

The Cowra Quarterly



COWRA SHIRE COUNCIL
COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

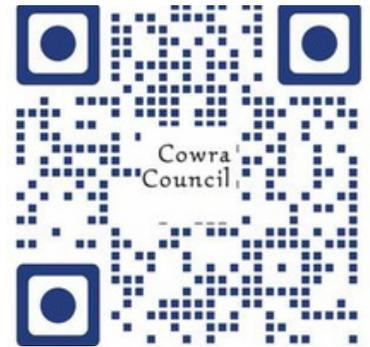
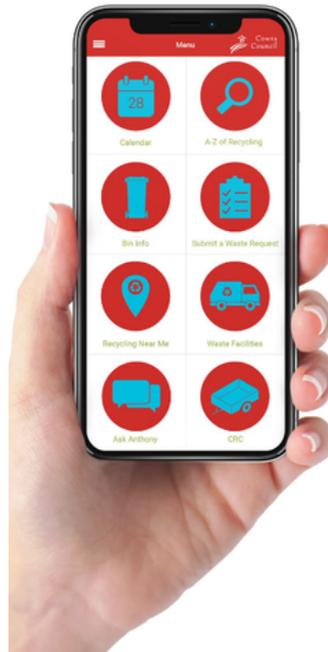
COWRA MRF APP NOW AVAILABLE

Council's Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) Team are excited to launch the Cowra MRF app! The MRF app is your guide to what is reusable, recyclable and what is considered to be waste.

The app is available for iPhone and android mobile phones through your normal app store or Google Play account. Just search 'Cowra MRF' or use the QR code adjacent.

The Cowra MRF app includes:

- A recycling and waste pickup calendar personalised to your address.
- An A – Z list of everyday items and how they can be recycled.
- Lists of what you can and can't put in your bins.
- Information on recycling and waste facilities within the Cowra Shire.
- Fillable forms for illegal dumping, damaged or stolen bins and missed service.
- News, alerts and general enquiries.



All it takes is making sure everyday items end up in the right place, and the Cowra MRF app will help with that!



Thank you to everyone that attended Council's first New Resident's Morning Tea at the Cowra Civic Centre last month.



2023 FESTIVAL LAUNCH

The 2023 Cowra Festival of International Understanding, featuring guest nation, Indonesia was officially launched on 25 November 2022.

Mayor Bill West, along with new Festival Coordinator, Lisa Flanagan were on hand to officially hand over the Festival baton to Dr Siswo Pramono, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Australia.

The 2023 Cowra Festival will be held from the 9th to the 12th of March next year.

“Indonesia first took part as a Festival guest nation in 1972 and fifty years later, we are delighted to welcome them back to celebrate this wonderful community event and share their culture with the Cowra Shire,” said Mayor of Cowra, Cr Bill West.

The 2023 Cowra Festival promises to be bigger than ever, with a free concert at the Carnival featuring multiple golden guitar winner, Beccy Cole, and award-winning children’s entertainment group as seen on ABC Kids, The Beanies!

Information on the 2023 Cowra Festival will be available in the coming months on the Cowra Festival of International Understanding Facebook page or via Cowra Council’s website.



Cowra Festival
of International Understanding
9-12 March 2023

FESTIVAL DINNER
Cowra Civic Centre
Friday 10 March

STREET PARADE
Saturday 11 March

Indonesian cultural displays and workshops, window displays, competitions, arts, crafts, music, movies and more.

CARNIVAL
Saturday 11 March
with FREE CONCERT and FIREWORKS
Featuring Beccy Cole
Multiple Golden Guitar winner
The Beanies
As seen on ABC kids

Indonesian Music, Dance, Food and Cultural Displays
Local music and dance performances,
GIANT fireworks display,
Rotary Duck Race,
Rides, stalls, bar and much more!

GUEST NATION INDONESIA

www.cowracouncil.com.au/Community/Festival-of-International-Understanding

COWRA CIVIC CENTRE

WE'RE COVID SAFE

WE'VE GOT MORE HAPPENING THAN WE CAN LIST HERE!

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Visit cowraciviccentre.com for more info

Message from the Mayor



Thank you to the community for their resilience and unity over the last month.

The devastating flood events last month have left damage across the entire Shire, some highly visible and significant, and some less visible but still devastating.

Council staff have worked day and night to keep people safe while undertaking emergency road repairs, operating road closures, assisting in clean-up efforts, and minimising the impacts of the flooding on the people of Cowra Shire as much as possible.

