



Pictured: Temora High School alumni gather to inspire our young people at Event of the Year 2024, THS & Beyond.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD RECIPIENTS

ON Australia Day 2025, Council's Australia Day committee acknowledged the hard work of the community groups and individuals at Australia Day breakfast in Gloucester Park "making this a fantastic place to live, work and play" said Chair Graham Sinclair.

THS (Temora High School) & Beyond was recognised as Event of the Year for their 10 year anniversary event in August 2024.

Sheree Elwin accepted the award while recognising the passion and commitment each year from ex-resident Dr Brett Fritsch to put this event on. "It gives our young people inspiration to aim high and recognise the many advantages of growing up in Temora Shire" she said.

"Thank you to the alumni that give their time, and the many that travel to inspire our young people. Last year, to

celebrate 10 years of this event we had almost all of them return, and added four more to the bill, including Adam Blachut (Director Intersales and Cleverdons), Bonita Ross (Owner of Cla Chique Hair and Beauty), Mark Wylie (Golf Course Architect) and Jackie Benz (Matilda's Lead Sports Physio)" Sheree explained.

Emma Russell was awarded Young Citizen of the Year for her

outstanding leadership at Temora High School, Temora Dragon's league-tag team and supporting many local programs and charities.

Robert Maslin received Citizen of the Year for his pivotal role at the Bundawarra Centre for the last 55 years. However, his many other roles in community groups during this time were also noted, such as Temora Apex Club.

Looking Back at 2024

AS the clock ticked over to 2025, Temora Shire Council took a moment to reflect on the achievements and contributions made throughout the past year.

"Serving a community of over 6,000 residents and nearly 3,000 households, the staff and volunteer efforts in 2024 were nothing short of remarkable," said Mayor Rick Firman.

In 2024, Council employed 190 dedicated staff members, managing an impressive \$75 million operating and capital budget. The Council also oversaw assets valued at over \$387 million, including upgrades and renewals. These assets encompassed:

- **1,334 km of roads** (equivalent to a trip

from Temora to Hervey Bay), with 8

bridges and 24 bridge-sized culverts

- **24 km of footpaths**

- **12 parks**, plus 2 off-leash dog parks

- **1 community garden**

- **4,851 street trees**

- **3 caravan parks**

- **4 cemeteries**

- **10 sporting facilities**, plus one group fitness centre

- **2 aquatic centres**

- **1 lake** with 48.6 hectares of water and 15 hectares of greenlands

- **3 waste management facilities**

- **1 sewerage treatment plant** with 60 km of sewerage pipeline and 8.6 km of drainage pipeline

- **1 airport** with 5 runways (330 sq.m of

taxiway, apron, and runway)

- **2 aeroclub facilities**

- **5 museums and cultural centres**

- **2 community halls**

Temora Shire Council were acknowledged in their efforts in several achievements in 2024, including:

- Champion Employer Award from Multicultural NSW
- Temora Shire Library received Innovation in Outreach Services for their Intergenerational Preschool program
- Temora Town Hall Theatre volunteer, Beth Firman was recognised with Inclusion to the Hidden Treasures NSW Honour Roll
- Council was successful in progressing to the final of the Rural Management

Challenge, being held in Sydney late February 2025

- Council staff were successful in receiving over \$4 million in grant funding
- Completed upgrade works and re-opened facilities at Federal Park, Bradley Park, Nixon Park, Tara-Betric Road, and Stage One of Hoskins Street Road upgrade

In the January 2025 Council meeting, Council noted thank you letters they received from Sacred Heart Parish for use of Callaghan Park and mobile stage for Christmas Eve Mass, Temora Christian Leaders for use of Gloucester Park, mobile stage and main street banner, and Mayor of Izumizaki for our gift commemorating 35 years of friendship as a Sister City.

Throughout 2024, Council also provided funding and support to various community groups, enhancing the vibrancy and connectivity of the Shire. Some of these initiatives included the Hilltop Appeal for a Cancer Patient and Carer Accommodation Centre, Carols in the Park, Christmas Eve Mass, school end of year presentation days, Bush Bursary Program, Temora Town Hall Theatre, Verandah Reinstatement Fund, Temora Show, International Women's Day, V8 Jetboats, Arianh Park Show, A Country Weekend (Regency Ramblers) Hot Rod Run, ANZAC Day, Remembrance Day, DRENCH, Arianh Park Light Show, Embrace Festival, Temora Recreation Centre and Arianh Park Pool.

Clean Up Australia Day

TEMORA'S Clean Up Australia Day has come around again. This year it will take place on Sunday 2nd March 2025, 8.30am commencing in Gloucester Park.

