



Meet the New Road Safety Officer

The position of Road Safety Officer (RSO) is shared between the Shires of Bland, Coolamon, Junee and Temora. The RSO shares their time between the four offices and covers 15,825 square kilometres.

Karen Trethowan jumped at the opportunity to make a career change when she saw the advertisement for the RSO position. Having spent most of her working life as a hairdresser, owning her own salon in West Wyalong until 2019, Karen retrained in administration in 2018 before selling the salon.

Karen has a longstanding connection to West Wyalong. Her father relocated from Scotland as part of the Big Brother Movement and worked as a shearer and wheat grader. He met Karen's mother, a hairdresser from West Wyalong, and they raised a family of four children in the country town. Later, the family moved to Tumut, where Karen began her hairdressing career, and then travelled overseas, eventually settling in Terrigal on the Central Coast.

In 2012, whilst Karen was still living and working in Terrigal, she met her now husband who happened to be from West Wyalong, and in 2016 the couple purchased a small acreage on the edge of the town, and married in 2017.

After undergoing training with TAFE NSW in 2018, Karen secured a position as a Business Analyst for the Rural Financial Counselling Service Central Region helping farmers access drought assistance from the State and Federal Governments. It was during her time in this part-time role that Karen saw the advertisement for the RSO position and felt it was an exciting career opportunity.

The RSO is responsible for highlighting road safety issues within the communities she covers, providing information and education on road safety issues and helping to facilitate the road safety action plan in each of the Shires.

Karen, happened to be the Tumut Festival of the Falling Leaf Personality Princess in 1982, is excited to be working within the four Shires and meeting and working with new people from the Councils and the communities in her patch.

Karen will be working from the Temora Shire Council office each Thursday. She can be contacted by email on ktrethowan@temora.nsw.gov.au or by phoning 0437 645 183

Puzzle Page - Spot the Difference



Sudoku

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Find-a-Word : Towns in the Riverina

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- Albury
- Ariah Park
- Beckom
- Berrigan
- Brookdale
- Burrumbuttock
- Coolamon
- Corowa
- Darlington Point
- Finley
- Gerogery
- Griffith
- Gulpa
- Hay
- Hillston
- Illabo
- Jugiong
- Leeton
- Marrar
- Merriwagga
- Moolooloolo
- Narraburra
- Oura
- Rannock
- Springdale
- Temora
- Tocumwal
- Ardlethan
- Balranald
- Bectric
- Borambola
- Bulbul
- Coleambally
- Cootamundra
- Culcairn
- Dirnaseer
- Ganmain
- Gidginbung
- Grong Grong
- Gundagai
- Henty
- Holbrook
- Jerilderie
- Junee
- Lockhart
- Matong
- Mirrool
- Mulwala
- Narranderra
- Oxley
- Sebastopol
- Talbingo
- The Rock
- Wagga



The Sebastopol Solar Farm

Sebastopol Solar Farm Update

Since acquiring the Sebastopol Solar Farm project, FRV Services Australia (FRV) have been preparing documentation to meet the Conditions of Consent and undertaking preliminary site investigation works to prepare for construction. FRV aim to commence site works from the second half of this year and the solar farm is expected to be

operational in late 2021. FRV have continued to maintain a register of local contractors and businesses interested in working on the solar farm. Opportunities include accommodation, catering, transport, and pallet & cardboard waste management. Those interested can email sebastopolsolarfarm@frv.com with their details to be included on the

register, or use the Contact Us form on the Sebastopol Solar Farm website: www.sebastopolsolarfarm.com FRV will be updating neighbouring property owners on the scheduled works and encourage anyone wanting further details to contact: Edie Mather – Development Manager – 0415 590 003 edie.mather@frv.com

Accessibility Upgrades for Temora Library

The Temora Library will be getting an \$189,014 upgrade thanks to funding from the NSW Government's Public Library Infrastructure Grant program.

