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Council celebrates Local Government Week

Local Government Week celebrates the work of local Councils and the range and diversity of services they provide to their communities. This year, Council staff enjoyed celebrating with some of the youngest members of our community.

Coonamble Shire Librarian, Raquel Pickering, joined Coonamble Preschool for their Early Learning Matters celebrations and read "A New School for Charlie" by Courtney Dicmas all about Charlie the dog going to a school for cats! Charlie learns all about making new friends, learning about a new "cat culture" and how to celebrate his differences.

"Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Library is currently unable to host events, so being able to go out to the Preschool and connect with both the staff and students was an amazing opportunity" Raquel said. "Thanks to our community practicing social distancing and hygiene guidelines, programmes such as Storytime will slowly be able to recommence".

This year, Coonamble Council moved quickly to establish programmes and services that enabled Coonamble to enjoy a safe, healthy and connected community. The pandemic may have impacted our daily lives but it hasn't stopped Council and its Library services from creating new ways to deliver to the community.

The Library responded to the restrictions by growing and enhancing the resources it offers such as ebooks and eaudio as well as a movie streaming services all available through their brand new North Western Library app. And jumping on the bandwagon with a number of eateries in Coonamble, the Library hosted a Takeaway service when they were closed due to COVID-19. A simple call with the genre and number of books you would like and a takeaway bag with the books in it was available for pickup.

While this year has been particularly challenging, Coonamble Shire Council takes immense pride in its community in how it has risen to meet those challenges and provide support to others throughout our local government area.



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