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At the end of June, 114 Year 5 students from Forbes North Public, Forbes Public, Bedgerabong Public and St Laurence's Primary Schools attended an excursion to the NSW Sport and Recreation Camp Lake Burrendong.

Forbes Shire Council and Evolution Mining, partnering with the four schools, provided the subsidised excursion, which was held over three days.

The Lake Burrendong excursion started in 2011 through Positive Connections and due to the success of the initial camp, it has continued with the support of Council and Evolution Mining.

The Lake Burrendong Camp provides the students with a range of group challenges and activities that promote key learning and complements the curriculum.

During the camp, the students develop skills in communication, problem solving, negotiation, respect and an appreciation of the natural environment and sustainability.

Mayor Graeme Miller said the camp is a great opportunity for students to build relationships with



A group of year 5 students getting ready for Paintball Combat during the excursion  
Clancy Bolam, Zac Wheeldon, Joe Ellison, Griffin Jones and Liam Toole.

other students before transitioning into high school.

"Lake Burrendong gives the students a great experience which involves fun

and learning and with the support of Evolution Mining and the schools, Council is pleased to be able to support this trip."

## OPERATIONAL PLAN ADOPTED

### Council to deliver key infrastructure projects in 2017/18

At an Extraordinary Meeting on Monday, June 26, Council adopted the Operational Plan 2017-18.

The plan includes Council's annual budget, fees and charges and capital works program.

It sets out what the community can expect Council to deliver over the next 12 months and how these actions will help achieve the goals in the Forbes Shire Our Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027, which was adopted at the May meeting.

In 2017/18 Council has budgeted to spend \$14.9 million in capital works across its general, water and sewer operations.

"This includes \$3.8 million on roads, \$1.6 million on water, \$2.25 million on sewer and \$1 million on recreational and community facilities.

"These will mainly be funded through grants and reserves," General Manager Danny Green said.

"The budget also includes a total rate increase of 1.5% however individual charges will reflect the latest land valuations.

"Overall operational expenditure has been maintained below \$28 million."

Projects in the 2017/18 Budget include \$150,000 for the Botanical Garden toilets upgrade, \$90,000 for the Cottons Weir fishing platform, \$55,000 for playground replacement, \$150,000 for CCTV upgrades, \$210,000 for sheep ramps, irrigation and a new workshop at the Central West Livestock Exchange and \$80,000 for works to Forbes Swimming Pool.

Visit [www.forbes.nsw.gov.au](http://www.forbes.nsw.gov.au) to view the 2017-18 Operational Plan and the Forbes Shire Our Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027.

Copies are also available at Council's Administration Office and Forbes Library.

## A WORD FROM YOUR MAYOR



Welcome to the 2017 Winter Edition of our Community Newsletter. You will notice some changes to the layout of our newsletter and we hope you like it.

It has been a busy three months since the last newsletter was published.

Council's 10-year plan, the Forbes Shire Our Community Strategic Plan 2017-2027 was adopted at the May meeting.

Council also adopted the Operational Plan 2017-2018 at the end of June, which includes Council's annual budget, fees and charges and capital works program.

There are a number of other exciting projects that have been approved in the past three months, which includes the purchase of the former Lachlan Vintage Village site and the decision to start plans for the new pound to be built at Landrace Estate.

A consultant has been engaged to prepare a business plan for the site, which is expected to be back to Council by mid-October.

There have also been a great range of community events held this quarter including Youth Week, Seniors Week, Forbes Heritage and a multicultural evening.

Next month NAIDOC Week will be celebrated in Forbes and September is going to be very busy with a number of events including the NSW Small Winemakers Wine Show Presentation Dinner, the Forbes Boscars and of course, the inaugural Grazing Down the Lachlan on September 23.

I am really looking forward to Grazing Down the Lachlan and it was great news that the event received \$20,000 from the State Government in Round Two of the 2017 Incubator Event Fund.

**Your Mayor,  
Cr Graeme Miller**

## COMMUNITY FUNDING

Forbes Shire Council has made some changes to the way in which it provides in-kind and financial assistance to community groups in a new Community Funding Program.

Until December 2017 applicants can complete the Community Funding Application and their request will be considered at the next council meeting, which are held on the third Thursday of each month.

Commencing from December 2017 there will be a general call for applications for the 2018-2019 financial year.

These will be assessed and successful applicants notified in April 2018.

Visit [www.forbes.nsw.gov.au](http://www.forbes.nsw.gov.au) to download the Community Funding Application form or pick one up from Council's Administration Office.

