

# RURAL CITY COUNCIL News



Council highlights presented to the community on the last friday of every month



## Ultima Compost Facility

Our Ultima Compost Facility has been officially opened.

The facility will process up to 1,200 tonnes of garden organics each year, however it has been purposefully designed with future expansion in mind.

The new composting system incorporates modern, environmentally responsible

technology — including a rigorous green waste inspection and decontamination process, and an aerated pile system that precisely regulates temperature and moisture to optimise composting efficiency and safety.

This is a milestone project that represents a bold step forward in the municipality's commitment to sustainability, innovation, and regional leadership.

## Lake Boga Beautification

Trees have been planted as part of the Lake Boga Southern Entrance Beautification Project, enhancing the area's natural beauty while supporting a healthier environment for the community and local wildlife.



## Thank you to our volunteers

We recently paused to celebrate National Volunteer Week and acknowledge the incredible contribution of volunteers across our municipality.

Volunteers are vital to our success — generously giving their time, skills, and energy to support our teams, enhance services, and make programs more accessible.

Their impact is felt in meaningful, lasting ways throughout our region.

To every volunteer: thank you for the difference you make.

## We're listening

So far this year Swan Hill Rural City Council has published 20 online community consultations projects, resulting in:

**12,330** project views

**1,411** contributions from members of our community

(data current on 21 May 2025)

To have your say or view our current community consultations please visit:

letstalk.swanhill.vic.gov.au or scan the QR code.



## Mayor's Mad Minute

We've just launched the Mayor's Mad Minute – a weekly video update from the Mayor, offering a quick and engaging way to stay informed about what's happening in our community. Keep an eye out for a new video each week!

## AI in Business Workshop

Join  
**Briana Cowan**  
Owner  
Mingle Media



## Supporting Local Business Boost your business with AI!

Join Briana Cowan from Mingle Media for a hands-on workshop tailored for business owners and staff. Learn how to use AI to increase productivity, spark creativity, and stay competitive in a fast-changing world.

### Topics include:

- Why AI matters for your business
- Automating tasks & improving decision-making
- Creating innovative content
- Writing effective AI prompts

**Date:** Wednesday, 18 June 2025

**Time:** 9.30am to 11am

**Venue:** Swan Hill Town Hall PACC

**Tickets:** \$20 – Don't miss this chance to future-proof your business!

## NAVIGATING BUSINESS: INNOVATION



**BRIANA COWAN**  
MINGLE MEDIA



**SEAN CROFT**  
ARAHURA FARMS



**KAREN OLIVER**  
KO TOURISM

Join Swan Hill Rural City Council and Swan Hill Incorporated for an evening of insight, networking, and innovation

**Date:** Tuesday, 17 June 2025  
**Time:** 6pm to 8pm (Canapés & drinks from 6pm)  
**Venue:** Swan Hill Town Hall PACC  
**Panel Discussion:** Explore how AI, innovative ag practices, and strategic planning are shaping the future of business.

**FREE EVENT – REGISTRATIONS ESSENTIAL**

All attendees go into the draw to win 2 tickets to Queen – It's a Kind of Magic (9 July).  
*Connect, learn, and be inspired!*



## Our municipality, through your lens!

We're running a **photography competition**, with the winning image to feature on the 2024/25 Annual Report front cover! We are inviting community members to submit their best photographs, showcasing the unique beauty of our region.

Entries will also be displayed in a Gallery exhibition at the Swan Hill Regional Library. Please submit your entry by Thursday, 31 July 2025.

