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Campaspe Times Newsletter

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The Honourable Margaret Gardner AC, Governor of Victoria and Emergency Management Commissioner, Rick Nugent visited Rochester mid-March to learn about the recovery process and meet members of the local community. They also met with the SES unit in Rochester to thank them for their volunteer efforts and hear about their response to floods and preparation for future threats. It was great to have them here, and thank you to the community for sharing their stories.

I was fortunate enough to attend the Regional Councils Victoria advocacy and government relations training session on 5 March, along with representatives from 30 other Councils. Later that evening, we had the opportunity to share our priorities with politicians, including The Honourable Jacinta Allan, Premier of Victoria, The Honourable Gayle Tierney, Minister for Regional Development and The Honourable Melissa Horne, Minister for Local Government.

Council is continuing its strong advocacy stance to protect Campaspe communities from any negative socio-economic impacts caused by the Australian Government's reintroduction of water buybacks as part of the revised Murray-Darling Basin Plan implementation. To inform our advocacy efforts, in February, Council resolved to establish a community reference group to provide firsthand insights, information, advice

and recommendations in relation to the social, economic, environmental and cultural impacts on Campaspe communities of water buybacks, and advise of preferred methods of community adjustment assistance. We'll keep the community informed of our advocacy on this critical issue.

At the March council meeting, Council agreed to commit to an Aquatic Strategy that aims to deliver improved aquatic facilities and wet play areas across the shire for the next 15 to 20 years. As we've seen through community engagement, the pools are really important to our community and we're committed to helping keep them operational.

Campaspe also hosted the Abilities Unleashed Sports Day at the Echuca Stadium for people living with a disability. Through the day, there was wheelchair rugby, cricket and dodgeball on offer. I was able to try my hand at wheelchair rugby, which was incredibly fun and difficult at the same time! Take a look at some of the photos from the day in this edition.

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

Until next time, stay safe and enjoy this edition.

Mayor Rob Amos

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.



Filming has commenced at Kyabram District Health Service. The project will comprise of a number of short videos to help increase the profile and liveability of Kyabram. This project was supported by Council's Economic Development team.



Rural Council's Victoria Chair Mary-Anne Brown (left), Victorian Premier The Hon. Jacinta Allan (centre) with Mayor Rob Amos at Parliament House in Melbourne where 30 representatives from Rural Councils Victoria met and shared their priorities with state politicians.



Author Hazel Edwards OAM and local writer, poet and artist, Karen Mills were wonderful guest speakers for International Women's Day, 8 March at the Echuca Library.



Crowds of visitors attended Echuca Moama Discovery Day at the Echuca Library where around 60 stalls showcased local community groups, clubs and volunteer organisations.



The Hon. Margaret Gardner AC, Governor of Victoria and Emergency Management Commissioner Rick Nugent visited the Rochester SES Unit and Council's Recovery Hub.



The Echuca Moama Landcare group was joined by Mayor Rob Amos at the Banyula Forest on Clean Up Australia Day to pick up any discarded litter in the area.



Dr Sandro Demaio, Gus Gillman, Alicia O'Brien, Ben Ridge, Cameron McMullan, Janelle Weatley, Kate Hardingham visited the Echuca Twin Rivers Specialist School Kitchen Garden project where students learn to grow and cook their own produce.



Weeds, Waste and Invasive Species Information Sessions were held around the shire with guest speaker, environmental consultant Jim Castles in Gunbower, Toolleen, Tongala and Rushworth.



Next Gen Connect, a young professionals networking group held their first event, the Local Professionals Networking Event supported by Council.

Correction. In the last edition of Campaspe Times, a photo of Australia Day award winner and Citizen of the Year, Don Hicks was incorrectly captioned as Don McKenzie. We apologise to Mr Hicks, who has been gracious in acknowledging our apology.

