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# Campaspe Times Newsletter

## October 2021

## Spring into Action

With summer on its way, 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. To assist, Council is again offering free drop off of household garden waste at resource recovery centres from Monday, 11 October through to Sunday, 7 November. More information about preparing for the fire season is on page 3.

While 84 per cent of our residents have been born in Australia, I was very pleased to complete the last step in the citizenship journey for 20 of our residents on Australian Citizenship Day – 17 September.

To comply with group size restrictions, two separate ceremonies were held on the day. We welcomed residents originally from Sri Lanka, Philippines, Nepal, New Zealand, France and Thailand now living in Echuca, Rochester, Tongala and Kyabram. I hope next year we can return to inviting the family and friends of our conferees to the event to join in their

celebrations of this important milestone.

A great way to recognise outstanding achievement by residents in our community is to nominate them for Australia Day awards. The award program is now open, offering three categories, Citizen of the year, Young citizen of the year and Community group the year. More detail is on page 2.

On pages 5 and 6 of this newsletter we have included the complete A-Z Guide of what material goes in what bin. The guide can be removed and used as an ongoing reminder to help reduce the amount of material going in the red bin, which then goes to landfill.

In nearing the end of year one, of our four-year Council term, a number of key documents have recently been completed by Council. These will be outlined in our December newsletter along with information about Christmas service arrangements.

**Cr Chrissy Weller**  
Mayor



Maria Parumog with Mayor Weller, one of the youngest in a group of 20 people receiving their Australian Citizenship.

INITIATION

PROJECT  
PLANNING

DESIGN

PROCUREMENT

DELIVERY

REVIEW AND CLOSURE  
(COMPLETED)

## Project Update

This financial year more than \$26 million is planned to be spent on new capital projects across the shire to improve our roads, footpaths, bridges, drains and open spaces. The following provides an overview of some of the projects underway.



### Anstruther Street Footbridge, Echuca

#### Procurement

The tender for this project is out, with construction to be completed before 30 June 2022.



### Swimming pool painting program

#### Delivery

The painting of the pool shells at Tongala and Rushworth is underway ready for the opening of the pool season.



### Colbinabbin Recreation Reserve, storage shed

#### Delivery

Construction of a multi-use storage shed is progressing.



### Echuca & District Livestock Exchange, loading ramp

#### Project Planning

Removal of the loading ramp is in the planning stage.



### Willow Court, road construction

#### Design

Design for this project will be completed this financial year, with construction planned for the 2022/23 year.

## Australia Day Nominations

Nominations for the 2022 Australia Day Awards are now open.

Details and nomination forms can be downloaded from council's website and are available from all customer service centres.

Nominations must be submitted online at [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/australiaday](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/australiaday) by Friday, 3 December.

#### Categories:

Citizen of the year, Young citizen of the year, Community group of the year

Now  
Open



## Prepare for the Fire Season

With the warmer weather here, it's the perfect time to clear out clutter, get outdoors and start preparing for the fire season - if you haven't done so already.

To prevent fires over the warmer weather and reduce fuel hazards it is important to:

- Clear any long grass, fallen leaves and twigs from around your house
- Remove dead undergrowth and fallen branches
- Remove firewood and flammable household items from around your house and yard

Other things you can do to reduce risk during the fire season include:

- Keep grass cut to a low level
- Clean leaves out of gutters
- Use soapy water to check barbecue gas fittings for leaks

Residents are encouraged to report any potential risks, such as overgrown empty house blocks, to Council. Following an inspection, staff can issue a fire prevention notice, calling on the landowner to cut the grass to a specified height. If not actioned, and to keep us all safe, Council is able to do the work and charge back to the landowner.



To assist landowners in their clean-up efforts, Council's resource recovery centres (transfer stations / tips) will accept household garden organics free of charge up **until Sunday 7 November**. More information is available on Council's Facebook page; follow us to be up to date with the latest details.

## Food Waste Survey

Separating food waste and recyclables before taking them out to your kerbside bins is key to reducing your household's waste to landfill. Although 70 per cent of Campaspe residents now have green bins for food and garden waste, more than half of our waste bins still contain organic material and 30 per cent of this is food waste.

