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Cover image – 'Spring Time.' One of the winning 2018 #MyCampaspe photo competition entries by Karyn Grealy.

Campaspe Times Newsletter

September 2019

Spring sentiment

The sun is shining, trees in blossom and people are buzzing as we welcome spring time.

Now is the perfect time to do some spring cleaning, clearing out unnecessary possessions and preparing homes and gardens for the dry fire season that is fast approaching. There are some helpful tips on page eight.

I was pleased to attend the presentation of the 2019 Victorian Landcare Awards at Government House, which celebrates the incredible efforts and valuable contributions to protect our environment and improve sustainable agriculture. The Woka Walla Land Management Crew, an indigenous business owned by the Yorta Yorta Nation, was presented with the Indigenous Land Management Award. The award recognises their work in the region, on both private and public land, serving as advocates for indigenous people working 'on Country' to protect and maintain Country. They will now move into the national awards, to be announced next year. It was also great to see a local landcare group, the Strathallan Family Landcare Group

receiving a commendation recognising their Squirrel Glider program and biodiversity work.

Nominations for the 2020 Australia Day Awards are now open. It is the occasion where we formally recognise and pay tribute to individuals and groups within our community who have provided outstanding service and have made a significant contribution to our community. For more information visit Council's website.

Events continue to dominate around Campaspe and the recent Winter Blues Festival attracted more than 19,000 visitors to the region to soak up the atmosphere in Echuca Moama. Daylight savings will be here soon and the longer days sees markets, horse racing, car shows, sporting events and music weekends filling up a jam packed events calendar.

I look forward to welcoming our new CEO Declan Moore and our new General Manager Infrastructure Services Jason Deller when they commence in early October.

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Attending the 2019 Victorian Landcare Awards at Government House.

Major infrastructure upgrade for Crossenvale

The Crossenvale Healthy Heart project is part of the Victorian Government Healthy Heart of Victoria initiative that aims to improve health outcomes for residents, and will be delivered by Council in 2019/20 with a \$266,516 grant received from the Federal Government.

Crossenvale, was identified as a community at risk of health issues and one which would benefit from increased opportunities to participate in healthy lifestyle choices.

There are two parts to the project.

Part one involves upgrades to the Wilson Court park in Crossenvale. Part two provides a program of physical activities to provide local residents with opportunities to be more active, more often.

Upgrades to the park include a picnic shelter, paths, minor landscaping, new park furniture and playground equipment. This will entice visitors to the park, encouraging a more active and healthy lifestyle. An improved active lifestyle assists in preventing health disease and other chronic illnesses in the community.

The programs will include active training and play sessions delivered on site by Council's recreation staff. This will be done in partnership with Crossenvale Community House and the local community.

Local residents recently attended a community event and launch of the project. Community members had the opportunity to provide ideas and aspirations for the project so that the park improvements and programs reflect community needs and preferences into the future.



Improve Your Rural Property Landscape

All Campaspe Shire rural zoned ratepayers are eligible to purchase a limited number of plants at a subsidised rate through the Rural Tree Scheme.

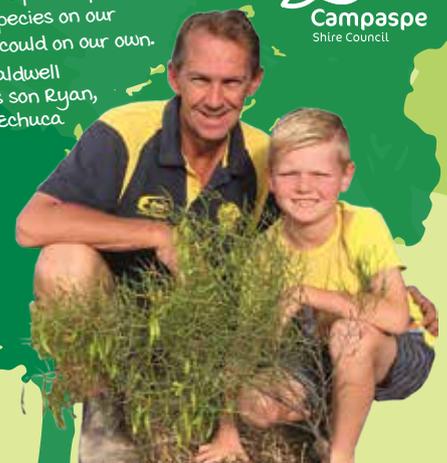
Available until 1 November, or when the allocated funds have been spent.

Order forms available from all customer service centres, the Campaspe Shire website or can be mailed out on request.

Now Open!

“ The tree scheme helped us plant more indigenous species on our property than we could on our own. - Jaye Caldwell with his son Ryan, Echuca ”

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Faces of small business

One of the many ways Campaspe Shire supports local businesses is through the delivery of training opportunities aimed at increasing knowledge, improving services and efficiency.

Training is heavily subsidised by Small Business Victoria and offers great value for money.

Echuca Printers has participated in a number of Council's training opportunities and found the benefits have improved their business practices and outcomes. Owners, Chris and Nick Lee were selected as the Faces of Small Business because of their commitment to training and ongoing business improvement.

Chris and Nick acquired the business and realised early on that they needed to work on the business, as well as in the business for it to thrive.

Rebranding was their first step – a vibrant contemporary look to appeal to the local and national market.

