



Pictured front to back, left to right are: Gary Lavelle (General Manager), Mayor Rick Firman, Deputy Mayor Graham Sinclair, Elizabeth Smith (Director of Administration and Finance), Cr Belinda Bushell, Cr Claire McLaren, Cr Lindy Reinhold, Cr Anthony Irvine, Kris Dunstan (Director of Environmental Services), Cr Jason Goode, Cr Nigel Judd, and Cr Max Oliver.

MEET YOUR NEW COUNCIL

THE newly elected Council was sworn in at last month's Council meeting where each Councillor took an oath to serve the Temora Shire community to the best of their ability for the term of their appointment.

Councillors Rick Firman, Nigel Judd, Claire McLaren, Max Oliver, Lindy Reinhold and Graham Sinclair returned as re-elected Councillors, whilst Councillors Belinda Bushell, Jason Goode and Anthony Irvine were new additions.

Councillor Rick Firman was elected unopposed to the seat of Mayor, a role he

has now been in for nearly 10 years. Councillor Graham Sinclair was also re-elected as Deputy Mayor. He is now the longest serving Deputy Mayor in Temora Shire's history.

Mayor Rick Firman is feeling very positive about what is in store for Council in the next three years.

"Our first meeting filled me with excitement for what's ahead," he said.

"All Councillors were contributing excellent ideas and there was a real sense of cohesion and collaboration as we discussed some of the exciting projects coming up

for our Shire."

With big projects such as the Temora Pool upgrade, the Temora Airport development, Apollo Place development, and improvements to drainage amongst the list of works to be undertaken in 2022, it's no wonder the Mayor is excited.

"I'm mighty proud of each and every one of our Councillors and look forward to the wonderful things we are going to achieve, alongside our fine Council staff, in the coming years," Mayor Firman concluded.

Festival of Place Funding

TEMORA Shire Council has successfully obtained a grant of \$15,000 under the NSW Government's Summer Night fund as part of the Festival of Place. As a result, several community cultural events are scheduled to be held in March and April 2022.

The Festival of Place is an initiative of the NSW Government that aims to deliver on-the-ground festivals and events, community activities and creative interventions, storytelling, local street and public space improvements throughout the state.

"These events will allow residents to reconnect with our cultural spaces and the wider community after many months of closure," said Council's Town Planner, Claire Golder.

"Residents will have opportunities to commence ongoing connections to art and culture through workshops, book clubs and film clubs by attending these exciting events."

"The grant funding will be shared between the events and will allow for the provision of equipment to support hosting the events and creating a welcoming atmosphere," said Mrs Golder.

"Public spaces connect us, inspire us and make us healthier and happier. The COVID-19 Pandemic has made us appreciate the role of public spaces in supporting our health and well-being and our sense of community."

Council have planned three events under this funding:

Book Club and Community Reopening of Temora Shire Library

The library has recently undergone significant upgrades. An official reopening and launch of a book club is scheduled to take place at 6pm on Thursday 10th March 2022.

Residents are invited to a night of wine and nibbles to help celebrate the reinvigorated library space. With catering from Red Hen Hospitality, music and a wonderful atmosphere, it

promises to be a magnificent evening.

Please call 6977 1781 to book your free ticket now. Tickets need to be collected from the library prior to the event for catering reasons.

The One Book, One Temora book club event will also take place on 10th March. Staff will be available on the night to provide information on current programs and activities whilst also showcasing their new space.

Town Hall Theatre Film Club

The Town Hall Theatre Film Club will hold a special screening of Opera Australia's La Traviata which was performed at an open-air theatre on Sydney Harbour in April 2021.

La Traviata is the story that inspired Moulin Rouge. Take in the breathtaking staging, including a giant chandelier that shimmers over the harbour stage, with one of the world's most popular operas.

Tickets are free, but will be in high demand, so get in quick.

La Traviata will screen at 7pm on Thursday 24th March 2022. Contact Sally Hurst at Council on 6980 1105 to find out more and to book tickets. Tickets will be available AFTER 15th February, 2022. Numbers may be limited due to COVID restrictions.

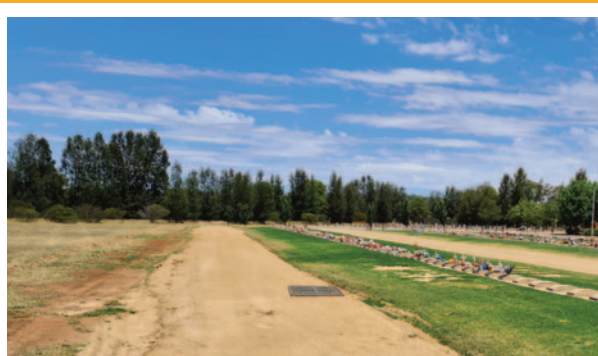
Temora Rural Arts Centre Opening

An opening celebration and arts demonstration to launch the much anticipated Temora Arts Centre will take place in April.

