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Message from the Mayor

The Christmas and New Year period is always a very special time of the year here in the Edward River region. Our strong sense of community shines particularly bright over the festive season, and I thank those in our community, including the many local volunteers involved in one of our active service clubs, who give their time over Christmas and New Year to helping others.

2018 has been a particularly busy time for Edward River Council, and

along with my fellow Councillors, I have been impressed with what our organisation has been able to deliver over the past 12 months.

Through extensive community consultation, we have developed a series of long-term strategic plans to guide our region's continued growth. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this process and had their say on our Economic Development Strategy, Deniliquin Public Space Strategy and Edward

River Region Open Space Strategy. With this planning now completed, we are looking forward to putting these strategies into action and delivering a wide range of exciting new projects and services in 2019 and beyond.

More recently, Council partnered with the Deniliquin Business Chamber and BEC Business Advice to deliver a fantastic program to celebrate Small Business Month. With funding from

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Christmas and New Year Closure Times

Customer Service Centre 180 Cressy Street, Deniliquin

Closed from 5.00pm Friday, 21 December 2018.

Resuming standard operating hours from Wednesday, 2 January 2019.

Central Murray Regional Library

Gorman Park, 55 Napier Street, Deniliquin

Closed from 12.30pm Saturday, 22 December 2018.

Resuming standard operating hours from Wednesday, 2 January 2019.

Deniliquin Visitor Information Centre & Peppin Heritage Centre, George Street, Deniliquin

Closed:

- Tuesday, 25 December 2018
- Wednesday, 26 December 2018
- Tuesday, 1 January 2019

Maintaining standard operating hours on all other days throughout the Christmas period.

Deniliquin Waste Disposal Depot Tip Road (off Cobb Highway), Deniliquin

Closed:

- Tuesday, 25 December 2018
- Tuesday, 1 January 2019

Maintaining standard operating hours on all other days throughout the Christmas period.

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the NSW Government, we held a series of workshops throughout October to help our local small business owners, tourism operators and retail traders learn more about how to build resilience, upskill their staff, write winning tenders, and better market their businesses.

For Council, we will begin 2019 in the same fashion we began this year – by celebrating our local heroes at our annual Australia Day event. I encourage you to come along to our celebration in Waring Gardens and join me in acknowledging some of our outstanding community champions receiving an Australia Day Award, and welcome some new Australian citizens to the region as well.

Finally, I would like to extend a special thank you to all emergency services personnel working over the Christmas period to ensure the rest of us enjoy a safe and happy break, as well as our RFS and SES volunteers who will be on-call. As a community, it is important that we do our part in making sure they have a quiet Christmas by ensuring we have a safe one: don't drink and drive, don't drive tired, and be sure to monitor fire danger ratings.



On behalf of my fellow Councillors and the staff at Edward River Council, I would like to wish everyone in our community all the peace, joy and happiness of the season, as well as a safe and prosperous New Year.

Cr Norm Brennan, Mayor



Creative facelift for Scott's Park water tower

Residents will soon notice some movement around the Scott's Park water tower, with Edward River Council having taken steps to commission a large-scale public artwork for the tank's façade, which is 22.8 metres high and 12.8 metres in diameter.

The public art installation will complement a range of other works already planned for Scott's Park, such as the Rocket Park equipment upgrade and new BMX pump track.

Funds have been allocated through Council's Major Projects Program to deliver the project, which, alongside the Deniliquin Town Hall Revitalisation Project and the development of a new Peppin Heritage Centre masterplan, is aimed at boosting the region's growing arts and culture sector.

Cultural tourism represents a steadily growing sector of the state's tourism industry, with New South Wales hosting over 11 million cultural and heritage visitors, both international and domestic, each year.

Expressions of interest have already been sought to construct the artwork, with a panel comprising Council officers and community members, as well as an industry expert and a South West Arts representative, currently reviewing expressions of interest received.

