

## UPCOMING LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTION

THE Temora Shire Local Government election is fast approaching. It will be held on Saturday, 14th September 2024. Council would like to remind all residents to ensure they are enrolled to vote, and their details are correct with the electoral commission.

Temora Shire Council is working in partnership with Local Government NSW (LGNSW) and our neighbouring councils to deliver an online candidate briefing session to ensure that candidates for the upcoming election are fully aware of the role and

responsibilities expected of elected members.

The session will cover the likes of registration of candidates, nomination, political donations, and electoral material.

The candidates information session will be held online 5.30pm – 9pm, Wednesday, 22 May.

If you are thinking about standing for Council this is your opportunity to hear what it is all about. To book your spot, call 6980 1100 or email [temshire@temora.nsw.gov.au](mailto:temshire@temora.nsw.gov.au)

## Highfield Estate - First Stage

THE first stage of the Highfields Estate, at 232 Loftus Street Temora, comprising 63 residential lots and 11 industrial lots was approved by Council early 2022.

The first stage of the Highfields Estate will provide much needed residential and industrial development opportunities to support the future growth and prosperity of Temora Shire.

The development requires extensive earthworks to enable the construction of roads and footpath, and the provision of service infrastructure, including sewer, stormwater, electricity and water, as well as the future construction of homes and industrial buildings.

As works commence, residents will notice some works happening up the eastern end of Loftus Street, including removal of some larger eucalypty/peppercorn and cedar tree species in the southern side of the Loftus Street road reserve, immediately east of Gallipoli Street. This is to facilitate the extensions of services, installation of kerb, gutter and footpaths and more appropriate street tree species for the urban environment being established, including ornamental pear, silver birch, golden elm, water gum, red flowering gum and London plane. The planting rate will be one tree per lot frontage.



### Upcoming Council Election

Online Candidates Information Briefing  
5.30 - 9pm, Wednesday 22 May

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## Lake Centenary Playground Fencing

TEMORA Shire Council has undergone a review of the fencing at Lake Centenary playground in relation to the Everyone Can Play guidelines prepared by the NSW Government, and other best practice guidance.

Fencing around outdoor play spaces assists in preventing children from running out into hazards, such as a busy roads and waterways, or to keep animals out.

The outcomes of the review didn't present a clear requirement that a fence should or should not be in place at a playground. It noted that playgrounds near waterbodies do have risks. However, where there were playgrounds with a fence in place, shown within the guidelines, the fence covered a very large area, so that the play equipment, tables, benches, shade, landscaping, and toilets were all fenced in together.

The guidance provided by Play Australia, which is the peak advocacy organisation for play in Australia, was also consulted. Play Australia discourages Councils from erecting structures like fences that are intended to separate children from adults within a playground area and encourages the design of stimulating play spaces that foster integrated use by children and their families alike, with no barriers to separation.

"As there is no standard in place for fencing around play spaces, Council determines each case should be considered on its own merit and requirements, assisted by conducting a risk assessment," said Mayor Rick Firman.

Initial investigations reported, found advantages of fencing at the Lake Centenary playground would be:

- Gives carers a sense of confidence to allow the children to play freely and safely within a defined space, with further reassurance for some families that will only visit fenced playgrounds, because their children are prone to running off.
- Separate a play space from other areas of a community park that could present a risk to the safety of children, such as footy field, dog park, road, or

lake.  
The disadvantages of fencing at the Lake Centenary playground would be:

- Separate children from the open space around the playground and therefore, limit the scope, variety and opportunities for various children's play. It restricts the learning, development, and fun opportunities for the children.
- Separate children and carers. They relax and tend to be less attentive to the children under their care, which increases the risk of injury. For example, a small child could attempt equipment that is too difficult for their age resulting in harm.

Council presented a case study of the Wagga Beach approach by Wagga Wagga City Council to fencing at their new playground, where there is a fence which is installed only along the riverside of the playground and the remainder of the playground is open. Gaps occur within the fence for paths, for accessibility, as gates are a barrier for people using mobility aids and parents with prams.

"This approach balances safety with inclusiveness, as it still requires parents to supervise and doesn't discourage people from entering the space, however it reduces the risk of children leaving the playground and running straight into the river," explained Mayor Firman.

The Wagga Beach fence is a mixture of timber posts and narrow vertical metal rails, with high visibility of the water, but the fence is not easily able to be climbed. Benches and sandstone blocks are placed near the gaps in the fence, so that parents can supervise children.

Council is proposing to their Asset & Operations Committee to erect a fence (70m of 1.2m high commercial grade colorbond playground fencing) only on the riverside with gaps for entry and sandstone blocks for seating for supervision for approximately \$20,000. The Lake Centenary Management Committee have previously indicated that they would contribute \$12,500 towards the fencing of the playground, therefore the project cost to Council would be approximately \$7,500.