What's On

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

1 April - 31 May

Sue Hourigan Ovens Gallery, Kyabram Town Hall, 199-209 Allan Street

8 April - 1 June

Lynn Weeks Textile Art Exhibition, Kyabram Town Hall, 199-209 Allan Street

Sunday, 21 April

Rochester Town Market, Rochester Skate Park, Cnr Gillies & Campaspe Streets

Echuca Country Music Club - Monthly Concert, Tongala Public Hall, Mangan Street

Anointing of the Boneshakers, Christ Church, 500 High Street, Echuca

LGBTIA+ Seniors Afternoon Tea and Movie, CWA Hall, 498 High Street, Echuca

Saturday, 27 April

Jigarre Jammin, Girgarre Memorial Hall

Locky Blokes, Lockington Community Centre, Shakespeare Crescent

27 - 28 April

Lockington Vintage Rally, Lockington Living Heritage Centre

Sunday, 28 April

Moama Market, Moama Soundshell, Meninya Street

Echuca Moama Wedding & Events Expo, Echuca Race Course, Scott Road

May - July

Before and After works by Splinter Contemporary Artists, Kyabram Town Hall, 199-209 Allan Street

Friday, 3 May

Echuca Races, Echuca Race Course, Scott Road

3 - 19 May

Don't Fence Me In Exhibition by Australian Plein Air Artists Group, The Foundry Arts Space, 13-17 Murray Esplanade, Echuca

3 May - 10 June

Same Country, Different Interpretations Exhibition by Elaine Van Dyk & Judy Hutchins, The Foundry Arts Space, 13-17 Murray Esplanade, Echuca

Saturday, 4 May

The Early Ford V8 Club Vic - 2024 Nationals, Moama Soundshell, Meninya Street

Echuca Farmers Market, Aquatic Reserve, 2 Heygarth Street, Echuca

Sunday, 5 May

Colbinabbin Silo Art Picnic & Wine Festival, Colbinabbin Silos

Mr Perfect Echuca- Free Monthly BBQ, Apex Park, High Street, Echuca

Tuesday, 7 May

Kyabram Bocce Club Pasta Night, Kyabram Italian Social Bocce Club, 1/118 Fischer Street

Saturday, 11 May

Rushworth Speedway Race Meet, Nine Mile Road

Hopwood Garden Market, Hopwood Gardens, Echuca

Sunday, 12 May

Moama Market, Moama Soundshell, Meninya Street

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

Girgarre Mother's Day Classic, Progress Park, Station Street, Girgarre

Echuca Moama Mothers Day Classic, Hopwood Gardens, Echuca

Stanhope Monster Garage Sale, Birdwood Ave, Stanhope

Thursday, 16 May

Rochester Rotary Community Chat, Rochester Hotel, Moore Street

Friday, 17 May

Mr Perfect Echuca - Free Monthly Coffee Meet Up, Beechworth Bakery, High Street Echuca

Saturday, 18 May

Rushworth Market, High Street, Rushworth

Echuca Farmers Market, Aquatic Reserve, 2 Heygarth Street, Echuca

Echuca Races, Echuca Race Course, Scott Road

Sunday, 19 May

Lockington Lions Club Swap Meet, Show n Shine & Market, Lockington Park, Pannoo Road

Echuca Country Music Club - Monthly Concert, Tongala Public Hall, Mangan Street

Monday, 20 May

Echuca Harness Racing, Frank Ryan Raceway, Simmie Street, Echuca

Thursday, 23 May

Rainbow Coffee Pride Brunch, Fuzion Café, 258 Pakenham Street, Echuca

Saturday, 25 May

Jigarre Jammin, Girgarre Memorial Hall

Rushworth Speedway Race Meet, Rushworth Speedway, Nine Mile Road

WB Ute Annual Get Together (1980-1984), Echuca-Moama

Sunday, 26 May

Moama Market, Moama Soundshell, Meninya Street

ANZAC Events in Campaspe

ANZAC Day services are happening across the shire on the **24 and 25 April** to commemorate the sacrifices made by our service men and women.

There will be services in Nanneella, Echuca, Lockington, Rochester, Kyabram and Girgarre. Please check the events directory of Council's website for more information.

We will remember them.

Register your Community Event

Free website event listing is available to community groups within the shire.

Register at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/eventsdirectory.

