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Welcoming the New Financial Year

Welcome to our July issue and the new financial year.

We recently adopted our Budget for the 2021/22 year, after it was released to the community in April for comment. The document is now available on our website and details the \$28.4 million Capital Works Program planned for the year ahead. We welcomed some additional grant funding from when our draft Budget was released, \$784,428 for the Rushworth Service Centre redevelopment and \$600,000 for museum display upgrades at the Port of Echuca.

Grant funding is an important part of our works program and five projects currently underway, supported by Federal and State governments and other authorities, are detailed on page 6.

In June we released a summary of community feedback from our Campaspe Thriving project. The information was gained from our engagement program in February and March this year, when we asked each community about future aspirations. We had feedback from around 1,000 people from various engagement activities. The information is now being used by Councillors in preparing a new

Council Plan for its four-year term, and other key documents.

Also, in June, I was pleased to be part of the launch of an electric vehicle charging station, recently installed in the Echuca High Street carpark. The project, as part of the Victorian Government's Charging the Regions program, has seen 17 electric vehicle (EV) chargers installed across the north west of the state. The 17 stations better link towns across Victoria, to encourage more visitors from Melbourne to the Loddon Mallee region, and ensure regional Victoria is not left behind in the take up of EVs.

For Campaspe, it helps put the municipality on the map for EV tourists, encouraging them to stop, explore and shop in Echuca and explore the region.

For community groups and organisations, we have two grant programs about to open up, with full details on page 7. Start planning your application early and have a chat with staff to ensure your funding application meets the grant criteria. Good luck.

Cr Chrissy Weller
Mayor



Opening the electric vehicle charging station in Echuca, Mark Costello from DELWP, Cr Weller (Mayor) and Rob Law, Chief Executive Central Victorian Greenhouse Alliance.

What's in Your Bin

A comprehensive audit of the contents of Campaspe's kerbside waste collection bins has revealed households are doing a great job at reducing what they send to landfill, but some more effort is needed to separate recyclables, garden waste and food organics from the waste stream.

The audit was commissioned by the Goulburn Valley Waste and Resource Recovery Group (GVWRRG) of which Campaspe Shire is a member, together with five other partner councils, Greater Shepparton, Mitchell, Moira, Murrindindi and Strathbogie. Kerbside bin audits are completed around every five years and provide valuable data to councils to allow them to make changes when needed to kerbside collections. The data is also used for educational purposes, such as decreasing the contamination level in recycling bins.

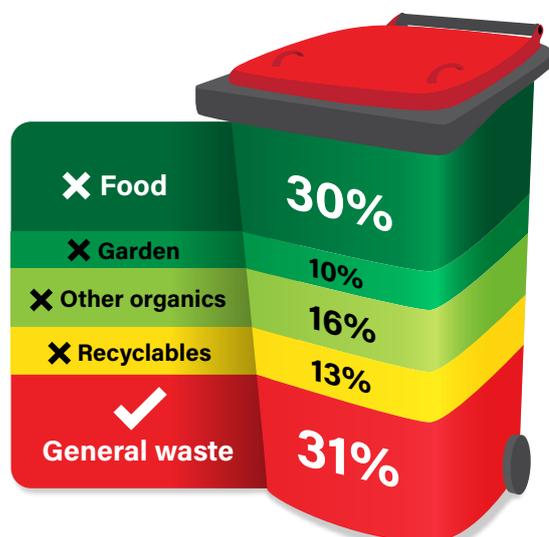


A sample of 209 waste bins (red lid), 209 recycle bins (yellow lid) and 209 food and garden bins (green lid) were audited by Just Waste Consulting in May this year.

Red bin

The average waste bin weight in Campaspe is 9.27kg, similar to state average of 9.21kg.

69% of the material in the bin can be diverted from landfill and can be placed in the yellow bin (recycling) or green bin (food and garden waste).



Yellow bin

The average contamination rate in Campaspe is 16%, compared to the state average of 10.5%.

