

FROM THE COUNCIL DESK

Important Dates.

Friday, 8 November – Council Assessment Panel Meeting, 7pm Clare Council Chambers, 4 Gleeson Street, Clare.

Mon, 18 November - Council Meeting, 7pm, Clare Council Chambers, 4 Gleeson Street, Clare.

There are many positive and exciting changes happening in our Council district which will be beneficial to our communities now and in the future, and Council has been working hard to make the Clare and Gilbert Valleys district a vibrant and welcoming region.

Council has released its strategic plan, which will guide us through the next decade, and which provides high level direction for the future investment and delivery of services by Council.

Highlights of the plan include a vision statement to grow the district's population while maintaining an engaged, vibrant and attractive local economy and community.

We have been able to distribute \$60,000 in funding to 24 projects across the region as part of our annual community asset grants which will see a wide range of projects benefiting our towns and their residents.

Looking after our built heritage is also important and Council was pleased to assist the Riverton Railway Station with some funding to help towards restoration of this building.

Our shopping precincts continue to have a positive outlook and our country markets are thriving.

Mental health awareness is supported by Council and we were pleased to see such a huge turnout at the recent mental health community event at Riverton.

As we enter the fire danger season we remind residents to have their fire plans ready, keep their properties clear of debris and cut long grass, as well as ensure gutters are kept clean. There is more information on being fire safe on the CFS website: www.cfs.com.au

Council has recently installed a series of fire water tanks around the district to assist fire fighters in accessing water when they need it most.

At the other end of the spectrum council will be consulting with the public about plans for stormwater management, beginning with the Clare township, which has been subject to major flooding incidents in the past. A number of initiatives have already been undertaken to help with flood management including stormwater upgrades in Henry and William Streets and the clearing of exotic species in the Hutt River. Budgeted works for this financial year include a drainage upgrade in Gleeson Street and drainage on Neagles Rock Road. Under consideration for the future are flood control and detention dams around the township and council plans community consultation around these important strategies.

Our communities continue to work hard to improve their towns and districts through a range of volunteer activities – and we can't thank them enough. The hard work by committees cannot never be over-estimated or taken for granted. Volunteers are what make our district great and wonderful places to live, work and play.

If you know a community member who deserves recognition, then think about nominating them for the 2020 Australia Day Citizen of the Year or Young Citizen of the Year Awards, or if there was a stellar event, then nominate it for the Event of the Year. Council has ceremonies and awards across the district. Nomination is easy and can be done online at: www.citizenoftheyear.com.au or pick up a nomination form from one of Council's offices. Nominations close on November 15, 2019.

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