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Cover image – Local school children along with Campaspe Shire Council CEO Pauline Gordon, Mayor Rob Amos and Murray River Council Mayor Frank Crawley at the community walk for Reconciliation Week 2024.

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Campaspe Times Newsletter

June/July 2024

At the start of June, Council adopted the 2024-25 Budget. This year we are reporting a \$1.92 million surplus which is a notable improvement from the previous year's deficit budget. This year, the focus has been on balancing the community's immediate needs with long-term financial sustainability. In December 2023, we undertook six weeks of engagement seeking community input and received an overwhelming response with over 220 project ideas submitted, many of which were for similar projects. After thorough evaluation, \$500,000 was allocated to fund 17 community projects, including shade structures, public art installations, sporting infrastructure and the scoping (design and costings) for future splash parks. On behalf of all councillors, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to send in an idea. The budget has addressed concerns from the recent Community Satisfaction Survey, focusing on road maintenance, parks and recreational facilities as well as projects and services outlined in the Council Plan 2021-2025. You will see a high-level overview of the budget on pages 6 & 7. You can also read the full budget document for the coming year on our website or at any of our service centres across the shire. You can see some of the projects planned for the year ahead on page 9.

The Campaspe Economic Development and Tourism Strategy 2024-29 has recently been open for community feedback and will be on the agenda at the July council meeting for adoption.

The draft strategy was developed following extensive community and industry consultation and outlines our strategic framework to guide the future directions for economic development and tourism within Campaspe Shire. We look forward to presenting the final version to the community and progressing the actions within the strategy.

The Campaspe Murray Business awards nominations are closing soon (at the time of writing). Shortly, the People's Choice Category will open so I encourage you to support local industry and vote for your favourite business. The Business Awards are a joint venture between Campaspe Shire and Murray River Councils aimed at showcasing excellence and innovation across a range of business and industry categories. Visit campaspemurraybusinessawards.com for more information.

You will read about some upcoming changes to Campaspe Times on page 5. Rest assured that we have listened to your feedback about the newsletter and will still have your favourite features and plenty of information on what's happening in your area. Between editions, there is also information on projects, plans and events available to you at any time on our website, but alternatively you can always call or visit us. Thanks to all who provided input.

Until next time, stay warm and reach out to me or any other councillors should you have any concerns or questions.

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.



Councillors, community members and council officers celebrated the official opening of the Rushworth Service Centre and Library. (L-R CEO Pauline Gordon, Neville Rogerson, Robyn Elkasovic, Cr Colleen Gates, Nicole Harding, Mick Harding, Cr Adrian Weston).



Council's Community Transport, Library and Animal Shelter volunteers were invited to an afternoon tea to celebrate their work during National Volunteer Week.



There was a great turnout at the National Reconciliation Week Community Walk in Echuca. L-R Cr Paul Jarman, Uncle Rick Ronan, Uncle Des Morgan, Senior Sergeant Damian Keegan, Njernda CEO John Mitchell, Mayor Rob Amos.



Karen Teskara from Echuca Library at the launch of the Portable Storywalks which aims to combine literacy with physical movement.



Community Programs Coordinator, Jess Ibbeson, Chairperson of Echuca Moama Pride, Louise Arnott and Community Partnerships Manager, Marc Turri celebrated The International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia in Echuca.



Flood Recovery Officer, Liz Wells introducing the Victorian State Concert Orchestra who performed at a free concert at the Rochester Shire Hall as part of the recovery events program.



L-R CEO Pauline Gordon, Kevin Andrews and Cr Colleen Gates at the Councillor Listening Post in Kyabram.



Cr Paul Jarman speaking at the second annual Colbinabbin Picnic and Wine Festival. Photo: Colbinabbin Silo Art Trail's Facebook Page.



Council's Waste and Environment team visited EMFM Community Radio headquarters to provide some information and tips for the community! (L-R Jasmine Emery, Hayley Purbrick Ron Wood).

