



Campaspe Times

NEWSLETTER  SUMMER 2024/25



Project comes in to land

► Grants of up to \$10,000 now available under our new Community Flood Recovery and Resilience Grant program [Read more on page 11](#)

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Pauline Gordon (left) with Denise Gilby (centre) and Tracey Peace (right) as they both celebrated 25 years of service at Council.

CEO's Message

Welcome to the Summer edition of the Campaspe Times.

As we wrap up the year, we're excited to introduce your newly elected councillors, who are committed to serving the needs and aspirations of our Shire. Each councillor brings a unique perspective and dedication to enhancing the wellbeing and development of our community, and we look forward to working together on a range of exciting projects and initiatives.

In this edition, we're proud to showcase the Echuca Aerodrome upgrade. The upgrade ensures long-term sustainability, catering for growth in population, tourism and recreational aircraft users, and importantly it also ensures the community continues to receive urgent health and medical assistance. Read more on page 4.

With the festive season just around the corner, we're pleased to announce the launch of the 2024 Campaspe Christmas Trail Map which you'll find conveniently located on the back two pages of this edition. This guide will help you discover Christmas decorations, Illumination Stations and festivities around the shire, spreading holiday cheer to all. Summer is shaping up to be an eventful season, with our event calendar packed with activities for all ages, from carols and concerts to markets and sporting events. See the events listing on page 8 & 9.

We have also decided to sponsor the Christmas in Campaspe light competition – look out for more information in the Riverine Herald, Kyabram Free Press and Rochester's Campaspe News. I don't think there is anything more magical than lights at Christmas, and we have so many beautiful examples across our shire with people going to amazing lengths to bring festive cheer to others!

We wish you a joyful holiday season and look forward to your continued involvement in making our Shire a vibrant place to live!

CEO Pauline Gordon

Acknowledgement of Country

The Shire of Campaspe is the traditional lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung, Taungurung and Yorta Yorta peoples.

We respect and acknowledge their unique Aboriginal cultural heritage and pay our respect to their ancestors, descendants and emerging leaders as the Traditional Owners of this Country.

We acknowledge their living culture and their unique role in the life of this region.

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Customer Service Centres

Echuca, Corner Hare and Heygarth Streets
Kyabram, 19 Lake Road
Rochester, 43-45 Mackay Street
Rushworth, 33 High Street
Tongala, 37 Mangan Street

Cover image: Aero Club committee member and flight trainer Rod Jouning and Echuca Moama Aero Club president Adrian van der Sluys, survey the completed Echuca aerodrome upgrades.

Introducing your new Council

The results of the Campaspe Shire elections were declared in November, which saw the election of our nine councillors, representing the diverse interests of our community, helping to shape policies, supporting local services, and guiding decision-making to ensure our municipality thrives. The councillors have recently commenced an in-depth training program designed to equip them with the knowledge and tools for their role as elected members.



Campaspe Shire Councillors at their swearing-in ceremony: (L-R) Cr Tony Marwood, Cr Adrian Weston, Cr Zoe Cook, Cr Rob Amos, Cr Paul Jarman, Cr Daniel Mackrell, Cr Jessica Mitchell, Cr John Zobec, Cr Luke Sharrock.

Welcome from the Executive Leadership Team

We are thrilled to welcome our newly declared Council to represent the Campaspe Shire community for 2024-2028.

Congratulations to six of our former councillors who have returned for another four years: Adrian Weston, John Zobec, Paul Jarman, Rob Amos, Tony Marwood, and Daniel Mackrell. We also extend a warm welcome to our three new councillors: Jessica Mitchell, Zoe Cook, and Luke Sharrock.

The past four years have been challenging, but our councillors have shown remarkable courage and resilience in making significant decisions that have set our organisation on a positive path. We also extend our sincere thanks to our

former three councillors who did not stand for re-election: Leanne Pentreath, Colleen Gates, and Chrissy Weller.

Councillors play a critical role in contributing to strategic decisions and shaping their communities. With the review of our Community Vision, development of the Council Plan, Health and Wellbeing Plan and Long-term Financial Plan, their commitment to good governance is essential, serving as the conduit between the community and the decisions that shape our future.



Council's Executive Leadership Team: (L-R) Director Corporate - Matt McPherson, Director Infrastructure - Kate Lemon, Director Communities - Jo Bradshaw, CEO Pauline Gordon and Director Sustainability - Michael Sharp.

The dedication of our councillors empowers residents and inspires positive change, leading to a more connected and resilient community. We are looking forward to a bright and prosperous future for Campaspe Shire.

▼ Community Vision & Council Plan

Councillors play a vital role in advocating for residents, making strategic decisions on issues such as infrastructure, community programs, and future development. They also work to ensure transparent governance and represent our community's voice in important matters. Over the coming months, we will be promoting the chance to be involved in the development of the new community vision and council plan. The current council plan finishes in 2025 and already we have begun work on how we approach the plan, gain community involvement, and together develop a vision we can all work towards.

Tell us!

We want to know what you think about our Community Grants programs.

Scan the QR code and tell us what you think for a chance to **win \$100!**



Aerodrome back in action

Completion of the multimillion-dollar upgrade of Echuca Aerodrome in August has been welcomed by aviation enthusiasts and emergency services who joined Campaspe Shire Council staff to mark the occasion.