Organisers remind the community that registration is vital on the day to ensure that the site supervisors know where to pick up your full bags, which are supplied on the day.

As a thank you for your participation, each participant will receive a pre-paid garbage voucher worth \$10, which equates to a small box trailer (6x4) or ute. Please ensure that on

the day you wear gloves, a hat, sturdy shoes, sunglasses, sunscreen and bring a drink.

SENIORS BULKY ITEM COLLECTION

Once again for 2025, Council will be offering our senior residents a bulky item collection within the township of Temora and Arianh Park on Wednesday 26 March. Items will need to be placed on the footpath or rear lane the night prior to collection.

Any interested senior residents must contact Council on 69 801105 by 4.30pm Thursday 20th March to register.



Pictured: Temora High School students participating in Clean Up Australia Day in 2024.

Are you looking for a Fresh Start in 2025?

TEMORA Shire Council currently have two trainee positions open, **Library Trainee at Temora Shire Library and Sports and Leisure Trainee at Temora Recreation Centre.**

"If you're interested in books and working with the community, then the Library Trainee position is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to kickstart or pivot a career in that sector. Opportunities in this sector don't come around often!" said Council's

General Manager Ms Melissa Boxall.

"It is no secret we have a strong sporting community, and many young people have career aspirations in the field of sports. The Sports and Leisure Trainee role is a great way to test the waters and learn transferable skills while you earn." Ms Boxall said.

Further to the new vacant positions advertised, the Administration Trainee role was awarded to Zoe Bent, who

commenced this month, and Chelsea Coleman commenced as Communications Trainee in late 2024.

To stay up to date with the latest jobs at Temora Shire Council, visit www.temora.nsw.gov.au/Jobs-and-Procurement

Council also distributes a Job list each month. Register to receive it directly to your inbox by emailing jobs@temora.nsw.gov.au

Pictured: Sarah Heard (Back left) joins Administration and Finance, Zoe Bent (Back right) as the new Admin Trainee, replacing Hallie Carnie (front left), and Chelsea Coleman (Front right) as the new Communications Trainee.



Temora and Bland Councils Secure Major Funding to Boost Drought Resilience

TEMORA Shire Council (TSC) and Bland Shire Council (BSC) are proud to announce their successful partnership in securing \$341,660 in funding for the implementation of six key activities under the Regional Drought Resilience Planning (RDRP) Program.

This funding, provided by the NSW Department of Primary Industries & Regional Development as part of the Federal Government's Future Drought Fund, will enhance drought preparedness, improve infrastructure, and strengthen social and economic resilience across both shires.

Key Activities to Benefit Both Communities

The six funded projects include:

- **Bringing Vacant Houses onto the Rental Market:** Addressing housing shortages to attract and retain skilled workers.
- **Spend Data Analysis:** Providing real-time economic data to inform business and community decisions.
- **HR Management Support Scoping:** Enhancing workforce resilience and creating employment pathways for local youth.
- **Strengthening Community Groups:** Engaging a volunteer coordinator to build social cohesion and support community organisations.

- **Expanding the Resilience Project:** Extending mental health and resilience training to schools and the wider community.

- **Improving Water Efficiency:** Evaluating irrigation systems to preserve green spaces and enhance environmental outcomes.

A Strong Partnership for Resilient Communities

"This partnership demonstrates further how working together can achieve meaningful outcomes for our Shire residents," said Temora Shire Council Mayor Rick Firman. "By combining our resources and expertise – where appropriate – we can tackle

shared challenges more effectively."

Mayor Firman's sentiments were echoed by Cr Brian Monaghan, Mayor of Bland Shire Council, who said, "This funding will make a tangible difference in our communities, from boosting local economies to improving social cohesion and environmental resilience."

Next Steps

Work on these projects will commence immediately, with completion expected by November 2025. Both councils are committed to keeping the community informed and ensuring the funding delivers maximum benefits.

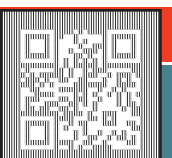
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ONE BOOK ONE TEMORA

Presented by Temora Shire Library

1st Dec - 28th Feb

Borrow your library copy NOW
(or search for the title on the BorrowBox app)

The Valley features a page-turning plot, intriguing characters and an evocative sense of place—where nothing is ever quite what it seems. Chris Hammer, the acclaimed author of the international bestsellers *Scrublands*, *Treasure & Dirt*, *The Tilt* and *The Seven*, presents another immersive and emotionally rewarding thriller.

MEET AUTHOR Chris Hammer

21ST MARCH 2025 - TEMORA LIBRARY - 6PM

Tickets available to purchase soon, watch this space! Ph 6977 1781

Until 5 Feb

A Brush with Art

Bundawarra Centre

A celebration of Local Talent. Open daily, free entry.