Library School Holiday Program

1 - 12 July 2024 - Campaspe Libraries

Kyabram

Monday, 1 July

All Day - Lego & Games

Tuesday, 2 July

2pm - Weaving Frames 5+ (please book)

Wednesday, 3 July

1pm - Clay Pots 5+ (please book)

4-6pm - Teen Take Over, PJ Party & Movie 12 - 18 (please book)

Thursday, 4 July

All Day - Lego & Games

Monday, 8 July

All Day - Lego & Games

Tuesday, 9 July

10.30am - Storytime

3pm - NAIDOC activity, Yarn Turtles 5+ (please book)

Wednesday, 10 July

3pm - NAIDOC Activity, Colour Australia 5+ (please book)

Thursday, 11 July

All Day - Lego & Games



Tongala

Tuesday, 2 July

3.30pm - Money Boxes 5+ (please book)

Tuesday, 9 July

10.30am - NAIDOC activity, Colour Australia 5+ (please book)



Echuca

Monday, 1 July

10.30am - Toddler Rhymetime

2pm - Felt Cup Warmers 7+ (please book)

Tuesday, 2 July

10am - 1pm - Lego & Games

2pm - Movie Afternoon (please book)

Wednesday, 3 July

1.30pm - Bead Leg Bears 5+

5.30 - 7pm - Pizza & Movie

Thursday, 4 July

11am - Baby Rhymetime

2pm - Weaving Frames 5+ (please book)

Friday, 5 July

10.30am - Storytime

1pm - Family Movie (please book)

Saturday, 6 July

10.30am - Family Storytime

Monday, 8 July

10.30am - Toddler Rhymetime

2pm - NAIDOC activity, Wooden Serpent 5+ (please book)

Tuesday, 9 July

10am - 12noon - Block Printing, A Fitting Connection 5+ (please book)

2pm - Box Constructions 5+ (please book)

Wednesday, 10 July

12 noon - 5 sessions - Paint a Blues Guitar 5+ (please book)

Thursday, 11 July

11am - Baby Rhymetime

2pm - Bollywood Dancing 5+ (please book)

Friday, 12 July

10.30am - Storytime

2pm - Movie Afternoon (please book)

Rushworth

Monday, 1 July

All Day - Lego & Games

Tuesday, 2 July

1pm - Money Boxes 5+ (please book)

Thursday, 4 July

10.30am - Make a Jigsaw 5+ (please book)

Monday, 8 July

All Day - Lego & Games

Tuesday, 9 July

1pm - NAIDOC activity, Colour Australia 5+ (please book)

Thursday, 11 July

10.30am - Bracelet Beading 5+ (please book)

Rochester

Tuesday, 2 July

10.30am - Storytime

1 - 4pm - Lego & Games

Wednesday, 3 July

3pm - Clay Pots 5+ (please book)

Thursday, 4 July

All Day - Lego & Games

Friday, 5 July

2.30 - 4.30pm - Make a Football, A Fitting Connection 5+ (please book)

Tuesday, 9 July

All Day - Lego & Games

Wednesday, 10 July

1pm - NAIDOC activity, Colour Australia 5+ (please book)

Thursday, 11 July

All Day - Lego & Games

Friday, 12 July

2pm - Pebble Magnets 5+ (please book)

Stanhope

Wednesday, 3 July

10am - Activity, Wooden Clocks 5+ (please book)

Lockington

Wednesday, 10 July

10am - Activity, Wooden Clocks 5+ (please book)



What's On

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

June - August

Rathbone Collection & Reform Movement Exhibition, Kyabram Town Hall, 199-209 Allan Street

14 June - 14 July

Njernda 50th Anniversary Photo Exhibition, The Foundry Arts Space, 13-17 Murray Esplanade, Echuca