## DISABILITY INCLUSION ACTION PLAN

The Forbes Shire Disability Inclusion Action Plan demonstrates Council's commitment to constant improvement in the services, facilities and access disabled residents need to participate fully in the life of the community.

Council adopted the Forbes Shire Disability Inclusion Action Plan at its June meeting and the plan will also play a part in changing community attitudes and perceptions of people with a disability.

The Disability Inclusion Action Plan outlines specific actions Council will take to facilitate access to community services and facilities for people with disability and link more actions to assessment and monitoring.

The Disability Inclusion Action Plan is a whole-of-council planning tool and was developed in consultation with a wide cross section of the community through a community engagement process conducted in November.



**Forbes resident Alister Lockhart discussing the Disability Inclusion Action Plan with Manager Community Development Nina Hooper and Community Relations Officer Blake Nicholson.**

General Manager Danny Green said a series of actions have been developed through the plan that will result in more choice, better access and improved facilities for our disabled residents.

"As a Council we commit to this plan to create a more inclusive, disability friendly Forbes Shire," Danny said.

## THIRD FOUNTAIN FOR LAKE FORBES



Council has installed a third fountain on Lake Forbes between the Forbes Sports and Recreation Club and Wheogo Park.

Council's Director of Engineering and Technical Services John Zannes said the fountains have a practical as well as aesthetic purpose.

"They improve the water quality through providing better oxygenation of the water and preventing stagnation," he said.

"Increased oxygenation assists with slowing algae growth."

The additional fountain complements the other two fountains, positioned near Johnny Woods crossing and the Camp Street Bridge.

The existing fountains were installed in 2005 and 2010.

## HERITAGE FUND

Council provides a free heritage advisory service for owners of items of historical significance.

Council also provides monetary assistance on a dollar for dollar basis for the conservation and maintenance of historical items.

To find out more, you can speak with Council's Heritage Advisor who visits Forbes regularly.

To make an appointment phone Briana Wooldrige on 68502344



**Navy Yem, Nin Mao and Socheata Mao were proud to share their Cambodian culture.**

## MULTICULTURAL DINNER SUCCESS

Forbes Shire Council in partnership with multicultural residents held a Cambodian themed event on Friday, June 16.

There were 55 residents in attendance at the Forbes Golf and Sportsman's Hotel and the evening included Cambodian cuisine and a cooking demonstration, dancing and music.

The multicultural dinners will continue to be held quarterly.

For information contact Community Relations Officer Blake Nicholson on 6850 2355.

## NORTHERN BYPASS

Works are continuing to progress for the \$4.3 million Northern Heavy Vehicle Bypass, with the completion of the road upgrades scheduled over the coming months.

Traffic is now using the new road alignment at Daroobalgie, with the intersection with Hooper's Road now a T-intersection.

As works progress there may be speed restrictions in place, please drive to the conditions and take care whilst travelling through the worksite.



## A SPECTACULAR YOUTH WEEK

Youth Week was a fantastic success this year with more than 1300 youth involved in the range of events organised by Forbes Shire Council.

Activities for the week included a Youth Week Awards Night, a Colour Run for both Forbes High School and Red Bend Catholic College and Youthfest.

The awards night recognised a number of our young people who have achieved in a range of fields.

Youth Week will be taking place again next year and Council is seeking your feedback on what events you would like to see.

To have your say, contact Council's Youth Development Assistant Clarissa Stewart on 6850 2300 or email [clarissa.stewart@forbes.nsw.gov.au](mailto:clarissa.stewart@forbes.nsw.gov.au)

## MAP OF WORKS

Residents can now view a map of current and upcoming works for the Forbes Shire on Council's website [www.forbes.nsw.gov.au/currentworks.aspx](http://www.forbes.nsw.gov.au/currentworks.aspx)

This map will be updated regularly and will also include works that have been completed, where works are taking place and where works are planned along with photos of the work.



## NAIDOC WEEK

Forbes will celebrate NAIDOC Week on Thursday, August 24.

While the full program is currently being finalised, there will be a Welcome to Country, Flag Raising and a Smoking Ceremony at the Wiradjuri Dreaming Centre followed by a range of activities at South Circle Oval.

For more information about NAIDOC Week celebrations in Forbes, contact Community Relations Officer Blake Nicholson on 6850 2355.

## 22 GROUPS SHARE \$102,400 IN FUNDING



Some of the Forbes Shire volunteer group members with Forbes Shire Council Grants Officer Andrew Rawsthorne at the barbecue held at the Forbes Youth and Community Centre.