Member for Cootamundra Steph Cooke announced the library will receive improvements including a new outdoor reading and activity space, new accessible toilet facilities and wheelchair accessible ramps.

Ms Cooke said the funding would improve access to the library for the entire community.

"This funding is vital to ensure everyone, no matter their mobility level, can access the fantastic services the library has to offer," Ms Cooke said.

"I am so pleased to be able to announce this grant for the Temora Library and to see this important community hub get these improvements."

Branch Librarian Wendy Manning said the grant was fantastic news.

"It's very exciting and it's going to provide some much-needed upgrades to the library, being such a big community facility it's going to be utilised by everybody," Ms

Manning said. "We're going to create more accessible toilets so people are going to be able to get in and out a lot easier. We're going to have an outdoor reading room which will open the library up more, create more of a community hub and it will be a more inviting place."

The Public Library Infrastructure Grant program is a \$6 million grant program directed to 20 public library projects across NSW. The vast majority of the funding this year has been directed to libraries in regional areas including those impacted by the bushfires.

The funding allocation for library infrastructure brings the total NSW Government support for libraries in 2019/20 to \$36.5 million, building on the NSW Government's 2019 election commitment to provide an extra \$60 million to libraries over four years.

The Library Council of NSW, assisted by the State Library, assessed the applications for grants for local libraries to improve their facilities, mobile library resources and major ICT projects.

ALL ABOUT YOUR RATES

Rate Notices for the 2020/2021 financial year will be issued this month.

How are my rates calculated?

There are four main rating categories – residential, business, farmland and mining. Your rates are calculated by Council based on the value of your land (the NSW Valuer General's Office issued Land Valuation notices in March this year), the category your property falls under and any pension concession you may be eligible to receive.

The rating category or sub-category is shown on your Rate Notice. If the use of your land changes, or is different to what is shown on your Rate Notice, it is your responsibility to notify Council.

There are a range of services for which Council is required to place a levy on that is separate to funds raised by general rates. These include:

- Domestic waste – all residential properties within the designated area are charged a domestic waste charge. Non-vacant properties are charged a weekly kerbside collection as part of this charge.
- Trade waste – non-residential properties within the designated area are charged a trade waste charge.
- Storm water levy – all rateable occupied properties in the 'urban area' receive an annual charge to raise revenue to fund the upgrade and general maintenance of the stormwater drainage system.
- Sewerage service – all residential properties to which sewer is available are charged a

residential sewerage access charge. Non-residential properties are charged a combination of a sewerage access charge and a sewer usage charge. You can view the Best Practice Management pricing guidelines for a better understanding of these calculations.

The increase in general rates charged from one year to the next is determined by the rate peg percentage which is set by the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART). In 2020/2021 the rate peg percentage is 2.6%. This means that Council can only increase the total rate revenue collected from general rates by 2.6%.

Why did my rates increase by more than the rate peg percentage?

The rate peg does not apply to individual rates. The rate peg applies to Council's total general rating income collected from all assessments. Individual assessments are also affected by changes to land valuations and therefore an individual assessment may increase by more, or less, than the rate peg amount depending on the movement in the valuation of the property. The 2020/21 rate notices include a general revaluation of all assessments as at 1 July 2019.

How can I pay my rates?

There are a number of ways you can pay your rates:

- At Council offices during business hours
- At Australia Post outlets
- By phone with a credit card – 6980 1100
- Online via your

financial institution with BPAY

- Online at www.deft.com.au
- Direct debit (yearly, quarterly or fortnightly)

If you are facing genuine financial hardship and require assistance please contact Council on 6980 1100.

What if I'm a pension concession card holder?

All NSW Councils offer a rebate of half of the general rate up to \$250, and half of the sewerage charge up to \$87.50. The maximum rebate pensioners are eligible for is \$337.50 each year.

