



Campaspe Times Newsletter

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Time to get out and about

While this is one of the busiest times of year, it is also one of my favourites.

What's not to love about the weather at this time of year, working beautifully with many of the Shire's fantastic offerings?

Stage 2 of the Echuca East precinct has been opened to the public and it is fantastic to see so many people utilising the space at all times of the day and warmer evenings. The off-leash dog park has proved popular with many people (and dogs!) expressing their gratitude for this component, and children of all ages are enjoying the play equipment while families appreciate the well-manicured lawns and the terrific job our parks and gardens team are doing in maintaining this space.

With Easter fast approaching, it is a wonderful opportunity to experience time at the Kyabram Fauna Park, now part of Zoos Victoria with the meerkats a must see. A short trip from there is the Gargarro Botanical Gardens Café which is now trading. Although the gardens have not yet been officially opened, people are free to wander and view the gardens which will form part of the Midland Botanic Garden trail between Bendigo and Shepparton, and is a perfect example of what our smaller towns and communities have to offer the region. Campaspe Shire is proudly open for visitors, open for business and open for events – check out the What's On calendar (Page 4) for more over the Easter break and in the coming months.

We have started back with our monthly Council meetings, the next to be held on April 18. We welcome members of the public to attend, with meetings held

on the third Tuesday of the month at 6pm, however you can also live stream the meetings via our Campaspe Shire Council website.

Across the Shire we will be commemorating ANZAC Day on April 25, with many services being planned. I personally am looking forward to paying my respects and acknowledging our ANZACs and taking time to reflect on the sacrifices made in the past.

Until next time, stay safe and enjoy.

Cr Rob Amos, Mayor



I recently attended the Climate Leadership and Jobs Summit in Shepparton, organised by Environmental Leadership Australia and hosted by Federal Member for Nicholls, Sam Birrell MP. It was fantastic to listen to a quality line up of speakers over the two day, exploring local and realistic ways to improve climate outlook. Local leaders from around the region were able to immerse themselves in this important topic.

Animal Registrations

Dogs and cats in Campaspe Shire must be registered with Council. Registration renewal is due by 10 April each year. Pet owners whose dogs and cats are registered in Campaspe Shire will have already received their registration packs, sent out in March. You can also download a registration application from Council's website, under 'Animals and pets', or by collecting a form from one of Council's Customer Service Centres.

There are a number of fee levels you may be eligible for. Either full fee, full fee with Pensioner Concession, reduced fee or reduced fee with Pensioner Concession.

All dogs and cats must be microchipped before Council can accept registration.

Dog and cat ownership in Campaspe Shire Council:

- In residential areas, you cannot keep more than two dogs and two cats on any one property unless you have a permit to keep more.
- In rural areas, you cannot keep more than five dogs and five cats on any one property.
- Dogs and cats aged 12 weeks and older must be registered with Council.
- If you have moved from another council into Campaspe Shire Council, you must register your dog or cat with us, even if that animal is registered in your previous council.
- If your details change (property address, telephone number) or the details of the animal owner change, you must notify Council.



Barking Mad!

Dogs are an important part of our community life, but dogs that bark excessively and become a nuisance can lead to friction between neighbours.

Before contacting Council with a barking dog complaint, it is essential that you've made an attempt to approach the dog's owner in a neighbourly manner and discussed your concerns with them. In most cases, a solution can be found by communicating with your neighbour.

If this does not resolve the problem, you may start the complaint process with Council. What you need to do:

- Identify the correct address of the barking dog. You will need to live within close proximity to lodge a complaint (typically, within two houses from the dog).
- Complete a Barking Dog Complaint Form within the Barking Dog Booklet. You can download the Barking Dog Booklet from Council's website, under 'Animals and pets', or collect one from one of Council's Customer Service Centres.
- Also within the Barking Dog Booklet, keep a diary of the dog's barking habits for a period of two weeks.
- Once this complaint form and diary is completed, forward to Council.

The Community Ranger will then attend the area and confirm with other residents that the barking dog is a problem. They will advise the dog owner of the complaint and discuss possible solutions.

Out and About

Campaspe Shire Council staff and councillors have been 'out and about' in our community. Here's a few of our most recent snapshots.