Twenty-two community and volunteer groups in the Forbes Shire recently gained a share of \$102,400 in funding thanks to the Department of Social Services Volunteer Grants Program.

A barbecue was hosted by Forbes Shire Council at the Forbes Youth and Community Centre to congratulate the groups who had been awarded funding.

Grants Officer Andrew Rawsthorne said he was extremely proud of the number of volunteer groups who had received grants from \$1000 to \$5000 to purchase much-needed equipment and training.

The Department of Social Services Volunteer Grants Program is a Federal Government program aimed at supporting not for profit

groups to help continue their important work in the community

The groups who were granted funding are Forbes Magpies, Forbes Sports and Recreation Club, RBCC Junior Rugby League, Northside Chapel, Forbes Mens Shed, Forbes Handicraft Centre, Bedgerabong Central School P&C, Bedgerabong War Memorial Union Church, Forbes Eisteddfod, Wiradjuri Dreaming Centre, Forbes and District Historic Machinery Club, Meals on Wheels, Forbes Home Modification and Maintenance Service, Forbes High School P&C, Forbes North P&C, Forbes Town Band, Forbes Toy Library, Binaal Billa, Wirrinya Progress Association, Garema Hall, Calarie Hall and 2LVR.

## SNAP SEND SOLVE AN EASY OPTION

If you want to report an issue to Council, you can now take a photo of it and send it from your smartphone.

Snap Send Solve is a free app that allows you to send Council all relevant details, including contact information, location, and email contact.

It's a quick way of reporting common issues such as



broken playground equipment or road conditions.

All reports from Snap Send Solve are sent from the app

using your email address so that Council can then email you to help solve the issue.

Snap Send Solve can be downloaded for both an Iphone and Android device.

For more information about Snap Send Solve, contact Council on 6850 2300 or visit our website at [www.forbes.nsw.gov.au](http://www.forbes.nsw.gov.au)

## INCREASE IN FIVE STAR SCORES

Thirty food premises in Forbes have been given a five star rating through the Scores on Doors program.

This year 57 food premises were inspected and more than half were considered excellent, which is an increase from 19 awarded last year.

Twelve premises received four stars in the program and 3 food premises were awarded three stars.

The premises awarded five star certificates attended the June Council meeting to collect their certificates. Five star premises were Saleyards canteen, Forbes North Public School, St Laurence's Primary School, Red Bend Catholic College boarders kitchen, Super Bee Café, Forbes Public School, Econo Lodge Ben Hall Motel, Adrian Motel, Country Mile



Motor Inn, Victoria Inn, Lakeside Takeaway, Forbes Services Memorial Club, Lake Forbes Motel, Pantry Café, Forbes Pizza, Xtension Café, Woolworths, Pitt Stop Takeaway, Plainsman Motel, Vandenberg Hotel, The Brew, Roundabout Bakery, Hillview B and B, Sunset View B and B, Mercedes House, Hillberry House B and B, Learning Ladder, Good Start Early Learning and Bright Beginnings.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### JULY

- 8-16 Forbes Eisteddfod – Dance
- 10 Nominations close for Forbes Boscars
- 11-13 Nicky-May's Kids Club School Holidays
- 13 Forbes Business Chamber AGM
- 14-15 Safer Driver Program
- 18 Nicky-May's Kids Club School Holidays
- 20 WIX Website Workshop
- 20 Forbes Shire Council Meeting
- 22 Forbes Eisteddfod – Grand Concert
- 24 Internet Options & Outlook Training

### AUGUST

- 7 BreastScreen Van (until mid-September)
- 7 Forbes Cup
- 12 MitCon Concert
- 12 Forbes Rugby Union Club Gala Ball
- 19 Bedgerabong Show
- 19-20 Sand & Grass Greens Championships

### SEPTEMBER

- 1-30 Kalari-Lachlan River Arts Festival
- 1 NSW Small Winemakers Wine Show Public Tasting
- 2 Forbes Show Ball
- 8-9 Forbes Show
- 15 Boscars Gala Dinner
- 16 NSW Small Winemakers Wine Show Presentation Dinner
- 22-24 Kalari-Lachlan River Arts Festival
- 23 Grazing Down the Lachlan
- 24 Wirrinya Family Picnic Day
- 30 Forbes Open Gardens

### REGULAR EVENTS

#### Forbes Farmers Markets

July 22, August 26, September 23

#### Handicraft Centre Market Day

July 15, August 19, September 16

#### Lions Club Car Boot Sale

August 19

#### Rotary Ipomoea Markets

August 12

#### Old Time New Vogue Dance

July 8, August 12

#### Forbes Country Music Club Muster

July 9, August 13, September 10

To find out more about upcoming events visit [www.forbes.nsw.gov.au](http://www.forbes.nsw.gov.au) or send an email [whatson@forbes.nsw.gov.au](mailto:whatson@forbes.nsw.gov.au) to register for upcoming events notifications or to promote your next event.

