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INVESTING IN ROBINVALE'S FUTURE



TEAM ROBINVALE: Mayor Les McPhee with College Captains Jessie Kelly and Jackson Leslie and College Council President Jeremey Boyd at the site the new Community Hub will be located.



WHAT A CONCEPT: An artist's impression of what the building may look like once completed.



JUMPING FOR JOY: Spirits are high at the Robinvale College after news of the funding.

The Robinvale community is set to reap the benefits of years of advocacy and behind the scenes work with the State Government recently announcing funding for a multi-service facility on the grounds of the Robinvale College.

The Robinvale Community Hub will provide students and the community with a static library and a space that encourages sharing the currently under-utilised infrastructure, making the college the heart of the Robinvale community.

Plans include a kitchenette for both staff and public use, toilets with change room facilities to encourage early learning and mother's groups to meet, office space and conference facilities that will also double as seminar, workshop and group learning rooms.

The location earmarked for the new shared facility is an unused building surrounded by a clearing on the outer grounds of the college.

Council's Mayor Les McPhee said the value of a shared library facility to the Robinvale community would be unprecedented.

"Robinvale is such an incredibly diverse and multicultural community and I think the benefits of a regular library service will help provide a connection for all members of the community.

"It will be a unique model and something that we hope might be replicated in other towns around the state."

Mayor McPhee went on to thank the Mallee Regional Partnership and the State Government for their belief in this project and in the future of Robinvale.

"We look forward to working with them, the college, the Robinvale community and other local partners to see this project through."

Robinvale College Council President Jeremey Boyd said in fear of leaving anyone out, there were too many people to thank individually.

"Gaining this funding has been a magnificent team effort and achievement and to anyone who has been involved in any aspect of this project, we are extremely grateful," Mr Boyd said.

"This new space will further add to our existing Community Hub facilities, such as the swimming pool and community garden.

"And construction will start early in the new financial year on the Early Learning Centre, with tenders for construction going out last month.

"There really are exciting times ahead for the college and the community."

RIVERFRONT GETS ACTIVE

The future is also looking bright for Swan Hill's riverfront with \$1 million announced in the State Budget, and concepts for a new active play space and skate park about to be released for public input.

Mayor Les McPhee said while the community had been enjoying some of the great riverfront improvements – like shared pathways, lighting and exercise equipment – planning had continued in the background for the next round of projects.

"We have been planning a new active play space and skate park, which will make Riverside Park an even better area for children and their families to be," Cr McPhee said.

"And we have worked with consultants to build two business cases – one around private investment along the riverfront and one looking at a cultural centre," he said.

"Thanks to the State Budget announcement, we will soon see some more development on the ground."

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GOVERNOR'S VISIT TO REGION

**CR LES MCPHEE**

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I recently had the pleasure of touring the municipality with Her Excellency Linda Dessau AC Governor of Victoria.

Over a day and a half we visited farms, schools, museums and community organisations, ate some delicious local produce and met with community leaders. During which I felt a real sense of pride showcasing what our municipality has to offer.

However, one of the biggest positives I took from the tour was being able to take the time to visit some incredible, historic and innovative places.

We saw machines at Select Harvest in Robinvale that will convert almond waste into power to run their factory. We were escorted from one building to another by an incredibly talented brass band at the Robinvale College. We took a look inside the lab at Andrew Peace Wines, where wines are tested for enzyme levels as different countries have varying requirements when importing. And

we learned about some state-of-the-art farming innovations at Kilter Rural.

It really was incredible and a great reminder of how much our region is growing and progressing and I encourage all locals to become a tourist in your own town and check out some of these sites and tourist attractions.

STILL TIME TO HAVE YOUR SAY

Last month the 2017-21 Council Plan and the 2017/18 draft budget were released for public comment.

Both firsts for the new Council, these documents represent months of hard work, tough calls, the vision we have for our municipality and an action plan for how to achieve that.

The four-year Council Plan sets out five key focus areas - economic growth, community enrichment, infrastructure, governance and leadership, and the environment.

The 2017/18 budget is closely aligned to these themes, featuring new initiatives, exciting infrastructure development and ongoing service delivery.

For example in 2017/18, Council plans to spend \$16.88 million on infrastructure projects.

We will also spend more than \$46 million to operate Council and deliver community services ranging from maternal and child health and the arts, to economic development, animal management and parks maintenance.