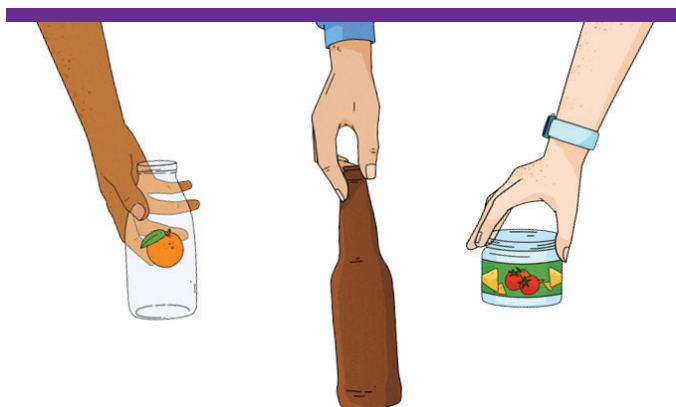
Keep an eye on this event directory as events are added and updated regularly!

WickED Survey

The annual WickED (Waste in Campaspe – Know Educate Do) survey is open! Aimed at gathering community feedback on waste management practices and understanding current attitudes towards waste disposal, the survey seeks feedback on Council's resource recovery centres, kerbside bin collection service, illegal dumping and what goes in which bin. It provides consistent baseline data to help with identifying waste education priorities as well as the planning, coordination, implementation and evaluation of the program each year.

The WickED survey is open to all Campaspe Shire and Moama residents, groups, businesses and schools. The online survey closes 5pm on Friday, 24 May. By completing the survey, respondents will go in the draw to **win one of five \$100 Visa pre-paid cards**.

Scan the QR code to fill out the survey.



Glass Recycling

There is a new way to recycle glass in Campaspe

Council is excited about the introduction of a new glass drop-off service that will help us process more of your household recycling and support a more sustainable Victoria.

Your household can now access a glass drop-off service that accepts empty glass bottles and jars (including broken ones) for free at each of Council's resource recovery centres.

Any other household glass (including broken drinking glasses, windows, mirrors, vases, glass cooking dishes and perfume bottles) must still go in your general waste bin. These glass items cannot be recycled in your kerbside recycling bin or in the glass drop off skips located at resource recovery centres as different types of glass have different melting points and we can't recycle them together.

Get to know your new glass drop-off sites and brush up on your recycling knowledge. Because your small acts make a big impact on Victoria's sustainable future.

For more information on what goes in your bins visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/what-bin.



Textiles don't Belong in your Recycling Bin

Clothing, towels, linen and other textile items cannot be recycled in your kerbside recycling bin as they aren't accepted at the facilities that sort our household recycling.

All textiles are now accepted for free at Council's eight resource recovery centres across the shire. Textiles taken to resource recovery centres are sent away to people in need or reused in a variety of ways.

Consider giving away items that are in good condition to op shops or people in need, repurposing items that are damaged or using specialised textile recycling services like at Council's resource recovery centres. If there's no other option, textiles must go in your kerbside general waste bin and DO NOT belong in your recycling bin.

A small act like recycling, reusing or repurposing your textiles or placing them in the general waste bin rather than the recycling bin makes a big impact.

Find out more at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/textiles.

Project Updates

Read about the progress of projects including roadworks, building improvements and recreational spaces in the Waranga Ward.



Rushworth Service Centre and Library

Council's Customer Service Centre and Library has been refurbished and is now open to the public. The newly renovated building will home a range of council services including the library, maternal and child health, immunisations and customer service.

Visit the Rushworth Service Centre and Library at 33 High Street, open weekdays (except Wednesdays) from 8.30am – 4.30pm (closed 12noon – 1pm for lunch).

This project was funded by the Victorian Government Living Libraries Infrastructure Program.



Rushworth Streetscape Stage 2 works

Stage 2 of the Rushworth Streetscape works are now complete. Over several months, contractors have worked along High Street from Moora Road to Wigg Street, replacing footpath, kerbs, street furniture and repaving the east and west sides of the road.

Line marking is expected to take place mid April along the east and west sides of the road. Enjoy the fresh streetscape!



