

WENTWORTH SHIRE COUNCIL COUNCIL CONNECTS

Wentworth Shire Council community newsletter for the interest of residents and visitors

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Message from the Mayor



It is almost showtime!

The Wentworth Show returns on August 27-28 after a two year COVID-19 hiatus and I'm sure many can't wait. The Wentworth Show Society do a fantastic job to ensure the Wentworth event lives up to its billing as a "True Country Show" and I encourage all to support them.

At the show it will be a good chance to check out the new Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavillion, which replaces the old Barrett Pavilion.

The Showgrounds are in great nick thanks to the Shire's Parks and Gardens team and everything is pointing to a great show weekend. Please note an Extraordinary Council Meeting will be held at the Shire Chambers on 12 September from 6:30pm to determine project funding priorities.

The next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on 28 September 2022 at 6:30pm at the Wentworth Council Chambers.

Members of the public are permitted to attend meetings.

You can also view the live public sessions of each Council meeting on Facebook.

Footage of the meeting can be viewed on the Council website <https://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/council/about-the-shire/council-meetings/> following the meeting.

Regards,

Cr Tim Elstone
MAYOR

WENTWORTH SHIRE WELCOMES NEW CITIZENS OF AUSTRALIA



Vinicius Leao, Ranie Medaglia, Ratana Ponham and Maeva Lopez are congratulated on their Australian Citizenship by Wentworth Shire Council Mayor Tim Elstone

Four Wentworth Shire residents were conferred as our newest Australian citizens at Council's chambers on 17 August. Ratana Ponham (Thailand), Ranie Medaglia (Philippines), Maeva Lopez (Spain) and Vinicius Leao (Brazil) were granted their Citizenships at the ceremony held before the August Ordinary Council Meeting.

To mark the special occasion the four were gifted a Native Australian plant and a commemorative citizenship coin

by Wentworth Shire Council.

"It is a great honour to welcome Ratana, Ranie, Maeva and Vinicius as citizens of this great nation," Wentworth Shire Council Mayor Tim Elstone said.

"We wish them well for their futures here in Australia and the Wentworth Shire."

WENTWORTH DRIVE THROUGH COVID TESTING CLOSED

The COVID-19 Drive Through Testing Clinic at Wentworth Health Service (Wentworth Hospital) has closed. Testing (PCR) is still available at the Wentworth Health Service for walk-in clients only from Monday to Friday, 9am to 12 noon. You don't need a GP referral or an appointment - and it's free. The public are also encouraged to consider the alternative of obtaining and using a RAT kit for a COVID-19 test, if they prefer. RAT kits are available at a variety of sources in town. If you have any flu-like symptoms - even the mildest of symptoms such as a running nose or scratchy throat - please get a COVID-19 test. For information on where to find your nearest testing clinic go to: <https://www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/stay-safe/testing/clinics>

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Meeting mentions

Development applications continue to roll in

For the month of July 2022, a total of nine Development Applications and 10 S4.55 Modification Applications were determined under delegated authority by the Director Health and Planning.

The estimated value of the determined developments was \$572,458.00. This brings the year to date total to 63 Development Applications and 32 S4.55 Applications approved, with an estimated development value of \$8,115,171.00

Council grants financial assistance

At the August Ordinary Meeting Wentworth Shire Council voted to grant financial assistance to community groups under Council's Community Funding - Donations Contributions and Grants Program. Council has provided an allocation of \$160,000.00 for the 2022/23 financial year for consideration by Council, for the funding of requests from the community for financial assistance.

In this current application period, there have been seven requests for assistance received from community organisations. The total value of the requests under consideration is \$27,040.11. The Financial Assistance Policy (AF003) allows for requests for fee waivers up to

the value of \$2,000 to determined under delegated authority by either the Director Finance & Policy or the General Manager. During this application period the following there were two requests totalling \$739.00. The community groups to receive assistance were:

- Sunraysia Aeromodellers - \$482 waiver for hire fees, camping and power
- Wentworth District Community Medical Centre Inc - \$257 waiver of annual license fee for the Memorial Room, Wentworth
- Dareton Kennel Club - a \$5,000 grant for airfares and accomodation for a Championship Dog Show
- Wentworth Show Society - \$5,000 donation towards the Wentworth Agriculture Show
- RFDS Operation Pelican Inc - \$5,000 for the Flying Doctor Rowathon
- Gol Gol Preschool Association Corporation - \$4,996 for a picnic table and bark for their veggie garden
- Wentworth District Racing Club Inc - \$4,466 for a dishwasher at the new Wentworth Showgrounds Community Pavillion
- Wentworth District Community Medical Clinic Inc - a 25% rebate up to the value of \$477.61 for their shopfront in Sandwyck Street, Wentworth; and \$2,100 towards the lodgement of a Development Application

TransGrid community partnership grants now open

Transgrid Community Partnership Grants have now opened which may be of interest to organisations in Wentworth Shire. The Community Partnerships Program provides funding for initiatives that deliver lasting benefits to local communities in areas where Transgrid assets are being built or upgraded. The program is open to:

- Not-for-profit organisations
- Community groups

- Parents and Community, and Parent and Friends groups
 - Social enterprises may be considered
- As a guideline Transgrid usually provide up to \$5,000 in funding to each successful applicant.

For more information on eligible projects and how to apply please see the following link www.transgrid.com.au/partnerships

Looking for a career in Local Government?
See our available employment opportunities at
<https://www.wentworth.nsw.gov.au/council/online-services/employment/>

This newsletter has been produced by the Wentworth Shire Council for the benefit of the residents of the Shire and visitors to the region.
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