They sought assistance from the Small Business Victoria's workshop program and mentoring program, hosted by Council.

"The Small Business Victoria workshops were exactly what we needed. Very time efficient, access to impartial business experts who we could trust and seek advice from, and great value for money."

The business workshops helped Chris and Nick understand the importance of developing a strategy and timeline for accountability and provided the tools to develop their own one page business plan.

Echuca Printers now boasts a new in-house digital capability which decreases turn-around time for customers and increases quality control and profit. They also have an effective marketing plan backed by quality service which has resulted in growth.



The team at Echuca Printers.

Coming to Council in 2020, the Australian Small Business Advisory Services (ASBAS) program, delivered by Melbourne Innovation Centre will focus on digital solutions for small business and how to leverage off your online presence to take you to the next level. A series not to be missed. For more information, contact Stacey Fraser on 03 5481 2824.

Campaspe Gives a Scrap!

We are now three months into the expanded green bin service where food scraps are being added, along with garden organics, to the food and garden waste bin. Figures are showing that we most definitely 'Give a scrap'!

When food and garden waste is put in the red bin, it goes to landfill where it creates methane that is 25 times more damaging to our environment than carbon dioxide.

The best option to avoid harming the environment is to put your food and garden waste in the green bin. From there, Council sends it off to be turned into compost. This is cheaper, better for the environment and healthier for our entire community.

The green bin is an opt-in service that 62 per cent of (6,850) Campaspe residents have taken up. Through this service, in July and August alone, 400 tonnes of food and garden waste was saved from landfill and composted by local business Biomix. So far residents are doing a great job putting the right things in the green bin, keeping our contamination rate really low at 0.15 per cent. Remember garden tools, treated timber and plastic/degradable/biodegradable bags do not belong in the green bin and cannot be composted.

A food scrap caddy is provided free of charge to all households that opt for a green bin service and this can be used to transport food scraps outside to the green bin.

By using a green bin, waste being placed in the red bin is reduced allowing residents to downsize their waste bin AND save money. For example, if a resident downsizes their red waste bin from a medium 140 litre to a small 80 litre and gets a green bin, they will **save \$25 on their rates**.

Spring is here and there is no better time to get a green bin, downsize your waste bin and save money and the environment at the same time!

For more information or to order a green bin service, visit Council's website or call 1300 666 535.



Project update

Council continues to remain on track with the delivery of projects across the shire. Below is a snapshot of some current projects.



Delivery - The pool shells at Lockington and Colbinabbin swimming pools are being repainted, ready to open in November for the summer season.



Completed - The damaged safety barrier at Torrumbarry Weir Road has been replaced.



Design
Detailed designs for the repair and replacement of the four main roof trusses in the Kyabram Plaza Theatre have been completed. Works are planned to start in the coming months.



Design
Designs to rebuild the open drain in Ramsay Street, Rochester have been completed. Works will start once final approvals have been received from VicTrack.



Completed
New cricket nets at the Echuca South Recreation Reserve have been installed.

What's on

1 - 3 October
Elmore Field Days - Elmore Events Centre, 5432 6176

Wednesday, 2 October
Feathers & Friends Fun Day - Kyabram Fauna Park, Lake Rd, 5852 2883

2 - 3 October
VACSAL Junior Football/Netball Carnival - EDNA Courts, Echuca and Moama Recreation Reserve, 0458 138 276

3 - 6 October
Echuca Moama Artists 65th Annual Exhibition - St Mary's Hall, Anstruther St Echuca, 0438 812 339

4 - 6 October
Friends of Terrick Terrick National Park Weekend - Davies homestead site, Mitiamo Kow Swamp Rd, 5480 9254

Saturday, 5 October
Echuca Farmers' Market - Alton Reserve, Hare St, 0437 746 459
Tongala Community Garage Sale - Tongala, 5859 1332

Echuca Swimming Club - September carnival - Echuca Aquatic Centre, Service St, 0421 060 440

Sunday, 6 October
Sounds for the Soul - Echuca-Moama Uniting Church, Hare St, Echuca, 0429 801 342

Kyabram Farmers' Market - Kyabram Stadium, Allan St, 0413 342 705
Sweat vs Steam - Hopwood Gardens, Echuca, 0408 380 858

Wednesday, 9 October
Campaspe Shire Seniors Week Concert - Paramount Cinema & Performing Arts Centre, High St, Echuca, 5482 3399

10 October - 12 November
Be Persuaded- Jane Austen Experience Garment Exhibition - Kyabram Town Hall, 5852 1546

12 - 20 October
World Invitational Town Crier Tournament - various, 0419 253 658

Saturday, 12 October
Victorian Canoeing Mini Marathon - Echuca Boat Ramp, Scenic Drive, 0430 366 442