## ACCESS REMPLAN

Forbes Shire residents now have access to computer modelling program REMPLAN to assist with the preparation of detailed grant applications, businesses cases and benefit to cost ratios.

REMPLAN Community and Economic Profiles for the Forbes Shire can be accessed via a quick link at [www.forbes.nsw.gov.au](http://www.forbes.nsw.gov.au)

## CONNECT WITH COUNCIL

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## NEW MEN'S SHED A STEP CLOSER

The new Forbes Community Men's Shed is a step closer to construction with Council approving a \$100,000 loan to the group at its April meeting.

Mayor Graeme Miller said the long-term loan would be paid back over a maximum term of 20 years.

"The Forbes Community Men's Shed is an integral part of our community and it is important for men's health," Mayor Miller said.

"Council is pleased to be able to support the group in its endeavors to build the new shed in Union Street.

"The group has already been gifted the land and will use the money loaned as needed during the construction phase."

President of the Forbes Community Men's Shed, Norm Haley, said the group was very thankful of Council's approval of the loan.

"We are hoping to start construction in the second half of this year and the new shed will provide us with a central location and a significantly larger working space," Norm said.



Mayor Graeme Miller discussing the loan with Forbes Community Men's Shed members John Scott, Norm Haley and Peter Norris.

"The Forbes Community Men's Shed really appreciates the support of Forbes Shire Council and the community at large.

"Men's Sheds are so important, it's about mateship and providing a place for a wide range from local males from ages 14 to 92 a place to enjoy each other's company and work on a number of projects."

If you would like to find out more about the Forbes Community Men's Shed contact Norm Haley on 6852 4184 or 0428 638 665.

## RECEIVE YOUR RATES VIA EMAIL

Did you know you can receive your rates notices via email?

Since establishing the email service, Council has had an extremely positive response placing Council in the top 10% of NSW Councils delivering rates and water notices via email.

Council is very pleased to be among the NSW Councils leading the way in increasing the email delivery of notices.

Transition to email delivery has been seamless and in a bid to continue to improve its environmental footprint, Council is pro-actively encouraging residents to activate email registration.

To register, simply scan the QR code printed on your most recent rates notice or visit [www.forbes.formsport.com.au](http://www.forbes.formsport.com.au)

Signing up for eNotices not only allows ratepayers immediate access to their accounts but also gives access to their bill archive, which means they can obtain copies of their past notices with ease.

## KERBSIDE BULKY WASTE CLEAN-UP

Forbes Shire Council is providing a Kerbside Bulky Waste Clean-up for all residents currently receiving a domestic waste and recycling collection service.

This clean-up will occur the week beginning August 7 with residents asked to put their waste neatly to the edge of the kerb on Sunday, August 6.

It is important to separate your waste into three separate piles: Scrap Metal, White Goods and E-waste, Bundled Organics and General Bulky Waste.

Items must be able to be reasonably removed by two people.

Collections will commence on Monday, August 7 and should be completed by Wednesday, August 9.

## INTERNATIONAL PIANIST IN FORBES



### Sydney International Piano Competition winner Andrey Gugnin is coming to Forbes.

2016 Sydney International Piano Competition winner Andrey Gugnin is performing at the Forbes Town Hall on Friday, July 21.

Andrey's discography includes piano concertos by Shostakovich together with the State Academic Chamber Orchestra of Russia (Delos International, 2007) and music for piano duo "iDuo" (together with Vadim Kholodenko, Delos International, 2010). He has recorded for TV and radio in Russia, The Netherlands, Croatia, Austria, Switzerland and the USA.

As well as winning the overall 2016 International Piano Competition, he was also the winner of the Eileen Joyce Best Overall Concerto Prize, the Miriam Hyde Best 19th or 20th Century Concerto Prize, the Hephzibah Menuhin Best Violin and Piano Sonata Prize and the Roger Smalley Best Preliminaries Round 1 Recital Prize.

Forbes Shire Council is pleased to be presenting the concert, with tickets available online at [www.stickytickets.com.au](http://www.stickytickets.com.au) or at Council's Administration Office.

Contact Council's Community Relation Officer Blake Nicholson on 6850 2355 to find out more.