The new Council has worked hard to achieve this within the State Government rate cap of 2 per cent and I believe we have delivered a budget that is both practical and delivers for our communities.

The budget and Council Plan are now over to you, our community, for comment. You can make a comment online at www.swanhill.vic.gov.au/yoursay or write to us. Public comment will be open until 19 June.

A WORD FROM YOUR COUNCILLORS

**CR ANN YOUNG**

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My time as a new Councillor has been very interesting and rewarding. I have attended many community events, meetings and spoken to many groups along the way.

I stood for Council as I felt that it can be a pathway into having input into different areas of influence, plus representing the views of ratepayers, community and the many different sectors of business and industry. And I have been encouraged by what I have seen and been involved in so far.

Until you get onto Council you can never be fully aware of what is involved in all the processes and the different connections that occur.

There is lots of reading of documents that are presented to Councillors to allow informed decisions to be made and this is quite time consuming.

Councillors also need to understand the many different representative bodies and organisations that feed into local, regional, state and federal policy area.

**CR BILL MOAR**

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I would describe my first six months of being a Councillor as an enjoyable challenge.

I have attended many community meetings, openings and events, and met many residents of our municipality that I wouldn't otherwise had the chance to interact with before becoming a Councillor.

Some of the highlights have been the development of Council's four year plan, the budget formulation process, involvement in the various committees and forums such as The Loddon Mallee Waste Resource and Recovery Forum, The Murray Darling Association, Livestock Exchange Group, Agricultural Advisory Committee and the Economic Development Unit. It has been an awesome experience learning of all the work that goes on behind the scenes and the background knowledge required to make informed decisions.

In regard to Council's four year plan and 2017/18 budget, these two documents are created with the community and the future of our region in mind. And that is why I want to encourage residents to read them, to ask questions if there is something you don't understand and to make a submission if you think we have missed something or there's an area we need to address.

**CR CHRIS JEFFERY**

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A lot has happened over the last few weeks and a number of key decisions made.

We have finalised plans for the Swan Hill Riverside Park \$1.2 million development (Active Play Precinct Plan) which includes a new skate park, kids adventure play park, active play areas, landscaping, shade and seating.

Soon we will see the completion of the final four bus shelters in Swan Hill - Thurla, Chapman, Palaroo and Werril streets. We will also seek funding for new shelter on High Street near Swan Hill District Health and are continuing to work with VicRoads and Public Transport Victoria for a new bus shelter on McCallum Street.

Council also recently decided to cover a shortfall in funding for the Catalina Flying Boat Museum project in Lake Boga. This project includes a new cafe for 100 people, new children's play equipment, car park and footpaths.

All these projects will be of great benefit to our community and I look forward to seeing them come to fruition.

**CR LEA JOHNSON**

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It was a few months ago now, but I want to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate the organisers of the 75th anniversary celebrations for the Lake Boga flying boat repair depot.

The whole weekend was an incredible success, drawing huge crowds to the lake. And entertainment aside the celebrations showcased our region to hundreds of visitors and provided a welcome boost to our local economy. Well done to everyone involved.

Another very important event for our community was the launch of the Koori Family Violence Police Protocols (KFVPP) at the Swan Hill Police Station in April.

Aimed at strengthening responses to incidents of family violence in Aboriginal communities in Swan Hill, these protocols are a partnership between Victoria Police, the Department of Justice, the Department of Health and Human Services and the Aboriginal community.

Family violence is a problem that needs to be tackled by our entire community and these organisations joining forces to combine their services is a fantastic step.

**CR GARY NORTON**

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It was great to see a number of roads graded in the Murray Mallee Ward recently including around Nyah, Nyah West, Chinkapook and Wood Wood. Council's Roads Team do a great job rolling out this program and I hope to see them back in the area again soon.

It's also really pleasing to see a couple of projects in Nyah West completed in the last few months.

The new footpaths and pedestrian crossings have been a welcomed addition by the community. They not only look great but provide a safer link between the post office, preschool and primary school.

I've also been receiving a lot of positive feedback about the new entrance to the Nyah West Cemetery. Council and the Nyah West Cemetery Trust worked together to seal the road entering and inside the cemetery. This has not only improved the appearance of the cemetery, but provides safer and easier access.

**CR JOHN KATIS**

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It was absolutely fantastic to receive news that the Victorian State Budget included funding for the Robinvale Community Hub.