Each year CCLLEN celebrates the outstanding performance of Vocational Education and Training (VET) students from regional schools across our region. Cr Rob Amos is pictured with students, Ella Birtles (left) and Arielle Dolan.



Campaspe Shire Council staff supported International Women's Day by dressing in purple.



Kyabram's Taste and Tunes event recently attracted thousands of people to an incredibly successful event.



Human Resources Officer, Andrea Martinez assisting with the judging of the VET School's Excellence Awards. Pictured (L-R): Brendon Hawken, Andrea Martinez and Michael Pratt.



Campaspe Shire Recreation Officer, Rishabh Kothari with two happy participants at Campaspe Stadium's Parks Week program.



Community Support Officer, Jim Gow with Council lifeguards were out and about at a special screening of Jaws at the Tongala Pool's Dive in Movie.



Campaspe Shire Economic Development Manager, Astrid O'Farrell (left), with Wendy Holland from Community Vibe and resident Mick Lindsay at the NBN information session at Rushworth.

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, starting at 6pm and are streamed live on Council's website. The agenda is available the Friday before each meeting.

Upcoming meetings

- 18 April
- 16 May
- 20 June

The Perfect Place to Picnic: Colbinabbin Silo Art Picnic & Wine Festival

Picnic beneath the towering canvases that are the Colbinabbin Silos. Sample the produce and pairings from our fertile region in a convivial atmosphere.

The inaugural Colbinabbin Silo Art Picnic and Wine Festival will be held on Sunday, 7 May between 11am – 3pm. This community led event has been a labour of love for the silo committee, who have poured hours into the creation of Colbinabbin's new feature event.

The Colbinabbin Country Hotel, Colbinabbin General Store Co-Op and other food outlets will support your catering needs on the day with ingenious development of 'picnic packs,' grazing and sandwich platters. Residents are invited to order these prior to the event through www.trybooking.com/CGTWM. With your picnic pack in hand, residents will arrive at the silos to a sea of local winery stalls, live music and fun for the kids. Inclusively, entertainment for young and old.

Bring your own seating and picnic essentials, relax under the silos with a locally grown vino in hand, and kick back in Colbinabbin.



What's On

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

1 April - 30 June

Di Huber & Friends – Photographer,
Kyabram Town Hall Exhibition

3 April - 29 April

Gallery - Jan Preston Textiles Artist,
Kyabram Town Hall

5 April - 7 May

Exhibition by Olivia Lawton & Marion
Gould, The Foundry Art Space,
Echuca

Friday, 7 April

Hay Bale Trail, Tongala Village Green

Renault 4CV Car Club - Show n
Shine, Murray Esplanade, Echuca

Ministers Fellowship Good Friday
Service, Memorial Park, Allan Street,
Kyabram

7 - 9 April

Echuca Easter Lawn Tennis
Tournament, Crofton Street

Saturday, 8 April

Rushworth Easter Heritage Festival &
Market

Hopwood Garden Market, Echuca

8 - 10 April

Kyabram Lawn Tennis Club Annual
Easter Tournament, Lake Road

Sunday, 9 April

Farmers Produce & Craft Market,
Girgarre Memorial Hall

Stanhope Monster Garage Sale,
Birdwood Ave

Saturday, 15 April

Echuca Farmers Market, Aquatic
Reserve

Sunday, 16 April

Echuca Country Music Club Monthly
Concert, Tongala Shire Hall

Sunday, 23 April

Echuca Races, Scott Road

Monday, 24 April

Dusk ANZAC Service, Nanneella Hall

Tuesday, 25 April

ANZAC Night Vigil & Day Service,
Echuca Memorial Park

ANZAC Day Services in Echuca,
Lockington, Rochester, Kyabram &
Girgarre

Saturday, 22 April

Echuca Swap Meet, Rotary Park

Jigarre Jammin, Girgarre Memorial
Hall

22 - 23 April

Lockington Scarecrow Competition

Lockington Vintage Rally

Sunday, 30 April

Tongala Eats & Beats, Soundshell
Gardens

1 May - 29 July

Deb Layt - Textile Artist, Kyabram
Town Hall Gallery

1 May - 29 July

Kyabram Town Hall Gallery - Let
Colour Speak

Saturday, 6 May

Echuca Farmers Market

Sunday, 7 May

Colbinabbin Picnic, Silos

Echuca Moama Bridal & Events
Festival, Echuca Racecourse

Register your community event

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

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

Event Support

#campaspeservices

Council supports events across the shire to help foster community spirit, grow tourism and support the local economy. Approximately 100 small to large scale events are held in Campaspe Shire annually. These events are held on public land, Council reserves, parks, private venues and even in car parks!