Recycling bins still contain many items that cannot be recycled. These include:

- E-waste (anything with a cord or battery, printers, computer, TV, toaster, kettle, etc). E-waste can be taken to a resource recovery centre where they are dismantled and recycled.
- Clothing. Quality clothing can be donated to charity. Unusable clothing goes in the red bin.
- Bagged recyclables. Recycling material must be loose in your bin and should not be put into a plastic bag.



Green bin

A combined food and garden waste service started in July 2019, available to households and businesses in township areas. The contamination rate is extremely low, tracking at less than 1% (0.95%).



What can you do?

Residents can play their part to reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.

Waste bin

Only put items in this bin that cannot be recycled or composted, such as plastic bags, broken items and nappies. Food waste should be separated from any plastic packaging and placed in the green bin, with the plastic packaging going into the red bin. Some items can be fixed and reused or recycled at one of Council's eight resource recovery centres.

Recycling bin

Your recyclables must go into this bin loose, not in a plastic bag. Plastic bags cannot be recycled and the whole bundle will be sent to landfill.

Food and garden bin

Plastic bags and food packaging cannot go in this bin – food should be put in your green bin loose or in certified compostable bags (AS4736) with the seedling symbol. All other types of bags (including plastic, degradable and biodegradable) cannot be used as they cannot be composted.

For more information about what goes in each bin visit, www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/AZguide

Bin tips

- 1. Space them out.**
When putting your bins out for collection, make sure they are at least 50cm apart. This helps the trucks pick them up without knocking any over.
- 2. Watch out for trees.**
Bins left out for collection are hard to pick up if they are under a tree.
- 3. Put them out the night before.**
Save yourself the stress of running your bins out in your dressing gown in the early hours of the morning.
- 4. Don't overfill them.**
Overflowing bins can litter your street and be challenging for the truck driver to pick up.
- 5. Sort and save the environment.**
Sorting your rubbish into the correct bin will save our precious environment, making Campaspe a better place for our kids.



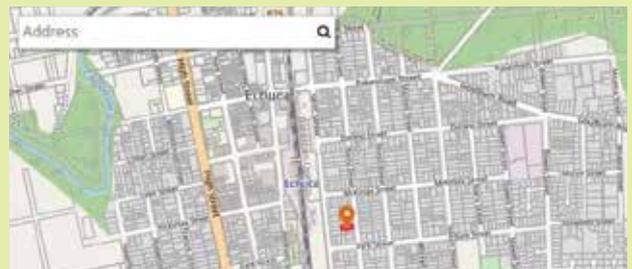
New bin collection services



Changes to Campaspe's kerbside bin collection services for residential, commercial and rural properties came into effect from Monday, 5 July.

Introduction of the new service has resulted in some bin collection days changing, and some weekly / fortnightly cycles for the green bin (food and garden) and yellow bin (recycling) changing for some residential, commercial and rural properties across the municipality.

All properties with a change, were advised in writing, providing details of their new bin collection day and weekly/fortnightly cycle.



Residents and businesses are now able to check their collection dates online via Council's website simply by typing in their address at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/bindates

Just Ask @ Your Library

Just ask @ your library sessions started earlier this year, and are conducted weekly at all five library branches across the shire.

The sessions are informal, drop-in style and each week cover a different topic. Residents are welcome to ask library staff for assistance with technology questions, family history research, or reading recommendations. At the crafternoon sessions, you are asked to bring along your current craft, either knitting, embroidery or crochet or perhaps learn a new game, play cards, or just have a chat over a cuppa.

All sessions have been developed in response to a customer survey.

Library staff are keen to gain your feedback on the sessions and are happy to receive other suggestions for regular activities at your library.

There is no requirement to book or attend weekly – just attend what suits your interest.



A Tech Help session at the Kyabram Library.