If you are a Pension Concession Card holder, or a Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Gold Card holder stamped TPI or EDA, you may be eligible for a rebate on your primary residence. If you start receiving the pension after the commencement of the rating period, you will be eligible for a part year pension rebate at the beginning of the next quarter. Application forms are available from Council's offices. You may also be eligible for a concession on your water bill. Please visit Goldenfields Water for more information. NSW does not grant concessions on Health Care Cards.

Can I receive my rates notices electronically?

Ratepayers can now receive their rates notice electronically. Ratepayers control the registration of their email address and are given access to the site via a username and secure password. This facility will also archive notices received after the date of registration so they can be accessed by the ratepayer at any time.

To use this quick, easy and secure system go to www.temora.savemail.com.au You will need to have the details included on the invitation attached to your Rates Notice.



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Views of Temora Shire Council



Keep the Kids Busy

Don't let the kids get to the point where they're complaining about being bored these holidays. Temora Youth Teams have a jam-packed schedule that will keep your children occupied and gaining valuable skills.

Looking for ways to inspire the kids to cook your dinner? Send them along to the Wizard's Whisk workshops where, in teams, they will be faced with a mystery box challenge! The workshops are aimed at beginners and are open to any young person over the age of eight (8).

"The existing Youth Team members will be there to assist the teams as they prepare a recipe from their mystery box ingredients," said Youth Program Coordinator, Mel Carter.

"This is a chance for young people who don't attend our weekly meetings to come along and have a fun afternoon of cooking and eating with the help

of our more experienced team members."

Teams will be given the opportunity to present their creations to a panel of judges as well as enjoying their food themselves.

"One of the most popular parts of any of our hospitality workshops is that the young people not only create delicious and nutritious recipes, but they get to eat them too," said Ms Carter.

Back again these holidays, due to its overwhelming popularity, is the **GAMING TOURNAMENT**. Played in a round-robin, one-on-one tournament, participants will face-off against each other in the popular Super Smash Bros and Ultimate Mario Kart Deluxe games.

"Our gaming tournament over the Christmas holidays was such a hit, and the participants had such a great time, that we knew we had to bring it

back," said Ms Carter. "The only question is who will be crowned the tournament champion?"

Members from local band 1979 will also be back with a **VOCAL WORKSHOP**. This is a great opportunity for budding performers to gain some experience with vocal projection and two and three part harmonies, and to get some tips and pointers from the bands two singers Kim Sandgren, and Kim Nicholson.

"Participants from this workshop in the past have had the opportunity to perform live with the band at gigs around town including at local restaurant Julez Kitchen and at the New Year's Eve event at the Sound Shell in 2019," explained Ms Carter.

Bookings for all workshops are essential and all measures will be taken to ensure the strictest hygiene and social distancing rules are followed. All workshops are free.

To book for a workshop phone Mel Carter on 0418 357 230

Monday 6th & 13th July: Hospitality Workshop	2-4pm	Platform Y
Thursday 16th July: Vocal Workshop	10am-12 noon	Platform Y
Friday 10th & 17th July: Gaming Tournament	2-4pm	Platform Y

Council Election Pushed Back

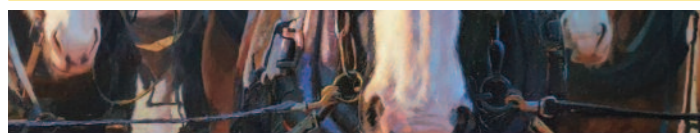
Local Government Elections were scheduled for September 2020, however due to COVID-19 social distancing restrictions the elections will now be postponed until September 4th, 2021.

The NSW Government's announcement, will bring certainty for councils, and allow time to address the rapidly rising cost of local elections borne by local

communities.

Administratively, council elections take up to 12 months to organise and can absorb considerable administrative resources. The 2020 council elections were set to be the biggest single public event on the NSW calendar.

Mayoral elections will continue as planned this September.