The Events Support Team at Council does a lot of 'behind the scenes' to help community events come to life! The Events Support Team assists community members with navigating the event application process and can liaise with other Council teams such as the roads, waste, and parks and gardens teams to help you tick all the boxes in the event application process.

The Events Support team can even help by lending equipment to help you enhance your community event. Items available to borrow from Council include:

- Bike racks
- Portable speakers
- Temporary fencing
- Synthetic grass
- Bunting
- Branded marquee
- Tally counters
- Cordless headsets



The team also has a wealth of information they can provide you with, such as:

- How to plan, market and promote your event
- How to obtain any required permits
- How to create an accessible and inclusive event

Visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/events to download our helpful resources.



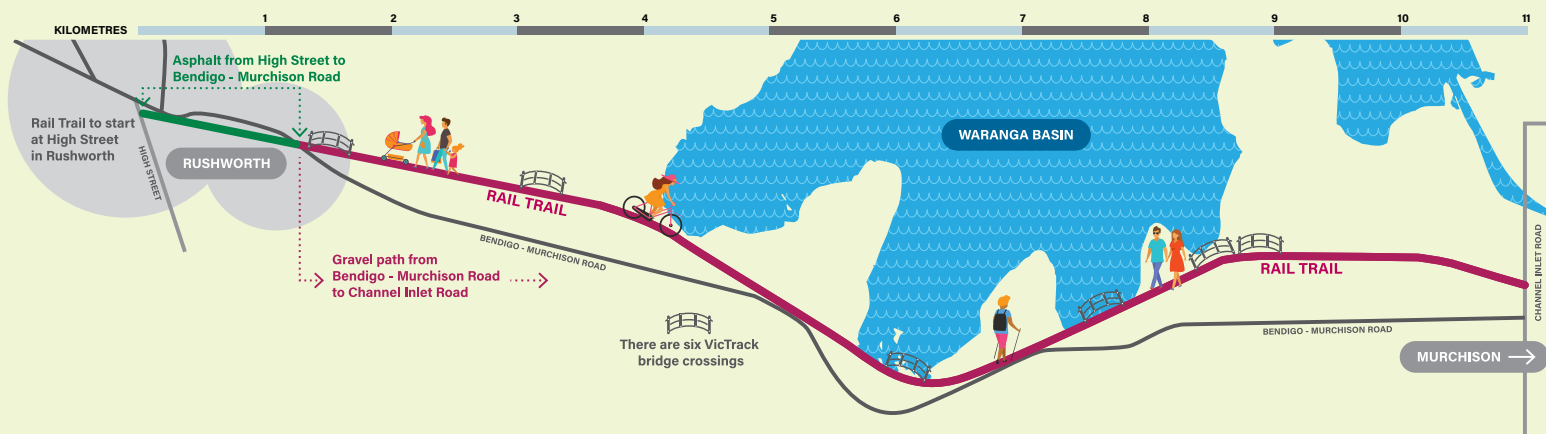
Events Support Officer Belinda Owen helping to set up bike racks prior to an event.

Did you know you can list your event in the Events Directory for free?

Events hosted by community groups or event organisers can be listed on our 'Event Directory'. To create a listing, your event must be community based and held within Campaspe Shire.

Handy tip: You can watch our helpful video that shows you step by step how to create your event listing on our website by scanning this QR code.





Rushworth Rail Trail

A new way to experience the unique ironbark scenery of Rushworth is on the cusp of construction. The Rushworth Rail Trail will see 11 kilometres of wandering trail, starting from High Street in Rushworth and connecting to the existing Murchison Rail Trail. You'll be able to walk, ride and explore our local wonderland that twists around the Waranga Basin, providing spectacular views of our shire's largest body of water. The trail is asphalt between High Street and the Bendigo Murchison Road, where it will become gravel for the remainder of the trail, to the shire boundary of Channel Inlet Road.

