

Message from the Administrators



Last week we had the last Council Meeting for the year – it certainly was a big one! We made decisions on a number of topics with significant community interest.

Top of mind for many was the proposed Local Law Amendment, which we can now advise has been discontinued. While it was never our intention to cause community concern, we hope that this news can give people some peace of mind that they have been heard and we will stick with the current local law.

In response to a petition we will arrange for lighting at the Leongatha Autobarn carpark in our next minor works program. We agree that ensuring the location is well lit for personal safety is very important and we appreciate the effort of those who took the time to table the petition.

We adopted the Good Governance Framework, which will provide us with a platform to address ongoing governance requirements during our time here as Administrators. To keep the community informed we will be reporting against the framework every six months for the remainder of our appointment.

As we wind down for the year we would all like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. This is an important time where we have the opportunity to get together with family and friends and reflect on the year past. We recognise that it's a very busy time of year for our farmers, but we hope that they too get to spend some time with their loved ones and enjoy the festive season.

It is also important to remember those who may not be as fortunate as us this season – after all Christmas is for giving. What better way to do so by considering those most in need? There are many local charities that look after our most vulnerable at this time of year, so please consider a donation if you are in a position to do so.

With this season we have an influx of travellers so remain extra vigilant on the roads and factor in a little extra travel time to avoid being in a rush. We want everyone to get to the many events that fill this wonderful time of year.

For those wondering about Council's Christmas break, the office and depots will be closed from midday Christmas Eve until 8.30am on 2 January. For urgent Council matters please contact our after-hours service on 5662 9200 and remember to call 000 for general emergencies. Service arrangements during this time are also available to view on Council's website. The next Council Meeting is in February.

Merry Christmas to you all. We're looking forward to seeing what the New Year brings!

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Administrators