Lions Park - replacement of amenities and car park

Delivered as part of a wider program and funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 3 Program, the amenities in Lions Park have been replaced with accessible modular amenities. The new facilities include a total of four cubicles, made up of three unisex ambulant and one unisex accessible cubicle.

As part of the regular road renewal programs, there will also be an upgrade of the parking area adjacent to Lions Park, which is expected to begin in April. The works include drainage and sealing of the parking area and the inclusion of one accessible parking space.



Rushworth to Murchison Rail Trail

The Rushworth to Murchison Rail Trail Project will see the development of 11 kilometres of trail between Rushworth and Chanel Inlet Road. Works are expected to start soon. Visit Council's works and projects page on the website for more information.

This project is jointly funded by the Australian Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Phase 3 Program and the Australian Government Black Summer Bushfire Recovery Grants Program.

Youth GO! Grant Program

The Campaspe Youth GO! Grant program opens on Monday, 22 April. Apply for up to \$1,000 for activities or events that focus on youth participation, development or celebration.

The grant program is open to schools, community groups or organisations to host youth focused events or activities. Visit Council's website for criteria and to apply.

For more information or queries, contact Council's Youth Community Development Officer on 1300 666 535. Applications close midnight, Sunday 19 May.



Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2024-2029 Industry Workshops

Following wide community and industry consultation completed in 2023, Council recently held a number of targeted industry workshops in locations across the shire to build on those findings, and seek further feedback to inform our upcoming Economic Development and Tourism Strategy.

Representatives from a wide variety of organisations and businesses attended the five workshops which included Manufacturing, Transport & Logistics, Education, Agriculture, Health and Tourism. Attendees shared their ideas and thoughts and how Council and the business community can work together over the next 5 years to ensure Campaspe has a prosperous, diverse and resilient economy.

From here, the strategy will be drafted and it will be publicly available for comment in the coming months before being presented to Council for adoption in the coming months.



On alternating Wednesdays, the Echuca and Kyabram libraries will transform into youth hangout spaces for teens. The two hour hang outs will provide a safe space for teens to encourage connection and relationship building. The evenings will feature a range of activities including creative arts, digital entertainment, a place to relax with friends and a safe space for youth to be themselves. For more information and dates, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/youth or scan the QR code.

Job Skills Grant

The Job Skills Grant program is open to Campaspe residents aged 16 to 25 years old to assist them with completing short courses and qualifications.

Applications of up to \$280 can be applied for through Council's website and are open from April to the end of the year, or until funds are exhausted.

For more information or queries, contact Council's Youth Community Development Officer on 1300 666 535.



Urban Forest Plan

The Urban Forest Plan is open for comment. The plan will establish a 10 year action plan for the urban trees council manages, including increasing the numbers of trees within townships for the community's benefit.

Scan the QR code to read the plan and provide your feedback.

The Urban Forest Plan is open for comment until 5pm, Wednesday, 22 May.



Legislative Council Sitting at the Echuca Library

Victoria's Legislative Council, the upper house of the Parliament of Victoria, will sit on Thursday, 18 April at the Echuca Library.

The regional sitting not only gives the local residents an insight into the inner workings of the parliamentary system, but it also provides parliamentarians with a great opportunity to connect with the people of regional Victoria.

In 2023 Campaspe Shire Council made a successful submission to host the Legislative Council sitting in Echuca. Upper House MPs from across the state will come to Campaspe to engage with our community in the continuing recovery following floods in 2022.

The sitting will be held at the Echuca Library and streamed live on the Parliament's website. Members of the public will be able to attend and watch parliament in action!

As well as the sitting, community members will be given the opportunity to participate in a range of other activities across the course of the

week including school visits, youth forums and committee hearings.

The Legislative Council has previously held regional sittings in Bright in 2021, Bendigo in 2012, Lakes Entrance in 2008, Colac in 2005, Benalla in 2002 and Ballarat in 2001.

During the week of the sitting, the Echuca Library will be closed from Saturday, 13 April, reopening Saturday, 20 April so we suggest you stock up on books early for that week or visit any of our other libraries or library depots around the shire. For information on locations and opening hours, visit

www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/library

Community Facilities

Our teams take great pride in maintaining and managing our diverse range of venues and open spaces for the benefit of the Campaspe community.