A short online survey is now open, asking five questions about how you manage your household waste. This information will help Council understand how household waste is managed and to develop initiatives to assist residents in reducing the thousands of tonnes of food waste sent to landfill each year.

Just by entering, you are in for a chance to win one of two \$100 prepaid Visa cards. A bonus prize is also on offer – take a photo of yourself or a household member using your indoor bins and you could win a \$50 Wish card. Email your picture, name and town to [s.doyle@campaspe.vic.gov.au](mailto:s.doyle@campaspe.vic.gov.au)

The survey closes on Monday, 29 November.



## 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.

- 20 October
- 17 November

## A-Z Guide – Waste & Recycling

Use this guide to find where to recycle or dispose of items properly in Campaspe Shire.

KEY	
Yellow bin – recycling	Y
Red bin – general waste	R
Green bin – food & garden waste	G
Resource Recovery Centre – free	RRC
Resource Recovery Centre – with cost	RRC\$
Resource Recovery Centre – limited sites	RRC*
Donate to charity or resale shop	D
Soft plastics - supermarket REDcycle collection point	S
Other - refer to website	O
Household chemicals – collection points Bendigo / Shepparton (Detox Your Home)	C

A	
Aerosol cans (empty)	Y
Air conditioner units	RRC\$
Aluminium cans & trays	Y
Aluminium foil (clean, rolled into a ball)	Y
Animal poo	G
Asbestos *	O
Ash (extinguished & cold)	G

\* Asbestos – contact the EPA, 1300 372 842 for transport & disposal information.

B	
Baby wipes	R
Bag ties	R
Band aids	R
Baskets	R D
Batteries (car & truck)	RRC
Batteries (household)	RRC O
Beer bottles	Y
Bicycles	RRC
Biscuit tray (plastic)	R
Biscuit wrapper / packet	S RRC* R
Blister packs	R
Books	D Y
Bottles	Y
Branches (under 100mm round)	G
Branches (under 300mm round)	RRC\$
Bricks & concrete (clean, under 1m <sup>3</sup> )	RRC* RRC\$
Broken glass (beer / wine bottles)	Y
Broken glass (glassware & window)	R
Bubble wrap	S RRC* R
Building material (bricks, concrete, timber)	RRC\$

C	
Cameras & accessories	RRC
Cans (steel, aluminium)	Y
Cardboard (flattened)	Y
Cardboard cartons	Y
Carpet	R
Carpet underlay	RRC\$ RRC*
Car tyres	RRC\$
Cartridges (printer / toner)	O
CDs & DVDs	D R
CD & DVD players	RRC
Cassette tapes	D R
Cellophane	S R
Ceramics & pottery	D R
Cereal boxes	Y
Cereal box inserts	S RRC* R
Chemicals (household)	C
Chemicals (farm / agricultural)	O
Chemical drums (DrumMUSTER)	RRC*
Cigarette butts	R
Chip packets (soft plastic)	S RRC* R
Christmas tree (artificial)	D R
Christmas tree (natural)	G RRC\$
Cleaning rags	R
Cling wrap	S RRC* R
Clothing (fabric)	D RRC* R
Coat hangers	D R
Coffee cans / tins	Y
Coffee cups & lids (plastic / paper)	R
Coffee grounds	G
Coffee pods	O R
Computers & accessories	RRC
Concrete	RRC* RRC\$
Cooking oil spray cans (empty)	Y
Corks	R
Cosmetic jars (rinsed)	Y
Cotton wool balls	R
Couches / sofas	RRC\$
Cups & saucers	D R
Cutlery (plastic)	R

D	
Deodorant cans (empty)	Y
Detergent bottles (empty, plastic)	Y
Detergents & disinfectants	C
Drinking glasses	D R
Drink cans	Y

E	
Egg cartons	Y
Egg shells	G
Electrical appliances / E-waste (electric waste, anything with a battery or power cord)	RRC
Envelopes (with / without plastic window)	Y
Eye glasses	D O

F	
Face wipes	R
Fabric (textiles)	O RRC* R
Fire place ash (extinguished & cold)	G
Fire extinguishers	RRC\$
Fish bones	G
Fluorescent globes / tubes	RRC
Foam boxes	RRC*
Foam meat trays	R
Foil aluminium (clean, rolled into a ball)	Y
Food cans (rinsed)	Y
Food scraps (veg, fruit, meat, dairy, cooked & raw)	G
Fridges / freezers	RRC\$
Furniture	D RRC\$