Session	What it's about	Library branch	Date	Time
Tech Help	Help with tech questions, smart phones, mobile devices, internet and online library resources.	Rushworth	Monday, 2 August	10.30am-12pm
		Tongala	Monday, 2 August	2.00pm-3.30pm
		Echuca	Tuesday, 3 August	10.30am-12pm
		Kyabram	Thursday, 5 August	10.30am-12pm
		Rochester	Thursday, 5 August	2.00pm-3.30pm
Family History	Start, or continue, your family tree research, help with using ancestry.com and other online resources.	Rushworth	Monday, 9 August	10.30am-12pm
		Tongala	Monday, 9 August	2.00pm-3.30pm
		Echuca	Tuesday, 10 August	10.30am-12pm
		Kyabram	Thursday, 12 August	10.30am-12pm
		Rochester	Thursday, 12 August	2.00pm-3.30pm
Crafternoon	BYO craft or perhaps play cards and games.	Rushworth	Monday, 16 August	10.30am-12pm
		Tongala	Monday, 16 August	2.00pm-3.30pm
		Echuca	Tuesday, 17 August	10.30am-12pm
		Kyabram	Thursday, 22 July & 19 August	10.30am-12pm
		Rochester	Thursday, 22 July & 19 August	2.00pm-3.30pm
Reading @ Your Library	New books, reader recommendations, how to download and use eBooks and eAudio resources.	Rushworth	Monday, 26 July & 23 August	10.30am-12pm
		Tongala	Monday, 26 July & 23 August	2.00pm-3.30pm
		Echuca	Tuesday, 27 July & 24 August	10.30am-12pm
		Kyabram	Thursday, 29 July & 26 August	10.30am-12pm
		Rochester	Thursday, 29 July & 26 August	2.00pm-3.30pm

Event Equipment Available

Council is making it easier and more affordable for not-for-profit groups and organisations to run community events, with a range of equipment now available for use.

The equipment includes temporary fencing, bunting, bike racks, tally counters and COVID marshal high visibility vests.

The bike racks can park up to 50 bikes, are easy to set up and are compact enough to fit into a small area.

Each section of temporary fencing is two metres long by one metre high, and can be used to identify entry and exit points or for cordoning off areas.

Ten lengths of colourful bunting, each 50 metres long, are available to help create a festive atmosphere and/or to delineate specific areas.

Tally counters, enabling the number of patrons going into and out of an event compound to be tracked, and the COVID marshal high visibility vests, will help event organisers implement their COVIDSafe Plan.

Community groups wishing to use the equipment need to

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COVID marshal vests are just one piece of equipment now available to support event coordinators.

complete a simple online form (available at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/events providing their event details and equipment selections. Council's Events Support Officer will then be in touch to discuss arrangements.

What's On A listing of upcoming events across our region. Events may be cancelled or amended at short notice, pending changes to COVID restrictions and approvals.

Saturday, 17 July

Echuca Farmers' Market - Aquatic Reserve, Echuca, 0417 597 282

REHF Rushworth Market - High St, Rushworth, 0402 576 103

Sunday, 18 July

Echuca Country Music Concert - Kyabram Bocce Club, Kyabram, 0438 160 222

23-25 July

Echuca Moama Winter Blues Festival - Echuca various places, 0427 083 286

Saturday, 24 July

Rochester Town Market - Rochester Town Hall & Market Reserve, 0409 075 074

Jigarre Jammin - Girgarre Memorial Hall, 5854 6283

Wednesday, 4 August

Echuca Harness Racing - Simmie St, 5482 2036

Saturday, 7 August

Echuca Farmers' Market - Aquatic Reserve, Echuca, 0417 597 282

Sunday, 8 August

Sounds for the Soul - Echuca Uniting Church, Hare St, 0429 801 342

Girgarre Farmers' Produce & Craft Market - Girgarre Memorial Hall & Park Reserve, 0458 546 283

Stanhope Monster Garage Sale - Birdwood Ave, 5857 2866

Sunday, 15 August

Echuca Country Music Concert - Kyabram Bocce Club, Kyabram, 0438 160 222

Saturday, 21 August

Echuca Farmers' Market - Aquatic Reserve, Echuca, 0417 597 282

REHF Rushworth Market - High St, Rushworth, 0402 576 103

21-22 August

Woodend Petanque Club annual competition - Murray Esplanade, Echuca, 0427 272 826

