

## Mayor and Deputy Mayor elected for new term



Coonamble Shire Council Mayor, Cr Tim Horan.

Coonamble Shire Council has elected Cr Tim Horan as Mayor through to September 2023 and Cr Karen Churchill as Deputy Mayor.

Council also decided that vacancies on Council within the first 18 months be determined by count-back among those who nominated for the 4 December 2021 election.

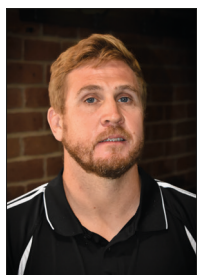
The countback method reduces the cost to fill the vacancy, which could be between \$30,000 and \$40,000 if a by-election needed to be held.

Council also resolved to hold its meetings on a monthly basis, on the second Wednesday of each month.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be on 9 February from 10am at the Administration Office in Coonamble, with the March meeting in Gulargambone and the April meeting in Quambone.



Deputy Mayor, Cr Karen Churchill.



Cr Adam Cohen



Cr Pat Cullen



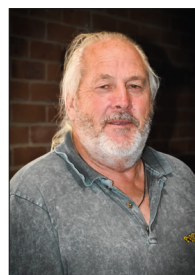
Cr Barbara Deans



Cr Bill Fisher



Cr Al Karanough



Cr Terence Lees



Cr Brian Sommerville

### MARK THESE DATES

- 26 January** – Australia Day Awards presentation at Smith Park (near the Coonamble Information and Exhibition Centre) from 8am.
- 26 January** – Pool Party at Coonamble Pool, 2pm to 6pm.
- 27 January** – Pool Party at Coonamble Pool, 2pm to 6pm.
- 09 February** – Coonamble Shire Council Ordinary Meeting, Coonamble.

### Emergency contacts:

**Water & Sewerage** 0428 217 420

**Other Emergencies** 0458 271 881

**Regulatory Officer** 0427 255 881

**Website for all details:**

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

## COVID-19 resilience grants available for businesses and organisations

Does your business, organisation or community group need financial support to become more responsive to operating during the COVID-19 pandemic?

The Office of Local Government has provided a one-time grant to Coonamble Shire Council to strengthen the resilience and responsiveness of our community to COVID-19.

Any business, organisation or community group operating within the Coonamble Local Government Area that has spent or plans to implement some kind of strategy that allows it to continue operating with a reduced risk to members, customers and clients of being exposed to COVID-19 is welcome to apply for funding through this grant opportunity.

Costs for putting in place a plan can only be recovered from 1 July 2021, and any future plans need to be put into action before 31 March 2022.

Examples of the type of project or plan that

would be considered for funding from this grant include:

- Upgrades to a food business's kitchen to ensure adherence to health orders and regulation.
- Deep-cleaning of food or accommodation businesses to comply with updated standards.
- Minor works to help a business ensure hygienic practices can be implemented and maintained.
- Plans or programs that will lessen or diminish impacts of COVID-19 on the community and local businesses.
- Recovery activities or associated costs for a business, organisation or community group which has been negatively impacted by the pandemic.

An application should be made on the form available for download on Council's Grant Opportunities page. Applications close at 4pm on Friday, 18 February, 2022.



# All invited to Australia Day Awards in Smith Park

All members of the public are invited to the Australia Day Awards event at the new venue in Smith Park, outside the Coonamble Information and Exhibition Centre on Wednesday, 26 January.

The day's activities begin with a free breakfast, provided by the Rotary Club of Coonamble, from 8am.

Seating and marquees for shade will be set up, and a COVID-safe plan will be in place.

Josh Toole, from Blackfit Fitness, will welcome participants to country and cleanse the gathering with a smoking ceremony at 9am.

Pupils from Coonamble Public School will perform the National Anthem, followed by an address by Coonamble Shire Council Mayor, Councillor Tim Horan.

Mr Clyde Campbell AM, founder of the Shake It Up Foundation, is our Australia Day

Ambassador this year. Mr Campbell founded the organisation in 2011 after being diagnosed with young-onset Parkinson's at the age of 44.

Coonamble and District Education Foundation Scholarships will then be presented, followed by the Australia Day Awards in the six categories of:

- Citizen of the Year.
- Young Citizen of the Year.
- Sportsperson of the Year.
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year.
- Community Group of the Year.
- Community Event of the Year.

Coonamble CWA will provide sweet treats for refreshments to end the program.

This year's activities and infrastructure has been funded through a grant from the National Australia Day Council's Community Grants Program.



## Australia Day

Reflect. Respect. Celebrate.

## Apply for a donation before 18 February

Applications for funding under Council's Donations Policy are open to Friday, 18 February, 2022.

Local not-for-profit community groups are welcome to submit requests for a donation.

At its January meeting, Council decided that it would modify its Donations Policy and present all applications to the full Council for decision, as they are received, rather than recommendations being made by a committee only twice each year.

Applications for donations can include requests for Council to donate the value of the community group's annual general purpose rates, if applicable.

All applications must be on the Coonamble Shire Council's application form, available as a hard copy from Council's Administration

Office or electronically by searching 'Donation Application Form' on Council's website.

Successful applicants need to complete a Community Donation Report and return it to Council at the end of the Financial Year. This process is in the interest of open and transparent governance and for auditing purposes.

In the last round of donations, Coonamble Clay Target Club received \$8,000, Gungahman Boat and Waterski Club \$5,000, Coonamble Auto Club \$1,000, Coonamble Show Society \$2,000, Gulargambone Campdraft Club \$2,000, Let's Dance Carinda Tribute Committee \$1,000, St Brigid's Parents and Friends' Association \$490 and Gulargambone Community Enterprises \$700.

## Disaster recovery grants for rural producers

The NSW and Australian Governments have announced assistance measures to support primary producers who have been impacted by the floods and severe weather that occurred during November and December 2021.

Flood-affected primary producers are encouraged to apply for the grant as soon as possible. The closing date for applications is 16 June 2022.

Once approved, eligible primary producers can access \$10,000 in assistance up-front, with a further \$40,000 in financial assistance available upon submission of valid tax invoices.

Search for 'grant opportunities' on Council's website for further information.

## January holiday fun program to wind up with a pool party in Coonamble



Children have engaged in many different types of craft, watched movies and enjoyed cooling off in the pool as part of the free January school holiday fun program. The program ends with a two-day pool party in Coonamble on Wednesday and Thursday, 26 and 27 January. Please register at [www.tinyurl.com/FunJan22](http://www.tinyurl.com/FunJan22).

The next Ordinary Meeting of Coonamble Shire Council will be held on Wednesday, 9 February 2022, in Coonamble