5 - 28 July

Moama Lights, Horseshoe Lagoon, Moama



Saturday, 6 July

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

Sunday, 7 July

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

Wednesday, 10 July

Dharnya Day - Celebrating NAIDOC Week, Dharnya Centre, Barmah

Thursday, 11 July

KCLC IF Movie Fundraiser, Kyabram Plaza Theatre, 241 Allan Street

Saturday, 13 July

Hopwood Garden Market, Hopwood Gardens, Echuca

Repair Cafe Suitcase Rummage, Pre-loved Book Stall, Marketplace Craft shop, Echuca Moama Uniting Church, cnr Pakenham & Hare Streets

Sunday, 14 July

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

Stanhope Monster Garage Sale, Birdwood Ave, Stanhope

KCLC IF Movie Fundraiser, Kyabram Plaza Theatre, 241 Allan Street

Thursday, 18 July

Rochester Rotary Community Chat, Rochester Hotel, Moore Street

Friday, 19 July

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

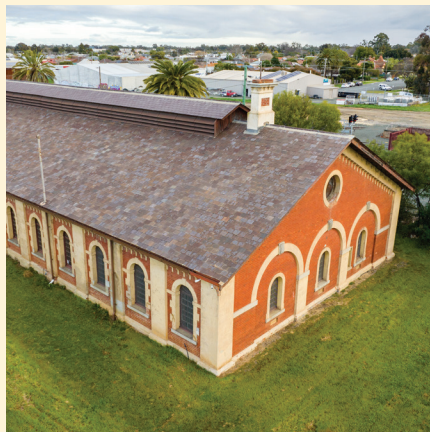
19 July - 18 August

Nature Speaks Exhibition - EMAI Art Prize, The Foundry Arts Space, 13-17 Murray Esplanade, Echuca

Saturday, 20 July

Echuca Farmers Market, Aquatic Reserve, 2 Heygarth Street

Rushworth Market, High Street, Rushworth



Sunday, 21 July

Loco Shed Echuca Community Day, 95 Sturt Street, Echuca

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

Sunday Sounds - Victorian Welsh Choir, Echuca Moama Uniting Church, Cnr Pakenham & Hare Street

Thursday, 25 July

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



25 - 28 July

Echuca-Moama Winter Blues Festival, Echuca

Friday, 26 July

Echuca Races - Winter Blues, Echuca Race Course, Scott Road

Saturday, 27 July

Jigarre Jammin, Girgarre Memorial Hall

3 August - 30 September

Dianne Nally Contemporary Art Exhibition, Kyabram Town Hall, 199-209 Allan Street

August - November

Industry & Invention Exhibition by Splinter Contemporary, Kyabram Town Hall, 199-209 Allan Street

3 August - 30 September

Beth & Trevor Reid Textile Art Exhibition, Kyabram Town Hall, 199-209 Allan Street

Saturday, 3 August

Echuca Farmers Market, Aquatic Reserve, 2 Heygarth Street

Sunday, 4 August

Run for Echuca Moama - Building homes for people with disability, Moama Sound Shell and Echuca

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

Saturday, 10 August

Hopwood Garden Market, Hopwood Gardens, Echuca

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

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

Creative Campaspe's Arts Trail

With winter well and truly upon us, you might be on the hunt for a cosy place to spend some free time... look no further than the array of community run art spaces in Campaspe Shire. Campaspe is home to many talented artists, galleries, public art displays and outdoor murals.

Currently on display at the Foundry Arts Space in Echuca is the Njernda 50th Anniversary Exhibition, a photographic retrospective celebrating Njernda's fifty-year history. This will be followed later in July by the Echuca Moama Arts Prize Exhibition 'Nature Speaks' showcasing a range of artistic practices relating to our natural environment and climate change.

Kyabram Town Hall Gallery is another fantastic volunteer run, community art space which has some wonderful local artists on display this winter. Head along and check out 'Emerging...' an exhibition of work by the Kyabram Art Group, as well as 'Before & After' by the Splinter Contemporary Artists.

