Monthly Concert, Tongala Town Hall

### Saturday, 27 August

Girgarre Jammin, Girgarre Memorial Hall

### Sunday, 28 August

Henry Lawson The People's Poet in Song and Verse, Tongala Town Hall

### Saturday, 3 September

Echuca Farmers Market, Aquatic Reserve

### Tuesday, 6 September

Echuca Harness Racing Club Race Meet, Echuca Racecourse

### 9 - 11 September

Horse Riding Club Association of Victoria 40th Anniversary, Elmore Events Centre

### Saturday, 10 September

Hopwood Garden Market, Hopwood Gardens

### 10 - 11 September

Echuca Truck Show, Rotary Park

### Sunday, 11 September

MND Fundraiser, Apex Park

Girgarre Farmers' Produce and Craft Market, Girgarre Memorial Hall

Stanhope Monster Garage Sale, Birdwood Avenue

### 16 September - 9 October

Through Our Lens Exhibition by Echuca Moama Photography Club, The Foundry Arts Space

### 17 - 20 September

Basketball Victoria Country Junior Jamboree, Echuca Basketball Stadium

### Saturday, 17 September

Echuca Farmers Market, Aquatic Reserve

Rushworth Market, High Street

## Register your community event

Free website event listing is available to community groups within the shire. Register at [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au).

Keep an eye on this event directory as events are added and updated regularly!



INITIATION

SCOPING

DESIGN

PROCUREMENT

DELIVERY

REVIEW AND CLOSURE  
(COMPLETED)

## Project Updates

Roads, footpaths, bridges, drains, buildings and open spaces are continually being renewed as part of the annual Capital Works Program.

### Fenaughty Street, Kyabram

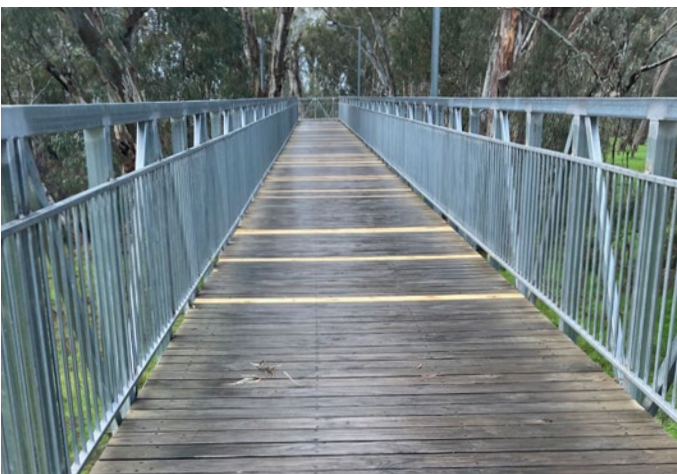
Completed



Stage 1 and Stage 2 replacement road works have been completed along Fenaughty Street between Saunders and Mitchell Streets.

### Anstruther Street Footbridge, Echuca

Completed



Structural maintenance works have been completed including the installation of new balustrades and trusses. Minor painting works will be completed later in the year.

### Rushworth Community Centre Car Park

Delivery



Construction of a new car park between the Rushworth Community Centre and the Rushworth Kindergarten is currently underway.

### Roslynmead Road, Torrumbarry

Completed



Stage 2 of Roslynmead Road has been completed, the continuation of road rehabilitation and road widening from the north to the Mount Terrick Road intersection.

## Parks and Gardens

Across Campaspe Shire, a team of more than 30 Parks and Gardens staff preserve our green spaces and sanctuaries. This hardworking team is responsible for inspecting and maintaining playground equipment, toilets and barbeques, along with the irrigation, mowing, whipper snipping, spraying and weeding, planting and pruning and rubbish and graffiti removal. All the little things required to make our towns look tip top!

The Parks and Gardens team also maintain Council's three main sporting ovals; Echuca South Recreation Reserve, Victoria Park Recreation Reserve in Echuca and Kyabram Recreation Reserve. All other reserves dotted throughout the shire are maintained by various Committees of Management.

Another area that plays a big part of the Parks and Gardens team is the Arboriculture management (otherwise

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known as our Tree Crew). They assist in the management of street trees, responding to the many hundreds of service requests each year, dealing with issues relating to trees in parks, playgrounds or on nature strips within the town boundary. Along with inspections and assessments, Council is responsible for a powerline clearance program and a street tree planting program, involving customer requests for a new street tree or removal and replacement of a street tree.

## Top Tips from the P&G Team



"When pruning roses, cut at a 45 degree angle and ensure your cut is just above the bud to protect that new bud. You want to create a 'bowl' look, pruning foliage growing in the inside promotes airflow and keeps aphids away." - **Sooty**



"Keep in mind the local conditions when selecting your new plants, especially whether they will handle the dry conditions in summer." - **Glen**



"Before it starts warming up, make sure you mulch your garden to keep the moisture in. Mulch 10-15 centimetres deep to stop any weeds that germinate from coming up." - **Lauren**

## Having Holiday Fun!

Council was proud to host a diverse assortment of school holiday activities during the winter break! Some of our favourite moments are captured below. Make sure you keep an eye out for any activities scheduled for the Term 3 spring holidays.

