

Community Newsletter

July 2024



Mayoral Message



Welcome to the July 2024 edition of the Parkes Shire Community Newsletter. I would like to begin by acknowledging the Wiradjuri land on which we live.

As we enter the second half of the year, I'm amazed by the progress and achievements we've seen across our community so far. Recently we saw the completion of the Shire's

first ever water play space at Kelly Reserve. This new facility has quickly become a beloved spot for families and children, providing a fun, safe and accessible environment for recreation. I extend my appreciation to the dedicated teams who deliver these projects to such an exceptional standard.

Looking ahead we are approaching an important but exciting time in local government, with the 2024 local government elections taking place in September. If you are passionate about the Parkes Shire community and wish to be a voice for change, I strongly encourage you to consider running as a candidate. Serving as an elected representative is a significant commitment, but it is also an incredibly rewarding opportunity to make

a positive impact on your community. Our shire's growth lies in its people, and your involvement and ideas are immensely valuable. Together we can build a brighter future for all.

On behalf of my fellow Councillors and the staff of Parkes Shire Council, we thank you for your trust and support as we work towards building a more connected, vibrant and sustainable Shire.

Cr Neil Westcott

Mayor of Parkes Shire

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Kelly Reserve Water Play Space



Parkes Shire Council is pleased to announce that the transformation of Kelly Reserve into the shire's first water play space is now complete. Moduplay Commercial Systems, the project contractor, has created an engaging recreational space inspired by the natural features of the local Lachlan catchment. The play space was designed to emulate the region's water features, including rivers, lakes, dams, weirs, and bores. It offers a captivating educational experience with informative signage detailing Parkes' water story—from source to consumption. For more information about this project, visit bit.ly/WaterPlaySpace

Kelly Reserve Ninja Park



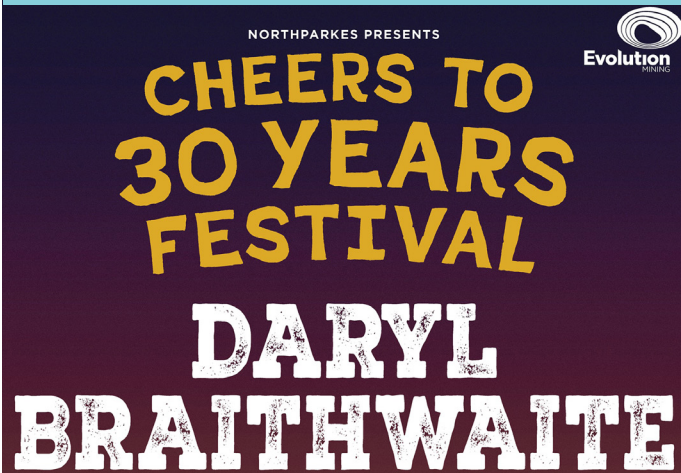
Stage 2 of the Kelly Reserve precinct upgrade has recently commenced. Stage 1 included the construction of a public water play space, with stage 2 including the construction of a ninja course, inclusive carousel, and toddler equipment. The existing play area is fenced off and the works are anticipated to take 6 to 8 weeks (weather permitting). During this time, the new water play space and BBQ facilities will remain open to the public. Works on this project are expected to be completed by September 2024. To stay up to date with this project, visit bit.ly/ParkesNinjaPark

Digital Water Meters



Parkes Shire Council is delivering digital water meters to Peak Hill. A total of 480 digital water meters will be installed across all residential and commercial premises over a period of 8 weeks. The meters, which use digital sensors and telecommunications technology, securely transmit readings to Council at regular intervals, enabling real-time monitoring of water consumption. The introduction of digital water meters comes with a host of benefits, including early leak detection and enhanced operational efficiency. For more information about the digital water meter rollout, visit Council's website.