For exhibition details, visit the Events Directory on our website. A printable, inspirational Arts Trail map with details of galleries as well as outdoor artworks is also available on our website. If you would like a copy, scan the QR code or contact us by phone, email or in person at any of our service centres.



NAIDOC Week Events

NAIDOC Week takes place from 7-14 July, celebrating and recognising the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

NAIDOC Morning Tea at Njernda

The community is welcome to come along to a NAIDOC Morning Tea on Monday, 8 July from 8-10am at Njernda Health and Ageing, 84 Hare Street, Echuca.

Dharnya Family Day

Come along to this day of activities and fun organised at the Dharnya Centre in Barmah National Park. Join in celebrating First Nations culture featuring Yorta Yorta dancers, live music, stalls and food and children's activities. A great way to spend a day during the school holidays!

Visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/eventsdirectory on our website for more information.



Exciting Changes Ahead for our Campaspe Times!

Following feedback from our recent customer satisfaction and newsletter surveys, we will be transitioning our publication schedule from monthly to quarterly. Going forward, Campaspe Times will be published at the start of each new season, so the next newsletter will be in mailboxes at the start of September.

This decision comes after careful consideration and a deep dive into the insightful responses we received. By shifting to a quarterly format, we can dedicate more time to curating high-quality articles, features, and updates that reflect the vibrant spirit and dynamic happenings within council and our community. We will be keeping your favourite newsletter elements and introducing some new ones.

We believe these changes will result in a more engaging and enjoyable reading experience for everyone. Thank you for your continued support and valuable feedback. We are excited about this new chapter and look forward to delivering an even better newsletter to you.

Congratulations to the three winners who participated in our survey and were randomly drawn to win \$100 visa gift cards.

Campaspe Times Newsletter

2024-25 Budget

Together with my fellow Campaspe Shire councillors, I am pleased to release the budget adopted at the 4 June Council meeting, for the 2024/25 financial year.

The previous few years have set us many challenges and while there has been less uncertainty this year than in previous years, it has been no less complex to balance our commitment to our community, many of whom are sadly still resuming their livelihoods after the flood event of October 2022.

Pleasingly we have a budgeted surplus for the 2024/25 year and for the future three years allowing us to work toward the areas of importance that our community value the most.

In December 2023, we undertook six weeks of engagement to seek community input on project ideas to help inform decisions within the 2024/25 year budget. This engagement was much earlier than we had undertaken in previous years because we wanted to have projects scoped and ready to go once the 2024/25 year came around.

We were overwhelmed with the number of project ideas we received from the community, in excess of 220.

After assessing against Council's ability to deliver the community projects in the 2024/25 financial year, Council staff recommended 17 projects and Council has set aside \$500,000 to bring those projects to life in the 2024/25 year.

Late in May, we received the exciting news that we had been

successful in our grant application for the Echuca Park Multi Purpose development with \$11million awarded for this project under the Federal Government's Growing Regions Program.