Saturday, 28 August

Rochester Town Market - Rochester Town Hall & Market Reserve, 0409 075 074

Jigarre Jammin - Girgarre Memorial Hall, 5854 6283

Saturday, 4 September

Echuca Farmers' Market - Aquatic Reserve, Echuca, 0417 597 282

Thursday, 9 September

Echuca Harness Racing - Simmie St, 5482 2036

Sunday, 12 September

Girgarre Farmers' Produce & Craft Market - Girgarre Memorial Hall & Park Reserve, 0458 546 283

Stanhope Monster Garage Sale - Birdwood Ave, 5857 2866

12-13 September

American Iron Echuca Heritage Truck Display - Rotary Park, Rose St, Echuca, 0428 506 807

Saturday, 18 September

Echuca Farmers' Market - Aquatic Reserve, Echuca, 0417 597 282

REHF Rushworth Market - High St, Rushworth, 0402 576 103

Sunday, 19 September

Sounds for the Soul - Echuca Uniting Church, Hare St, 0429 801 342

Echuca Country Music Concert - Kyabram Bocce Club, Kyabram, 0438 160 222

Fashion, Food and Flowers' Friends of Gargarro - Stanhope Hall, 5854 6482

Register your community event. Free website event listing is available to community groups within the shire. Register at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au

INITIATION

PROJECT
PLANNING

DESIGN

PROCUREMENT

DELIVERY

REVIEW AND CLOSURE
(COMPLETED)

The annual capital works program continues with works across the shire on roads, footpaths, bridges, drains and open spaces. Council relies on securing grant funding from Federal and State governments and other authorities to support projects. The following is a selection of this year's grant funded projects at various stages of the project management cycle.



Street trees

Completed

Funding – State Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure.

As part of the Urban Forest Plan, 123 trees have been planted across the shire. At Kyabram Northern Oval, 44 advanced Capital Pears have been planted (pictured).



Shared path lighting

Completed

Funding – State Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure.

Solar lighting has been installed along the walking path at Campaspe Esplanade and Rose Street, Echuca.



Rochester Play Space

Design

Funding - Murray Darling Basin Authority.

The iconic windmill has been removed from this site for remedial works and will be returned to the park as part of the construction phase.



McKinlay Street, Echuca

Delivery

Funding – Federal Government Blackspot Program.

Construction of new splitter islands in McKinlay Street at the intersection of Sutton Street, are underway to address specific road safety issues.



Campaspe Street, Rochester

Completed

Funding – State Government Local Roads and Community Infrastructure.

New kerb and channel (gutters), footpath, line marking, accessible car parks, new pedestrian crossover and drainage works in a section of Campaspe Street have been completed.



The Tongala Eats and Beats community event was successful in a grant to support their inaugural event.

Grant Programs to Open

Two grant programs will open on Monday, 2 August, and community groups and businesses are encouraged to start planning now.

Community Grants

Offering grants up to \$4,000 to support not for profit groups and organisations with projects, exhibitions, and performances that contribute to the municipality.

Business Assistance Grants

Businesses can apply for funds to assist them diversify and expand, as well as encouraging new businesses to start up. Applications are open in four categories:

- Start up / new - maximum of \$3,000
- Small business - maximum of \$5,000
- Medium business - maximum of \$10,000
- Large business - maximum of \$10,000

These grant programs close on Friday, 10 September.

In addition, Council has a number of programs, open all year round.

- Responsive grants – maximum \$1,000, supporting community groups with urgent needs
- Donations – maximum \$500, supporting community groups outside other funding programs
- Junior development grants – funding to support individuals aged under 18 selected for state and international representation
- Community event sponsorship
 - o Local community event - A maximum cash contribution of \$1,000 and negotiated in kind contribution up to \$5,000.
 - o Regional community events - Maximum cash contribution of \$5,000, plus negotiated in kind support.
- Business and commercial events sponsorship – supporting events which charge an admission fee

Full details, funding criteria and online application forms are available on Council's website at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/grants

Council meetings

With COVID restrictions relaxed in June, Council meetings are again open to the public. Meetings start at 6pm and can also be viewed via live streaming. The agenda is available on Council's website the Friday before each meeting.