The Centre will be officially opened by Member for the Riverina, Michael McCormack MP, followed by drinks and nibbles and the opportunity to tour the new centre and see some art demonstrations.

Details of this event will be included in next month's Narraburra News and on Council's tourism website www.temora.com.au/#events-gallery.

Temora Lawn Cemetery New Plinth Construction Works



WORKS have commenced at Temora Lawn Cemetery to construct the next new concrete burial headstone plinth. Initial preparation included general earthworks through the placement of a gravel strip. During mid-January, excavation, footings, steel placement and the pouring of concrete was undertaken. The remainder of the works will see headstones installed, rocks between headstones placed, topsoil backfill, irrigation works and the laying of turf.

It is expected the works will extend over a period of six to eight weeks, which may be extended if work is impacted by wet weather. Works will also not proceed during funerals.

Council asks that residents avoid the construction site when visiting the Temora Cemetery, particularly when attending any funerals that have a burial in the plinth row adjacent to the new one. We apologise for any inconvenience during these works which may include some construction noise.

If you have any enquiries in relation to this matter, please contact the Engineering Works Manager, Alex Dahlenburg, by phoning 6890 1100 (option #1)

Bulky Item Pick-Up for Seniors this Clean Up Australia Day

AS part of our recognition of Clean Up Australia Day, Temora Shire Council is offering a free bulky item pick-up service in Temora and Aria Park for senior residents.

Registrations for the service are essential and must be made by 4.30pm on Thursday 17th February by phoning 6980 1105. The bulky item pick up will occur on Wednesday 23rd February 2022 in both Temora and Aria Park.

Temora's Clean Up Australia Day is Sunday 6th March 2022. Volunteers are to meet and register by 8.30am in Gloucester

Park before being assigned an area to tidy. Rubbish bags are provided but it is requested that volunteers bring their own gloves, hat, sturdy shoes, sunglasses, sunscreen, and drink. Full rubbish bags will be collected from allocated locations.

"This is a great opportunity for residents to give back to the community by tidying up the township," said Council's Environmental Services Technical Officer, Sally Hurst. "We also encourage our senior residents to make use of the free bulky-item pick up service to clean up their own properties."

| What | Date | Register | Contact |
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| Bulky Item Pick up For Seniors | 23/02/22 | by 4.30pm on 17/02/22 | 6980 1105 |
| Clean Up Australia Day | 06/03/22 | 8.30am Gloucester Park | 6980 1105 |



Temora Meals on Wheels

We are still providing weekly home delivery service. Contactless delivery available

Meals on Wheels is an essential service, and we are still delivering every Tuesday. We can provide contactless delivery. Pinnacle Community Services offer a regular frozen meals service to those in the community who are finding it hard to shop for groceries or to cook regular healthy meals.

- Our meals are tasty, healthy and affordable
- Offer wide variety of nutritionally balanced **mains, soups & desserts**

- Over 40 different menu choices beef, chicken, lamb, pork and seafood
- Choice of regular or small meal sizes
- A convenient and flexible service means you can heat and serve your meal at a time that suits you.

More than just a meal

Ask about our menu and meal options and discuss meal costs today! Call 02 6977 1326



(Meals service only available in Temora Shire)
(Meals on Wheels are available to people over the age of 65 and Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders over the age of 50).

For more information contact us at

Pinnacle Temora on 69771 326

or contact My Aged Care on 1800 200 422

New Vouchers help with cost of living

THE NSW Government's Cost of Living program makes it easier for you to cut costs on power and utility bills, transport, health, sports and recreation.

New vouchers are available through the program to help reduce the financial burden for NSW residents and provide a boost for every budget.

Two additional \$25 Dine & Discover NSW vouchers and \$100 First Lap learn to swim vouchers are now among the more than 70 ways eligible residents can save through the Cost of Living program. The vouchers will also provide a much-needed boost for businesses across NSW and help people get back to work.

By answering a few simple questions through an online Savings Finder, you can identify the rebates and savings you may be eligible to apply for.

You can also book a free, one-hour appointment with a Service NSW Cost of Living Specialist to discuss your eligibility and get assistance with the application process. Appointments are currently by phone due to COVID-19 restrictions.