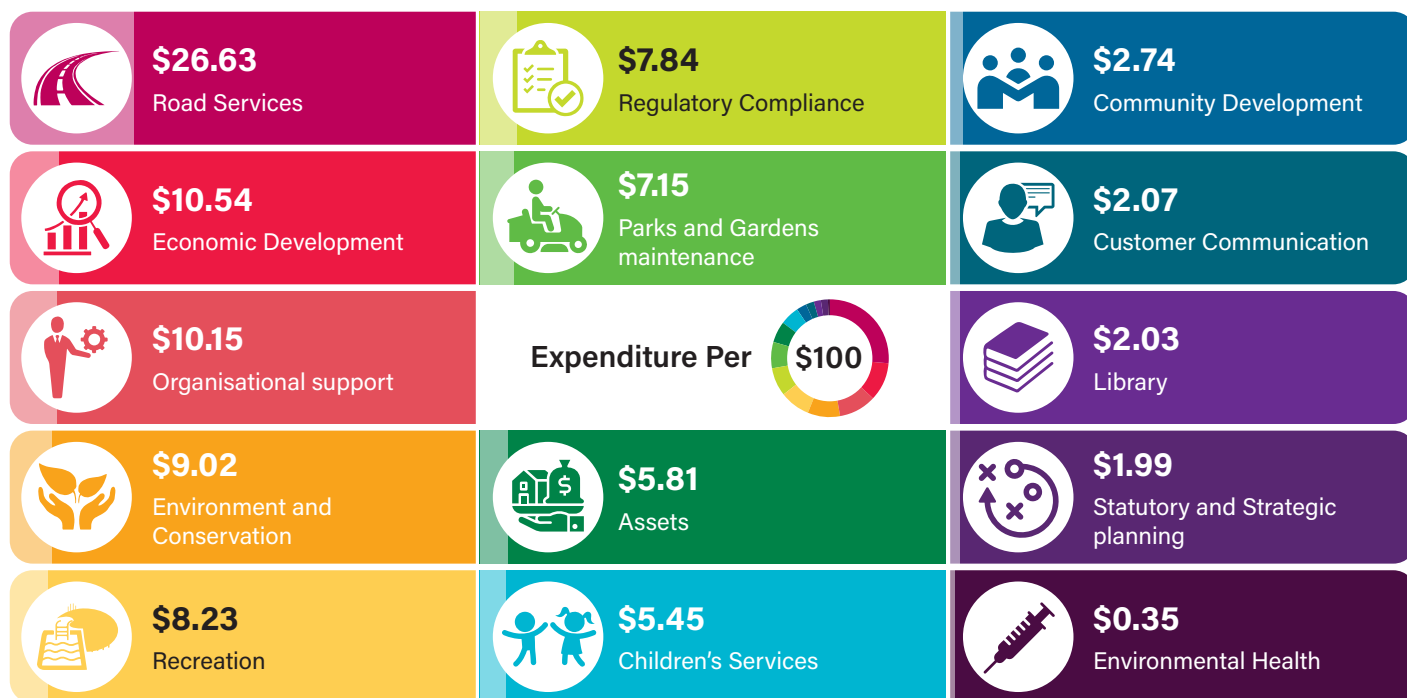
In addition to the ongoing capital works required in response to the October 2022 floods and other storm events, this budget includes a significant capital works allocation of \$32.60 million to deliver essential infrastructure.

Council has adopted a 2.75% rates increase, with the actual increase for each ratepayer varied based on individual property valuations.

The proposed budget has been developed through a rigorous process of consultation and review by staff and Councillors, and I want to thank everyone who made a submission during our budget consultation periods.

I encourage you to read the budget on Council's website to understand the significant investment in capital works and the programs and services we will deliver in the financial year ahead.

- Mayor Rob Amos



Budget Fast Facts



Capital Works

Roads, Footpaths & Bridges

Total \$15.4 million, including:

- Shire Road and Shoulder Resheeting - \$4,340,000
- Shire Sealed Road Resurfacing - \$2,064,000
- Shire Rural Rehabilitation Program - \$3,192,000
- Stanhope Two Tree Road Floodway Bridge Renewal - \$634,500
- Shire Kerb and Channel Program - \$1,641,000
- Shire Footpath Renewal Program - \$691,000

Public Building, Structures & Land

Total \$5.6 million, including:

- Echuca Aquatic Reserve Public Toilet Renewal \$282,000
- Echuca East Dog Park and BBQ Shade Structures \$54,500
- Echuca Riverboat Dock Accessible Ramp \$550,000
- Shire DDA Upgrades Tongala Sound Shell \$142,500
- Shire Building Renewals \$1,140,000
- Campaspe Public Amenities (LRC14) \$575,182

Irrigation, Open Spaces & Recreation

Total \$5.3 million, including:

- Campaspe Dog Parks (LRC14) \$500,000
- Echuca Victoria Park Multi-purpose Facility
- Construction \$4,006,820
- Shire Open Space Renewal Program \$111,500
- Shire Interchange Box Renewal \$90,000
- Shire Parks and Playgrounds Irrigation Renewal \$120,000
- Kindergarten Outdoor Playspace Renewal Program \$95,500

