

Your Community Matters

Newsletter



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR Cr. Gary Poidevin

It is going to be a busy but rewarding year for Corowa Shire Council. Our key challenges are an extensive list of major infrastructure renewal priorities and the ability for the community to fund these.

We will continue working to leverage all possible State and Federal funding avenues and currently await the outcome of almost \$5,000,000 of funding applications.

Council will work closely with the community to develop a Strategic Plan for the Shire during 2009, which will ensure our long term future direction is clearly set out and that our goals can be actioned and success measured.

I would like to welcome and congratulate the newly elected Councillors who are already enjoying a very demanding schedule of community duties. We are all committed to working hard as a team to best serve the residents of Corowa Shire.

Sincere thanks also go to retiring and outgoing Councillors - Keith Barber, Bill Gorman, Richard Lane, Mary Macqueen, Lionel Smith and Paul Talbot. Tireless efforts have been made by this team of community representatives over a long period of time and many challenges have been faced and overcome.

You will have received your 2009 Corowa Shire Community Calendar which I hope has been proudly displayed. Be sure to take note of the Corowa Shire events that have been included within the Calendar.

Community groups and individual volunteers work hard to organise these events for the benefit of the community and to attract visitors - it is important that we support and recognise these great efforts.

Rural communities such as ours depend greatly on the efforts of volunteers and volunteering can also be such a rewarding experience. Numerous community groups within Corowa Shire are currently seeking volunteers and some of the opportunities have been listed within this newsletter. I urge anyone with the capacity to give back to your community by providing your support in any way you can.

Enjoy this edition of the 'Community Matters' newsletter and we welcome any feedback on what you would like to see in future editions.



Corowa Shire

...the choice

JANUARY 2009

Snippets...

COUNCIL ELECTIONS Following the September Council elections, nine Councillors have been elected to represent the Corowa Shire community. Congratulations and welcome to the new Council. You will find the contact details of your local representatives on the back page of this newsletter.

LOCAL COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE RECEIVES \$459,000 BOOST! Ten local community infrastructure projects will be funded under the Federal Government's recent release of once off infrastructure funding. Almost \$1,000,000 worth of infrastructure projects will be completed within the Corowa Shire by September 2009 due to partnering local funds.

GRANTS Council has been busy working with community groups and organisations on numerous and significant State and Federal Government grant applications. Almost \$5,000,000 of funding has been applied for.

While every effort has been made to develop the strongest possible submissions, programs are highly competitive and we wait with high hopes and anticipation for successful outcomes.

Special thanks to all of the Schools who provided their assistance towards the development of the Corowa Swimming Pool grant application. An outcome on this application and hopeful future for the facility is expected early 2009.

NEW COROWA SHIRE VISITORS GUIDE
The all new Corowa Shire Visitors' guide is now available. Collect your copy from your local Visitor Information Centre. The exciting new guide has been developed to promote Corowa Shire as a premier holiday destination and profiles the wide range of attractions and services available for visitors to enjoy within Corowa Shire

SEE INSIDE FOR MORE...

Council Matters...

WATER RESTRICTIONS STAGE 2A

Water restrictions have been relaxed to Water Restriction Level 2A. These restrictions do NOT apply to recycled water, grey water, rainwater, water collected from a dam, or bore water obtained under a commercial licence.

RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL GARDENS & LAWNS

- Odd numbered properties can be watered on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 6.00am to 8.00am and from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on both days
- Even numbered properties can be watered on Wednesdays and Sundays from 6.00am to 8.00am and from 6.00pm to 8.00pm on both days
- Gardens and lawns can be watered using a watering can or a handheld hose with trigger nozzle or with an automatic sprinkler system
- Movable sprinklers are NOT allowed

PUBLIC GARDENS & LAWNS

- A public garden or lawn can be watered between 7.00am and 10.00am using a handheld hose with trigger nozzle
- A public park can be watered between 6.00pm and 6.00am using an automatic sprinkler system only

PUBLIC SPORTS FIELDS & SCHOOL OVALS

- Public sports fields and school ovals can be watered using automatic sprinkler systems twice a week between 6.00pm and 6.00am. Days to be in accordance with property number or as approved.

