

Mayor receives service award from Municipal Association

Wellington Shire Council Mayor Carolyn Crossley last night was presented with a Mayor Emeritus Award by the Municipal Association of Victoria.

The honour recognises councillors who have served three or more full terms as Mayor.

Cr Crossley has extensive experience in local government, first being elected a Councillor to the City of Sale at the age of 33. Cr Crossley served a full three-year term, including a year as Deputy Mayor.

Cr Crossley was then re-elected as a Councillor to the Wellington Shire Council in 2012, where she served as Deputy Mayor in 2014-15, Mayor in 2015-16 and again in 2017-18.

Cr Crossley said she continued to enjoy her role in local government and recommended more people become involved in their local communities.

"It's a great honour to serve the community and to have the confidence of councillors colleagues to represent them as Mayor," Cr Crossley said.

"I enjoy the opportunity to engage with the community; being involved in meaningful advocacy with other levels of government and agencies; and, also celebrating successes with the community.

"I recommend to everyone to take up the challenge of a leadership role in your community, it's a great experience and very rewarding."

Cr Scott Rossetti was also acknowledged for 10 years' service to local government and Cr Darren McCubbin for 15 years' service.



St Brigid's Bulletin

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The wonders of the Spring season have had the happy effect of reviving the presbytery garden. The hen house is also alive with new life. Fr. Ken is well and truly on the mend. Carmel is not so fortunate, but she retains her positive attitude in the face of her very trying situation.

With regard to St Brigid's, November is the end of the church year. We start again in December. Accordingly, among other things, we are reminded of our own personal ending. Nov 1 is All Saints day when Mass is celebrated to remind us that there are people who have died and made it to heaven, for a saint is someone who has done just this. Sin is an offense against God and stops us from achieving this happy outcome; mortal sins exclude the sinner for ever, but there are sins with less drastic impact. Purgatory is recognized by many churches as a place where less serious sins can be atoned. Those in purgatory are included in the Mass for All Souls which is celebrated on 2 Nov, for our prayers contribute to their eventual entry to heaven. Visiting a cemetery can be a timely reminder of the reality of death, particularly our own death. Some parishioners from St Brigid's will visit cemeteries at Toongabbie and Heyfield where we are reminded of people who built our community, and left us the benefits that we enjoy. Undoubtedly, there are those who are in their graves and have need for our prayers.

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The news from the presbytery is that Fr. Ken is well on the road to recovery. The down side is that his clothes and vestments are now far too big for him. Carmel has been booked in for surgery on 3rd October.

With regard to St Brigid's, 13th October is the anniversary of the miracle that took place at Fatima in Portugal in 1917. The event was witnessed by some 70,000 people and clearly caused widespread interest and concern. For example, the event had been forecast. A Beautiful Lady had appeared to three children on 13th May, and then followed up with visits at monthly intervals. On 13th July the Lady forecast a miracle for 13th October. She appeared, as promised, on 13th October. Before the miracle took place the oldest child asked her, 'Madam who are you and what do you want of me?' The Lady answered, 'I am Our Lady of the Rosary'. The rosary is a very simple but very profound prayer and has a long history within the Christian church, particularly at troubled times. As a result of events at Fatima St Brigid's is one of the many churches at which the rosary is normally prayed before Mass is celebrated. However, the rosary can be prayed, either with others or alone, at any time.



Cowwarr fire Brigade

Training has stepped up to weekly on Tuesday nights. There are many different topics being covered.

30th October is BA skills maintenance for operators and assistants

Those members that still need to complete Tree hazard awareness and burn over please contact Ed

The District exercise on the 14th October was a great success. Andrew, Veggy, Josie and Dave manned the truck, and Peter, Ann and Brian worked in the Local Command Facility.

Our Section 29 inspection went well, we were able to show how well we maintain our equipment and station. We have a few things to work on to make us even better for the next 12 months

Best wishes to Peter, we hope he makes a speedy recovery.

Free agricultural show entry to farming families and staff

Farmers, their families and staff will enjoy a free trip to their local agricultural show in Wellington this year, with assistance from the State Government drought funding and Wellington Shire Council.

The initiative is just one of many to provide networking and off-farm social events in Wellington Shire, which is part of the Community Resilience drought funding from the State Government.

Farming families will be able to simply show their National Livestock Identification System (NLIS) or Property Identification Codes (PIC) tag at the show gate in Maffra, Sale or Yarram to receive free entry.