The panel will shortlist up to three artists, who will then be invited to submit a full proposal. Council is expected to sign off on the successful design by mid-February 2019, allowing the artwork to be undertaken over the following two months.

\$20,000 has been allocated through the Major Projects Program to complete the project.

Kerbside Waste Collection over the Christmas and New Year period

Council's kerbside waste collection service will not operate on the Christmas Day and New Year's Day public holidays, resulting in kerbside waste collection services being delayed by one day from Tuesday, 25 December 2018 and Tuesday, 1 January 2019.

Usually collected on:	Will be collected on:
Tuesday, 25 December 2018	Wednesday, 26 December 2018
Wednesday, 26 December 2018	Thursday, 27 December 2018
Thursday, 27 December 2018	Friday, 28 December 2018
Tuesday, 1 January 2019	Wednesday, 2 January 2019
Wednesday, 2 January 2019	Thursday, 3 January 2019
Thursday, 3 January 2019	Friday, 4 January 2019

Town Hall set for revitalisation

New life is set to be breathed into the historic Deniliquin Town Hall, with Edward River Council having secured \$1.3 million through the second round of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund to restore and revitalise the important community building.

Built for £2,823, the Deniliquin Town Hall was first opened in 1876 before having its weight-driven, pendulum regulated, eight-day clock installed in 1904.

Despite benefitting from various small-scale works over recent years, including stabilisation of the front façade, installation of a commercial kitchen and amenities, and a roof replacement, the building is currently closed to the public due to safety concerns.

Coupled with \$400,000 already set aside for the revitalisation project, the funding secured by Council will be used to deliver the first and second stages of the six-stage Deniliquin Town Hall Rejuvenation Project.

Once completed, the works – which include both structural and cosmetic improvements – will enable the historically significant building to be re-opened as a community arts and culture space and be used for a variety of cultural activities, including performances, exhibitions, events, conferences and civic receptions.

Council has already engaged an Echuca-based firm, Brandrick Architects, to progress the revitalisation project and undertake a structural assessment of the building, prepare a site masterplan, and develop design options.

Brandrick Architects is experienced in working on similar large-scale projects in rural New South Wales and Victoria, including the Bendigo TAFE building in Echuca, the Wangaratta Law Courts redevelopment, the Moama Anglican Grammar School Library, and the recently-constructed police stations in Kyabram, Mooropna and Yarrawonga.



Rural and town roads benefit from Capital Works Program

Edward River Council's 2017-18 Capital Works Program was delivered by 30 June 2018, with a string of rural and town roads benefitting from maintenance and improvement works over the year.

Sealed Road Resealing Program

Council's annual Sealed Road Resealing Program totalled \$1.25 million of works, incorporating 40 kilometres of roads being treated. The works were carried out on various roads, including:

- Henry Street;
- Lakers Road;
- Maude Road;
- Mayrung Road;
- Moonee Swamp Road;
- Sloane Street;
- Tocumwal Road; and
- Wirraway Drive.

Gravel Road Re-Sheeting Program

Through our \$1.1 million Gravel Road Re-Sheeting Program, Council completed approximately 60 kilometres of gravel roads, including:

- Coree Road;
- Cosgroves Road;
- Flanagans Lane;
- Hoads Road;
- Jones Road;

- Lang Street;
- Marshalls Road;
- McLaurins Road;
- Mills Road;
- Old Racecourse Road; and
- Wanganella-Conargo Road.

Wanganella-Moulamein Road Reconstruction

Council reconstructed 4 kilometres of Wanganella-Moulamein Road. Having deteriorated to a condition that required ongoing maintenance to remain open to vehicular access, the road's reconstruction had been identified as a key priority for Council. The works included stabilisation of the road pavement and widening of the seal.