RESIDENTIAL POOL OR SPA

- A new pool or spa cannot be filled
- A pool or spa may be topped up with a handheld hose with trigger nozzle if it has a cover which is in place at all times when the pool or spa is not in use

VEHICLE WASHING

- A private vehicle may be washed on a grass surface using a handheld hose with trigger nozzle at any time
- A commercial vehicle may be washed using a high pressure washer

BUILDING FAÇADE & WINDOWS

- May be washed using a handheld hose with trigger nozzle at any time

HARD SURFACE

- Concrete footpaths and driveways can only be washed with a bucket

OTHER PURPOSES

- Water cannot be used for any other purpose outdoors without written exemption from Council

WATER CHARGES INCREASE

Council has been forced to pass on the increased costs of operation to users by increasing water user charges for the 2008/9 financial year. The Water Rate commonly referred to as the 'Access Charge' has been increased to \$155 pa for all users in Corowa, Howlong and Mulwala whilst Balldale remains at \$250 pa. Water Consumption is charged at the rate of 80 cents per kilolitre (1000 litres) for every kilolitre of water used. The increased charges are essential if Council is to continue service provision in the current drought. Water restrictions have diminished Council's revenue whilst the cost of water, treatment and pumping costs including fuel and electricity continue to rise.

Works update...

Council's Engineering and Works teams have been busy throughout the Shire.



RECENTLY COMPLETED WORKS...

- Cycle path extension, Edward Street Corowa from Banksia Drive to Bridge Road
- Short Street Corowa reconstruction from Honour Avenue to Henry Street
- Federation Avenue Corowa, installation of underground drainage
- Clarke Street Howlong, installation of underground drainage from Townsend to Read Street
- Hume Street South Corowa reconstruction from Lucan Street to Augusta Street
- Various watermain replacements in Howlong, including Hume, Pell and Hovell Streets
- Inglis Street and Savernake Road Mulwala, Water main replacements

COMING WORKS...

- Jude Street Howlong, road reconstruction from Pearce Street to Hammer Street
- Honour Avenue Corowa, service road widening and kerb installation
- Murray Street Corowa, watermain replacement
- Guy and Gallipoli Street roundabout
- Redlands and Cemetery Road roundabout
- Redlands Road Corowa, widening and realignment
- Tower Street Corowa, road widening and kerb installation
- Adams and Cotton Street South Corowa, installation of underground drainage
- Hammersley Road Corowa, drainage improvements
- Dunmore Street Mulwala, reconstruction and widening
- James Cook Avenue Howlong, streetscape improvement works
- Bayly Street Mulwala, Sewerage Pump Station and Rising Main upgrade.

FRUIT FLY AND THE HOME GARDENER

The Queensland Fruit Fly is Australia's worst fruit pest, costing fruit growers \$100 million a year in lost income and eradication. Poorly maintained backyard fruit trees, with overripe and fallen fruit around their base, are one of the main sources of outbreaks. All fruit tree owners are responsible for ensuring that fruit fly is controlled on their properties.

Products available for the control of fruit fly include splash baits and full cover sprays and can be purchased from the following Corowa Shire businesses:

- Corowa Nursery & Garden Centre (Spray available)
- Corowa Mitre 10 (Bait available)
- Plentifora Nursery Howlong (Bait available)
- Howlong Hardware (Spray available)

A simple non-chemical method of reducing fruit fly is to remove all overripe and fallen fruit from around the trees. Place infested fruit inside strong plastic bags and expose to the sun for three days; seven if temperatures are below 30 degrees.

For more information contact the Department of Primary Industries on **1800 808 095** or visit www.dpi.nsw.gov.au

PET CARE BASICS Much of being a responsible pet owner is understanding what your pet needs and also being aware of what your responsibilities are to the community. Following are some basic rules:

- Learn about your pet's special needs - dietary, health, housing and general care;
- Provide your pet with an adequate balanced diet and ensure it has access to clean, cool drinking water at all times;
- Regularly exercise your pet according to its needs;
- Train your pet using kindness and positive re-inforcement;
- Provide appropriate housing and shelter for your pet;
- Whilst unsupervised, keep your pet safely and securely confined to your property at all times;
- To minimize boredom, provide your pet with sufficient companionship and a stimulating environment;
- Protect your pet's health by taking it to a vet whenever health problems arise and by ensuring all necessary vaccinations and treatments are up-to-date;
- To help prevent disease and illness, ensure your pet has a clean environment;
- Microchip your pet (where appropriate) and if required register it with Council to increase the likelihood of return when lost;
- De-sex your pet at an early age to prevent unwanted offspring;
- If your pet requires grooming, do so on a regular basis;
- Many pets need to be socialised with other animals and people, particularly at a young age - give your pet appropriate opportunities for mixing with others;
- Teach your family, friends and children how to interact with your pet;
- Find suitable boarding facilities for your pet whilst on holidays;
- Respect the rights of non pet owners by keeping your pet under control while in public and by disposing of any droppings made in public areas;
- Provide your pet with love and attention and commit to caring for it for its entire life.