G	
Garden waste	G RRC\$
Garden tools / equipment	RRC\$ R
Gas bottles (empty)	RRC\$
Glad wrap	S RRC* R
Glass (bottles & jars)	Y
Glass (other than bottles & jars)	R
Green bags (polypropylene)	R
Grass clippings	G RRC\$
Greeting cards	Y

H	
Hair	G
Hose (garden)	R
Hot water units (steel)	RRC

I	
Ice cream containers & lids (rinsed)	Y

J	
Jars (rinsed) & jar lids	Y
Juice cartons (rinsed)	Y
Junk mail	Y

K	
Kebab stick (wooden)	G
Kitty litter	R
Kitty litter (paper based only)	G

L	
Laminated paper	R
Lawn mowers	RRC
Leaves	RRC\$ G
Light bulbs (CFL, fluoro tubes, incandescent bulbs, quartz halogen)	RRC
Lolly wrappers (plastic)	S RRC* R
Lunch boxes	R

M	
Magazines	Y
Manure	G
Margarine tubs (rinsed)	Y
Mattresses	RRC\$
Meat & fish scraps / bones	G
Meat trays (foam / polystyrene / plastic)	R
Medicine bottles (empty)	Y
Medicines	O
Microwaves	RRC
Milk cartons	Y
Milk containers (plastic, rinsed)	Y
Mirrors (broken)	R
Mobile phones & accessories	RRC O
Motor oil (up to 20L)	RRC*

N	
Nappies (inc. disposable or biodegradable)	R
Napkins (paper)	G
Newspapers	Y
Needles	O

O	
Office paper	Y
Oil (motor, up to 20L)	RRC*
Oil (household cooking)	C
Ovens & stoves	RRC

P	
Paint tins (empty, up to 20L)	RRC Y
Paint	C
Pallets (wooden)	RRC* RRC\$
Paper	Y
Paper towel (clean or dirty)	G
Pens & pencils	D R
Pet food tins (rinsed)	Y
Picture frames	D R
Pizza boxes (empty, clean)	Y
Pizza boxes (soiled or with scraps)	G
Place mats	R

P (continued)	
Plant cuttings	RRC\$ G
Plant pots (plastic)	Y
Plaster board	RRC\$ R
Plastics (symbols 1 - 6, excluding polystyrene)	Y
Plastic bags	S RRC* R
Plastic bottles	Y
Plastic clothing baskets	R
Plastic containers (hard plastic)	Y
Plastic film / cling wrap	S RRC* R
Plastic lunch boxes	Y
Plastic meat & veg trays	R
Plastic strapping	R
Plastic wrappers	S RRC* R
Polystyrene (styrofoam)	RRC* R
Poisons, pesticides & herbicides	C
Pots & pans (metal)	Y
Pots & pan lids (glass & plastic)	R
Printers	RRC
Printer cartridges	O
PVC pipe	R
Pyrex (ovenware)	D R

R	
Radios	RRC
Rubber	R

S	
Sauce bottles & lids (rinsed)	Y
Scrap metal	RRC
Seafood scraps & shells	G
Seedling containers (plastic)	Y
Shampoo bottles	Y
Shoes	D R
Shredded paper	G
Silage wrap	RRC*
Skewer (wooden)	G
Smoke alarms	RRC
Soft drink bottles (lid)	Y
Soft drink cans	Y
Soil (clean fill)	RRC* RRC\$
Spirit & wine bottles	Y
Steel cans	Y
Sticky tape	R
Straws (plastic)	R
Straws (paper)	G
Syringes / sharps	O
Saw dust & wood shavings	G
Sporting goods	D R
Sports tape	R
Styrofoam	RRC* R
Suitcases / baggage	D RRC\$
Sweet wrappers	S RRC* R