Plant & Equipment

Total \$6.3 million, including:

- Portable Flood Pumps - \$560,000
- 1 Grader & 1 Excavator - \$710,000
- 3 Rollers - \$320,000
- Tractors & mowers - \$500,000
- 5 Trucks - \$2,335,000
- 2 Street Sweepers - \$920,000
- Fleet & small plant items - \$500,000

Community Project Initiatives for 2024/25



Shade Sails / Structures

Colbinabbin

Shade Shelter near tennis courts: \$15,000

Echuca

Shade Shelter over uncovered playground at Apex Park: \$20,000

Shade shelter over the sand / wet play area at Echuca East Playground: \$20,000

Kyabram

Shade over playground at Poplar Street Playground: \$20,000

Shade over BBQ at Kyabram Pool: \$10,000

Rochester

Shade sail at skate park: \$10,000

Rushworth

Shade at skate park: \$15,000



Seating and BBQ

Rushworth

Seating in main street: \$10,000

Seating at skate park: \$5,000

Echuca

Seating and BBQ at Vic Park boat ramp: \$50,000

Seating on the Echuca West walking track: \$10,000



Hydration Stations

Rushworth

Hydration station at train station toilets: \$10,000

Echuca

Hydration station at District Netball Association courts: \$10,000



Public Art

Shire wide

Many submissions for public art including silo art and art that tells stories of local First Nations people: \$100,000

Girgarre

Public art at Gargarro Botanic Garden: \$30,000



Splash Park Scope

Locations to be assessed

\$100,000 for scoping of splash parks



Public Amenities Scoping

Kyabram

Scoping for accessible family bathroom: \$15,000



Sporting Infrastructure

Stanhope

Half basketball court: \$50,000

Waste & Environment

Echuca East Presentation

Waste Education Officers, Sheri Doyle and Simone Robertson visited Echuca East Kindergarten to deliver a fun and engaging presentation on waste. Through a range of games and activities they explained what household items should go in what bin. Enquire with Council's Waste and Environment team on how you can book a presentation for your school, kindergarten or community group.



National Tree Day is back for another year. It's a call to action for people to get their hands dirty, give back to community, learn more about the environment and keep our spaces beautiful.

Schools and community groups are encouraged to register for events on the both the 26 and 28 July through the National Tree Day website. Council is excited to support community and will be supplying trees, stakes and tree guards for groups.

As always, tree planting is encouraged all year round. Enquire with Council's Waste and Environment team about how they can support your upcoming tree planting.

For more information, visit treeday.planetark.org.

Plastic Free July

Simple swaps to help you avoid single-use plastics

It is well known that single-use plastics pollute our environment and harm wildlife, but did you know more than a third of the litter on our streets, parks and waterways are single-use plastics?

Single-use plastics are costly to clean up and difficult to recycle. Often used for only a few minutes they remain in our environment for a long time.

But we can avoid these single-use plastics by making some simple swaps in our everyday lives.

Heading to the shops?

Make it easy to remember your reusable bags by keeping some by the door, in your car, or in your carry bag, that way you can reduce the amount of waste ending up in landfill.

Buying a coffee?

Switch to using a reusable coffee cup. Disposable coffee cups cannot be recycled through the standard paper recycling process because they contain a plastic liner. Even 'compostable' cups are rarely composted as many of our existing composting facilities can't yet process them effectively.

Stopping for food or drink on the go?

Bring a reusable cup when buying a juice, smoothie or bubble tea or bring your own containers for leftovers at restaurants or to collect your takeaway food.

Why not treat yourself to a reusable picnic set?

A picnic set can be purchased relatively cheaply or even secondhand and will help reduce our reliance on single-use plastic items like plates and cutlery. It will also make you look cool and outdoorsy. It's a win-win!