Eastman's Road Reconstruction

Under the Federal Government's Road to Recovery Program, Council completed the reconstruction of Eastman's Road, near Pretty Pine, at a cost of \$829,000. This section of road was approximately 4.3 kilometres long and works included:

- Strengthening the existing road pavement, including lime stabilisation and widening the pavement to eight metres;
- Widening the seal to six metres, from its previous average of 3.6 metres; and

- Providing additional drainage to enable surface water to get away quicker.

Pretty Pine Road Reconstruction

Under the NSW Government's Regional Roads Repair Program, Council reconstructed approximately 2 kilometres of Pretty Pine Road. Works included:

- Strengthening the pavement and widening the pavement to 10.5 metres; and
- Widening the seal to 8 metres.

Woodbury Road Reconstruction – Stage 2

Stage 2 of Blighty's Woodbury Road Reconstruction was delivered this year. The section of road reconstruction was approximately 1.5 kilometres long and works included:

- Strengthening of the existing road pavement and widening the pavement to eight metres;
- Widening the seal to eight metres (previously the seal was six to seven metres wide); and
- Providing additional drainage to allow run-off to get away quicker.

Sign up to monitor your water consumption anytime, anywhere, for free!

Through our Meter Replacement Program, Edward River Council has now replaced over 3,600 water meters in Deniliquin with new Elster V100 meters and installed an electronic meter reading system. The Elster V100 meter complies with all relevant Australian Standards and many NSW councils now utilise this meter for their water supply systems.

Property owners can now keep up to date with their water consumption through registering to use the MiWater MyH2O public portal, available online at edwardriver.miwater.co. This system will allow you to:

- Monitor your water use;
- Identify leaks; and
- Compare your water use with averages (both for Deniliquin and similar demographics).

How to register

Visit the MiWater MyH2O public portal at edwardriver.miwater.co to register. Before using the system, you will have to:

- **Register as a user.** Click the 'Sign Up Now' button and provide your details to create your MiWater account.
- **Confirm your account.** You will receive a confirmation email after creating your account. Follow the instructions set out in the email to confirm your account and begin using your MiWater account.
- **Register your property.** After logging in, click the 'Add Properties' button and provide the relevant information. After advising your relationship to the property, the address and the assessment number, you can register your property and view your water use once approved. If you are the property's owner, Council will approve your registration, and if you are a tenant, your property's owner will approve your registration.

How to set alerts

MiWater will let residents see when there is a leak or where there is substantial use. After logging in and selecting a property, look for the panel called "Consumption Metrics". The second slide should show the maximum leak rate per hour for the property.

You can also arrange to receive an alert for leaks and substantial use. At the top of the page hover over "My Alerts" with the mouse and when it drops down select "Manage Your Alerts". On the alerts page select which alert you want and fill in the thresholds for which you want to receive emails and texts for.

Lagoons to River Walk

Works on delivering the Lagoons to River Walk, which links the lagoons network to the Edward River via a new 1.3-kilometre shared path and wayfinding signage, are continuing. In the New Year, additional pedestrian thresholds will be constructed on Edwardes, Macauley, Napier, Russell and Wellington streets.



Funds available for noxious weeds eradication

Property owners in the Edward River local government area who need to get noxious weeds on their properties under control are being encouraged to apply for funding under a joint initiative of Edward River Council, Murray Local Land Services and the Central Murray County Council.

Landholders can apply for up to \$4,000 in funding and are required to make a 50 per cent contribution towards the total cost of controlling noxious weeds on their property.

Application forms are available from Council's website at www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au or from Council's Customer Service Centre at 180 Cressy Street, Deniliquin.

Applications close Friday, 18 January 2019.



Get Ready for a Bush Fire

Four simple steps to making your Bush Fire Survival Plan

Getting ready for a bush fire is easier than you think. By taking 20 minutes with your family to discuss what you'll do during a fire, you could save lives, as well as your home.