- 21 July
- 18 August
- 15 September

If restrictions change, the community will be kept updated through our website, advertising in local papers (Your Council News) and social media.

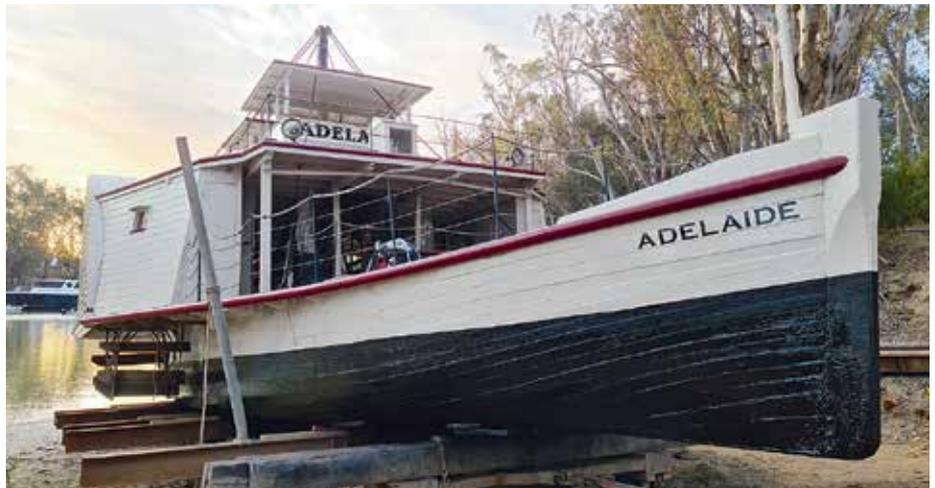


Keeping Our Paddlesteamer Fleet Afloat

While maintaining heavy machinery and a fleet of cars is common among all local councils, maintaining a fleet of heritage paddlesteamers is not. Campaspe Council is one of only a few local governments in the world that operates a commercial fleet of paddlesteamers and undertakes the fascinating work of maintaining them.

Each of Council's three paddlesteamers – PS Adelaide, PS Alexander Arbuthnot and PS Pevensey – undergoes a thorough inspection in and out of the water, approximately every two years. The process involves inspection by a qualified marine surveyor and doing any necessary works to ensure the vessels comply with strict maritime requirements. Once this is verified, the Australian Maritime Safety Authority issues a commercial licence for their continued operation on the water.

The out-of-water inspection and maintenance works occur at the Moama Slipway, the only facility in the region. Because of the age of the boats, traditional tradespeople who use specialist materials, are used to



PS Adelaide on the Moama Slipway, ready to be relaunched after works completed.

paint and caulk (seal against leakage) the structures, and replace old parts with specially-fabricated parts.

The PS Adelaide and PS Alexander Arbuthnot were recently slipped and serviced, and are now back in full operation. The PS Pevensey has not been slipped in recent times owing to its significant weight (140 tonnes compared to the other

paddlesteamers which weigh 50-60 tonnes) and previous condition of the slipway. However, a recent upgrade of the slipway by new lessee Murray River Marine Services, means the PS Pevensey can now be slipped, surveyed and serviced in the coming weeks. We look forward to this popular paddlesteamer returning to the river later this year.

FAST FACTS



PS Adelaide

- built in 1886, it is the oldest wooden hulled paddlesteamer still operating in the world
- tonnage - 58
- length - 76 feet (22.8 m)
- horsepower - 36 nhp
- passenger load - 49 + 3 crew
- fuel - redgum logs
- travels -16 km/h



PS Pevensey

- built in 1911 by Permewan Wright & Co Ltd at Moama
- tonnage - 130
- length - 111 feet 5 inches (33.42 m)
- horsepower - 20 nhp
- passenger load - 103 + 3 crew
- fuel - redgum logs
- construction - iron & timber
- travels - 12 km/h



PS Alexander Arbuthnot

- built in 1923 at Koondrook Sawmills
- tonnage - 46
- length - 76 feet (22.8 m)
- horsepower - 10 nhp
- passenger load - 47 + 3 crew
- fuel - redgum logs
- construction - timber
- travels - 10 km/h