The first aircraft began using the new and improved runway in August following the completion of works which widened and lengthened the runway, expanded the apron for better access, and strengthened the taxiway and apron pavement.

Additionally, a new helipad to support the heaviest aeromedical service aircraft was built alongside a new aeromedical shelter for more efficient patient transfer, and lighting was upgraded.

The cost of the project was \$4.8 million with Council committing \$2.45 million and the Australian Government contributing \$2.35 million under Round 3 of the Australian Government's Regional Airports Program.

The upgrades follow a decade of advocacy to ensure continuation of vital air services for the people of Campaspe Shire and the surrounding areas in consultation with key stakeholders, including Air Ambulance Victoria (AAV), Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) and emergency services operators, as well as other airport user groups and the wider community.

The president of the Echuca Moama Aero Club, Adrian van der Sluys, said the upgrades were a significant improvement which would secure the location of the Aero Club for the longer term.

"The improvements will allow more recreational users to land here, which has a flow-on effect for the town in terms of tourism, retail and hospitality spend.



L – R President of the Echuca Moama Aero Club Adrian van der Sluys, Project Managers Matt Bryant and Trent McNamara from Northern Construction Group, Aero Club committee member and flight trainer Mr Rod Jouning and Campaspe Shire Council Manager Major Projects, Mark Dibsdaile.

"It is also a positive for the sustainability of our club as we generate income from fuel sales," Mr van der Sluys said.

Aero Club committee member and flight trainer Rod Jouning echoed Mr van der Sluys's sentiments and said the upgrades also provided increased training opportunities using larger aircraft.

"The lighting upgrades also improve the prospects for night training which enhances their skills to ensure safe flights," Mr Jouning said.

The aerodrome upgrade ensures long-term sustainability, catering for the growth in population, tourism and recreational aircraft users, and ensures the community continues to receive urgent health and medical assistance.

Campaspe Shire Council thanked emergency services stakeholders, recreational users and the project team for their co-operation and patience during the upgrades.



Sealed Road Resurfacing Program

The annual program to resurface sealed roads across the shire has been completed with 72 segments renewed equalling approximately 52km in total.



Public Toilets - Aquatic Reserve, Echuca

Refurbishment is nearing completion at the Aquatic Reserve toilets and adjacent decking. The facilities will include three female cubicles, one male cubicle, two urinals, a unisex accessible toilet and baby change facility.



Tongala Tennis Club

Works on the Tongala Tennis Club rooms are nearing completion. The \$253k project included concreting, verandah and roof works as well as internal painting, toilet fit-outs and electrical and flooring renewals.

Community projects under way

As part of the decision-making process for the 2024/25 Council budget, \$500,000 was allocated to 17 projects put forward by the community in December 2023.

Work has begun on the planning and development of most projects, with Campaspe Shire Council CEO Pauline Gordon expressing excitement that these projects are now starting to come alive.

The 17 community priority projects, capped at \$50,000 per project, encompass a cross-section of community needs, with a number of smaller projects such as shade, hydration stations and seating appearing to be high priorities.

"We are focusing on First Peoples' public art projects. Officers are working in collaboration to build engagement with our three First Peoples groups represented across Campaspe - Yorta Yorta, Dja Dja Wurrung and Taungurung - to identify scope, locations and artists," CEO Pauline Gordon said.

Based on overwhelming community support for two ideas in particular - splash-park feasibility and design, and various public art installations - Council opted to fund these to an amount higher than the originally suggested \$50,000 cap.

"There were 38 submissions for water splash-parks, which will form part of the aquatic and wet-play strategy across the shire that will take a little longer to bring to life," Ms Gordon said.

"We had six weeks of community engagement to find out what projects were important to communities, and we were overwhelmed with more than 220 suggestions, which was fantastic."

Council CEO Pauline Gordon



Watch this space

We will be looking for your ideas for the next financial year!

Other project updates are as follows:



Shade Sails / Structures

Shade over Kyabram pool barbecue	Shade sail ordered
Shade over Kyabram playground	Shade sail ordered
Shade at Rochester Skate Park	Shade umbrella being investigated
Colbinabbin tennis court shade shelter	Shade sail ordered
Echuca East shade sail	Large umbrella being installed over barbecue and picnic tables, if suitable will order for wet-play areas
Apex Park Echuca shade	Shade sail ordered
Shade and seating at Rushworth skatepark	Seating has been ordered and shade sails are to follow



Public Art

Gargarro public art	Works discussed with Gargarre committee
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Public Amenities Scoping

Kyabram family-friendly amenities	Site investigation complete, scope and designer to be engaged
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Seating and BBQ

Echuca Vic Park seating and barbecue	Seating and barbecue incorporated into current Victoria Park boat ramp project
Seating at Echuca West walking track	Location identified, seating ordered
Rushworth main street seating	Seating ordered



Hydration Stations

Water station at Echuca District Netball Association	Hydration station ordered
Hydration station in Rushworth	Location identified and project under way

Spotlight on *Lockington*

In each edition of Campaspe Times, we shine the spotlight on one of our many fabulous towns across Campaspe Shire, highlighting what Council and the community are working on, what is being planned and developed and what the town has to offer.

This edition we are taking a look at Lockington.