For more information about Cost of Living rebates and savings, or to book an appointment with a Cost of Living specialist, visit www.service.nsw.gov.au/campaign/cost-living or call 13 77 88 from 7am-7pm Monday to Friday.



Draft Community Strategic Plan

The draft edition of the Community Strategic Plan is now on exhibition. We are seeking input from the community about the draft plan in order to prepare the final edition.

You can view the plan at www.temora.nsw.gov.au/Home/Tabs/On-Exhibition/Community-Strategic-Plan-Draft or in person at Council offices. Please provide all feedback in written form addressed to The General Manager, Temora Shire Council, PO Box 262, Temora NSW 2666 or email haveyoursay@temora.nsw.gov.au by 18th February 2022.

Jam-Packed Year Planned for Temora Youth

IF YOU are 10 years of age or older, you can pretty much guarantee that the Temora Youth Teams will have a program to match your interests, improve your abilities, and gain you great friendships.

Regular Workshops

Temora Youth Teams hold weekly and fortnightly workshops that cover a range of interests and aim to develop new skills in a range of interest areas.

Weekly workshops:

Cultural & Performing Arts (drama - Wednesdays), Hospitality (cooking and catering - Thursdays and Fridays) and Gaming (Fridays).

Fortnightly workshop:

Leadership (2nd and 4th Monday of every month)

Monthly workshops:

Y Jam (music - 3rd Monday of every month) and Green Team (environment - 1st Monday of every month).

Youth Program Coordinator, Kassi Owen, is seeking applications of interest for a new Sport and Rec Team. Please contact Temora Youth via messenger, or phone Kassi Owen to enquire.

To find out more about any of these teams, contact Kassi Owen on 0418 357 230 and follow Temora Youth on Facebook and Instagram @TemoraYouth.

Young Entrepreneurs

After two successful Youth Made Market programs, Youth Development Officer Sheree Elwin recognised the need to continue to support and nurture our budding entrepreneurs.

"The Young Entrepreneurs Team is open to any budding business people, even if they haven't yet participated in a Youth Made Market.

The team will meet every second month. Participants will have access to guest speakers who will inspire, motivate, support and educate the young people to help them grow their small businesses into enterprises," said Mrs Elwin.

To learn more about the Young Entrepreneurs Team, or to register your interest, contact Sheree Elwin on 0447 542 451. **Nextwave Film**

Competition

Temora Youth, as part of Temora Shire Council, is proud to be supporting Temora High School and St Anne's Secondary School in their implementation of the Nextwave Film program.

The program will see budding film makers participate in a 10-part learning experience where they will pick up skills from camera basics to editing. Students will then have the opportunity to enter their films in the 2022 Nextwave Film Competition.

A screening of the 2021 winning films will take place at the Temora Town Hall Theatre on Saturday 9th April 2022 as part of Youth Week celebrations.

For more information on this program contact Sheree Elwin on 0447 542 451.

Youth Made Market #3 2021 saw Temora Youth host two very successful Youth Made Market programs, plus a Christmas Market. Plans are in the works for more in 2022.

Stay tuned.

Commemoration of Temora's Chinatown

THE Friends of Temora Shire Cemeteries (FOTSC) are inviting all community members to a Chinese Memorial Commemoration Ceremony at 11am on Saturday 5th February to acknowledge the placement of a plaque in the Chinese portion of the Temora Cemetery. A quartz stone with a plaque has been selected to mark the portion of the cemetery in recognition of the gold mining history of the area. A feng shui specialist was also consulted to ensure Chinese culture and traditions are appropriately observed.

The Chinese were among the many people who flocked to Temora from different parts of the world, working in the Temora district before Temora was a town. Many worked in groups clearing the land on various properties in the wider areas as early as the 1860s. The discovery of gold in 1880 brought a few Chinese immigrants, but the majority of the Chinese population came to the diggings around 1883. This

sudden influx was the beginning of Chinatown.

Chinatown grew out along Trungley Road to the north of town and spread across towards the current Barmedman Road and to where the Agricultural Research Station is today.

Chinatown was a complete town. It had homes, shops, pubs, brothels, an open air dance floor, a joss house and other places of entertainment. Over the years the residents either moved away from Temora or purchased substantial buildings in the township and Chinatown and the buildings gradually disappeared. Several Chinese went on to become quite entrepreneurial with businesses popular with all the Temora folk.

Many Chinese who came to Temora did not return home. There are over 30 Chinese names in the Temora Courthouse death records between 1898 and 1937. Many Chinese were Christian converts and as such were

buried in their respective religion portions of the Temora Cemetery. Other Chinese were buried in the Chinese portion of the cemetery. These graves would have been marked with a small concrete or stone headstone with Chinese writing etched into the stone. The Chinese portion of the Temora Cemetery is now bare of any headstones. Unconfirmed stories have emerged stating that the Chinese section was vandalised in the late 1920s or early 1930s. Sadly there are no records stating who is buried where.