6 Feb

Youth Week Jumble 'IDEAS EXCHANGE'

4-4.30pm - Platform Y

12 - 25 year olds are invited to come along to exchange ideas for our upcoming youth week event in April 2025.

18 Feb (6pm)

19 Feb (9.30am)

Community Strategic Plan consultation sessions

Temora Memorial Town Hall

Council is currently planning for the next 10 years of Temora Shire. However, it is more than just a Council plan—it's a community plan!

Your participation ensures the plan represents a shared vision for Temora Shire.

Bus provided from Ariaiah Park. Join one of two sessions.



Coming in March

3 Mar TAKE THE LEAD: Temora Youth Graduation Dinner

Temora Memorial Town Hall

All Welcome. \$40/head. Dinner included.

Guest Speaker: 2025 ACT YOUNG AUSTRALIAN OF THE YEAR- Daniel Bartholomaeus. Daniel is a 21-year-old artist with an innate ability to inspire and motivate others, especially within the neurodivergent community. Temora.com.au/events

5 Mar

Actively Aging and Lifestyle Expo

10am-2pm - Temora Memorial Town Hall

Free, informal and interactive environment for seniors, carers and community to access information about local services and products that can assist them in living a happy, healthy and fulfilling life.



ACTIVELY AGEING & LIFESTYLE EXPO

WHEN: Wed 5th March 2025

TIME: 10am - 2pm

WHERE: Temora Memorial Town Hall



Register your attendance to win a lucky door prize

Featuring:
Products
Services

Interactive Zones
Entertainment

Lucky Door Prizes



@ Temora Shire Library

What's On

February

One Book One Temora

MEET CHRIS HAMMER

Friday 21st March
Tickets on SALE now!



Tea-Town Sips

Meet, mingle & enjoy freshly brewed tea with community members. Every Tuesday - 11am 1st Saturday - 10am

Housebound Deliveries

11/02 & 25/02

Available to residents who are unable to visit library, FREE service.



Tech Help

Need help with those pesky tech troubles?! Via appointment only.

Baby Bounce

05/02 & 19/02 - 10am

20-30mins of rhymes, music & songs in a fun group setting. Ages 0-2.



Storytime

14/02, 21/02 & 28/02 - 10am

Stories, songs, craft & more! Ages 0-6.

Lego Club

03/02 - 3:30pm 45mins

A creative afternoon of Lego challenges!



Wrapped with Love Knitting Group

06/02 & 20/02 - 2pm All welcome!

1st & 3rd Thursday.

Summer Reading Club

Drop booklets back by 28th FEB to win prizes!



NBN info

on the Mobile Library at ARIAH PARK Friday 07/02 1:55pm-3:25pm

294 Hoskins St, Temora
For more info call 6977 1781



HAVE YOUR SAY!

The Community Strategic Plan is a critical document that will guide the Shire's direction, activities, and priorities over the next 10 years.

To shape it, we're inviting you to attend one of our upcoming community consultation sessions:

- 6PM, Tuesday 18 February 2025
- 9:30AM, Wednesday 19 February 2025

Embrace Festival

SUNDAY, 16th MARCH

11am - 2pm

Temora Railway Precinct

TOWN HALL THEATRE

www.townhalltheatre.com.au

FEBRUARY

BETTER MAN (MA) 135 mins Sat 1 Feb - 6.30pm Sun 2 Feb - 5.00pm Fri 7 Feb - 6.30pm Wed 12 Feb - 10.30am	MARIA (M) 123 mins Sat 22 Feb - 6.30pm Sun 23 Feb - 5.00pm Fri 28 Feb - 6.30pm Wed 5 Mar - 10.30am
WE LIVE IN TIME (M) 108 mins Sat 8 Feb - 6.30pm Sun 9 Feb - 5.00pm Fri 14 Feb - 6.30pm Wed 19 Feb - 10.30am	MAGIC BEACH (G) 74 mins Sun 9 Feb - 3.00pm Sun 16 Feb - 3.00pm Sun 23 Feb - 3.00pm
A COMPLETE UNKNOWN (M) 141 mins Sat 15 Feb - 6.30pm Sun 16 Feb - 5.00pm Fri 21 Feb - 6.30pm Wed 26 Feb - 10.30am	TOWN HALL THEATRE FILM CLUB ORIGIN THURSDAY 13 FEBRUARY 7.00PM

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

PROPOSED COMING SOON - MARCH
September 5, Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy,
Captain America: Brave New World, Bad Genius, Spit

Email: townhalltheatre@temora.nsw.gov.au
Online Ticket Purchase: www.townhalltheatre.com.au

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