About Lockington

Lockington sits on the traditional lands of the Dja Dja Wurrung and Yorta Yorta peoples and is a strong, vibrant community which boasts a consolidated school, a business centre, a community centre, several local businesses, community organisations, and sporting, arts and music clubs. In recent times, Lockington has become famous for the town's community-owned hotel, the Travellers Rest overnight camping reserve, and Lockington & District Living Heritage Complex.

Events

Council's Youth Development Team and the Lockington Youth Action Group recently held a Halloween movie night at Lockington Community Centre, attracting more than 50 people to this fun and free community event.



Coming up...

Santa's Sleigh at the skatepark - See the back page for all of the Christmas fun across the Shire!

Lockington Vintage Rally - 26 April 2025

Lockington Lions Club Swap Meet, Show n Shine & Market - 18 May 2025

Lockington & District

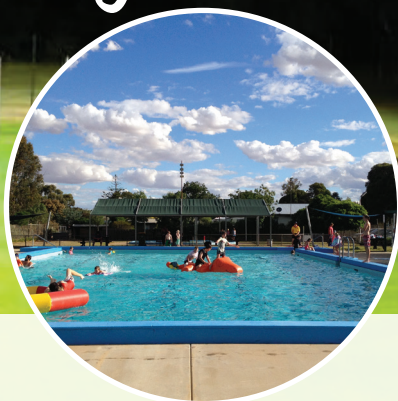
Place Based Plan

Our Community Development Team has recently been working with the local community to develop the Lockington & District Place Based Plan. This plan will establish a vision for Lockington and Districts, identify events, activities, facilities and infrastructure which support future needs, are important and valued by the community, and set out local priorities and aspirations. Throughout July and August a huge amount of community input was received through surveys, pop-ups and meetings, and the draft plan will be out soon for community comment. Subscribe to www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/lockington to stay up to date!



The Lockington Place Based Planning Committee L-R Janelle Mancera, Graeme Wood, Bridie Boyle, Colin Bacon, Wendy Sims - Co-chair, Dan Walker, Monica Brereton. (Absent, Joseph Halloway - Co-chair)

Projects:



Pool painting

The Lockington Pool painting project valued at \$18,000 has just been completed as part of Council's annual pool painting program. At the September Council meeting it was agreed once again to open the pool for **FREE GENERAL ADMISSION** this summer.



Recreation Reserve & Netball Courts

The \$370,000 co-funded project to install new light towers and fittings as well as \$70,000 for new interchange shelters at the Recreation Reserve has recently been completed. These upgrades, along with the refurbishment of the netball courts completed in 2023 and the installation of a new hydration station in July this year, are some fantastic upgrades to the Lockington sporting facilities.



Lockington Resource Recovery Centre

The ramp at the Resource Recovery Centre has recently been refurbished to improve safety and ease of use. Along with the installation of EFTPOS facilities, it's now easier than ever to get rid of extra rubbish.

Lockington News is a community-run newspaper which recently celebrated its 1,000th edition! You can read the Locky News at <http://www.lockingtonvic.com.au/locky-news/>



Annual report Out Now!

Council's 2023-2024 Annual Report was received and accepted at a Council meeting held in October.

The Annual Report provides a summary of the 2023/24 financial year against the Council Plan, the Strategic Resource Plan, and the Council Budget, and also includes other reporting requirements. It serves as a comprehensive report card to the community regarding Council's performance throughout the financial year.

Council's Annual Reports are available to view on the Council website at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/annualreport

2025 Campaspe calendar

Photo Competition Winner

The Campaspe Calendar Photo Competition has been run and won for 2024, with the winning photos to be used to compile the 2025 Campaspe Shire Calendar.

With several hundred photos received, choosing the winners was no easy feat – but an internal panel of judges finally decided on their favourites.

Congratulations goes to the winners of the various categories, and especially to the people's choice winner – Hugh Macague – whose photo titled "Baz in his Happy Place" graces the cover of the 2025 calendar.

Calendars will be available at Council Service Centres soon.



Upcoming Events

Here is a look at what's coming up across our region. Get all the details at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/eventsdirectory

2024

Date	Event	Location
Thursday, 28 November	16 Days of Activism Movers & Shakers Market	Echuca Arts Precinct, Little Hopwood Street, Echuca
Saturday, 30 November	Perricoota Pop & Pour Festival	Perricoota Road, Moama
Saturday, 30 November	Red Knight Motorcycle Club Christmas Toy Run	Murray Esplanade & Pop Up Park, Echuca
1 - 31 December	Judy Hutchins & Friends Art Exhibition	Kyabram Town Hall, Kyabram
Sunday, 1 December	Wesley College School Band Performance	Hopwood Gardens, Echuca
Wedensday, 4 December	Pasta Night	Kyabram Italian Social Bocce Club
Friday, 6 December - Monday, 27 January	2024-25 Summer Salon - EMAI Members Gallery Shop	The Foundry Arts Space, Echuca
Saturday, 7 December	Rushworth Christmas Art & Craft Market	Rushworth Shire Hall
Saturday, 7 December	Festival of Christmas Trees	Echuca-Moama Uniting Church, Echuca
Sunday, 8 December	Sunday Sounds - Christmas by Candlelight	Echuca-Moama Uniting Church, Echuca
Sunday, 8 December	Moama Lions Carols	Moama Soundshell
Friday, 13 December	Stanhope Christmas Carols	Birdwood Ave, Stanhope
Friday, 13 December	Rochester Town Twilight Market	Gillies Street, Rochester
Saturday, 14 December	Tongala Community Carols by Candlelight	Tongala Sound Shell
14 - 22 December	Kyabram Town Hall Gallery - Santa's Cave	Kyabram Town Hall
Thursday, 19 December	Kyabram Combined Church Christmas Carols	Kyabram Memorial Gardens
Tuesday, 24 December	Christmas Carols the Silos	Rochester Silos
Wednesday, 25 December	Christmas Lunch at Echuca Moama Uniting Church	Echuca-Moama Uniting Church, Echuca
Tuesday, 31 December	Echuca Racing Club NYE Kids Day Out Race Day	Echuca Racecourse