Ever tried beeswax wraps?

Beeswax wraps are easy to find or make yourself and they can be used over and over again to help keep your food fresh.

Looking to stay hydrated on the go?

Did you know Victoria has some of the cleanest drinking water in the world? Instead of buying bottles of water switch to a reusable water bottle.

Make use of your new habits and take the pledge along with millions of other Aussies this Plastic Free July. By taking small, practical steps each day, you'll help reduce more than 300 million kilograms of plastic pollution.

Your small acts make a big impact on Victoria's sustainable future. For more information on how you can reduce your reliance on single-use plastics visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/what-goes-in-what-bin.

Project Updates

2024 - 25 Capital Works

The 2024-25 capital works budget was adopted at the June special Council meeting. Works are progressing across the shire on roads, buildings, footpaths, bridges, drains and open spaces. Take a look below at some of the projects planned for the upcoming financial year.



Shire Interchange Box Renewal Current phase: project planning

The Shire Interchange Box Renewal will see non-compliant play shelters at recreation reserves in Colbinabbin and Lockington updated inline with AFL Standards.



Echuca Aquatic Reserve Public Toilet Renewal Current phase: tender

Toilets adjacent to the carpark at Aquatic Reserve have been designed and will be renewed in the upcoming financial year.



Tongala Soundshell Accessibility Works Current phase: tender

Works provide an accessible ramp and footpath at the Tongala Soundshell. Works will be completed in the upcoming financial year.



Portable Flood Pumps Current phase: project planning

Council has planned to acquire additional flood pumps and other relevant equipment to better prepare and respond to large flood events across the shire. The project will include building storage and transport for the pumps.



Victoria Park, Echuca Current phase: design and approvals

Following successful funding in the Australian Government's Growing Regions Program, works are confirmed to proceed for the Victoria Park multipurpose building. The project will be delivered over two years, with a start date to be confirmed.



Shire Sealed Road Resurfacing Current phase: tender

The Shire Sealed Road Resurfacing program is an annual program delivered across the shire. The roads for the upcoming financial year are being finalised and scheduled by the nominated contractor.

Shire Footpath Renewal Program Current phase: project planning

The Shire Footpath Renewal Program is an annual program delivered across the shire. Identified footpaths will be replaced as part of the program.



2024 Local Government Elections

Local government, as the tier of government closest to the community, is where democracy starts. Local leadership is vital to support the wellbeing of local communities.

This year's council election is an opportunity for Victorians to elect the candidates who they think best represent, at the local level, their vision and interests for a better, stronger and more sustainable future. Committed, motivated and passionate people that reflect the diversity of our communities are encouraged to stand for council this year.

STAND FOR COUNCIL INFORMATION SESSIONS

Starting May 9



Campaspe Candidate Information Sessions

In addition to the MAV information sessions, Campaspe Shire Council is hosting some kitchen table conversations with Tony Raunic for people who are interested in standing for council. Tony is one of Victoria's leading local government and public law legal advisors and brings the benefit of his own experience as an elected councillor having served two terms on the Shire of Nillumbik as Mayor and Councillor.

- Wednesday, 24 July: Gunbower, Echuca, Lockington, Rochester
- Thursday, 25 July: Colbinabbin, Rushworth, Stanhope, Kyabram, Tongala

Women in Council Information Sessions

Prospective female candidates are encouraged to come and speak with Cr Despi O'Connor - Vice President Metro and Secretary of the Australian Local Government Women's Association (ALGWA) and hear about standing for Council from a female perspective.

- Monday, 12 August : Gunbower, Echuca
- Tuesday, 13 August: Kyabram

You must register to attend. To register your interest for these candidate information sessions, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/elections

Municipal Association of Victoria - Community and Candidate Information sessions

The Municipal Association of Victoria (MAV) is delivering a number of information sessions for the community and prospective candidates. These sessions can be attended either in-person or online.

