

## ► Mayor's Message

I'd like to start this message by thanking those in the community who have approached me and my fellow Councillors to express their condolences over the death of Councillor Ruth Amery. Her death has saddened us all and I'm really missing her. Ruth was the organiser of Councillors. Whenever we would go out to dinner or get together as a group, it would be Ruth that would make the booking and organise everything. Anything involving Councillors, she would take control. The past week has been very difficult for councillors, and our thoughts are with the Amery family at this time as we continue to serve the community in the way we know best. During the past week there have been several engagements I've attended, including the High Country Network Group Volunteer summit at Brown

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Brothers in Milawa on Tuesday. This brought together volunteers and staff from around the region, with about 90 people at the event. Also this week, Council presented to the Select Committee of Parliament on Decentralisation in Wodonga. Consultation has seen us make a pitch for the Department of Health, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade or Department for Infrastructure. We don't wish to be greedy, but are keeping our fingers crossed we may be successful in one for the Rural City.

**Meet the Mayor Sessions are held on the last Wednesday of each month from 9am – 12 noon at the Wangaratta Government Centre.**

## ► Public Notices

### Ordinary Meeting of Council

All residents and ratepayers are invited to attend. Notice is hereby given that the next Ordinary Meeting of Council will be held on:  
**Date:** Tuesday 17 October 2017  
**Location:** Eldorado Hall  
**Time:** 6.00pm

### 2016-2017 Annual Report

Notice is hereby given that the Wangaratta Rural City Council Annual Report, for the year ended 30 June 2017 has been prepared. The Annual Report includes a report of Council's operations, the Financial Statements, Performance Statement of the Wangaratta Rural City Council and the reports of the Auditor-General for the year ended 30 June 2017. A printed copy of the Annual Report, including a copy of the reports of the Auditor-General, is available for inspection during office hours at the Wangaratta Government Centre, corner Ovens and Ford Streets, or can be downloaded from Council's website [www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au](http://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au). The 2016-2017 Rural City of Wangaratta Annual Report will be considered at the Ordinary Meeting of Council to be held at 6.00 pm on Tuesday, 17 October 2017. This meeting will be held at the Eldorado Hall.

### Turning Traffic into Sales at Christmas Holidays and Beyond

The Rural City of Wangaratta presents marketing expert Ailsa Page from AP Marketing Works to deliver a workshop and webinar to stimulate consumer spending in the lead up to Christmas.

#### Workshop - Turning Traffic Into Sales at Christmas Holidays and Beyond

**Date and Time:** Tuesday 24 October, 5pm  
**Location:** Wangaratta Government Centre 62-68 Ovens Street, Wangaratta  
**Cost:** \$30  
Bookings essential – [www.eventbrite.com.au](http://www.eventbrite.com.au)

#### Webinar – Power of Publicity

**Date and Time:** Wednesday 1 November, 11am  
**Cost:** free  
Registration - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8706331477733270530>

For further information please contact the Rural City of Wangaratta on (03) 5722 0888.

### Council's Waste Strategy

#### Do you support the phase out of single use plastic shopping bags in Wangaratta?

Council is reviewing our waste management strategy to improve how we reduce, reuse and recycle our waste. One of the hot topics from our waste survey is about single use plastic bags. Single use plastic shopping bags are lightweight, checkout style bags made of thin, flexible, plastic film and most commonly found in supermarkets and takeaway stores. Australians use about four billion lightweight supermarket shopping bags every year, with most of them ending up in landfill. To have your say and to fill out our community and business waste surveys, visit [www.oursay.org/wangaratta/plasticbags](http://www.oursay.org/wangaratta/plasticbags). These forums are open until 31 October 2017.

Nobody rates paying rates... so why worry about when they're due? If you pay your rates in instalments, sign up to our SMS rates reminders for the ultimate convenience. Join by texting the code word "RCOWRATES" to 0418 684 133. No spam, just a message in the days leading up to each due date. Spend less time worrying and more time on what's important!

### SMS Rates Reminders



## ► Positions Vacant

### Development Engineer

#### Full Time

**\$72,306 + superannuation**

Council is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced Development Engineer. This position is a pivotal role for Council, responsible for ensuring that land development projects are delivered to civil engineering standards with great outcomes for the local community.

For further information: [www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au/council/careers](http://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au/council/careers) or phone 03 5722 0888.

Applications close at 4.00pm on Tuesday, 24 October 2017.

## ► Expressions of Interest

### Vacant space at Wangaratta Library

A great opportunity exists for community focussed groups to partner with the Wangaratta Library and the Wangaratta Rural City Council to bring to life a vacant space that will soon be available at the Wangaratta Library. The Library is eager to share the space with groups who are complementary to the Library and who can help achieve the aim of providing contemporary Library services to the Wangaratta region in a welcoming building that is accessible to everyone. The Library places the community at the heart of the service and engages with people with the aim to create value, improve effectiveness and enhance community wellbeing. The Library wants people to feel connected to their local community and believe this is an exciting opportunity to share part of the building.

Expressions of interest are now open and are available at [www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au](http://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au) or by calling Loueen Twyford on 03 5722 8161. Expressions of Interest must address the Key Considerations and the group must meet the eligibility criteria. **Applications close Thursday 26 October 2017.**

### Major and Community Event Signs

Council is seeking expressions of interest from local not-for-profit organisations for use of the Major and Community Event Signs located on the Tone Road and Parfitt Road entrances to Wangaratta, to advertise major events being held in 2018. Signs must conform to Council's specifications and event organisers will be required to meet the cost of sign-writing. Expressions of interest need to be lodged on the appropriate form and returned to [council@wangaratta.vic.gov.au](mailto:council@wangaratta.vic.gov.au), or PO Box 238 Wangaratta by 5pm, Friday 8 December. Forms, including terms and conditions, are available on the Council's website at [wangaratta.vic.gov.au](http://wangaratta.vic.gov.au), or from the Council at 62-68 Ovens Street, Wangaratta. For more information, contact the Customer Service Team on (03) 5722 0888.

### Australia Day Awards 2018 – Nominations Now Open

Nominations are now open for awards in the following categories:  
**Citizen of the Year,**  
**Young Citizen of the Year,**  
**Community Event of the Year and**  
**Local Achiever of the Year.**



Recipients will be presented with their awards at the 2018 Australia Day celebrations held across the municipality. **Nominations close on Friday, 1 December at 4pm.** Nomination forms and eligibility information can be found at the Latest News section of Council's website [www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au](http://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au) or from Customer Service at Wangaratta Government Centre. For more information contact [events@wangaratta.vic.gov.au](mailto:events@wangaratta.vic.gov.au).

## ► Tenders/EOI's

### T1718/020 Transport of Organic Waste

**Tender closes at 2pm on Wednesday, 1 November 2017**  
Tender document is available from Council's website [www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au](http://www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au)

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