Isaiah - Spirit & Beyond Tour - Paramount Cinema & Performing Arts Centre, High St, Echuca, 0438 509 878

Sunday, 13 October
Victorian State Concert Orchestra - Paramount Cinema & Performing Arts Centre, High St, Echuca, 0429 801 342

Girgarre Farmers' Produce and Craft Market - Girgarre Memorial Hall & Park Reserve, 5854 6283

Stanhope Monster Garage Sale - Birdwood Ave, 5857 2866

Saturday, 19 October
Echuca Farmers' Market - Alton Reserve, Hare St, 0437 746 459

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

Brock Commodore Owners Club of Australia - Show n Shine - Murray Esplanade, Echuca, 0428 157 522

Kyabram Agricultural Spring Show - Kyabram Showgrounds, Allan St, 0428 992 450

Sunday, 20 October
Campaspe Carp Catch in 5 locations - Echuca, Strathallan, Rochester, Elmore & Axedale, 5484 9293

Kyabram Come Try Fishing Day - Channel Bank, McEwen Rd (between Brose & Everard Rds) Kyabram, 0427 552 541

Campaspe Shire Seniors Week Concert - Rich River Golf Club, 24 Lane, Moama, 0438 160 222

Central Victorian Chrysler Club Show n Shine - Murray Esplanade, Echuca, 0419 467 459

20 - 27 October
Campervan & Motorhome Club of Australia - 2019 National Rally - Elmore Events Centre, 0427 547 659

Thursday, 24 October
Annual Service of Remembrance - 3rd Cavalry Regiment (Vietnam) Associations - Village Green, Mangan St, Tongala, 0407 002 432

Friday, 25 October
Kyabram Garden Club Annual Flower Display - Kyabram Senior Citizens rooms, Lake Rd, 0418 356 803

Gunbower, Torrumbarry and Lockington

#lovewhereyoulive

After a long cold winter, we're all itching for some sun and fun. There is no greater time to get outdoors than spring time, and Campaspe Shire boasts unique natural landscapes well worth exploring.

Gunbower forest is internationally recognised for its expansive wetlands and billabongs that is home to spectacular wildlife. The 195 sq km forest is a great place for fishing, canoeing/kayaking, birdwatching and relaxing alongside the Murray River.

In 1923, the Kow Swamp Reservoir and Torrumbarry Weir on the Murray River were constructed for irrigation. Today these are still integral to the region's water management as well as supporting recreational activities.

Kow Swamp is a freshwater lake and wetland that is now used for water storage. It is also a culturally significant Indigenous archaeology site with found remains dating back more than 20,000 years. Its spectacular setting provides the perfect backdrop for picnics and photography.

Ten minutes down the road via the Murray Valley Highway is Torrumbarry Weir – another significant site, home to picturesque waterways and an interpretive centre showcasing the area's preserved history. Torrumbarry is hugely popular for camping, water sports and fishing.



Kow Swamp, Gunbower.

A popular watering hole of a different kind is the Gunbower Hotel, known not just for its great selection of beer and local wines, but for its superb locally grown beef. Established in 1941, the hotel has had a facelift recently with a freshly painted native birdlife mural by renowned artist Jimmy D'Vate. The pub also offers Sunday live music sessions – both well worth checking out.

If you're more of a sweet tooth, call in to the quaint nearby town of Lockington for homemade waffles, ice cream and coffee and ice cream at Curleo's. Whilst there, stroll along the channel network that runs through the town and you may just find the 'Locky Ness Monster', a giant yabby that can be pulled up from the channel.

History buffs are encouraged to drop in to the Lockington and District Living Heritage Complex, a true museum experience that is home to unique local patented machinery, sculptures and a wealth of local history.

Coming up...

Experience the Gunbower Gold Cup at the Gunbower Racing Club on Saturday, 5 October.

As part of The Big Cohuna Festival's Open Doors event, the Gunbower Butter Factory is hosting its first open day on Tuesday, 5 November from 9.30am to 2.30pm. Relish the opportunity to have a look through owner's Jon & Letitia's renovated factory and bed and breakfast.

