



# Mayoral Newsletter

## December 2018



### Message from the Mayor

#### Councillor John Medcalf

With Christmas approaching we are once again coming to the end of yet another busy year for Council and the communities of Lachlan Shire. Unfortunately the end of the year was marked with sadness due to the sudden passing of Councillor Max Frankel. Councillor Frankel served continuously on Lachlan Shire Council from 1991 and he served as Deputy Mayor in 2005/06. He proved to be a dedicated and vocal advocate for Ward D, the Tullibigeal community and Lachlan Shire as a whole. His contributions to the Tullibigeal community in particular will be sorely missed.

I am grateful to the residents of Lachlan Shire for your encouragement and support throughout the year. I am very proud of the achievements made by Council to improve the services and facilities in our communities and I am excited by the potential opportunities coming in 2019. Once again I extend my sincere thanks and congratulations to the staff and to my fellow Councillors who have continued to contribute so much over the last year to help make our Shire a better place over the last year.

As we know only too well our shire is once again in the grip of a severe drought which is impacting on the entire community. Our farmers have struggled to produce a crop and many graziers have been forced to reduce stock numbers as the cost and availability of feed becomes an issue. This has a negative impact on our local economy, with flow on effects to local businesses and residents. I ask that you each look out for and support one another not only at Christmas but also throughout the difficult drought period.

In 2018 we saw the delivery of many new projects including the continued extension of the Lake Cargelligo walkway, installation of LED lighting and fence at the Lake Cargelligo Recreation Ground and re-lining of the Lake Cargelligo Swimming Pool. In Tullibigeal and Burcher new toilet/amenity facilities were constructed and sound proofing was installed at the Tullibigeal Memorial Hall. The Library extension and upgrade was completed in Condobolin together with upgrades at Pat Timmins Oval, further work at Memorial Park, new playground equipment at Lions Park, relining of the Condobolin Swimming Pool and acoustic improvements at the SRA Pavilion.

### Roadworks Update

Council has sealed 4.5km of flood damaged Dandaloo Road MR 347. The road pavement was stabilised, widened and sealed allowing enough width for heavy vehicles to pass safely.

The damaged 5km section of Yelkin Road SR185 was reconstructed and sealed recently. It was funded by Roads to Recovery.

The impaired section of Gipps Way, in front of Utes in the Paddock has been reconstructed and sealed. Denison Street has also been resealed and certain flood damaged sections of Kiacatoo Road have been reconstructed and sealed.

Wooyeo Street in Tullibigeal has been upgraded, kerb & gutter was installed and the road is sealed.

Selected sections at Moodana Street, Belah Street, Meriba Street in Tottenham have been resealed. In Condobolin McGregor Street has been resealed, and the road in the cemetery has been reconstructed and sealed.

Apart from sealing there are ongoing maintenance works throughout the shire. Shoulder widening and heavy patching have been done on Lake Cargelligo Road, The Bogan Way, The Gipps Way and MR423 Lachlan Valley Way, some of the local roads which were recently gravel resheeted are Kiargathur Road, Moowabla Road and Bimbella Road.

All of these road works will bring substantial improvement in road safety and asset renewal.

### Island Creek Bridge

The Island Creek Bridge which crosses Island Creek (an anabranch of the Lachlan river), along Fairholme Road near Lachlan Valley Way (MR377) was completed and officially opened on 5 September 2018.



It is a 35m long modular bridge with prefabricated steel truss structure and reinforced concrete abutments.

The bridge was purchased by council on February 2016 from Sell & Parker Equipment based in Newcastle. The project will bring substantial improvement in road safety, heavy vehicle productivity such as movement of grain, cotton, and livestock.

### Lake Cargelligo Pontoon

The foundations for the pontoon next to the boat ramp in Johnston Street are complete. The gangway and pontoon are still being manufactured and should be ready for installation before Christmas just in time for the peak summer season. This pontoon has been a joint project between the RMS and Council and will improve boating safety around the boat ramp.

### Receive your rates and water notices by email

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<https://registrations.pml.com.au/lachlanshire>



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At the Tourism Precinct, the Utes in the Paddock were re-erected and work commenced on the construction of an access road, landscape mounds and fencing. Tottenham saw the construction of the new Swimming Pool amenities building and substantial work on the upgrade of Memorial Park including the installation of a new Christmas Tree.

Work on potential mines in the Fifield area continues with announcements expected in 2019 on the Sunrise project and the likely lodgement of a Development Application for the Platina project. These projects will bring employment to the area with associated growth and prosperity. It is important that Council is well positioned to take advantage of these opportunities to attract new mining support businesses and industries that will help ensure our future.

On behalf of Council I wish you a safe and happy Christmas and enjoyable festive season. For those travelling, please take care on our roads during the busy holiday period.

### Upcoming Events

#### Saturday 8 December

Lake Cargelligo Rotary Christmas Markets

#### Sunday 9 December

Condobolin Rotary Christmas Markets

#### Sunday 9 December

Condobolin Shop Local Campaign and Christmas Tree Lighting

#### Sunday 9 December

Centre Life Church Carols by Candle light

#### 12th December

Ordinary Meeting of Council, Condobolin

### Tottenham Pool

The existing amenities building had been serving the community for many years, and an upgrade to comply with today's standards and freshen up the main street of Tottenham was needed.

Council were asked to look into helping provide a new building for the Community, who have been raising money for many years to create this opportunity.

After the process of planning and engaging with stakeholders, the contract was awarded to Jason Brennan Building Services to complete the build within a time frame suitable to open the Community Facility to the public for the swimming season.

The build was started in mid-2018 with the first concrete pour commencing on 3 July 2018. The building was completed for use on 8 November 2018 by the Builders.

A big thanks goes to the Tottenham Welfare Committee, Jason Brennan Building Services, Jack Smith and his team in Tottenham as well as all of the members of the Tottenham Community for their help in bringing this project together.



The official opening will be held 3:30pm 7 December 2018.

### Christmas Closing Hours

All Council offices will be closed between COB 21 Dec 2018 and 7 January 2019, with the exception of the HACC Services (COB 21 Dec to 2 Jan). The Condobolin Library will only be closed on the public holidays.

### Waste Facility Operation and Kerbside Bin Collection over the Christmas/New Year Period 2018/19

#### Condobolin

Council advises the Condobolin Waste Facility will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

Day	Operation
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	Open
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day)	Closed
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 (Boxing Day)	Closed
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> December	Open
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> December	Open
Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> December	Open
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> December	Open
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> December	Open
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2019	Closed

To allow for waste disposal over this busy period, temporary change in opening days outlined below will be implemented:

All opening hours remain 10am-4pm.

As of Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2019, normal days of operation will resume.

#### Lake Cargelligo

Normal days of operation

#### Tottenham

Normal days of operation

### Kerbside Collection

The kerbside collection of waste and recycling bins over the Christmas and New Year's break will continue **business as usual**. Lachlan Waste Service undertake collections on public holidays and provide residents a service as per their normal collection days.

For more information about Waste Services, please contact Environment and Projects Department on (02) 6895 1950.