Wellington Shire Council Mayor Carolyn Crossley said agricultural shows were traditionally an annual opportunity for farmers to catch up and learn what others in the sector were doing.

“Agricultural shows have long been an important part of the calendar for farming families and we hope this opportunity to access the 2018 show free of charge will be happily received by these families,” Cr Crossley said.

“We hope farmers will attend and enjoy the social atmosphere of having time away from the farm and the pressures that persist due to the drought.

“Volunteers staffing the gates at the Maffra, Sale and Yarram shows will be happy to scan the NLIS or PIC tags and provide free entry.”

Council has been meeting regularly with both local farmers and advocacy groups and the feedback has been that drought affected farmers highly value social and networking events.

Council will also allocate other portions of the funding to relevant community groups to assist in the funding of their events targeting the agricultural industry.

Maffra Agricultural Show 26-27 October

Sale Agricultural Show 2-4 November

Yarram Agricultural Show 24 November



Join Cowwarr Primary for 2019

What Cowwarr offers!!

Cowfe/Cafe

Breakfast club

Cowwarr canteen – lunch orders

Students can toast their sandwiches most day

Whats different

Very small class sizes with teacher and aide in each room

Smaller classes so quality learning for EVERY student occurs

Individuality is encouraged

A great opportunity for student to achieve the best of their ability

Staff, students, families & friends work together as a team

Education

- Students in year 3 - 6 have their own computer to use
- Junior students have shared computers and iPads
- Seniors learn to use and create their own designs with our 3D printer
- Juniors learn Chinese via online class weekly
- Weekly PE, science and art sessions
- Weekly music program Seniors guitar, juniors ukulele
- Incorporate cooking classes for current study topic
- * Past teachers volunteering with reading recovery & gardening

Sports

- Sporting schools offer a range of sports
- Term 1 swimming program Heyfield pool
- Term 2 choice (2018 ten pin bowling)
- Term 3 10 week swimming program at Kemp Aquatics
- Term 4 7 week Gymnastics

Rural School Cluster

- Join other small schools in the area known as Rural Cluster for Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country Carnivals
- Camps for students in 3/4 & 5/6 with the Rural Cluster
- * Many educational excursions within the Rural Cluster
- * Weekly MARC van visits travelling library with teachers

**Don't miss out, join our great team at Cowwarr Primary
call our Principal Albie Fitt now on 51489271**

Time to re-register your pets or face a fine

Wellington Shire Council is reminding pet owners to re-register their animals or face a fine.

This year, about 700 cats and dogs were not re-registered, despite reminder letters being sent out to owners.

Wellington Shire Council Mayor Carolyn Crossley said it was important that our furry friends were registered so they could be easily identified and returned home if they became lost.

“If cats or dogs are not registered or microchipped, it makes reuniting them with their owners almost impossible,” Cr Crossley said.

“If pets are unable to be reunited straight away with their owners, they are taken to Council’s animal shelter, run by not for profit group Animal Aid.

“It is a legal requirement that cats and dogs are microchipped and registered with your local Council.

“If you are moving into the Shire from another municipality your dog or cat is required to be registered with Wellington Shire Council. By registering with Council, it allows us to update the animal’s details to the new address.”

In coming weeks, Council’s Local Laws staff will be attending all properties identified where animals were not re-registered and will issue \$322 infringement notices to owners plus notices to re-register their pets if it is established the pets are still at the property and remain unregistered.

If owners’ circumstances have changed or the pets are no longer with them, they can contact Wellington Shire Council Customer Service staff and update their details.

More information on Councils Domestic Animal Management program can be found on Council’s website <http://www.wellington.vic.gov.au/Your-Council/Publications/Council-Strategies-and-Plans>; Domestic Animal Management Plan

Save the date

26th January 2019, Australia Day Breakfast Cowwarr Public Hall, proudly supported by Cowwarr Fire Brigade and Wellington Shire Council

6th April 2019, Heyfield Lumberjacks B & S Ball

First Aid training

Red first aid training Onsite training available for minimum numbers One day courses available with certificates issued the same day of completion. Local Business owner based in Cowwarr but can deliver training anywhere. For more details or to book your course please contact Kathy at red first training 0415355287

Snake Sightings

As the weather warms up the snakes are about, please take care everywhere, especially whilst in the parks and on the rail trail. Sightings can be shared on the discover Cowwarr website

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