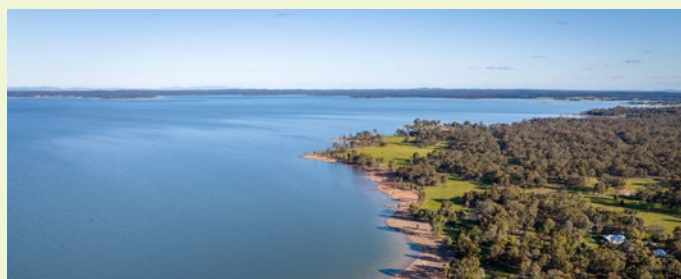
So, where's it all up to? Designs have been completed, and our Project Management team are currently working on authority approvals, permits and procurement. The project itself will be completed in stages, as follows:

Stage 1 – Track clearing and native vegetation planting

Stage 2 – Asphalt path works at the Rushworth end

Stage 3 – Repair of the bridges

Stage 4 – Gravel path construction



Ultimately, the Rushworth Rail Trail will be completed by April 2024. So, there's lots of work to do before then, but we couldn't be more excited to bring this new experience to Rushworth and the surrounding district. It will provide recreational and social benefits to the local community members and visitors, along with countless economic opportunities.

We will highlight the natural beauty of the landscape and provide some insight into local history, with interpretive signs at every kilometre. Each sign will tell a different story, such as the history of the train station, the irrigation network, logging and goldmining.

This project has been funded by the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Program and the Bushfire Recovery Grant Program.



Other Projects in Waranga Ward

Rushworth Service Centre Upgrade

This project is currently in delivery.

Barnadown Myola Road

200 metre section of road and two culverts replaced.

Colbinabbin Open Drain

This project is currently in delivery.

Gamble Court Pump Well, Colbinabbin

This project is currently in delivery.

Rushworth Senior Citizens Car Park

Construction has been completed.

Groves Bridge, Colbinabbin

Construction has been completed.

Advocating for Campaspe's Flood Recovery and Beyond

Council is a strong advocate of our community on many local issues. We also play a key leadership role in advocating on matters of importance to our region, state and nation. The 1-in-150-year October 2022 flood event has created a raft of issues of local, regional and national significance. As such, we are working closely with our municipal neighbours, water authorities, industry bodies and other levels of government to advocate for positive outcomes in several key areas. These advocacy efforts are summarised below.

Issue	What We're Seeking	Why It's Important	Status
Flood recovery positions	Approximately \$5.36 million from the Victorian Government for dedicated flood recovery positions.	This will enable Council to deliver flood recovery activities without impacting business-as-usual services to the community.	The Victorian Government Minister for Emergency Services The Hon. Jaclyn Symes has so far confirmed \$2.012 million in funding.
Flood preparedness, mitigation and response	Commitment from the Victorian Government to research solutions to mitigate flooding caused by overflow spillage from Lake Eppalock.	The spilling of Lake Eppalock in 2011 and 2022 resulted in widespread inundation and extensive damage to the Campaspe Valley, particularly in Rochester.	The Victorian Government Minister for Water The Hon. Harriet Shing has committed to conducting an assessment of operating and infrastructure arrangements at Lake Eppalock.
	\$200,000 from the Victorian Government to review and update the Rochester Flood Plan with data from the October 2022 flood.	This will enable potential future flood mitigation measures, warning systems and triggers to be developed based on the latest information.	Representations have been made to the Victorian Government Minister for Emergency Services The Hon. Jaclyn Symes. Awaiting advice.
	\$1.088 million from the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund for: 1. Review and updating of the Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study with data from the October 2022 flood 2. Preparation of a Flood Risk Management Plan 3. Purchase of demountable levee panels	1. This will enable potential future flood mitigation measures, warning systems and triggers to be developed based on the latest information. 2. The plan will identify, evaluate and recommend options for mitigation works and determine their overall feasibility and requirements. 3. Protection of key community facilities and maintain access road.	An application has been made to Emergency Management Victoria seeking \$1.088 million in funding through the Australian Government's Disaster Ready Fund. Awaiting advice.