The above has been provided by the RSPCA, who receive thousands of animals each year. Sadly, most animals have been mistreated through ignorance or neglect, or deliberately dumped and abandoned.

NO 'HOT DOGS' IN CARS...

FACT - The temperature inside a car can double in a matter of minutes.

FACT - A dog left in a car can die within minutes as they are not able to sweat to cool themselves.

FACT - A dog panting inside a car will raise the temperature even more quickly.

FACT - Leaving the windows down or parking in the shade does little to stop the temperature rising in the car

FACT - All animals are affected by heat stress.

FACT - Short nose dogs are more at risk.

FACT - DOGS DIE IN HOT CARS

The RSPCA says the temperature inside a car during summer can increase by up to 70 percent in five minutes and temperatures in summer can get up to 70 degrees inside the vehicle and as high as 45 degrees in the winter.

Are you guilty of leaving your dog in the car for 'just a few minutes' while you dash to the shops? How often do you see a dog waiting patiently on the back of a ute, in the scorching heat for its owner to return?

An animal left inside a car can be dead in as little as six minutes. Leaving the window down or providing water is little help - Heat stress kills.

Never leave your pet in the car, even on a moderately warm day. If you do need to leave your dog on the back of a ute, ensure that it is only for a short time, that the ute surface was not hot to begin with and that adequate shelter is provided.

IF YOU SEE A PET LEFT UNATTENDED IN A CAR AND IT APPEARS TO BE SUFFERING, CALL THE POLICE, RSPCA OR COUNCIL STRAIGHT AWAY. DON'T HESITATE TO ACT.



• Local Corowa residents, Gus and Ralph keep cool by the Murray River.

Corowa Shire Council manage the Animal Pound Service throughout the Shire. Contact Council if you have a lost or found pet on (02) 6033 8999 or for after hour emergencies 1800 110 088.

To ensure that a pet can be quickly returned to their owners - it is vital that all pets are micro chipped

Community Matters...

COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM Corowa Shire Council's Community Grants Program is designed to assist organisations and community groups to foster community development, develop partnerships and improve quality of life and well being of the community.

The Small Grants Program operates in two funding rounds each year (October and April) and invites community groups to apply for community development or community partnership grants up to \$3,000. The objectives of the program are to:

- Improve services, facilities and resources
- Maximize access and usage of community resources, facilities and services
- Promote and improve community harmony
- Encourage and stimulate the development of effective community development and cultural programs within the Corowa Shire
- Increase opportunities for skills development and community participation
- Foster community partnership
- Promote and improve social capital and community networks

During the October 2008 round more than \$16,700 was allocated to the following community based organisations and groups:

Community Group	Amount	Purpose
U3A	\$1192.95	Purchase media equipment
Corowa Branch of CWA	\$1585	Blinds for CWA building
Corowa & District Historical Society	\$1500	Chairs and trolley for Federation Museum
Corowa Arts Co-Op	\$1065	Signage at front of Gallery
Savernake School of Arts Hall	\$1500	Upgrade of cooking facilities
Corowa Federation Arts Committee	\$2000	Art & Photographic Comp & Expo
Corowa Historic Vehicle & Machinery Club	\$1500	Corowa Vintage Rally/Expo
Corowa PA & H Society	\$1500	Replace walls/roof of animal nursery
Corowa Search & Rescue Squad	\$2500	Re-roof rescue headquarters
Lions Club Corowa	\$2500	Re-roof Lions Club Shed A

Local community groups and organisations providing services or activities for people within the Shire are encouraged to apply for funding during the next round which opens in March 2009.

Further information can be found on the Council's website www.corowa.nsw.gov.au/business/services/ or by contacting Wendy Thompson on (02) 6033 8964.

REGIONAL LOCAL COMMUNITY

INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM On November 18 2008, the Australian Government announced that it is making available \$300 million to Local Government to stimulate growth and economic activity across Australia and support national productivity and community well-being.

One-off funding of \$250 million in 2008-09 is being provided to local Councils under the Regional and Local Community Infrastructure Program.

