



WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2020

NO COST MICROCHIPPING DAY FOR COMPANION ANIMALS - SATURDAY 1 AUGUST 2020

A free microchipping day will be held on **SATURDAY 1 AUGUST** between **9.00 a.m. and 12.00 p.m.** in front of the RMS Agency. The service is available to all Coonamble Shire residents. Bring your cat or your dog to be micro-chipped free of charge. If you have any questions please call Council on 6827 1900 or Council's Ranger on 0427 255 881.

COMPANION ANIMALS

Council continues to receive complaints concerning wandering dogs and ongoing dog attacks within the Shire. Offending owners may be liable for significant fines under the Companion Animals Act if their dogs cause damage to property or injury to animals. Council again reminds owners of dogs to be responsible – keep your animals confined on premises and under control at all times. This is your responsibility as an owner so please be aware of the consequences which may result in breaches of the Act.

ILLEGAL DUMPING

Council reminds residents that it is illegal to dump rubbish on roadside reserves and/or other open areas. Often illegally dumped rubbish contains hazardous substances that may cause significant damage to the air, soil, and groundwater. Should that happen, natural habitats will be polluted, causing deaths to plant and animals. Significant funds are required for Council to clean up areas where rubbish has been dumped and if offenders are identified, fines may be issued.

OVERGROWN BLOCKS

Council staff has been instructed to report overgrown and unsightly blocks within the urban areas of the Shire. Over recent weeks there have been numerous notices served on owners requesting them to clean up and maintain their yards. Please ensure that blocks are kept clean and tidy – when overgrown the area becomes a fire hazard and a harbourage for pests. When owners do not comply with requirements of the notice, Council may take action to rectify the problem and the cost charged against the property rates, or it may issue a Penalty Notice.

COUNCIL'S AUGUST MEETING – GUIDELINES FOR ORAL SUBMISSION AT COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

Council's next ordinary meeting will be held on **Wednesday 12 AUGUST 2020 commencing 10.00 a.m.** Should a resident wish to speak at Community Consultation session for the purpose of putting forward an oral submission an application must be made to Council before 4.30 p.m. the day before the meeting. The application must identify the subject matter or item of business on the agenda of the meeting on which the person wishes to speak and whether the person wishes to speak "FOR" or "AGAINST" that item. A person may apply to speak on no more than four (4) items of business on the agenda of the Council meeting.

It should be noted that speakers at Community Consultation cannot ask questions of Council, Councillors or Staff. However the General Manager, or his nominee, may with concurrence of the Chairperson, address Council for up to five

(5) minutes in response to any address to Council at Community Consultation after the address and any subsequent questions and answers have been finalised.

Where an address made at Community Consultation raises matters that require further consideration by Council staff, the General Manager may recommend that Council defer consideration of the matters pending preparation of a further report.

COVID-19 UPDATE AND RESOURCES

The latest update from the Western NSW Local Health District was received on Friday 24 July 2020 that an Amber Alert was issued across NSW Health effective 11am Friday 24 July 2020. This requires all health care workers who are caring for or working within 1.5m of any patient to wear a mask. This alert also requires visitors and patients entering a health facility to wear a mask if possible.

Residents who live in one of the Districts Multipurpose Services will not be required to wear a mask. The District has provided resources and information to all of facilities across Western NSW.

The update stated that the best we can do at the moment is to continue to educate our communities and local businesses to help reduce the risk of infection and the spread of the virus.

The Western NSW Local Health District website has a section on the landing page for people to find information on COVID-19 as well as when/where the mobile testing clinic will be a week in advance <https://wnswlhd.health.nsw.gov.au/> .

There are a suit of resources available on a number of websites and they are listed below:

Digital resources that can be used on webpages, email signatures
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/digital-resources.aspx#banner>

Information and posters on home isolation, hygiene, staying connected as seniors and older adults and importantly information on testing and what to do if you have just been tested.
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/factsheets-brochures.aspx>

There is also a suite of Aboriginal Health resources
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/aboriginal-resources.aspx> as well as resources translated into various languages
<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/translated-resources.aspx>

The NSW Government also continue to provide resources for business who continue to operate during the pandemic and how they can ensure their workplace is COVID-19 safe <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19>

General Manager