By attending one of these sessions, participants will be provided with information about:

- Local government and the important role councils play for our local communities
- The role and responsibility of a Councillor, Mayor, Deputy Mayor and CEO
- The election process and candidate requirements
- What newly elected councillors can expect soon after the elections
- Councillor training and development opportunities.

The sessions will be held at various across Victoria and online, with interested participants able to register to attend more than one session, including outside of their municipality. Community and Candidate Information sessions happening closest to Campaspe Shire are:

- Wednesday, 17 July: Loddon Campaspe Mallee – Host: Greater Bendigo City Council
- Wednesday, 7 August: Loddon Campaspe Mallee – Host: Swan Hill Rural City Council

For more information on these sessions visit, www.mav.asn.au/stand-for-council-2024



Pool Compliance is your Responsibility

Do you have a pool or spa on your property? Keeping those around you safe is your responsibility.

In 2019, the Victorian Government introduced legislation that impacts all current and future swimming pool and spa owners. The purpose of the legislation is to improve swimming pool and spa barrier safety.

If you are the owner of a property with a swimming pool, you are required to have the barrier inspected by a Pool Safety inspector or Building Inspector every four years to ensure your current pool and spa barrier is in line with the applicable Australian Standard. Any modifications to achieve compliance need to be carried out within 60 days of your Initial inspection. Once homeowners have received a compliance certificate, it must be emailed to Council and renewed every four years.

Failure to achieve compliance will result in a fine. You must supply Council with a Certificate of Barrier Compliance by 31 July 2024. For more information, scan the QR code.



Lockington & District Place Based Plan

Campaspe Shire Council is working with local residents and businesses to develop the Lockington & District Placed Based Plan. This Plan will establish a vision for Lockington and Districts, identify events, activities, facilities and infrastructure which support the future needs, are important and valued by the community, and set out local priorities and aspirations.

Have your say!

We are seeking community input to inform the Lockington & District Placed Based Plan. We want to hear from you! Tell us what you love about your local community and share your ideas and needs for future places, infrastructure, and services in Lockington. To learn more about the project, please visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/lockington.



Members of the Lockington Place Based Planning Committee want to hear from you. (L-R Janelle Mancer, Graeme Wood, Bridie Boyle, Colin Bacon, Wendy Sims, Dan Walker, Monica Brereton. Not pictured - Joseph Halloway).

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

23 July
20 August
16 September

Active Stadiums Pilot Program

#campaspeservices

Campaspe Shire's Recreation team manage indoor sport facilities across the shire, including stadiums in Echuca, Kyabram and Tongala, where communities can stay fit and make new friends through a range of activities.

Over the last six months, the Recreation team, along with Healthy Loddon Campaspe activated the three stadiums, running daytime activities targeted at Council's nine groups of priority.

Sessions included:

- Pickleball for seniors and pickleball for all ages
- Strength and balance for seniors
- Sports for people living with a disability
- New parents and bubs session

The program has promoted healthy, active living and introduced residents to new recreation activities in the region. Take a look at some of the sessions. For more information, and to keep up-to-date with upcoming activities at the stadiums, follow Campaspe Stadiums on social media.

Each stadium has a range of features perfect for sport and recreation activity bookings, listed below.



Echuca Stadium

- Three multipurpose line marked courts
- Electronic scoreboards
- Competition level lights
- Air conditioning
- Accessible entry
- Kiosk facilities
- Match referee office
- First aid room
- Accessible bathrooms
- Change rooms and bathrooms

Tongala Stadium

- Squash court
- Multipurpose line marked court
- Indoor cricket mat
- Accessible bathrooms
- Change rooms and bathrooms
- Accessible entry
- Upstairs seating for two-way vision of squash and courts

Kyabram Stadium

- Two multipurpose line marked courts
- An electronic score board
- Wood floor studio
- First aid room
- Air conditioning
- Office space
- Kiosk facilities
- Accessible entry
- Accessible bathrooms
- Change rooms and bathrooms

To book a stadium, visit www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/stadiums