The focus is now on recovery, which will be a long process that will not happen instantly.

Council's priority at this stage is infrastructure, particularly water and sewer services as well as the obvious ongoing challenge of repairing the road network.

The Cowra Material Recycling Facility (MRF) are currently taking flood-damaged material free of charge. The MRF is open Tuesday to Friday 7:30am - 4:00pm, Saturday to Sunday 10:00am - 4:00pm Please give the MRF a call on 6340 2140 if you need more information.

Cowra Shire has been declared a natural disaster zone and Federal and State Government funding is available to support people, businesses, primary producers and repair damaged infrastructure. Impacted businesses and residents are encouraged to investigate what help is available to them through the Resilience NSW website: nsw.gov.au/resilience-nsw.

Landholders who have been impacted by flooding can call the Agricultural and Animal Services Hotline on 1800 814 647 for emergency fodder and assistance with injured or stranded animals. Visit the NSW Local Land Services website at lls.nsw.gov.au for further information.

Our roads and transport network have been severely damaged by these flood events. Council is joining both Local Government NSW and the Country Mayors Association's call for the NSW Government to declare a Statewide Road Emergency. These bodies are seeking an acceleration and significant increase in the Fixing Local Roads and Fixing Country Bridges programs, a boost in the Regional Road Block Grant program, and additional funding from the federal government.

These are tough times for our whole community, and we need to continue to show care, compassion and support for one another. We are all in this situation together and we can again draw on our community strength and resilience to overcome this latest emergency and move forward again.

On behalf of my colleagues, I wish everyone in the Cowra Shire, an enjoyable and safe Christmas with family and friends. Please travel safely over the Christmas and New Year period and all the best for 2023.

Cr Bill West
Mayor

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What's On!

CONNECTIONS:

The Artist/Master Printer

18 December to 5 February 2023

Cowra Regional Art Gallery

ADMISSION FREE

www.cowraartgallery.com.au

Cowra Community Markets

Saturday 17 December

8am to 12pm

Sid Kallas Oval

New Years Eve Beach Party

Saturday 31 December

Cowra Showground

7pm to 9pm

Summer Holiday Workshops

19 and 20 January 2023

Cowra Regional Art Gallery

ADMISSION FREE

www.cowraartgallery.com.au

Please note event dates are subject to change or cancellation.

NSW Seniors Festival

1 February to 22 February 2023

It's time to reconnect

 Cowra Council

Save the date!

Program will be available at cowracouncil.com.au



Country Universities Centre to open in Cowra

It's been two years in the making, but the Cowra Country Universities Centre (CUC) Board were thrilled to officially receive the keys to the new Centre last month, with Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke confirming more than \$1.2 million in funding.

The centre will occupy the former Waugoola Motors showroom in Kendal Street and will provide a learning space for students to obtain their degrees without the need to move away from home.

The Centre will increase skills across the Cowra region and encourage people to work in the community while extending their education.

The Centre could not be made possible without the hard work of the volunteer CUC Cowra Regional Board led by Chair, Ms Linda Barron and the support of Cowra Council.

Local groups receive a boost from Community Grants

Another successful round of Cowra Council's Community Grants program has seen more than \$20,000 presented to hardworking local groups at a special presentation at Council Chambers.

Grants funded this round were for a variety of important local projects including assistance to the Cowra Aero Club to paint their new club rooms; new signage for the Cowra Triathlon Club; and support for the Woodstock and District Progress Association to stage a Woodstock Open Garden event.

In his presentation to the successful applicants, Mayor, Bill West congratulated all the community groups and described the pleasure that Council has in supporting such important work by the range of local groups represented.

"They're for amounts of between \$100–2000 each, but for local groups helping our community, they make a big difference to achieving their goals," Cr West said.

Applicants are able to apply for grants falling under four categories including building and facility development, arts and culture, small capital equipment and sport and recreation. The next round of community grant applications will open February 2023.



Contact Us

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
8.30AM TO 4.30PM

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COUNCIL MEETINGS

MONDAY 23 JANUARY
ORDINARY COUNCIL 5PM

MONDAY 13 FEBRUARY
GENERAL COMMITTEE 5PM

MONDAY 27 FEBRUARY
ORDINARY COUNCIL 5PM

MONDAY 13 MARCH
GENERAL COMMITTEE 5PM

MONDAY 27 MARCH
ORDINARY COUNCIL 5PM