Kathy Ellem Workshop Temora

5 Day Workshop 7- 11 August 2020 - \$450
Location- 4 Roselle Street Temora NSW
Contact Colette Balzer 0400 688171 .
Book now - very limited places

STAFF PROFILES

Careers at Council vary from trades to professional services. Vacancies at Council are advertised on our website, on Jobs Riverina and through wider job advertising sites.

This series will profile Council staff to share more about themselves and the opportunities they are given through their work with Council.

Amanda Colwill

Amanda began her career with Temora Shire Council as an Administration Trainee after she graduated from Temora High School. During that time she completed a Cert III in Business Administration as part of the traineeship.

In 2016 she took on the role of Secretary to the Engineering and Environmental Services Departments covering a maternity leave position. Her dedication to Council and her demonstrated versatility meant that management were not keen to let her go once the maternity leave position ended. So, she was appointed the role of Engineering Technical Officer which is the role she works in today.

Having now gained a Cert IV in Construction and Design, Amanda spends her days on projects such as road naming/ addressing, asset management, surveying, design and mapping.

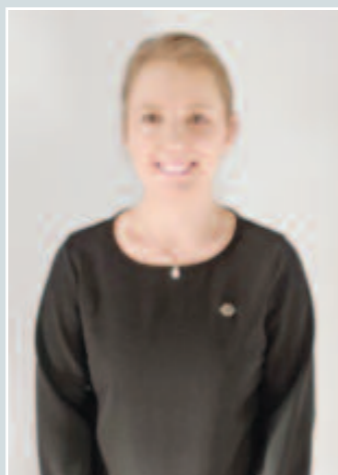
"My role is very interesting and intriguing as there are constantly new projects coming in," she says.

"I love working with the team I'm in as we have a great comradery and friendship," she concluded.

Amanda now balances her life at home with a husband and son as well as her work with Council, where she is a highly valued member of the team.

Ashleigh Burnett

After completing her HSC, Ashleigh joined the team at Temora Shire Council



Amanda Colwill

in 2009 in the Trainee Administration role which is offered each year to a young, local resident.

Having completed the year's traineeship, Ashleigh moved to Wagga where she worked in real estate for a year and a half before moving to a role in an accounting and financial services firm where she worked for five and a half years.

After the birth of her daughter, Ashleigh moved back to Temora to be closer to family and was eagerly welcomed back at Temora Shire Council to cover a maternity leave position in 2017. Ashleigh has now been in her role as the Environmental and Engineering Secretary for three years.

"I really enjoy the diversity of my role. I'm the first point of contact for our departments and I assist both departments with the backend work such as documentation," Ashleigh says.

"The departments I work with are filled with great people who are good at what they do which means I am constantly being challenged and learning new things."

Ashleigh's day to day tasks include processing development applications, handling cemetery works, managing sporting fields, parks, pools and Rec Centre bookings, maintaining all engineering registers and handling the documentation for the engineering and environmental services departments.

Ashleigh also assists the governance department which involves her filling in for the Council Secretary at times. This role includes her attending the Council meetings where she takes the minutes and manages the technical aspects such as audio and visual components.

Ashleigh's contribution to Council is pivotal to the daily operations and we are very grateful for the work she does.



Ashleigh Burnett

If you are interested in a career with Temora Shire Council, keep an eye on our website for positions vacant throughout the year.
www.temora.nsw.gov.au/about-council/jobs.aspx

We continue to serve.

Temora Shire Library will have limited opening hours due to the COVID 19 pandemic.

MONDAY through FRIDAY

Open: 10:00 AM

Close: 4:00 PM

SATURDAY:

Open: 10:00 AM

Close: 12noon

Call: 6977 1781 to speak with staff



TEMORA FLOODPLAIN RISK MANAGEMENT STUDY

The Temora Flood Study was carried out in 2019 and has led to further funding to complete the Temora Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan. This funding supports the delivery of Stages 2 and 3 of the Temora Floodplain Management Program and will build on the 2019 Flood Study.