## GROW Keeps On Flourishing

TEMORA Shire Council was recognised with a Multiculture NSW award for Champion Employer, for their success in relocating two people from Western Sydney through the NSW Growing Regions of Welcome (GROW) program. Professor Peter Shergold AC, NSW Coordinator General for Settlement announced the award in a ceremony held in Albury in early April.

Khan and his wife recently moved to Temora from Western Sydney to commence employment as Council's IT Support Officer. Khan thanked the Temora community for being so welcoming.

The NSW Grow program connects people from migrant and refugee backgrounds living in Western Sydney with employment and lifestyle opportunities in the Riverina and Murray. GROW is about providing people a new community to call home.

Joseph La Posta, CEO of Multicultural NSW formally advised the extension of the

GROW pilot program until 30th November 2024, with an additional \$30,000 of Seed Funding.

"I would like to congratulate you on the fantastic work that you are undertaking to support the relocation of newcomers from Western Sydney to your region for lifestyle and employment opportunities," Mr La Posta said.

"Your leadership of the taskforce ensures that GROW can have an impact at the regional level through the implementation of the Riverina Newcomer Attraction and Retention Strategy." Mr La Posta said of Temora Shire Council's Economic and Community Development Manager and Chair of the Riverina GROW Taskforce, Craig Sinclair.

"Your guidance has supported the increased employer knowledge and capacity to employ a diverse workforce, helped build a stronger more welcoming community and a coordinated service support structure for newcomers settling into the region."

## Volunteer Sponsorship Opportunity - NSW Volunteering Conference

TO celebrate Nation Volunteers Week, Temora Shire Council is sponsoring two local volunteers to attend the 2024 Volunteering NSW State Conference on June 6, 2024, held in Sydney.

The Volunteering NSW State Conference is the primary forum in NSW where leaders and practitioners come together to build knowledge, leadership, and best practice in the volunteering sector.

Council invites volunteers from our shire to apply to attend with Council sponsorship for entry.



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Those successful, will be required to pay for travel and accommodation expenses.

**Complete the application form online by Friday 26th April. Scan the QR code below to access the form or visit Council's Facebook page for the link.**

A Council committee will review applications and evaluate them based on the selection criteria.

Awarded sponsorships will be announced Thursday 2nd May on Council's Facebook page. Successful applicants will also be contacted directly.



## National Road Safety Week Focuses on Drink and Drug Driving

**EVERY year around 1,200 people are killed and 44,000 seriously injured on Australian roads.** Let's take a moment to remember them. National Road Safety Week is on between 5 – 12 May.

Take the pledge to keep yourself and others safe on our roads. Always drive under the speed limit, never drive while distracted, tired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

If every time we got behind the wheel, we chose the option to "Drive So Others Survive" we could assist in reaching the goal of zero deaths on our road network."

Alcohol and drugs negatively affect your driving skills and concentration. Research shows you are **23 times more likely to crash if you are under the influence of either drugs or alcohol.** Those who drive with illegal drugs or illegal levels of alcohol in their system face serious consequences.

From 2018 to 2022, in the

**Temora Shire, 9.3% of all crashes involved alcohol and/or drugs.**

You don't have to be drunk to be affected by alcohol. You might feel normal, but no one drives well after drinking alcohol.

If you're planning to drink, plan ahead:

- Leave the car at home when you go out.
- Take a taxi or book a ride share.
- Get a lift with someone who has not been drinking or using drugs.
- Stay at a friend's house.
- Tell a friend or let someone know if you've been drinking or have taken drugs and don't feel well enough to drive.
- Walk home, but take extra care.

The choices we all make behind the wheel need to be smart and safe. Ultimately, there is no excuse for unsafe behaviour on the road because it can have tragic and life-changing consequences.

For more information: [roadsafetyweek.com.au](http://roadsafetyweek.com.au)

## WEDNESDAY BUS TO WAGGA

**Departs 9am from Temora Pinnacle Office and arrives in Wagga Approx. 10.30am.**  
**Leaves from Kmart carpark at 2.45pm and arrives back in Temora around 4.00pm**  
**Cost \$20 per person (cost may vary for home care package clients).**  
**A carer will accompany the bus to Wagga for extra assistance.**  
**PHONE: 6977 1326 to enquire about your eligibility for this service.**

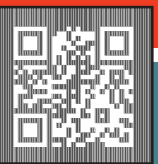
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<b>5-12 May</b> <b>National Road Safety Week</b>  Pledge to drive so others survive  <a href="http://roadsafetyweek.com.au">roadsafetyweek.com.au</a>	<b>16 May</b> <b>Career and Volunteers Expo</b>  To book your stand, contact Jo Reid at TAFE NSW - Temora Campus on 0447 473 590.	<b>22 May</b> <b>Local Government Candidate Information Session</b>  To book contact Council on 6980 1100 or <a href="mailto:temshire@temora.nsw.gov.au">temshire@temora.nsw.gov.au</a>	<b>22 May</b> <b>WOW Day</b>  Wear orange to thank all SES volunteers across Australia who generously give their time to help communities during flood and storm emergencies.	<b>24 May</b> <b>Volunteers Mayoral reception</b>  6pm - Temora Memorial Town Hall. All Temora Shire residents welcome, RSVP to Anne Rands on 6980 1102.	<b>25-26 May</b> <b>Red Shield Appeal</b>  To volunteer or for further information contact Mayor Rick Firman or Aux Lt Caleb Smith.
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Career and Volunteers Expo's are a great source of information. Book your stand with TAFE now.