2025

Wednesday, 1 January	Echuca Harness Racing Club	Frank Ryan Raceway, Echuca
6 - 10 January	Bush Nippers	Moama Beach, Moama
8 - 12 January	Girgarre Moosic Muster	Various locations in Girgarre
Saturday, 18 January	Echuca Moama Multi Sport Festival - Echuca-Moama Junior Triathlon	Moama Beach, Moama
Saturday, 18 January	Echuca Moama Multi Sport Festival - Echuca-Moama Triathlon	Hopwood Gardens, Echuca
Sunday, 19 January	Echuca Moama Multi Sport Festival - Wharf to Winery Swim	Riverboat Dock, Echuca
Sunday, 26 January	Australia Day celebrations	Various locations across Campaspe Shire
27 - 28 January	Junior & Senior Australia Day Fire Brigade Competition	Victoria Park, Fire Running Track, Echuca
Saturday, 1 February	Kyabram Tastes and Tunes	Allan Street, Kyabram
14 - 16 February	Riverboats Music Festival	Aquatic Reserve, Echuca
21 - 22 February	Great Northern Show	Rochester Recreation Reserve
Saturday, 22 February	Jigarre Jammin	Girgarre Memorial Hall
22 - 23 February	Campaspe Artists Studio Trail	Various locations across the shire
Saturday, 22 February	M5 Echuca Pro Rodeo	Echuca Showgrounds, Simmie Street, Echuca

Please note that events may be cancelled or amended at short notice.

Regular Events

Markets

Get all the details at www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/eventsdirectory

▶ Echuca Farmers Market	7, 21 DEC 4, 18 JAN 1, 15 FEB
▶ Girgarre Farmers' Produce and Craft Market	8 DEC 12 JAN 9 FEB
▶ Hopwood Garden Market	14 DEC 11 JAN 8 FEB
▶ Moama Market	1, 15, 29 DEC 5, 19, 26 JAN 16 FEB

▶ Rochester Town Market	19 JAN 16 FEB
▶ Rushworth Market	21 DEC 18 JAN 15 FEB
▶ Stanhope Monster Garage Sale	8 DEC 12 JAN 9 FEB



Pauline's Pick

Campaspe Shire Council's CEO tells us her pick of summer events

Campaspe Artists Studio Trail

The inaugural Campaspe Artists Studio Trail is taking place on the weekend of 22-23 February 2025 where artists will open their studio doors to the public from 10 am to 4 pm each day. The weekend will provide opportunities to gain insight into local creativity, observe studio workings, enjoy demonstrations, purchase artworks and support local artists. Visit <https://castrail.art> for more information.



Check out
the 2024 Christmas in
Campaspe pull-out map
on the back page!

Echuca Moama Multi Sport Festival

Join us for the Echuca Moama Multi Sport weekend, featuring three exciting events! The weekend kicks off with the Echuca Moama Junior Duathlon, set in a beautiful bush setting. On Saturday evening, the Triathlon takes place in the historic Port of Echuca area, starting with a 700-metre swim down the Murray River, followed by a 20km bike ride over the old Echuca Moama Bridge, and finishing with a 5km run. The weekend finishes with the Sunday morning Wharf to Winery Swim, where participants will swim from Echuca Wharf downstream to Morrisons Winery. Don't miss out on this action-packed weekend!

More information available at
<https://www.echucamoamatriclub.com/multisports-weekend>



Photo credit – Kyabram Tastes and Tunes Facebook page

Kyabram Tastes & Tunes Festival

Save the date, Saturday 1 February 2025 to head along to Allen Street in the heart of Kyabram for the Kyabram Tastes and Tunes Festival - a wonderful community-run event that brings locals and visitors together to enjoy the best of food, music, and community. The festival offers a fantastic opportunity to support local businesses and sample the best local produce while enjoying a lively atmosphere filled with music and activities. Council is proud to support the Kyabram Tastes and Tunes Festival - an exciting celebration of local food, music, and community spirit.

Follow <https://www.facebook.com/KyabramTastesTunes/> to stay updated on this fantastic community event!