As a part of this funding, a once off allocation of \$459,000 has been made to Corowa Shire Council, subject to funding conditions being met and reported on. This funding is intended for 'project ready' local infrastructure initiatives, which can be completed and reported by the September 2009 deadline.

Quick selection and immediate undertaking of these projects was required and as a result only previously identified/long-standing needs were considered as a part of our review process.

Several considerations needed to be made by Council in the appropriate allocation of this funding and the following criteria was applied to determine the project recommendations:

- Meets the conditions and objectives of the grant program
- Is a long standing identified need
- There are limited or no other funding avenues
- Will not result in cost shifting
- Will provide strong community benefit
- Will attract the support of other funding bodies
- Is 'project ready' and can be delivered and reported on time

The following initiatives have been recommended by Council for funding under this program:

1. Corowa Lawn Tennis Club, upgrade four Tennis Courts to a Synthetic Surface, provision of fencing and lighting – subject to the confirmation of a small contribution from the NSW Sport and Recreation
2. Howlong Tennis Club, provision of a new wall for the Club House
3. Contribution to the establishment of an 'Adventure Playground' at Pool Park Mulwala
4. Contribution to the establishment of a Playground at Morris Park, Corowa South
5. Completion of a main street beautification program for the central area of Hawkins Street, Howlong
6. Upgrade and repair of lighting to John Ford Oval, Corowa
7. Refurbishment of the Federation Museum, Corowa through the provision of a concrete floor, disabled safety ramp and weatherproof display area
8. Provision of a safe pedestrian crossing on the Channel Bridge, Melbourne Street Mulwala – subject to the immediate confirmation of a 50% contribution from the NSW Roads and Traffic Authority

9. Provision of a Public Toilet to service the community of Balldale
10. Contribution towards the establishment of a multi purpose sports and social facility at the Rennie Recreational Reserves, Rennie

Due to partnering local funds which will be also contributed towards the establishment of these projects, the total implementation value of these projects is estimated at almost \$1,000,000 and will provide a strong economic injection into the local economy.

Corowa Shire Council looks forward to working with the selected community groups to ensure grant requirements can be met and ensure all projects are finalised by September 2009.

UNIT Y OPENS IN COROWA!

Corowa Shire Council with assistance from the Youth Advisory Committee and a Youth Participation Grant opened Unit Y in October 2008.

Refurbishment of the building has transformed the centre into a great place for young people (12-18yrs) to socialise, relax and participate in regular programs and activities. Unit Y in 44 Queen Street is fully supervised and open on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons from 4pm – 6pm. It also holds regular big screen social nights one Friday per month.

At Unit Y young people can play pool, table tennis, darts, Playstation games, watch TV, listen to music or workout using weight training equipment. There is also a choice of board games including Monopoly, Pictionary or Chess available.

During term 4 young people had access to organised activities including boxing for fitness, aerobics and martial arts classes.

The success of Unit Y will depend on continuing support from young people, local businesses and the general community. Young people who want to have their say about what they would like to do at the centre are invited to come to Unit Y on Wednesday afternoons from 3.30 – 4.00 or to email wendy.thompson@corowa.nsw.gov.au

For up to date information about what's on at Unit Y go to the following link www.corowa.nsw.gov.au/council/facilities/

Unit Y

44 Queen Street, Corowa
Open 4 - 6pm Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday + monthly Big Screen Social Night

DROUGHT ASSISTANCE The following contacts can provide general information regarding access and eligibility to State and Federal financial assistance programs as well as referral to social and welfare support assistance.

• **Department of Primary Industries - Corowa**
 Don Burrowes, Drought Support Worker
 Phone: 02 6033 4245
 Mobile: 0427 324 033
 Email: don.burrowes@dpi.nsw.gov.au
 NSW DPI Drought Drought Assistance: 1800 814 647

• **North East Riverina Rural Counselling Service**
 Carl Fraser, Rural Financial Counsellor
 Phone: (03) 5761 1611
 Email: carl.fraser@dse.vic.gov.au

• **Goulburn Murray Hume AgCare**
 Tony Shirley, Rural Financial Counsellor
 Phone: 0429 484 489
 Email: tony.shirley@gmhagcare.org.au or
 Carl Scroope, Rural Financial Counselling Service
 Phone: (02) 6927 6622
 Email: ganmainrfcs@bigpond.com

• **Murray-Darling Basin Assistance Referral Line:**
1800 050 015

• **Centrelink Drought Assistance Information:**
13 23 16

• **NSW Rural Assistance Authority: 1800 678 593**

FREE HOME ENERGY ASSESSMENTS FOR COROWA SHIRE RESIDENTS Thanks to the support of the Murray Energy Program, this year can be the year that YOU start saving money and reducing YOUR environmental footprint!

