



“From the GM’s Desk”

21st May 2015



The trees along both Tancred Drive (North Bourke Road) and Vision Way (Nyngan Road) are both looking really strong and healthy.

Ian Langdon-Smith and his family are the driving force behind the tree planting and maintenance program despite their home being in Sydney. They travel up to Bourke each few months to ensure that the trees are cared for. Ian is helped locally by a small number of volunteers who are coordinated by Phil Parnaby and they have also done a tremendous job. Well done to all concerned.

The Outback Show will be returning to Bourke after the summer break and is expected to begin the winter season on the 2nd of June. This is the third season in Bourke for Luke and Karen and it is pleasing that they can return to Bourke and offer the Outback Show. If any locals haven’t seen the show as yet then I would encourage you to do everything you can to go out and see the Show. It is also a great activity to take your family and friends along to if they are visiting Bourke. The Show will once again run from Tuesday to Sunday at 11am.

Council staff will soon be compiling the changes for this year’s Mud Map booklet. The books have proved to be a very effective tool to let visitors know what is available in the town and promoting the many activities.

Council staff are also in the process of developing a new promotion highlighting the many short drives available west of Bourke. This promotion is driven by requests for information from an increasing family market and those looking to get off the bitumen roads.

Also on the local activity scene don’t forget the Enngonia Races that are coming up on 4th July, another great event in the Bourke calendar.

On Wednesday, 27th May at 9am in the Council Chambers, Orana Regional Development Australia will be hosting a forum that will among other things discuss the Emissions Reduction Fund and the potential for business as well as farmers to be involved. Technical experts will be in attendance and the meeting is open to Farmers, Transport Companies, Manufacturers, Local Council’s and Commercial Building Owners and anybody interested to find out more information.

On Monday, 18th May the Manager of Tourism and Development attended a consultation session in Dubbo in regards to the increasing use of crystal methamphetamine. The meeting was instigated by Senator Fiona Nash with local Member Mark Coulton attending along with Deputy Premier Troy Grant.

Thank you to our local Member, Mark Coulton and Robyn for visiting schools in Bourke this week to give an insight into how parliament works. I understand that each of the sessions was well received and we are grateful for giving us your time this week in what has been a busy week.

The fourth rate instalment is due on 29th May 2015 as are the charges for the usage of filtered water.

If you are experiencing difficulty in paying these accounts and wish to make arrangements for the payment of these accounts please contact Councils Rates and Water Billing Officer.

The Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held on Monday, 25th May 2015 will commence at 9.00am in the Council Chambers. All meetings of Council and Committees of Council where members of that Committee are Councillors are open to the Public.

On the agenda will be the consideration of any submissions received in relation to the 2013/2017 Delivery Plan and the 2015/2016 Operational Plan.

A Public Forum is scheduled at each Council Meeting at 10.00am. It would be appreciated if you wish to attend the Public Forum if you would please contact Kai Howard-Oakman on 68308000 or by email at khoward@bourke.nsw.gov.au so that your items can be placed on the agenda and if necessary any back ground information can be obtained.

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