

Council happenings . . .

with Mayor
Harold Johnston

Waste and Recycling Survey

This week Council sent out a Waste and Recycling Survey to all householders in the Shire. This survey is the first step in a community consultation process that will assist in the development of our future Waste Management Strategy. For this reason, I would encourage you to have your say and complete the survey and return it to Council so that we can get as much information as possible on the attitudes, needs and wants of Dungog Shire residents in relation to waste.

The survey seeks your views on your satisfaction with the current service, including how well the current two bin system works for you and whether this needs expanding, such as providing an additional green bin service as has occurred in other Council areas. It asks questions about your satisfaction with the general and green bulk clean ups along with your willingness to pay for additional services. The answers to these questions will shape the Council's future Waste delivery programs.

The current waste collection contract, operated by JR Richards for the past decade, concludes in June 2015 and the NSW Government has set ambitious targets for diversion of waste from landfills and resource recovery which will impact on the way waste is collected, processed and disposed. Accordingly, there is pressure on Council to deliver services that are appropriate and affordable for the community and that meet the Governments requirements.

The Waste Strategy will be completed by the end of this year.

National Tractor Trek

Yesterday was registration day for the tractor trek and today is the first trek to the Chichester State Forest and lunch at Bandon Grove, followed on Thursday by a visit to Salisbury, Eccleston and Gresford and on Friday to the roads east of Dungog and Flat Tops.

Tomorrow evening features a nostalgic movie night at the James Theatre starting at 7.30pm and on Friday there is a walking tour of Dungog commencing at 10am.

Saturday will be a big day with the street parade beginning at 9.30 am followed by event after event at the Showground.

On behalf of this community, I warmly welcome our visitors and their tractors and am sure that visitors and locals alike will have a great time.

Story Time at the Library

Mothers and fathers with pre-school children are reminded that Story Time is held at Dungog Library each Thursday of the school term at 10am. A story is read to the children and is then followed by craft. It is a good opportunity for children to be introduced to books, to borrow books and DVDs and for parents and children to interact.

This week we are celebrating the Tractor Trek in Dungog and children are invited to bring a toy tractor or wheeled vehicle for a tractor-based Story Time.

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