



October 2017

Council Newsletter

# Richmond Shire Council

## Mayor's Message



Mayor Cr John Wharton

Richmond Shire Council and our tourism portfolio has been recognized this last month for excellence.

The Council has won an Excellence Award at the Institute of Public Works Engineering Australasia Queensland State Conference, for projects between \$5 million and \$10 million, regarding our new Administration building. This is an amazing achievement for a small Shire like ours, when we are competing with every other council in the State. All those involved from Councillors, to CEO and staff, and builders and architects are to be congratulated for being able to deliver such a great asset to the community. At the Outback Queensland Awards presentation night last week in Cloncurry, our General Manager of Kronosaurus Korner Jodie Fox, won Best Young Achiever Award, Kronosaurus Korner won best Tourist Attraction, and our Lakeview Caravan Park won the Best Caravan Park, for the third year in a row. Congratulations are in order to our Managers of the Caravan Park, Bob and Lyn Thomas for a great effort, and all the Staff at Kronosaurus Korner for the work they do. These people are the first front line that visitors and tourists to our community meet, and it is so important that the experience they present is first class. Obviously, our staff are doing that to be able to win these awards for the whole of the Outback. Congratulations.

With the upgrade of the Main Highway through town, we are also upgrading the footpath from the Caravan Park. This will include a considerable amount of rehabilitation at the Lions Park, but it will complete the job and the Lions Park will see significant improvements.

Council will be commencing our Beef Road program on the Richmond to Croydon road in March next year. Combined with our TID'S commitment to that road, we will be getting very close to having the section through our shire completely sealed. This road access brings many cattle to Richmond, from all across the Northern parts, and it has proven to be good for business in our town. This road has come a long way in just a few years and the transport industry acknowledge that fact. Cattle Production is the core business for our Shire, and Council is continually focusing on creating a hub, whether it be transport, feeding, dipping or weighing, good yard facilities including a double decker-loading ramp, hardstand road train parking facility, showers and toilets or just servicing the cattle industry.

I have recently been appointed to the board of the State Road Alliance, which usually consists of CEO's and Director General's of LGAQ and TMR. I am the first Mayor to ever be appointed to this board. At my first meeting, I requested support for funding the replacement of 6/7 narrow bridges on the Flinders Highway, mainly around Pentland, but there are others. They responded positively, and I am now working with Transport and Main Roads to put together a submission for the Federal Government to support it also. I gave the example of how RSC built a bridge on the Flinders River at Hulbert's crossing for \$3.2 million and it is larger than all of the narrow bridges on the highway. They are presently replacing culverts, so hopefully we can get a bridge replacement program going also in the near future.

If you would like to be on Richmond Shire Council's email database to receive all the news and information on what's happening in our community, contact Angela Henry at the office or email [angelah@richmond.qld.gov.au](mailto:angelah@richmond.qld.gov.au) To register your email address.



**Councillor Wharton's Portfolio is:**

- Corporate Governance
- Disaster Management
- Regional and Economic Development.

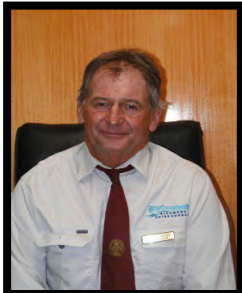
Contact Number: **0427 777 660**



**Councillor Kuhl's Portfolio is:**

- Corporate Governance
- Regional and Economic Development
- Budget Review and Financial Management
- Planning and Development
- Disaster Management
- Asset Management

Contact Number: **0428 418 606** (Please note—not always in service range)



**Councillor Kevin Bawden's Portfolio is:**

- Rural Land Management.
- Parks and Gardens
- Environmental Health

Contact Number: **0428 884 140** (Please note—not always in service range)



**Councillor Patsy-Ann Fox's Portfolio is:**

- Community Services and Development
- Community Infrastructure
- Youth Services

Contact Number: **0409 266 162**



**Councillor Clay Kennedy's Portfolio is:**

- Roads
- Water and Sewerage Services
- Aerodrome

Contact Number: **0428 971 406**



**Councillor Bethea Pattel's Portfolio is:**

- Tourism and Marketing
- Arts and Culture
- Community Events

Contact Number: **0448 721 868**

**Any concerns or matters needing attention can be reported to the main council office or with the CEO.**

**PENSIONER SUBSIDY**

Reminder that applications for the State Government Subsidy on Rates and Charges Payable for approved pensioners are now due. If you are the current holder of a Pensioner Concession Card or a DVA card, please call into the Council Office for an application. Please also present your current concession card as a photo copy is required.

**ILLEGAL DUMPING**

There will no longer be dumping allowed at Maxwelton. This also applies for the Town Common around the township of Richmond itself. If anyone proceeds to do so, fines will apply.

**SOIL / SAND**

Council has a stockpile of sand /soil that the public can access – free of charge at the back of Simpson Street adjacent the Liberty Fuel Depot. Sand & soil from this location may only be collected by hand at request – no machines to collect.

**GARBAGE COLLECTION POLICY**

Council has resolved to twice a week rubbish collections on Monday and Thursday permanently. Please put bins on the road with lid opening facing the road. Disposing of tree limbs and other garden trimmings on the footpath by the side of the road for council to collect is not allowed. Garden trimmings and tree branches must be taken to the dump by those disposing of them, council will only collect such bulk items if a private works order is requested first.

**SEWERAGE SYSTEM**

Once again Council asks that foreign objects are not flushed into the sewerage system. This occurring problem is causing major damage and outages that could easily be avoided.

**BARKING COLLARS**

Please be advised you can hire Barking Collars at the Richmond Shire Council for \$5 per week—with a refundable Bond of \$50.