The NSW Rural Fire Service (RFS) recommends following four simple steps to get ready for a bush fire:

Step 1 – Discuss



1. DISCUSS

Discuss what to do if a bush fire threatens your home. Many households find that having a discussion over dinner works best as everybody is together and focussed.

Step 2 – Prepare



2. PREPARE

Prepare your home and get it ready for bush fire season. There are simple things you can do around your home to prepare it for a bush fire, like keeping the grass low and having a cleared area around your home.

Step 3 – Know



3. KNOW

Know the bush fire alert levels. If there is a fire in your area, you will find its alert level on the NSW RFS website and in the 'Fires Near Me' app. You need to keep track of the alert level so that you know what you should do.

Step 4 – Keep



4. KEEP

Keep all the bush fire information numbers, websites and the smartphone app. In a bush fire, it's important that you stay up-to-date on conditions in your area.

Visit the NSW RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au to download a Bush Fire Survival Plan Guide and learn more about how you can keep your family and property safe this summer.

Retirement Living Project progresses

Southern Cross Care (NSW & ACT) has been confirmed as the preferred developer for the retirement living site located between Harfleur and Poitiers Streets, Deniliquin.

Edward River Council selected Southern Cross Care, a not-for-profit organisation which provides integrated care services to older Australians in over 40 locations across New South Wales and the Australian Capital Territory, following a public expression of interest process.

Through funding received from the Federal Government's Murray Darling Economic Diversification Program, Council has completed various works on the project site over the past six months to prepare it for development, including decontaminating the site, connecting water and sewer, levelling and fencing the site and constructing two entries.

A community consultation process is currently underway to gauge community interest in the project and understand the type of retirement living development that would work for the region.

Southern Cross Care needs to undertake additional due diligence and investigations before the project can progress further, and Council continues to work with the State Government to finalise the acquisition of the remaining piece of land needed to deliver the project.



Splash Park delivered, pool upgrades scheduled for 2019

The \$880,000 Deniliquin Swim Centre Revitalisation has progressed on schedule, with the Splash Park officially opened in November.

Featuring a range of engaging water interactions, such as a dump bucket and water guns, as well as shade sail sun protection, the Splash Park provides a safe and fun family-friendly attraction for locals and visitors alike.

The remaining works being undertaken as part of Edward River Council's Deniliquin Swim Centre Revitalisation, including the main pool relining, wet-deck construction and amenities facility refurbishment, are all scheduled to be completed by June 2019.

Deniliquin Swim Centre 2018/19 Season Opening Hours	
December to February – Outside of School Holidays	
Monday to Friday	6.00am - 8.30am 1.00pm - 7.00pm
(Note: Main pool closes at 6.00pm on Tuesday night)	
Saturday and Sunday	10.30am – 7.00pm
December to February – During School Holidays	
Monday to Friday	6.00am – 8.30am 10.30am – 7.00pm
(Note: Main pool closes at 6.00pm on Tuesday night)	
Saturday and Sunday	10.30am – 7.00pm

Visit Council's website at www.edwardriver.nsw.gov.au or 'like' the Deniliquin Swim Centre on Facebook to view the Deniliquin Swim Centre 2018/19 Season entrance fees.



Deniliquin Masterplan leads to Napier Street improvements

Delivering on our community's ambitious vision for revitalising Deniliquin's public spaces will be a key focus for Edward River Council in 2019, with tenders currently being sought for the reconstruction of the section of Napier Street between Charlotte and Cressy streets.

The Deniliquin Masterplan, which outlines how Council will work towards improving the town's CBD, riverfront, lagoons and town entrances over the coming years, identifies improving Napier Street as a priority for the community.

Road reconstruction, median strip landscaping, roundabout and pedestrian thresholds, service relocation and reconstruction works will all be delivered as part of the project.

Council is undertaking consultation with the Deniliquin Business Chamber and Napier Street traders throughout December to discuss project timeframes ahead of the works commencing next year.

The Napier Street improvement works are being funded through the second round of the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.



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