When an Energy Assessor visits your home they will:

- Explain where the average home uses Energy
 - Show which appliances are big energy users
 - Discuss your home and its residents' energy behavior
 - Identify areas where you could reduce energy use and greenhouse gas emissions
 - Install compact fluorescent lamps where appropriate
- Book your FREE HOME ENERGY SAVINGS ASSESSMENT today on 02 6041 4654 or visit www.murraynowenergy.com.au**

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER AND ITS FREE!

Have you utilised your local Library services which are provided throughout the Corowa Shire?

Corowa Shire Council provide Public Library services throughout the Shire. Membership is FREE and you can borrow an extensive range of books, talking books and even DVD's - all FREE!

Free computer and internet access is also provided (conditions apply).

Visit www.corowa.nsw.gov.au/council/facilities/ for more information on Corowa Shire Library services.

Community Matters...

STOP GRAFFITI/VANDALISM!

NSW recorded crime statistics indicate that from January 2001 to December 2006 there were a total of 591,321 incidents of malicious damage to property reported to the NSW Police Force. Unfortunately, malicious damage to public and private property including Graffiti Vandalism also regularly occurs within Corowa Shire.

There have been numerous and ongoing incidents of vandalism to community property which have incurred significant repair costs for Corowa Shire Council and the ratepayer. Funding the cost of vandalism ultimately diminishes Councils ability to meet other community needs. An area of regular occurrence in vandalism within Corowa Shire occurs to street signs which have significant repair and replacement costs. The cost to replace just a small street sign exceeds \$200.

Stringent penalties in the Crimes Act 1900 and in the Summary Offences Act 1988 have been introduced to deal with graffiti vandalism. For example, under Section 195 of the Crimes Act 1900 a person who maliciously destroys or damages property belonging to another is liable to a maximum penalty of imprisonment for 5 years, and Section 200 allows for imprisonment of three years for being in possession of a non-explosive article, with an intent to deface or damage premises or property.

Graffiti vandalism is not only unsightly, it is thought to contribute to a community member's sense of safety in the community by giving the impression that there is little care and respect within the community and attracting further crime.

Vandalism damages property values, business growth and tourism. Vandalism is against the law and, like any other criminal activity, should be reported to the police - don't assume that someone else has or will report it!

Help Council help you by reporting vandalism to NSW Police through the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or anonymously to Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 or at www.police.nsw.gov.au

VOLUNTEERING IN COROWA SHIRE

4.4 million Australians make a difference in their local community by volunteering each year, doing a range of tasks for a wide range of not-for-profit organisations. People volunteer for many reasons and in many different ways. There is a great deal of satisfaction that comes from making a difference. Volunteers can experience working for causes they are interested in, or assist in creating change in areas that are important to them. They can also build new skills, meet new people and add variety to their work experience.

Why not make a difference to your local community? Many not-for-profit organisations currently require volunteer assistance.

VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

Corowa & District Landcare Group

• Working bees, tree planting, site preparation etc.
• Environmental stewardship • Administration
• Newsletter production • Distribution of information
Contact: Bronwyn Thomas (03) 57433124
lambrookfarm@bigpond.com.au

Corowa Historical Society

• Meet & greet people at the museum • Host bus tours • General maintenance • Member of the Committee • Office administration and assistance
• Historical research • Design and develop displays
• Speak to local community groups and educate school groups. Contact : Alan Handberg
Ph: (02) 6033 4332 aghandberg@optusnet.com.au

Kalianna Community Bus Service

• Volunteer bus driving • Administration assistance
• Computer, photocopying, answering telephone
Contact: Barbara Robinson (02) 6033 3342
FAB1010@bigpond.com

Corowa Visitor Information Centre

Use your local knowledge to let people know what's on in Corowa and what's great about living in or visiting Corowa • Customer service

• Administrative skills - computer, photocopying, answering telephone enquiries
Contact: Rachel Robinson-Minogue (02) 6033 3221
corinfo@dragnet.com.au

Southern Cross Karinya Apartments

Current opportunities for volunteering in the following areas: • Assisting with art & craft
• Container gardening • Reading to the residents
• Massage & nail care • Volunteer driver • Assisting with the mobile kiosk

Ladies Auxiliary: Members are actively involved in activities such as baking monthly afternoon teas, organizing entertainment and gifts for the residents, raising money through raffles, street stalls and the selling of craft.