Saturday, 26 October

Jigarre Jammin - Girgarre Memorial Hall, 5854 6283

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

Camp Quality esCARpade - Murray Esplanade, Echuca, 0411 180 988

Rushworth Spring Garden Festival - Garden Expo Day - High St, Rushworth, 0400 561 728

Sunday, 27 October

Rochester Sports Museum Grand Opening - Rochester Railway Station, Northern Hwy, 0418 506 228

Tongala's Beersheba Rod, Custom & Classic Car & Bike Show - Tongala Soundshell Gardens, 0499 384 272

Rochester Rod, Custom & Classic Car & Bike Show - Rochester Riverside Caravan Park, 0414 273 180

Girgarre Open Garden Festival presented by Girgarre Community Cottage - Various (collect map from Girgarre Community Cottage), 5854 6482

Saturday, 2 November

Koyuga Horse Hay 2019 Koyuga Cup - Koyuga Hall, 961 O'Dea Rd, 0427 591 139

Rochester Town Garage Sale - Rochester, 0409 075 074

Echuca Farmers' Market - Alton Reserve, Hare St, 0437 746 459

Sunday, 3 November

Kyabram Farmers' Market - Kyabram Stadium, Allan St, 0413 342 705

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

Kyabram Farmers' Market - Kyabram Stadium, Allan St, 0413 342 705

Monday, 4 November

The Melbourne Cup Eve Market Day - Hare St, Echuca, 0429 517 535

Tuesday, 5 November

Echuca Races- Melbourne Cup Meeting - Echuca Race Course, Scott Rd, Echuca, 5482 2487

Friday, 8 November

Kyabram Bush Market - Allan St, Kyabram, 5852 1363

8 - 10 November

Kyabram RV Country Music Festival - Kyabram Showgrounds, Allan St, 5853 2045

Victorian Clay Target State Titles - Echuca Gun Club, 205 Echuca-Mitiamo Rd, Echuca West, 0407 802 107

9 - 10 November

Echuca Moama Show - Echuca Show Grounds, Simmie St, 0429 386 233

Echuca And District Kennel Club Inc Championship Dog Show - Echuca East Rec Reserve, Sutton St, 0419 666 607

Sunday, 10 November

Girgarre Farmers' Produce and Craft Market - Girgarre Memorial Hall & Park Reserve, 5854 6283

Stanhope Monster Garage Sale - Birdwood Ave, 5857 2866

Monday, 11 November

Rochester Remembrance Day March & Commemoration Service - Cenotaph, Gillie St, Rochester, 0416 180 820

Tuesday, 12 November

2019 WickED Sustainability Awards - Echuca Library, 1300 666 535

Wednesday, 13 November

Lockington Bowls Club, Ladies Invitation Fours Tournament - Lockington Bowls Club, 87 Pannoo Rd, 0427 802 569

16 - 17 November

Three Rivers Festival - Moama Sports Reserve, Cobb Hwy, 0476 801 621

Saturday, 16 November

Echuca Farmers' Market - Alton Reserve, Hare St, 0437 746 459
REHF Rushworth Market - High St, Rushworth, 0402 576 103

Sunday, 17 November

Echuca Country Music Club - Monthly Concert - Rich River Golf Club, 24 Lane, Moama, 0438 160 222
Henley Friends High Tea - Masonic Lodge Hall, Church St, Kyabram, 0427 561 234

Campaspe's WickED ways continues

Waste in Campaspe – Know, Educate, Do (WickED) is Council's waste and environment behaviour change program.

WickED is a community based approach to waste and resource recovery education across Campaspe Shire. It exists to inform, educate, support and empower the Campaspe community to take practical action to reduce waste and influence positive behaviour change to minimise environmental impact.

The program includes school visits, waste and recycling facility tours, education projects and competitions.

The initial five year program started in 2013. A survey was conducted at the beginning of the year to assist with the development of the next five year program which was launched in July. Results of the survey proved the program's success with residents

changing their behaviour resulting in a 15 per cent reduction in waste to landfill.

"The WickED Waste competition is a great way to include sustainability education into the curriculum whether that's STEM, English or environmental studies. Our students have gained a great deal from the experience it offers."

**- Robyn MacLean, Principal,
Colbinabbin Primary School**

One of the annual highlights of WickED is the sustainability awards competition where kindergartens, schools and childcare centres across Campaspe and Moama as well as individuals, community groups, businesses and industries within Campaspe Shire are invited to share their environment and waste minimisation success stories. The competition acknowledges and



WickED

rewards those in our community who take care of the environment and seek to conserve our planet and its resources for future generations.

The WickED Sustainability Awards competition is now open and this year's theme is "Avoid, reduce, reuse – keeping food waste out of landfill" which aligns with Council's new "Give A Scrap" campaign encouraging residents to put their food scraps in the green (food and garden waste) bin.

Keeping food waste out of landfill is important because not only is food waste harmful to the environment when in a landfill, but it is also a valuable resource that can be turned into compost.

More information about council's WickED education program can be found on council's website by clicking on 'Waste & recycling' under the 'Live' tab.