Sports & Leisure

- ▶ Echuca Country Music Club Concert 15 DEC | 19 JAN | 16 FEB
- ▶ Echuca Harness Racing Club 16 FEB
- ▶ Rushworth Speedway Race Meet 14 DEC | 11 JAN | 15 FEB

Community

- ▶ Mr Perfect Echuca - Free Monthly BBQ 1 DEC | 5 JAN | 2 FEB
- ▶ Mr Perfect Echuca - Free Monthly Coffee Meet Up 20 DEC | 17 JAN | 21 FEB
- ▶ Rainbow Coffee/Pride Brunch 28 NOV | 23 JAN | 27 FEB
- ▶ Rochester Rotary Community Chat 19 DEC | 16 JAN | 20 FEB



Key building tasks undertaken by the department include property information requests, demolition consent, swimming pool and spa barrier compliance, and emergency response support.

What other teams within Council does Planning and Building work collaboratively with?

We work with a diverse range of internal stakeholders, including Environmental Health, Recreation, Engineering, Roads Services, Major Projects, Community Partnerships and Community Safety and Compliance.

Which objective within the Council Plan does Planning and Building help to deliver, and how does it do that?

The Planning and Building unit supports the Council Plan by achieving its four priorities: flourishing local economies, a healthy environment, well-planned places, and quality of life. It does this by approving land uses to boost economic activity, issuing permits for public events, requiring sustainable development, protecting native vegetation, facilitating residential development, conducting safety inspections, ensuring pool and spa safety, and engaging in strategic planning.

How many planning applications were received and determined during the 2023/24 financial year?

There were 329 new applications received in 2023/24, and 302 determinations were made. The estimated cost of works for permits issued was \$955 million.

Where can people access information on planning and building?

The best place to access information is through the Campaspe Shire website but we also have a planner on duty daily to answer general enquiries via phone or email. Recently we have been trialling having a planner available on Thursdays at Echuca HQ between 10am until 1pm to answer general enquiries in person.

For building-related enquiries, our team is available by phone on 1300 666 535 or email. While we are not currently issuing building permits, we encourage residents to consult with a private building surveyor for specific permit requirements and assessments.

Planning and Building



We chatted with Manager Planning and Building, Kahlia Reid about what her team does in this space.

What does Planning and Building do?

The Planning and building unit sits within the Sustainability Directorate and there are currently 12 staff.

Planning and building are regulatory functions which are responsible for the considerations of land use, development, and building. We provide guidance on planning controls before a formal application is lodged, assessing planning applications and amendments to satisfy planning permit requirements, and undertaking consultation if concerns are raised about a planning application.

The department also briefs the Council on upcoming planning applications and represents it at the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal (VCAT) if required.

Community Transport Drivers needed in Kyabram

Join our team of Volunteer drivers in Campaspe Shire and help us deliver a direct, positive impact every day in our community! With demand increasing, we are currently seeking new volunteer drivers to join our Kyabram area team. Our service enables you to make a massive difference in local lives, providing a trusted link to regional/city health specialists. If you would love to hit the road with us, apply today! Visit the <https://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/volunteer> and fill out an expression of interest form. For more information, please contact Narelle Betts, Community Transport Officer on 1300 666 535.



Barry Thompson – Volunteer Community Transport Driver.

Community Flood Recovery and Resilience Grants now open!

Campaspe Shire Council, in collaboration with the Australian Federal and Victoria State Governments, acknowledges the profound impact of the October 2022 Flood Event on our community, so to aid in the recovery process, alongside Emergency Victoria, we are offering Community Flood Recovery and Resilience Grants of up to \$10,000 to eligible community organisations for projects or programs that assist communities in recovering from the October 2022 Flood Event.

Activities, projects and/ or events that provide community members affected by the flood event with the information, support and services needed to pursue their recovery will be prioritised. This may include:

- Providing on-site and outreach recovery services
- Community capacity-building initiatives such as training, events, or education programs
- Running events and services to bring community together and enable social recovery
- Supporting First Peoples communities affected by the Flood Event, ensuring First Peoples culture is valued and respected.

Up to five (5) applications can be submitted by any one eligible organisation. All funded activities, including expenditure, must be completed by 30 April 2025.

For more information and to apply, please visit the Now Open page on our website. If you need assistance, contact our dedicated Flood Recovery Team.

Flood Recovery Team Leader, Lachlan Cozens (left) and Manager Emergency Management, Recovery and Resilience Kerrie Hawkes (centre) announcing Council's new Community Recovery and Resilience Grant program on EMFM with Ron Wood (right).



The First 72 Hours

Council has launched an innovative program aimed at empowering communities to plan, prepare and respond effectively in the first three days after a crisis, whether it be a personal situation or external event. 'The First 72 Hours' Community Resilience Program is set to increase community resilience and mental wellbeing while achieving the seven targets outlined in the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030. The program translates the emergency management pillars of Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery into simple and practical actionable steps. Going beyond the more common fire and flood situations, the program will equip people with knowledge and skills to think critically, seek the right information, and make decisions to protect their interests and wellbeing. For more information, visit <https://www.campaspe.vic.gov.au/thefirst72hours>





Council Officers assisted with the organisation and attended the Campaspe Youth Expo at the Echuca Stadium in September.

Out + About

Campaspe Shire officers and councillors have been out and about over the last few months attending events, meetings and engaging with the community. Here's a few snaps!



Gargarro Botanic Gardens Cafe's Leon McAsey and Joel Raglus with their team members Tia Harrison, Bronte Griffiths and Branden Atkinson receiving the Best New Business Award from Community Bank Tongala and Mathoura's Hamish Urquhart. They also won the People's Choice Award sponsored by Nichol Trading at the Campaspe Murray Business Awards.