Contact: The Care Co-ordinator (02) 6033 1751

Friendly Visiting Service

Contact: Barbara Wilson (Community Health)
Ph: (02) 6033 1340
Barbara.Wilson@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Community Health Centre

Contact: Barbara Wilson
Ph: (02) 6033 1340
Barbara.Wilson@gsahs.health.nsw.gov.au

Corowa Hospital Auxilliary

Contact: Beth Tidd Ph: (02) 6033 1333

Meals on Wheels/Corowa Home Care

Contact: Margaret McDonald (02) 6033 3263
margaret.mcdonald@dadhc.nsw.gov.au

U3A (University of the Third Age)
Take the opportunity to share your skills with others
• Volunteer tutor, teacher or leader of learning groups. Contact: Glenda Campbell (02) 6033 1568
grabell6@hotmail.com

Corowa Shire Council

Become a member of a Community Committee
• Community Safety Committee • Community Drugs Action Team • Youth Advisory Committee
Contact: Wendy Thompson (02) 6033 8964
wendy.thompson@corowa.nsw.gov.au

Corowa Friends of the Library

Contact: Louise Parr (02) 6033 4570
louise.parr@corowa.nsw.gov.au

Tourism Matters...

COROWA AUTOFEST The Corowa Autofest Event will be held Saturday 28th February - Sunday 1st March at the Corowa Airport and is expected to generate significant economic benefit to the community.

This is the first event for what is expected to run for many years in Corowa, and follows on from the other highly successful events.

Springnats and Autofest events promote a true family atmosphere where spectators are able to enjoy the enthusiasm and excitement of a motor vehicle event in a friendly and safe environment. AutoFest is the promotion of a performance car festival that provides the true motor vehicle enthusiast with the opportunity to display their skills and vehicles against other enthusiasts in a safe, controlled and friendly environment. Witness some of the most powerful cars compete side by side in events such as Go-To-Whoa, Motokana, Show 'N' Shine, Drag Racing Competition, Dyno Challenge and the fiercely competitive Burnout Title.

For more information visit the promoters website www.springcarnationals.com or contact the Corowa Visitor Information Centre.



• Corowa Shire Council gratefully appreciates the support of Events NSW, which is allowing Autofest to take place within Corowa Shire.



• Sincere thanks also to local sponsors, Corowa RSL, Corowa Chamber of Commerce and Corowa Golf Club.



Calendar of Events...

JANUARY 2009 - AUSTRALIA DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

- Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th - Pirates Ski Show, Lake Mulwala Water Ski Club
- Friday 2nd - Sunday 25th January - 10th Annual Corowa Art & Photographic Competition Exhibition
- Friday 23rd - Federation Festival (Night Festivities at Bangerang Park, Bands, Markets & Fireworks)
- Saturday 24th - Federation Festival (Bands, Markets, Vintage Tractor Pull & Fireworks) all day Bangerang Park
- Saturday 24th - Federation Festival (Corowa B 'N' S Ball) Corowa Rugby Grounds/Aerodrome
- Saturday 24th - Cinema in the Vines, Cofield Wines
- Saturday 24th - Corowa Horse Races
- Sunday 25th - Federation Festival (Markets, Ecumenical Service & Grand Parade) Bangerang Park & Sanger Street
- Sunday 25th - Australia Day BBQ @ St Leonards
- Sunday 25th - Wahgunyah Speedway



Australia Day

COROWA SHIRE AUSTRALIA DAY CELEBRATIONS - MONDAY 26TH JANUARY

- Corowa - 8am Sausage Sizzle followed by Australia Day Ceremony @ Federation Gardens (opposite Council Chambers)
- Mulwala - 10am Morning Tea @ RSL Gardens
- Howlong - 12noon Lunch followed by Australia Day Ceremony @ Howlong Primary School
- The Corowa Shire Australia Day Ambassador is Gabrielle Clark an outstanding athlete for Australia in Special Olympics and a multipl sports award achiever

COROWA CELEBRATES 150 YEARS!
2009 is a special year for Corowa as it celebrates 150 years since settlement. A Calendar of celebratory events and reunions has been scheduled throughout the year. Past and present residents are encouraged to enjoy the many activities. Visit Councils website or the Corowa Visitor Information Centre for further information.