The Chinese Memorial Commemoration Ceremony is a wonderful opportunity for the Temora community to learn about Temora's Chinese heritage. The ceremony will be held at the Temora Cemetery on Saturday 5th February commencing at 11am. Master Kony Kang, past President of Association of Feng Shui Consultants International, is the guest speaker.

05 Feb

Chinese Memorial Commemoration Ceremony

11am - Temora Cemetery
Join the friends of Temora Shire Cemeteries as they unveil the long anticipated Chinese Memorial at Temora Cemetery
Phone Merryl Graham on 0407 037 806 by Feb 2 to RSVP

08 & 22 Feb

Temora Trots

Temora Showground

05 Mar



March Flying Showcase

10am-4pm
Temora Aviation Museum.

10 Mar

Renovation Celebration

6pm - Temora Library
Phone 6977 1781 or visit the library to book free tickets for this community event.
(See ad below for details).

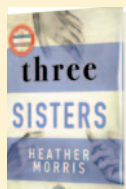
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La Traviata Film Club Event

7pm - Temora Town Hall Theatre
Phone 6980 1105 after 15 February 2022 to book free tickets for this community event.



FEBRUARY LIBRARY ACTIVITIES



One Book, One Temora
Read Three Sisters in Feb!
Multiple copies available for loan.



Lego Club
Monday
February 7
3.30pm.



Housebound Deliveries
Tuesday
February 8 & 22.



Baby Bounce
Wednesday
Feb 2 - 9.45am
20-30 minute program with songs, rhymes & music. 0-2 yrs



Seniors Tech
Wednesday
February 9
30 minute one-on-one session. Bookings essential.



Crafternoon
Thursday
February 24
2.30pm FREE upcycling craft session.



Wrap with Love Knitting Group
Thursday
February 3 & 17
2.30pm. All welcome.



Storytime
Friday February 4, 11, 18 & 25
10am - stories, craft, music & dancing 0-6 yrs.

BOOK REVIEW FEB

Send us a review of a library item & you may win a craft kit & audiobook!

ENQUIRIES: 6977 1781

Renovation CELEBRATION
Free event

Join us for a night of wine & nibbles to help celebrate our reinvigorated library space!!

With catering from Red Hen Hospitality, music & a wonderful atmosphere it's sure to be a magnificent evening!!

dress code: casual cocktail

THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2022 6PM @ TEMORA SHIRE LIBRARY

TICKETED EVENT FOR CATERING PURPOSES - LIMITED NUMBERS
TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM LIBRARY CALL: 6977 1781

+ One Book One Temora book club event

TOWN HALL THEATRE www.townhalltheatre.com.au

FEBRUARY Ph: 6977 1082 to confirm movie times and dates

RESTRICTIONS PERMITTING

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| | HOUSE OF GUCCI (MA) 158 mins | Sat 5 Feb - 6.30pm Sun 6 Feb - 5.00pm Wed 9 Feb - 10.30am | Wed 9 Feb - 6.30pm Fri 11 Feb - 6.30pm |
| FILM CLUB THURSDAY FEB 10, 7.00pm "NEBRASKA" | | | |
| | KING RICHARD (M) 144 mins | Sat 12 Feb - 6.30pm Sun 13 Feb - 5.00pm Wed 16 Feb - 10.30am | Wed 16 Feb - 6.30pm Fri 18 Feb - 6.30pm |
| | SPENCER (M) 116 mins | Sat 19 Feb - 6.30pm Sun 20 Feb - 5.00pm Wed 23 Feb - 10.30am | Wed 23 Feb - 6.30pm Fri 25 Feb - 6.30pm |
| | QUEEN BEES (PG) 102 mins | Sat 26 Feb - 6.30pm Sun 27 Feb - 5.00pm Wed 2 Mar - 10.30am | Wed 2 Mar - 6.30pm Fri 4 Mar - 6.30pm |

Adults \$15 • Concession \$10 • Wednesday AM/PM \$10

COMING SOON -
Marry Me, Death on the Nile, Off the Rails, Belfast

Email: townhalltheatre@temora.nsw.gov.au
Online Ticket Purchase: www.townhalltheatre.com.au
Cnr Loftus & DeBoos Streets, Temora

Phone: 6977 1082

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For further information or to RSVP for catering purposes, please email Merryl Graham at grahamohs1@bigpond.com or phone 0407 037 806.