Murray River Council Mayor John Harvi, with Business of the Year Empire Signs Group's Amanda Mallon, Ollie Jolicœur, Bryson Butler, Amy Fitch, Adrian Russell, Dale Coldwell, Adam Brophy, Jemae Coldwell, Josh Danaher, Sharon Butler and Campaspe Shire sustainability director Michael Sharp at the Campaspe Murray Business Awards. Photo by Aidan Briggs.



(L-R) Bev Brereton, Council's Community Transport Officer Narelle Betts, Pauline Humbert, and Phyllis McFarlane at the annual Seniors Concert.



Council's Community Partnerships Team hosted the annual Seniors Concert at Kyabram Bocce Club, featuring Glenn Starr's Hit Parade.



Nine new citizens from Nepal, New Zealand and the Philippines were conferred at their Australian Citizenship ceremony in September, pictured with State Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh, Cr Tony Marwood and Cr Rob Amos.



(L-R) The Shearing Shed House owners Rowan and Lynn Mason, Council's Tourism Development Manager Cheryl Hammer and Green Pedal Cycles owners Suzanna and David Barry at Council's Tourism Networking night in October.



Gunbower Memorial Hall held centenary celebrations in August. Pictured (L - R) Alex Greer, Michael Farrant, Leticia Edwards, Cr Rob Amos.



Robyn Lindsay - CEO of Echuca Regional Health, Dr Cath Lees - Chair of C4EM, Joel Crane - Radiant Media, Lauren Byrne - Echuca Regional Health, Astrid O'Farrell - Council's Economic Development Manager, and Austin Ley - Council's Manager Economy & Business at the launch of Echuca Regional Health & C4Ems 'Community Relocation Film' designed to attract people to our region for employment opportunities.



In August, Rochester Secondary College student leaders took part in a training and skills day through the Youth Affairs Council Victoria and Council's Youth Action Group. The Students are pictured with the panel members, including principal Matt Koutroubas, State Member for Murray Plains Peter Walsh, State Member for Northern Victoria Rikkie-Lee Tyrell, Community House's Amanda Logie and Jenna Harvey, and Campaspe Shire Council's Director Communities Jo Bradshaw, Cr Tony Marwood and Cr Paul Jarman.



Council partnered with local organisations to host the Campaspe Health Expo in Rochester in June which aimed to showcase and connect residents to health services available locally. Pictured (L-R) Council Environmental Health team members Jerney Draper, Karson Opincal and Hayley Sutton.



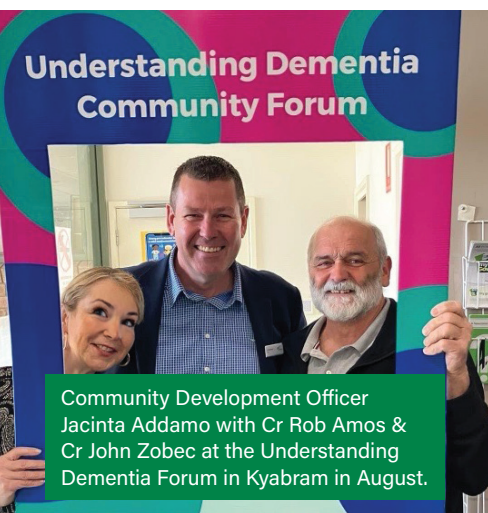
The inaugural meeting of the Creative Co-Design Group was held in October at the Echuca library, where Council's Arts & Culture team began the process of collaborating with community members to organise an arts festival to be held in 2025.



Council's Youth Development Team collaborated with Echuca Regional Health, headspace and Thorne Harbour Health to host the Youth Glow Up Disco attended by over 80 young people from around the shire who had a fantastic time dancing the night away.



Lockington Youth Action Group and Council's Youth Development Team hosted a spooktacular Halloween movie night in Lockington in October. (L-R) Jess Ibbeson - Community Programs Coordinator, Tanya McDermott - Lockington Neighbourhood House Coordinator and Kane Stewart - Youth Development Officer.



Community Development Officer Jacinta Addamo with Cr Rob Amos & Cr John Zobec at the Understanding Dementia Forum in Kyabram in August.



Council's Community Partnerships and Tourism teams visited the Dharnya Centre, hosted by the Yorta Yorta Nations Aboriginal Corporation. They experienced a preview of the upcoming Barmah Eco Tours and explored the new plans for the Dharnya Interpretive Centre.



Christmas Operations at Council

Some Council services will reduce operational hours during the Christmas period. The following changes to opening hours will occur between Tuesday, 24 December 2024 and Thursday, 2 January 2025:

Council services:



Customer Service Centres at Echuca, Kyabram, Rochester, Tongala and Rushworth close at 3pm on Tuesday, 24 December and reopen at 8:30am on Thursday, 2 January 2025.



Echuca Library closes at 3pm on Tuesday, 24 December and reopens at 10am on Thursday, 2 January 2025.
The **Kyabram, Rochester, Tongala and Rushworth** libraries close at 3pm Tuesday, 24 December and re-open 8.30am Thursday, 2 January 2025. Online services and after-hours return chutes will remain available.



Resource Recovery Centres close Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.