**POOL**

Councils upgrade to the kiddies pool is now complete. Now that the pool is reopened for the hotter months council encourage the community to take advantage and cool down with a splash.

**RICHMOND SHIRE COUNCIL TERTIARY BURSARY**

Students in the Richmond Shire who are thinking about pursuing tertiary studies to obtain a degree, but need some financial assistance to realise their goal, please consider applying for the Shire's Tertiary Bursary. For further information or an application form and policy outlining the conditions please contact the office on 07 47 193 377.

**DOG SCALPS**

Scalps will only be accepted by Council at the end of each calendar month **AND** by prior appointment with Warren Hussey 0439 916 716.

**Richmond Shire Council**  
**Restricted Watering**  
**Effective from Monday 30 March 2015**

All residents in the township of Richmond are hereby advised that restricted watering will take effect from Monday 30 March 2015.

**Non Restricted Watering**

Handheld hoses can be used by all on any day and any time, but may not be left unattended.

**Restricted Watering**

For all other watering:

*No sprinklers or fixed irrigation systems can be used from the hours of 9:00am to 4:00pm Monday to Sunday.*

*Sprinklers and fixed irrigation systems on timers can only be used between the hours of 4:00pm to 9:00am.*

*Council infrastructure will have different watering times.*

*The aforementioned information does not apply to recycled water or private bores.*

In accordance with the *Water Supply (Safety & Reliability) Act 2008* Council may apply fines to residents not complying to the above mentioned restrictions.

*Fines will be in the order of one penalty unit (equivalent to \$126.15) per offence.*

**By order of the**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**  
**25 March 2015**

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### NOTICE OF NEXT COUNCIL MEETING

In accordance with Section 277 of the Local Government Regulation 2012, notice is hereby given that the General Meeting of Council will be held on Tuesday 21st November 2017.



## Building

If you are thinking of doing any building, remodelling, extensions or renovating, you should contact a Private Building Certifier. A Building Certifier can provide general advice on the current requirements and fees for all types of building work to ensure you comply with relevant Local and State Laws. Council recommend Acacia Building Approvals who service this area regularly.

## Building Applications and Approvals

Building approvals, also known as building permits, development approvals and building certifications, are required before you start most types of building and structural work. This includes new buildings, alterations, additions, carports, sheds, awnings and swimming pools.

A siting dispensation is required if you wish to build closer than the allowable minimum setbacks.

## Certification and Inspections

Building certification ensure construction complies with the legislative requirements. Building inspections may be required as part of your building work. A certificate will be issued to verify the building work has been completed in compliance with the approved plans and building regulations.

## Richmond Aged Care

Staff would like to remind clients and their families that if you are unwell please let Ann Maree know. This is important to help stop the spread of sickness and to protect the staff that provide the community with Aged Care Services. Thank you for your consideration

## Australia Day Nomination Information

Nominations are now open for the 2018 Australia Day Awards. Nominations close 5pm, January 5, 2018.

Nomination forms are available from Reception at the Council Office or [www.richmond.qld.gov.au](http://www.richmond.qld.gov.au)

## Notice of Council outside workers changed hours

Council wishes to advise that its outside workforce will be starting work at 6am and finishing at 3pm from Tuesday 17th October right up until the Christmas closedown. This means the rubbish truck will also be starting its run an hour earlier so residents are urged to put their wheelie bins out the night before.

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# YOU'LL DIG RICHMOND

OUTBACK QUEENSLAND  
2017 Major Events



DATE	EVENT	VENUE	CONTACT	CON-FIRMED
11 November	Richmond Amateur Swim Club	Richmond Pool	Bethea Pattel 0448 721 868	CON-FIRMED
11 November	Rite of Remembrance	Richmond Cemetery	Sr Carmel Pattinson 0419 481 756	CON-FIRMED
18 November	Pony Club Fundraising Dance	Richmond Shire Council Civic Hall	Narelle Shaw	CON-FIRMED
25 November	Lions Christmas Party	Jack Brown Park	Matt Hudspith	CON-FIRMED





## Decorate Your Gate!

Spreading the Christmas Cheer to the Country.

Decorate the Gate or Entrance to your property and email a photo to [angelah@richmond.qld.gov.au](mailto:angelah@richmond.qld.gov.au) by 5pm on December 22, 2017.

Judging will take place at the January 2018 Council Meeting and the winners will be announced at the Australia Day Morning Tea on January 26, 2018 in the Shire Hall.

**First Place** - \$500 cash plus two nights at Ocean Breeze on the Strand for a Family

**Second Place** - \$250 cash

**Third Place** - \$100 cash

## Christmas Light Competition is on again!

Judging will take place the week of December 18-22 between 7pm and 8pm

Residential Awards:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize** - \$500 Cash PLUS Ocean Breeze Accommodation Voucher for Family for 2 Nights

**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize** - \$250 cash

**3<sup>rd</sup> Prize** - \$100



Royal Flying Doctor Service

# Pit Stop

## Health Check

How's your motor running?

If you were a car would you be a  
V8 or a clapped out bomb?!!!

Come and put your body through 'the pits' and get  
maintenance tips to keep you firing on all cylinders!!

Our safe, light-hearted and non-invasive individual health information and risk  
assessments will take place at the -

**Richmond Shire Hall on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2017 from 10.30 am to 2.30  
pm. No bookings necessary for this free service - just come along on the  
day.**

Get your oil pressure (blood pressure) checked, discuss the state of your duco  
(skin), find out ways to improve your extractors (bowels) - not to mention your  
ball bearings, headlights, shockies and fuel additives!!

All adults are welcome to take part - Just register you attendance on the day to go  
into a draw for vouchers at local businesses.

We look forward to seeing you there.