

From the Mayor's Desk:

## Mineral Spa requirements explored with Regulator



The Mineral Spa project—a cornerstone piece of infrastructure in our Masterplan—was the topic of discussion with regulatory authorities earlier this month.

Council's executive leadership and I met

with representatives of the Natural Resources Access Regulator to discuss the latest regulatory requirements.

The project will deliver construction and job opportunities and has the potential of being a fantastic tourist attraction, encouraging people to spend more time and money in the area.

### Building regional resilience

I had the opportunity in the past month of attending the Orana Opportunity Network Industry Forum, 'Tomorrow Starts Today', along with our General Manager, Hein Basson, and fellow councillor, Pat Cullen.

The network's aims are to support the growth and development of businesses across the region into exports, to improve sustainability and to increase investment and connectivity for business.

Several thought-provoking presentations tackled the issues of boosting resilience and mitigating risk in our region, moving towards zero emissions, developing a renewable energy zone and establishing partnerships for the region in the energy and resources sectors.

**Ahmad Karanouh**  
Mayor

## Australia Day nominations remain open to 6 January

There is still time to nominate a person or community group you think should be recognised at the Australia Day Awards.

Nominations close on 6 January. Forms are available from Council's administration building in Coonamble or can be completed online through the homepage of Council's website (check under 'Notices').

The Awards will be made at the Coonamble Australia Day Celebration at the Coonamble Showground on 26 January.



## Children invited to register for fun holiday program

A skateboard workshop, zumba, pool days, tie dye workshop and calendar making are among the activities Coonamble Shire Council has organised as part of its holiday program for children of the area this summer.

Clay art, calendar making, craft making, a barbecue and beats, sand art and disco are among other activities planned.

Children from Gulargambone, Quambone

and Coonamble are welcome to any of the events.

Council will organise a bus from Gulargambone and Quambone on 6, 12 and 27 January if there are sufficient registrations.

Register by emailing the Youth Officer at [youthofficer@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youthofficer@coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au) or by phoning 6827 1900.

See the full program on Council's website by following the link on the home page.

## Promote our unlimited horizons to boost tourism to Coonamble

Unlimited horizons, exploring our nature, revealing our heritage and celebrating culture on Country are among the themes of the Destination Management Plan that Council has adopted to promote tourism in the Coonamble area.

All residents can do their part in promoting these themes by tagging their Instagram posts with #visitcoonamble and with the most appropriate theme, such as #unlimitedhorizons.

Little places big stories and annual events—such as the horse racing and greyhound carnivals, shows and rodeo—are the other two themes adopted in

Council's Destination Management Plan.

Consultation with the community during the development of Council's Masterplan, the 2018 Customer Satisfaction Survey and Council's Economic Development Strategy have all identified tourism as a priority for development.

Council's plan highlights aspects of the Destination Country and Outback NSW program of activities that are relevant to the Coonamble area.

The alignment of the Coonamble Destination Management Plan with the state-wide initiative capitalises on tourism promotion throughout the State.



# Stuck for a Christmas gift? Try a 10-entry pool pass

If you are stuck for a Christmas gift this year, consider buying a 10-entry pool pass from Council's administration building or from either Coonamble or Gulargambone pools.

The usual entry fee is \$3. Buying a 10-entry pass—for either an adult or child—reduces the entry to \$2.50 a visit.

Seasons tickets are also available for children (\$85 each), adults (\$135) and families (\$240).

Meanwhile, a pool specialist has examined the Quambone Pool and made recommendations to repair the leak and to carry out other minor work.

Council has engaged a contractor to complete the work as soon as possible so that the facility will be available for use during the summer holidays.

All council-operated pools will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day but open other days over the holiday period from 6am to 9am and from 1pm to 6pm.



All children under 10 must have be accompanied by an over-18 who will supervise the children's behaviour and safety and remain within arms-reach of children at all times.



Steven Smith

## Appreciation for 40 years of service

Council has recognised Steven Smith for 40 years of continuous service to the Local Government Area and its residents.

Steven started working with council at the depot, then moved to Parks and Gardens and has most recently filled the role of ranger.

Steven started with council in 1980, following in his father's footsteps, who also worked with Council.

## Council facilities closed

Council's administration building and all other facilities will close from Christmas Day, reopening on Monday, 4 January.

Pools at Coonamble and Gulargambone will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day only. The Tip will be closed on public holidays only. It will operate to regular hours at other times.

### Emergency contacts:

Water & Sewerage 0428 217 420

Other Emergencies 0458 271 881

Ranger 0427 255 881

Website for all details:

[www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.coonambleshire.nsw.gov.au)

## Playground installation nears completion

Installation of playground equipment for children and exercise equipment for youth and adults should be completed before Christmas.

The equipment is being installed in the Lions Park, Gulargambone, under the second round of the Stronger Country

Communities Fund from the Department of Regional NSW.

The final component of the project will be the addition of an irrigation system to maintain good grass cover around the playground and exercise equipment throughout the summer.



Installation of playground and exercise equipment in the Lions Park at Gulargambone is nearing completion.

## Water restrictions to continue throughout the summer

Council has introduced restrictions on the use of fixed hoses and sprinklers between the hours of 7pm and 7am to ensure the water supply can meet the demand of residents.

This usage ensures your lawn does not become scalded by having water droplets on the leaves during the heat of the day or having the lawn roots virtually sitting in hot water.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council will be held on Wednesday, 10 February 2021