Looking for the perfect venue to host your next gathering? Look no further than our community halls and open spaces, available for public use and hire. Whether you're planning children's birthday parties, a wedding ceremony, or a community meeting, we have a range of spaces to accommodate your needs.

Campaspe Shire also boasts a range of indoor and outdoor sports and recreation facilities where you can get fit, stay fit and make new friends through a range of activities, from cricket to football, carpet bowls to volleyball.

Bookings for community facilities, open spaces, recreation reserves can be done online via our website. Our dedicated Customer Service Team are always on hand to assist with enquiries and bookings if you are unable to book online.

There are also a variety of community managed halls across the shire that we list along with booking contact details on our website for your convenience.

There are plenty of great facilities across Campaspe Shire where everyone can gather, play, and connect with their community.

Visit our website for more information or call us on 1300 666 535.

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Newsletter Survey

Each edition of Campaspe Shire Council's community newsletter Campaspe Times is delivered to approximately 17,000 households in Campaspe Shire and is also available from libraries, service centre and on our website. We are undertaking a short survey to find out more about how you access our newsletter and what kind of information you enjoy reading. You can also complete this survey over the phone with our Customer Service Team or in person at any of our Customer Service Centres. **Participants will go in the draw to win one of three \$100 prepaid Visa cards.**



**DO IT ONLINE
SCAN QR CODE**

1. Where do you live?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Colbinabbin | <input type="checkbox"/> Rochester |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Corop | <input type="checkbox"/> Rushworth |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Echuca | <input type="checkbox"/> Stanhope |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Girgarre | <input type="checkbox"/> Tongala |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gunbower | <input type="checkbox"/> Toolleen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kyabram | <input type="checkbox"/> Torrumbarry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lockington | <input type="checkbox"/> Wyuna |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

If other, please list where

2. What is your generation?

- ☐ 25 and under
☐ 26 – 35
☐ 36 – 45
☐ 46 – 55
☐ 56 – 65
☐ 66 and over
☐ Prefer not to say

3. Do you receive the Campaspe Times newsletter in your mailbox?

- ☐ Yes, I receive it in my mailbox
☐ No, I don't receive it in my mailbox
☐ I don't receive it but read it online

4. If no, would you like to receive it?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. Do you read the Campaspe Times newsletter that is delivered to your mailbox?

- ☐ Never ☐ Sometimes
☐ Often ☐ Always

6. Rate how you value the newsletter from 1 to 5 (5 being the best).

Circle: 1 2 3 4 5

7. What current newsletter features should we maintain?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Mayors column | <input type="checkbox"/> What's on |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Out and about | <input type="checkbox"/> Events |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Campaspe Services | <input type="checkbox"/> None |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other | |

If other, list here

8. What other content would you like to see in the newsletter?

9. Currently, we letterbox the Campaspe Times newsletter. What is your preferred method for receiving the newsletter?

- ☐ In mailboxes
☐ Email
☐ Council's website
☐ Pick up from service centre

10. In order of preference, how would you like to receive information about Council services? (In order from 1 to 6 with 1 being the most preferred).

- ☐ Council's website
☐ Social media
☐ Local newspaper
☐ Newsletter, via letterbox
☐ Newsletter, via email
☐ Face to face

11. When you are actively seeking information from Council, how do you find out? (tick boxes applicable).

- ☐ Phone
☐ Council's website
☐ Social media
☐ Visit customer service centre
☐ Community meeting (face to face)
☐ Contact a councillor
☐ Other

If other, list here

12. Do you follow council on any social media platforms?

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook | <input type="checkbox"/> LinkedIn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Instagram | <input type="checkbox"/> YouTube |

13. How well does council currently communicate with you on a scale from 1 to 5 (5 being the best)?

Circle: 1 2 3 4 5

14. Why did you choose that score? Please help us understand your rating.

15. Is there anything else you want to tell us?

Submit your details to go in the draw to win one of three \$100 prepaid visas.

Name: _____ Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Return this survey to any of our Customer Service Centres in person, by email to shire@campaspe.vic.gov.au or by post to **PO Box 35, Echuca, VIC 3564.**