Maternal and Child Health service operates for first home visits and essential appointments only. Phone the MCH booking line on 1300 644 964 to discuss your options.



Campaspe Animal Shelter is closed Sundays and Christmas Day. Open via appointment, 10am to 12 noon, on Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Open other days by appointment as per usual operating hours; phone 5480 3005.



Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre – closed Christmas Day.
Outdoor swimming pools – closed Christmas Day.



Quarries & Roads Maintenance – closed from Friday, 20 December and reopen on Monday, 6 January 2025.



Campaspe Community Children's Centre – closes 5.45pm on Monday, 23 December and reopens Monday, 6 January 2025.

Rochester and District Childcare Centre – closes 6pm on Monday, 23 December and reopens Monday, 6 January 2025.



Volunteer-based Community Transport will conclude on Friday, 20 December and reopen for bookings from Tuesday, 14 January 2025. Service requests lodged during Council's office closure period will be attended to upon reopening of the Council offices.



On-call ranger services operate throughout the holiday period for emergencies only. For urgent requests, call 1300 666 535 and follow the prompts.

Kerbside bin collections:

Kerbside waste collections during the Christmas period are likely to be one hour earlier than usual on some days. Collection dates will change as follows:

Usual collection day

- Wednesday, 25 December
- Thursday, 26 December
- Friday, 27 December

Christmas week collection day

- Thursday, 26 December
- Friday, 27 December
- Saturday, 28 December

Collections will return to normal on Monday, 30 December 2024 and onwards.

Resource Recovery Centres:

Resource Recovery Centres will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. Services will operate as usual on all other dates.

12 December - Customer Service Centre closures:

The following applies for Customer Service Centres and Libraries on Thursday, 12 December:

- Echuca Customer Service Centre and Library will close at 11.45am.
- Kyabram, Tongala, Rochester, and Rushworth Customer Service Centres and Libraries will close at 11am.

Be in the swim this summer with Campaspe Aquatics

Council is pleased to again offer **FREE GENERAL ADMISSION** this summer to the Colbinabbin, Kyabram, Lockington, Rushworth, Stanhope and Tongala outdoor pools. The outdoor pools are open from Saturday, 23 November 2024 until Monday, 10 March 2025 - during school terms from 4pm-8pm on weekdays and 1pm-8pm weekends, and during school holidays from 1pm-8pm every day except Christmas Day. All outdoor pools open or close depending on temperatures advised by the Bureau of Meteorology. If the temperature is below 25 degrees Celsius, the only pool which runs an early-morning session, Kyabram, will operate as usual in the morning but will close in the afternoon. For all other pools, when the temperature is below 25 degrees, they will close for the entire day and will only open for swimming club sessions or programs.

Locations

- Colbinabbin** – 52 Mitchell Street
- Kyabram** – corner Fenaughty and Union Streets
- Lockington** – 5 Burns Street
- Rushworth** – corner Geyle and Southam Streets
- Stanhope** – 31 Midland Highway
- Tongala** – 621 Henderson Road

For more information, go to the Campaspe Aquatics website, visit Echuca War Memorial Aquatic Centre or call 03 5483 9698.



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Christmas IN CAMPASPE

Share your experience!

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TONGALA

- SANTA'S RED UTE COMMUNITY LIGHT ACTIVATION AT ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
- GINGERBREAD MAN COMMUNITY LIGHT ACTIVATION AT ST PATRICK'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
- CHRISTMAS HAY BALE TRAIL SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO
- SANTA FERGUSON
- GIANT GIFTS AT THE SOUND SHELL
- MIDNIGHT EXPRESS ARTS SPACE INSTALLATION
- LIONS MEMORY TREE

KYABRAM

- ILLUMINATION STATION AT MEMORIAL PARK FEATURING THE BIG SANTA
- MONDAY 2 - MONDAY 30 DECEMBER
- SANTA'S CAVE AT TOWN HALL SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO
- ALLAN STREET YARN BOMBING
- NATIVITY SCENE AT LIVING WATERS CHURCH

KYABRAM

GIRGARRE

- CHRISTMAS SOUND WALK IN PROGRESS PARK

STANHOPE

- CHRISTMAS CAVE & PHOTO BOOTH AT STATION PARK ARTS SPACE

RUSHWORTH

- DECORATED BELL TOWER & COMMUNITY TREES
- MISTLETOE KISSING BOOTH
- SANTA'S GROTTO SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO
- ELF YOURSELF SELFIE STATIONS
- REINDEERS & SLEIGH IN HIGH STREET

GOLBINABBIN

- COLBO PUB CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROL TRAIL SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO
- CHRISTMAS TREE PHOTO STATION AT SILOS

NANNIELLA

- COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE
- TOY SOLDIERS AT MEMORIAL HALL
- SANTA CUT OUTS

ECHUCA

ECHUCA

LOCKINGTON

- SANTA'S SLEIGH AT SKATE PARK

ROCHESTER

ROCHESTER

- ILLUMINATION STATION AT ROTUNDA PARK FEATURING THE BIG TEDDY BEAR
- MONDAY 2 - MONDAY 30 DECEMBER
- ROCHESTER SCAVENGER HUNT SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO
- CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY AT SHIRE HALL SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO

ECHUCA

- ILLUMINATION STATION AT HOPWOOD GARDENS FEATURING THE GOLD BAUBLE
- MONDAY 2 - MONDAY 30 DECEMBER
- GIANT GIFT IN THE PORT OF ECHUCA POP UP PARK
- GINGERBREAD HOUSE SELFIE STATION AT THE PEDESTRIAN CROSSING HARE STREET
- ECHUCA MOAMA MEN'S SHED ROUNDABOUT ON CORNER OF HARE & PAKENHAM STREETS
- FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES ECHUCA MOAMA UNITING CHURCH SEE REVERSE FOR MORE INFO



MORE INFO



KYABRAM SANTA'S CAVE

Saturday, 14 - Sunday, 22 December - 11am - 5pm
Kyabram Town Hall, Allan Street, Kyabram
Cost: \$5 per person or \$15 per family.



FESTIVAL OF CHRISTMAS TREES

Saturday, 14 - Saturday, 21 December - 10am - 2pm
Echuca-Moama Uniting Church, Hare Street, Echuca



COLBO PUB CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROL TRAIL

Explore the Christmas candles around the town and scan the QR codes to listen to various carols sung by the Colbo Pub Choir.



ROCHESTER SCAVENGER HUNT

Help Santa find his missing reindeers at six iconic locations in Rochester and be in the draw to win weekly prizes. To participate download the StoryTowns app on your device.



ROCHESTER CHRISTMAS TREE DISPLAY

Friday, 6 - Saturday, 21 December (excluding Sundays)
9am - 4pm Monday to Friday
9am - 12noon Saturdays
Rochester Shire Hall, 45 Mackay Street, Rochester



SANTA'S GROTTO

Visit Santa on Saturday, 21 December - 10am - 12noon, located in the Rushworth Band Stand.



TONGALA HAY BALE TRAIL

Thursday, 5 December - Wednesday, 8 January
Download trail map via social media. 'Visit Tongala' (FB) or 'Tongala_Hay_Bale_Trail' (Insta). Hard copies will be available from businesses in Mangan Street, Tongala.



GUNBOWER CHRISTMAS STORY TIME POP UP

Saturday, 7 December - 9.30am - 11.30am at
The Gunbower Butter Factory

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CAROLS

CHRISTMAS BY CANDLELIGHT

Sunday, 8 December - 7pm
Echuca-Moama Uniting Church, Hare Street, Echuca

ECHUCA MOAMA LIONS CAROLS

Sunday, 8 December - 6pm
Kerrabee Soundshell, Moama

STANHOPE CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Friday, 13 December - 6pm
Birdwood Ave, Stanhope

TONGALA COMMUNITY CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday, 14 December - 6pm
Tongala Sound Shell, Mangan Street, Tongala

KYABRAM CHURCHES CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Thursday, 19 December - 5 - 10pm
Memorial Gardens, Allan Street, Kyabram

CHRISTMAS @ THE SILOS CAROLS SERVICE

Tuesday, 24 December - 5pm
Rochester Silos, Ramsay Street, Rochester

CHRISTMAS MARKETS



RUSHWORTH ARTS & CRAFT MARKET

Saturday, 30 November - 8.30am - 1pm
Shire Hall, High Street

MOAMA MARKET

Sunday, 1, 15 & 29 December - 8am - 2pm
Moama Soundshell, Meninya Street, Moama

ECHUCA FARMERS MARKET

Saturday, 7 & 21 December - 8am - 12.30pm
Aquatic Reserve, Echuca

GIRGARRE FARMERS' PRODUCE AND CRAFT MARKET

Sunday, 8 December - 8am - 12noon
Girgarre Memorial Hall & Park Reserve, Girgarre

STANHOPE COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

Sunday, 8 December - 8.30am - 1pm
Birdwood Ave, Stanhope

ROCHESTER TOWN TWILIGHT MARKET

Friday, 13 December - 5pm - 8pm
Gillies Street, Rochester

HOPWOOD GARDEN MARKET

Saturday, 14 December - 2 - 8pm
Hopwood Gardens, Echuca

RUSHWORTH MONTHLY MARKET

Saturday, 21 December - 8.30am - 1pm
High Street Median, Rushworth

CAMPASPE LIBRARIES

ECHUCA LIBRARY

Monday, 16 December - 10.30am - Christmas Toddler Rhymetime
Tuesday, 17 December - 3.30pm - Christmas After School Session
Thursday, 19 December - 11am - Christmas Baby Rhymetime
Friday, 20 December - 10.30am - Christmas Storytime
Saturday, 21 December - 10.30am - Family Christmas Storytime

KYABRAM LIBRARY

Tuesday, 10 December - 10.30am - Christmas Storytime
Tuesday, 17 December - 10.30am - Christmas Baby Rhymetime
Wednesday, 18 December - 3.30pm - Christmas After School Session

ROCHESTER LIBRARY

Tuesday, 3 December - 10.30am - Christmas Toddler Rhymetime

RUSHWORTH LIBRARY

Monday, 2 December - 10am - Christmas Toddler Rhymetime
Tuesday, 17 December - 10.30am - Christmas Storytime

TONGALA LIBRARY

Tuesday, 10 December - 10.30am Christmas Toddler Rhymetime

All information was correct as at October 2024 and events are subject to change.


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