Entry forms for the WickED Sustainability Awards can be accessed via Council's website and further information can be obtained by contacting Environmental Projects Officer – Education, Samantha Ferrier, on 5481 2200 or s.ferrier@campaspe.vic.gov.au. Competition closes Monday, 28 October.



Catering for people with severe disabilities

Echuca's new Changing Places Facility is more than an accessible toilet. It includes enough space for two carers, height adjustable change tables, a tracking hoist system, shower and toilet, in a safe and clean environment.

Located in the Echuca High Street car park, the facility breaks down social exclusion by improving the ability of people with severe disability to more

fully participate in their community.

Users have access 24/7 and if they do not already have a key, are required to complete an application form to purchase a MLAK key that can be used at all similar facilities across Australia.

Keys cost \$20 and can be purchased from Echuca Locksmiths, 108 Hare Street, Echuca.



Out and about

Campaspe Shire Staff and Councillors have had a spring in their step out in the community, attending and celebrating various events at the start of a new season. Below is a snapshot of what they have been up to.



Campaspe Child Care Centre's (CCCC) Stacey Gillie, Member for Murray Plains MP Peter Walsh and Children Services Coordinator Bernadette Paterson celebrating Early Childhood Educators Day with CCCC children.



Council's Bobbi Aitken and Cr Leanne Pentreath hosted a day out on the paddlesteamer Alexander Arbuthnot with Japanese exchange students as part of our international friendship.



Celebrating the implementation of the Aboriginal pedagogy and eight ways of learning (L-R) Ray Burton -CEO Campaspe Shire, Shirley Burrell - Early Years Advisor Shine Bright, Kerri Watson - Supervisor & Educational Leader Echuca South Community Kindergarten, Tracy Woods - Playgroups Facilitator, Campaspe Shire, Alex White - Kindergarten Teacher Echuca South Community Kindergarten, and Janelle Wheatley - Community Care Manager Campaspe Shire.



Mayor Cr Adrian Weston, with Minister for Regional Development, Jaclyn Symes and Council's Keith Oberin at the Aquatic Reserve funding announcement and tour of the Echuca Riverfront Kiosk project.



Councillors and staff recently attended an Integrated Water Management (IWM) Plan workshop. The plan aims to provide practical water related opportunities and solutions to current challenges and issues.

Council meetings

Council meetings – Echuca, 5pm
- open to the public
- live streamed on council's website
- agenda available Friday prior

15 October
19 November

Service profile

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Resilient Community Coordination

A resilient community is one that develops an understanding of emergency risks to better prepare, plan respond to and recover from crisis. A resilient community is one that is well connected and supportive of each other's wellbeing, and Council staff play a key part in supporting the community.

It is vital that governments and emergency services are well prepared for crisis situations and continue to plan and respond effectively. Disaster resilience is a shared responsibility between emergency management agencies and the greater community. It is vital that Council has a good working relationship with all emergency service providers in our community.

Campaspe resides amongst some of the most abundant forests and bushlands in Australia. With this comes fire risk.



Rushworth and Toolleen are identified as high risk areas due to the large amount of solid fuel neighbouring the townships. Council has worked in partnership with emergency management agencies to reduce hazards and promote a resilient community.

In the lead up to the peak fire season, to assist with fuel management around your home and property, Council is offering all Campaspe residents free disposal of green waste at all transfer stations from 15 October - 5 November.

Avoid being the fire starter!

We have officially hit the warmer weather and now is the time to get ready and clean up in preparation for the fire season.

There are many things you can do to prepare for the fire season. These can include:

- clean leaves out of gutters
- keep grass cut low
- reduce fine fuels such as long grass, fallen leaves and twigs from around the home
- remove dead undergrowth and fallen branches
- remove potential fire hazards such as flammable household items and firewood from around the house and yard
- use soapy water to check barbeque gas fittings for leaks

Residents are encouraged to report to Council any potential fire risks that could include overgrown houses/ lots. Staff will inspect these properties and can issue a fire prevention notice, calling on the landholder to cut the grass to a specified height. Should the request not get actioned, Council is able to do the work and charge the landholder for this cost.

Each year in the lead up to fire season, Council conducts fire prevention works to ensure Council owned properties



are ready for fire season. Works include slashing roadside vegetation and inspecting private properties to assess risk and if required, issue fire prevention notices.

Take advantage of Council's offer to clean up your property with free garden organics collection at all transfer stations between Tuesday, 15 October and Tuesday, 5 November.

DID YOU KNOW ?

The total area mowed across Campaspe Shire is equivalent to mowing the MCG oval 1,873 times.