T	
Take away containers (plastic)	Y
Take away containers (cardboard)	G
Tea bags / tea leaves	G
Telephone books	Y
Televisions	RRC
Tetra packs	R
Timber / treated wood	RRC\$ R
Tin cans (rinsed)	Y
Tissues	G
Toilet paper rolls	Y
Tools	RRC D
Toothpaste tubes & toothbrushes	R O
Toys (without battery)	D R
Toys (with battery)	D RRC
Tree branches (under 100mm round)	G
Tree branches (under 300mm round)	RRC\$
Tyres (car, truck & motorcycle)	RRC\$

V	
Vacuum cleaner dust	G
Vacuums	RRC
Vegetable scraps	G
Vinyl (eg old school bags)	R

W	
Washing powder boxes	Y
Washing machines	RRC
Water tanks (steel)	RRC*
Waxed paper & cardboard	R
Weeds	G RRC\$
Whitegoods (excluding fridges & air cons)	RRC
Whitegoods (fridges & air cons)	RRC\$
Window panes	R
Wine bottles	Y
Wood (untreated)	RRC\$ G
Wrapping paper	Y

Y	
Yoghurt containers (rinsed)	Y
Yoghurt squeeze pouches	R

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## Order Your Plants Today

Native seedlings are available to Campaspe rural landowners for a subsidised cost through Council's Rural Tree Scheme.

The scheme has approximately 40 indigenous plant species that are well suited to the Campaspe climate and soil types. The plants available range from ground covers that grow to less than a metre, to trees that will grow more than 30 metres.

All rural zoned ratepayers within Campaspe Shire are eligible to purchase limited numbers of subsidised plants through the scheme. Your property size determines the maximum number of plants available.

Once orders are placed, landowners are encouraged to contact the participating nursery so they can prepare the right volume of stock. Pickup times are negotiated with the nursery but must be prior to the end of June 2022. Autumn is generally the best time to arrange pickup and conduct planting.

Order forms, including a full list of available species, are available on Council's website, at customer service centres, or can be mailed out on request.



## Exhibitions and Markets

With many community events cancelled in line with COVID restrictions, this newsletter captures the many exhibitions and markets continuing across the shire.

### Art Exhibitions

Campaspe Shire boasts a variety of community run art galleries. They have now reopened and have some great exhibitions coming up.

**The Foundry Art Space** - A volunteer community arts space located in the Old Freemans Foundry building within the historic Echuca Port Precinct, on the banks of the Murray. Facebook @thefoundryartspace

- The Roads and the River - 15 October to 7 November, featuring works from Denyse K Dalton, Meg Doller, Kathryn Lehar, Robyn Maclean, Nerida Murray, Judi Palmer.
- Opposites - 12 to 28 November, featuring works from Leanne Cuffe, Kristen Dyer, Michelle Godden, Judi Palmer, Joan Stevens, Kathleen Watson.
- Members Summer Exhibition - 3 December to 30 January.

**Alton Gallery Echuca** - A community gallery housed in a unique art deco building and run by volunteers. Facebook @Alton-Gallery-Echuca

- Polar Opposites by Veronica Lamb - closes 30 November.

**Kyabram Town Hall Gallery** - A hub of history, fashion, art and visitor information across several renovated exhibition spaces and a gift shop. [www.kyabramtownhall.com.au](http://www.kyabramtownhall.com.au)

- An Introspective Retrospective by Judith Roberts - 5 October to 4 December

**Rushworth Art Depot** - An emerging creative hub, engaging regional community members through

workshops, courses, exhibitions, artist studios and art groups. Facebook @rushworthartdepot

- Embrace Imperfection by Kerrie Raglus - November and December

### Markets

Markets continue to operate across the shire activating public spaces and creating vibrancy.

**Hopwood Gardens' Market** - A new market in Echuca held on the second Saturday of December, January and February.

**Echuca Farmers' Market** - The first and third Saturday of each month at the Aquatic Reserve, next to the Visitor Information Centre.

**Girgarre Farmers' Produce and Craft Market** - The second Sunday of each month at the Girgarre Memorial Hall and Park Reserve.

**Rushworth Market** - The third Saturday of each month in High Street, Rushworth.

**Rochester Town Market** - The fourth Saturday of each month (except January) in the Rochester CBD, Iddles Lane and Rotunda Park.

For the most up to date calendar of events, visit Council's website, [www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/eventcalendar](http://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/eventcalendar) or register your event to be included in the calendar.