Cheers to 30 Years Festival



To celebrate 30 years of operations, Evolution Mining Northparkes Operations would like to thank the community for their support with the Cheers to 30 Years Festival. This family friendly festival is on Saturday 5 October, 5pm, at Cooke Park, Parkes. Come along and hear some fantastic music while wandering the food stalls and tasting local beer and wine. There will also be rides for the kids. This free festival has Daryl Braithwaite as the headline act! To secure your free ticket, visit bit.ly/Cheersto30yearsfestival

Water Security Project



Construction of the Raw Water Supply Lagoon at the Water Treatment Plant (WTP) is progressing well. Recent accomplishments include the completion of bulk cuts, rock armouring, and lagoon sand placement. The next phase involves the installation of inlet pipes to fill the lagoon and outlet pipes to connect it to the WTP. This project is part of a broader suite of water security initiatives, aimed at preserving, protecting and sustainably managing our key water sources. To learn more, visit bit.ly/ParkesWaterSecurityProgram

Parkes Wetlands Funding



Parkes Shire Council welcomes \$943,000 in funding under the Federal Government Growing Regions Program which will deliver new community infrastructure at the Parkes Wetlands. This funding will see the installation of a boardwalk and viewing platforms at the wetlands and the construction of two all-abilities access bird hides, as well as habitat creation, revegetation, interpretive signage, and public art. The wetlands are situated on the site of Parkes' old sewerage treatment ponds, which were converted into wetlands in 2023, thanks in part to funding secured through the NSW Environmental Trust. This project is set to be completed by December 2025. For more information visit bit.ly/ParkesWetlands

Sports Grants Awarded

Evolution Mining Northparkes Operations and Parkes Shire Council are delighted to announce the successful applicants from the latest round of the Sports Grants Funding Program, which included the new Rising Star grants program. In this round a total of \$31,102.36 was distributed to six sporting groups and \$5,000 to five rising stars! The next round, which opens on 1 September 2024, includes \$32,548 for sporting groups and \$5,000 for Rising Stars. Application forms will be available from Parkes Shire Council's website. To find out more, visit bit.ly/SportsGrantsMay2024





Trundle ABBA Festival



The Trundle ABBA Festival will return to Trundle on Saturday 19 October 2024. Now in its 10th year, the 2024 festival will celebrate the 50-year anniversary of ABBA's win at the Eurovision Song Contest on April 6, 1974, with their chart-topping hit 'Waterloo'. We hope you're in the mood for a dance, as returning to headline the festival is the world's number one ABBA tribute band, Bjorn Again. The stellar lineup of entertainment also includes Furnance and the Fundamentals, Disco Revolution, Adante Adante Choir, DJ Diggz and special host Tristan Macmanus. To find out more and purchase tickets, visit www.trundleabbafestival.com.au

Bag It and Bin It



Council would like to remind dog owners of their responsibilities in cleaning up dog waste in public areas. As a dog owner, you are required by law to clean up dog faeces. Council Rangers will be increasing patrols of all sporting fields and parks to monitor compliance. Penalties of \$275 may apply without warning for failing to remove and dispose dog waste. Dog walkers should always carry bags, and an easy way to remember is to tie them to your pet's lead. It is also a timely reminder that if you're in a public place, dogs must always be kept on a lead. Let's all do our part to keep our community clean and safe.

Local Government Elections

Save the date

2024 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday,
14 September

Voting is compulsory

Visit elections.nsw.gov.au/lge24
or call 1300 135 736

The Local Government elections are scheduled for Saturday, 14 September 2024. Whether you're planning to vote or considering to run for Council, we've collated resources to support you in your preparations. To find out more, visit bit.ly/LocalGovernmentElections2024

Keep up-to-date with the latest Council news:

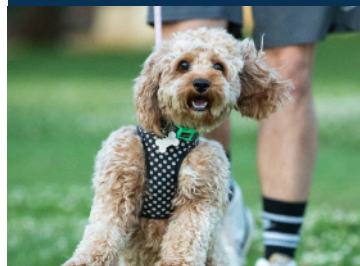
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Adopt an Animal



Parkes Shire Council would like to extend a huge thank you to the Parkes Shire community for their ongoing efforts in helping rehome animals held at the Parkes Animal Shelter. Animals available for

adoption are displayed on Council's website. To view the available animals, visit bit.ly/AnimalsForAdoption

Key Dates

AUGUST

- 9-10 Tullamore Show
- 13-14 Trundle Show
- 20 Ordinary Council Meeting
- 20-21 Peak Hill Show
- 26-28 Parkes Show

SEPTEMBER

- 14 Local Government Elections

OCTOBER

- 1 Ordinary Council Meeting
- 5 Cheers to 30 Years Festival
- 19 Trundle ABBA Festival
- 15 Ordinary Council Meeting