• See the back page of this newsletter for February, March and April events...

Calendar of Events...

FEBRUARY 2009 EVENTS

- Friday 6th - Diggers Junior Disco @ Corowa RSL Club
- Saturday 7th - Chinese New Year @ Mulwala Water Ski Club
- Friday 20th - Bluelight Disco @ Corowa RSL Club
- 21st & 22nd - 2009 Lowrance Da\$h 4 Ca\$h - Fishing Competition, Lake Mulwala
- Saturday 21st - Murray Charity Meander
- Saturday 28th February- Sunday 1st March - Corowa AUTOFEST

MARCH 2009 EVENTS

- Sunday 1st - Howlong Community Garage Sale
- Sunday 1st - Corowa Federation Markets
- Friday 6th - Diggers Junior Disco @ Corowa RSL Club
- Saturday 7th - Sunday 8th, Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th - Tastes Of Rutherglen
- Sunday 8th March - Corowa Horse Races
- Monday 9th - Sunday 15th - 30th Annual GPA Swim-In and Military Vehicle Rally
- Friday 20th - Bluelight Disco @ Corowa RSL Club
- Saturday 21st - 2009 His & Hers Partners Classic - Fishing Competition, Lake Mulwala
- Saturday 28th - Corowa Community Garage Sale
- Sunday 29th - Wahgunyah Speedway Races

Contact us...

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Fax: 02 6033 3317

Web: www.corowa.nsw.gov.au

Corowa Office Hours:
Monday to Friday - 8.15am to 5.15pm

GENERAL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Corowa Office	02 6033 8999
Administration and Rates	02 6033 8970
Engineering, Health & Building	02 6033 8960
Works Depot	02 6033 4082
Mulwala Office/Library	03 5744 3439
Howlong Community Resource Centre	02 6026 5055
Corowa Library	02 6033 4570
Corowa Swimming Pool:	02 6033 1970
Howlong Swimming Pool:	02 6026 5844
Corowa Saleyards:	02 6033 1191
Corowa Visitor Information Centre:	02 6033 3221
Corowa Family Day Care:	02 6033 3253

Emergency Calls - 24 hours: 1800 110 088

APRIL 2009 EVENTS

- Friday 3rd - Diggers Junior Disco @ Corowa RSL Club
- Sunday 5th - Corowa Federation Market
- Friday 10th - Monday 13th - Easter Bowling Carnival
- Friday 10 - Monday 13th - 80th Corowa Easter Lawn Tennis Tournament
- Saturday 11th - Australian Billy Cart Championships
- Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th - Corowa Quilters Quilt Show
- Friday 17th - Bluelight Disco @ Corowa RSL Club
- Saturday 25th - Sunday 26th - Corowa Historic Vehicle & Machinery Club Inc - Autumn Fun Weekend
- Sunday 26th April - Wahgunyah Speedway Races

Visit www.visitcorowashire.com.au for a full list of events scheduled in Corowa Shire.

Corowa Shire Council provides a strong commitment to tourism within Corowa Shire and is a major sponsor of the Shire's peak tourism bodies - Corowa Howlong Mulwala Tourism and Yarrowonga Mulwala Tourism.

YOUR COUNCIL

Mayor

Cr. Gary Poidevin 0427 229 783

Deputy Mayor

Cr. Fiona Schirmer 02 6026 8669

Councillors

Bill Bott AM 02 6035 9124

Jan Doyle 03 5743 1125

Daryl Davey 03 5744 2321

Gail Law 02 6033 1415

Fred Longmire 02 6035 1266

Mark Shields 02 6026 8273

Norm Wales 0407 702 021

Senior Officers

General Manager Bruce Corcoran

Director Corporate Services Ian Rich

Director Engineering Services John Babbs

Director Environmental Services Bob Parr

Ordinary meetings of Council are held in the Corowa Shire Council Chambers on the third Tuesday of each month at 9.30 am.

Residents and ratepayers are invited to attend Council meetings. To present to Council, please advise the General Manager in writing by 5.00 pm on Tuesday preceding the Ordinary meeting.

Agendas for ordinary meetings will be made available to the public at 4.00 pm on the Friday preceding the meeting at www.corowa.nsw.gov.au