## Waste Wise Party Kits

Waste wise party kits are now available for hire through the Rochester Community House (RCH) and Echuca Moama Toy Library (EMTL). The kits contain reusable party-ware for up to 20 people, a project developed by Council, RCH and EMTL, and in partnership with Echuca Moama Boomerang Bags and Slow Echuca Moama.

Linda Ramsey from Echuca Moama Toy Library said, *"Echuca Moama Toy Library is very excited to offer our community another opportunity to be sustainable and waste free, all whilst having fun. We love the thought of people coming together to celebrate and want to promote the natural friendly way to our younger generations."*

*Toy Library members will be able to hire a Picnic Box for free for a week and non-members will be asked to borrow our new goodies for \$20/week. A big THANK YOU to Campaspe Shire for supporting this great idea and being very supportive in making it all happen."*

Amanda Logie from Rochester Community House said, *"We are excited to announce the 'Party Kit', an environmentally friendly option for parties. Everything is provided in the kit - you just need to bring the people and the food."*

*We have always tried to promote sustainable actions within our community and this kit is just another way of doing that."*



Jodie Dobson, Rochester Community House setting out the waste wise party kit.

*RCH members can hire the kit for a \$5 donation while non-members will be asked to pay \$20.*

*Thanks to the Campaspe Shire for supporting this program and promoting sustainability throughout the Shire."*

If your community group would like to discuss the opportunity of getting a waste wise party kit for your town, please contact Council's Environmental Projects Officer – Education, Sheri Doyle, on 5481 2200 or [s.doyle@campaspe.vic.gov.au](mailto:s.doyle@campaspe.vic.gov.au)



## Online Resources Expanded

Online library resources have been expanded, with the Campaspe Library now offering free access to more than 40 million online articles from the world's top journals.

The library has been part of a pilot program evaluating the free CloudSource OA™ (Open Access) resource and is now one of 15 services within the Libraries Victoria Consortium to offer the huge collection to the community.

The collection, including journal articles, eTextbooks and eBooks, is regularly updated and is available through the Campaspe Library website. Articles can be printed, downloaded, emailed and a range of citation options are provided. CloudSource OA™ offers high quality reliable information that has unrestricted access and unrestricted reuse. Fabulous for students, researchers and anyone seeking more authoritative information.

For more information contact the Campaspe Library services on 5481 2400 or email [libraries@campaspe.vic.gov.au](mailto:libraries@campaspe.vic.gov.au)



## Pandemic Brings Out Our Best

It is said that our true colours come out during a crisis. It's therefore no surprise that amid the ongoing uncertainty and challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, there are many wonderful examples of people supporting and caring for each other across our shire, because that's what our community does best. However, it's even more inspiring when such support involves nurturing these positive core values in the next generation.

### Keeping Us Together While Apart

Understanding the importance of connection while in lockdown, Campaspe Community Children's Centre prepared and distributed activity packs to keep the children entertained at home when they were unable to attend the centre.

The packs contained a letter to the children from the educators and a multitude of items designed for creative play, such as playdough, threading, self-portrait photo puzzles, collage and more. Children were encouraged to send a photo of



Archie Potter showing off some items in his activity pack.

themselves and their creations via email to the centre which were then put on display.

Kelsie Potter, whose son Archie, 3, attends the centre, said the packs were a great initiative. "Archie was really excited - he made cookies with

the egg and had fun playing with the playdough and colouring-in items."

In addition to the activity packs, the educators connected families through virtual story times and songs, with people's faces displayed on a large projector.

## The Giving Tree That Bloomed



The Giving Tree with centre staff, Tara Baker and Pat Vickers with Lucy, Henry, Cruz and Harry.

The idea for Rochester & District Child Care Centre's "giving tree" was spawned by a discussion with the children about emotions and being a "helpful supporter" to people who are finding it hard to ask for help during these tough times.

A dedicated table, symbolic of a giving tree, was set up for people to place their donated items, so that families and community members could take what they needed without having to ask for support.

What started with a few items from the centre's pantry grew quickly into a large quantity, with a variety of canned products, children's books, cleaning supplies and personal hygiene products donated, as word spread quickly in the local community.

The initiative has been a wonderful learning experience for the children, giving them a sense of pride that their idea has made a positive difference in people's lives.