## SES Expands Their Orange Family

WEAR Orange Wednesday (WOW) Day is the day communities across Australia are encouraged to wear orange and thank all SES volunteers who generously give their time to help communities during flood and storm emergencies.

step up to support those in need," explains Louise Vidler, Unit Commander in Temora. There is a role for everyone at State Emergency Services (SES) in Temora Shire, from administration, maintenance and tinkering, community activities, sandbag filling, right up to qualifications for rescue

and field operations. SES Temora is keen to expand! "Council would love to all our Temora Shire citizens dressed in orange for WOW Day, on Wednesday 22 May, to recognise the work and sacrifice SES volunteers make to keep our community safe,"

said Mayor Rick Firman. "Please upload your WOW photos with hashtags, #ThankYouSES #ThankYouSESTemora, so that we can share the response with our dedicated SES volunteers" Mayor Firman encouraged.

Visit [www.ses.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/volunteer/](http://www.ses.nsw.gov.au/get-involved/volunteer/) to find out how your interests and availability can be best utilised to serve our community.



# WOW DAY

**WEAR ORANGE WEDNESDAY 22 MAY 2024**



#THANKYOUSES [WOWDAY.COM.AU](http://WOWDAY.COM.AU)



Pictured: Temora and Junee SES in action rescuing truck driver in flood waters.

## @ Temora Shire Library

# What's On

May

<b>ARIAH PARK</b> Library staff will be at Aariah Park Preschool, 21/05 - 11:15am-12:15pm for all your book borrowing! This is a separate service to the Mobile visit.		<b>National Simultaneous Storytime</b> Join library staff in reading Bowerbird Blues to celebrate NSS! Friday 24/05 - 10am
<b>Housebound Deliveries</b> 07/05 & 21/05 Available to residents who are unable to visit library, FREE service.		<b>Get Crafty</b> 02/05 & 16/05, 10am Join us for a morning of creative upcycling! \$5 per session.
<b>Baby Bounce</b> 01/05, 15/05 & 29/05 10am 20-30mins of rhymes, music & songs in a fun group setting. Ages 0-2.		<b>Storytime</b> 03/05, 10/05, 17/05, 24/05 & 31/05 10am Stories, songs, craft & more! Ages 0-6.
<b>Lego Club</b> 06/05, 3:30pm Participate in monthly challenges for school age kids.		<b>Wrapped with Love Knitting Group</b> 02/05 & 16/05, 2pm All welcome! 1st & 3rd Thursday.
<b>Language Buddy</b> Every Monday through school terms, 9:30am Join us for a cuppa & diversify your language skills!		<b>Tech Help</b> Monday 13/05 Via appointment only, bookings essential.

294 Hoskins St, Temora For more info call 6977 1781

## TOWN HALL THEATRE

MAY Ph: 6977 1082 to confirm movie times and dates

<p><b>MONKEY MAN</b> (MA) 122 mins Sat 4 May - 6.30pm Sun 5 May - 5.00pm Fri 10 May - 6.30pm Wed 15 May -</p>	<p><b>IMAGINARY</b> (M) 105 mins Horror Re-showing Tuesday 7 May 6.30pm</p>
<p><b>THE FALL GUY</b> (M) 126 mins Sat 11 May - 6.30pm Sun 12 May - 5.00pm Fri 17 May - 6.30pm Wed 22 May - 10.30am</p>	<p><b>LATE NIGHT WITH THE DEVIL</b> (MA) 92 mins Horror Tuesday 14 May 6.30pm</p>
<p><b>CIVIL WAR</b> (MA) 109 mins Sat 18 May - 6.30pm Sun 19 May - 5.00pm Fri 24 May - 6.30pm Wed 29 May - 10.30am</p>	<p><b>STAR WARS: EP. IV - A NEW HOPE</b> (PG) 129 mins SPECIAL Saturday 4 May Screening 3.00pm</p>
<p><b>BEFORE DAWN</b> (M) 95 mins Sat 25 May - 6.30pm Sun 26 May - 5.00pm Fri 31 May - 6.30pm Wed 5 June - 10.30am</p>	<p><b>TOWN HALL THEATRE CLUB</b> VERTIGO THURSDAY MAY 9 7PM</p>

Adults \$18 • Child & Concession \$12 • Wednesday AM \$12  
 • Family Pass (2Ad & 2Ch) \$50 • 3D Screenings add \$2 to Ticket Price

PROPOSED COMING SOON - JUNE  
 Back to Black, Freud's Last Session, Golda, Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes, IF, Furiosa: A Mad Max Saga

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