The purpose of the next stages of the program is to assess the man-

agement issues identified in the Stage 1 study, investigate management options, provide recommendations and develop a risk management plan detailing how flood prone land within the study area will be managed in the future.

Council is currently in the process of selecting a flood consultant to assist Council with this project and will soon seek further input to the project

through a committee and community consultation.

The project will compliment the current floodplain risk management studies and plans currently underway at Aria Park and Springdale villages.

For more information on the Temora Floodplain Risk Management Study please contact Council's Town Planner, Claire Golder, on 6980 1100.

Oversize Agricultural Machinery

Did you know...

The NSW Class 1 Agricultural Vehicles (notice) 2015 (no. 1) Permit Notice ceased to be valid from 30 April 2020.

The National Class 1 Agricultural Vehicle and Combination Mass & Dimension Exemption Notice 2020 can be accessed from the NHVR website at www.nhvr.gov.au.



Wagga Bus

Pinnacle Community Services wishes to advise its clients that our Wednesday Wagga bus service on will returning on 1st July, 2020. Please note that due to COVID-19, social distancing rules will still apply. Therefore a **maximum of 8 people** are able to use this service at one time.

- All new clients will need to be assessed for eligibility prior to receiving the service.
- A cost of \$20.00 for a return trip will apply and is payable on the day.
- The Wagga Bus Service departs Temora @ 9.30am and Wagga K-Mart @ 3pm.
- All Wagga appointments should be made between 11am – 2pm.
- Hand sanitising practises will continue each time you board the bus.
- Medical appointments will take preference over shopping.
- A health screen check the day prior is to be conducted to ensure you're well enough to travel.

Further details regarding accessing the service and eligibility can be obtained by contacting the Transport Coordinator 6977 1326 or calling My Aged Care 1800 200 422 and organising an assessment.

Police Checks

Did you know?

We are often asked if a NSW Police Check can be done at Council offices. Unfortunately, a NSW Police Check is not a function that is able to be carried out at our offices.

To complete a NSW Police Check you can go online at www.crimecheckaustralia.com.au/police-check-nsw and complete the process online.

Public computers are available at the library for use with free Wi-Fi.

What's In A Name?

Have you ever wondered about the origin of your street name or a local park? Many locations don the surname of families still living in the region, but other names are a little more cryptic.

This year we will delve deeper into the names we see on signposts across the Shire in our series "What's in a Name?" Each month we are looking at themes under which our streets and parks have been named.

In our fifth edition we look at the names that have honoured prominent local figures:

- Becker Street – Edward Becker was the proprietor of the Court House Hotel, Temora. It is thought that this road is now known as Trungley Road
- Bob Aldridge Park – Named after Bob Aldridge, Temora
- Bradley Park – John Arthur Bradley and his sons, Arthur and John, proprietors of the Temora Independent Newspaper
- Michael Johnson Byron was a local prominent identity
- Crowley Street - Matthew Crowley was the first local serviceman to be killed in WWI.
- Fr Hannan Oval is named after Fr Hannan, a local priest who was killed in a hang-gliding accident in 1975
- Graham Williams Memorial Park – Graham Williams was the organiser of the World Record Tiger Moth Fly-in as part of the No. 10EFTS Jubilee Celebrations in 1991
- Mack Street – Austin Mack was Partner in
- the lease of Temora Station 1873-1882
- Scleicher Street – Adelbert Theophilus Scleicher was a Government Surveyor who laid out the original Temora Town boundaries. It was renamed "Crowley St" on 2nd February, 1926.
- Sherwood Road – John Baker, who commissioned "Sherwood Subdivision" was from Nottinghamshire, England. He also named Nottingham Road and Mansfield Road
- Truskett Street – named after the District Inspector of Schools when Temora West School was planned
- Twynam Street – George Twynam was the District Surveyor in 1991
- Schliecher's immediate superior