Flood Study Review

The draft Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study will be updated with new data from the October 2022 flood event.

Commenced in 2018, the flood study is a joint project between Campaspe Shire and Murray River councils, in conjunction with the Victorian North Central Catchment Management Authority, Department of Environment Energy and Climate Action, and NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

The councils were about to seek community feedback on the draft study when the 2022 flood occurred.

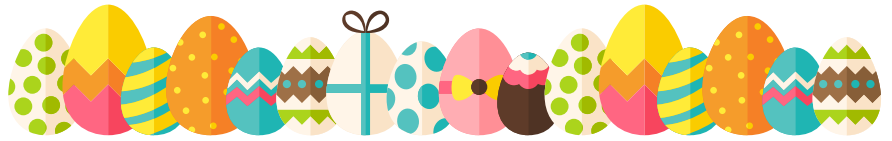
Data from the 2022 flood will now be used to recalibrate modelling in the draft study which was based on data from the 1993 flood event, the last time that the Murray, Campaspe and Goulburn rivers' flooding coincided.

It is anticipated that the revised draft Echuca Moama Torrumbarry Flood Study will be completed and placed on public exhibition late 2023.



Campaspe Shire Council Mayor Cr Rob Amos and Murray River Council Mayor Cr Chris Bilkey

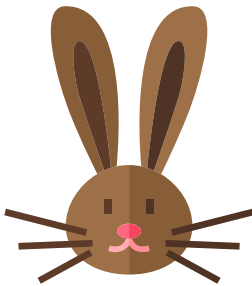
Don't Waste Easter



Just like at Christmas time, Easter can be a time of overindulgence. Our bins certainly collect their fair share! Roughly 4% of our nation's total waste comes from our chocolate consumption during the period around Easter. The best way to reduce the waste you produce around Easter is by repurposing, reusing and recycling as much as you can.

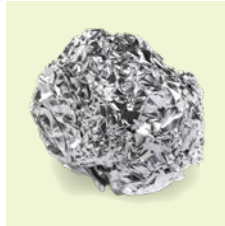
Our Top Tips

- Avoid Easter eggs that are packed in plastic, opt for foil instead.
- Make your own decorations and Easter baskets – or even better, reuse last year's.
- If you're dyeing real eggshells, avoid food waste and use the eggs in your cooking.
- Make your own hot cross buns or homemade chocolates. Then make the most of your leftovers! (Hot cross buns make excellent bread and butter pudding!)
- Reuse items around your home, like old cardboard boxes or wrapping paper, to make fun decorations.
- Decorate fruit punnets or egg cartons to package your DIY Easter goodies.



And when you do have to throw packaging away, follow the list below!

Typical Easter items



Aluminium foil

Roll into a ball the size of your fist before recycling in the yellow bin.



Lolly wrappers, 'fake foil'

If the foil doesn't stay 'scrunched', it's plastic foil and needs to be discarded in the red bin.



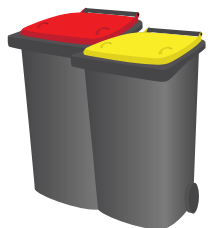
Hard plastic moulded insert

Keep as moulds for DIY Easter eggs
OR Recycle in the yellow bin.



Cardboard boxes

Keep and turn into decorations
OR Use to pack your own Easter gifts
OR If there's a plastic film in the box, remove this and put into the red bin. Recycle the cardboard box in the yellow bin.



Dye your own Easter Eggs!

1. Hard boil as many eggs as you intend to dye.
2. Fill a small, deep container with enough water to cover the egg. Add one teaspoon of white vinegar and around 20 drops of non-toxic food safe food colouring. (The more colouring, the darker the dye).
3. To create patterns on the shell, use rubber bands, wax, crayons or waterproof tape to create stripes or designs.
4. Place your egg on a slotted spoon and dunk, turning to get the egg completely covered. Keep in the liquid for at least 5 minutes.
5. Remove and allow to dry completely.
6. Enjoy your super colourful waste friendly Easter Eggs with a lovely bit of buttered toast!