This support from the government means a lot to myself and the residents of Robinvale. It means we will have another state-of-the-art, multi-use facility to educate our children. It means we will have a static library for all members of our community to enjoy. And it means that the State Government believes in investing in Robinvale.

Adding to this, the construction for the Robinvale Early Learning Centre is planned for the end of the year. These two projects will go hand-in-hand, improving our education facilities and providing easier access to a wide range of services that will now be under the one umbrella.

So to everyone involved, I want to say thank you. From ideas to advocating to submitting the funding application - this is a true group effort and I cannot wait to see this project get underway.

UPCOMING COUNCIL MEETINGS

- >> 23 June, Swan Hill Town Hall at 8.30am*
- >> 27 June, Swan Hill Town Hall at 6pm
- >> 18 July, Swan Hill Town Hall at 4pm
- >> 15 August, Robinvale Community Centre at 4pm

All members of the public are welcome to attend Council meetings. Agendas are available at www.swanhill.vic.gov.au in the days leading up to the meeting.

*Special Council meetings will also be held from time to time. Visit www.swanhill.vic.gov.au for details or check local media.

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RIVERFRONT GETS ACTIVE

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Councillors voted at their May meeting to release the adventure play concept plans to the public. The initial concept includes some of the latest play equipment, sand play and net bridges, all set amongst natural play elements like logs, rocks and plants.

A tender has also been awarded to Convic Design to design and construct the new skate park near the adventure play area.

"Through the Swan Hill Riverfront Masterplan, the community made it clear that the skate park and its location was really important, as was a new play area for children of all ages, and those young at heart," Cr McPhee said.

Open house meetings will be held to discuss the play and skate park plans, to get input from community members. There will also be updates in local media, on Council's website and through Council's social media channels.

"So keep an eye out and please get involved – we would love for the wider Swan Hill community to continue giving us ideas and input into the future of our beautiful riverfront," Cr McPhee said.

A total of \$2.23 million is forecast to be spent on Swan Hill riverfront redevelopment projects in Council's draft 2017/18 budget.



BRIGHTER PARK FUTURE: Mayor Les McPhee chats to Swan Hill resident Kath Elston, with her children Stella and Leo, at Riverside Park.

A TONNE OF BOOKS

Two-and-a-half year old Panav Khehra loves books. Books about animals, especially elephants, and nursery rhymes are his favourites.

He is one of 40 children signed up to the 1000 Books Before School campaign at Swan Hill Regional Library and has already reached the 500 mark.

The statewide campaign encourages parents and their children to read aloud, and aim to read 1000 books before a child turns five.

Cultural Development and Libraries Manager Camille Cullinan said the program would make such a huge difference to many children's lives.

"We would absolutely love to have every child in our region between the age of zero and five registered for this program," she said.

"It is very simple - parents just help their children record each time they have a story read to them. This includes stories read at storytime sessions in the library, at kinder, playgroup and at home.

"There are small incentives as children reach reading milestones – like pencils, magnets and bag tags. And after reading 1000 books with their parents, children receive a certificate and a gift.

"But more importantly they have been given a wonderful foundation to enter school, a positive attitude to reading and literacy skills to help them succeed."

It's something that Panav's mum Kiranjeet agrees with.

"When Panav was born I started reading him little books and he's attracted to books now. Whoever asks me, I tell them that books should be given at an early age," she said.

Kiranjeet and Panav visit the Library whenever they can. But the family, including dad Amolak and older brother Sahal, read a lot at home too. According to Kiranjeet, their neighbours have even realised Panav's passion and give him books as gifts.

"If I could give him enough time he would read 10, 20 books a day," she said.

Kiranjeet says that while the family speaks Punjabi at home, Panav is quickly picking up English too, and so many books has helped with this.

"He likes animal books... he knows all the animal names," she said.

"And all the poems and rhymes he was just saying, now he is picking up the rhyme books, he wants to know what is going on and visually see the pictures."

To find out more about the 1000 Books Before School campaign and to sign up, visit Swan Hill Regional Library or the mobile library when it visits your town.



LIKE MOTHER, LIKE SON: Kiranjeet and Panav both share a love of reading.

MOBILE LIBRARY REVIEW

How we deliver our public library services is changing. With new technology constantly emerging, how we access information for personal and professional use, and where we live all influence how we use libraries.

With all of this in mind, the Swan Hill Regional Library Service is reviewing the mobile library service to see how library services to our smaller townships can be improved.

Operating since 1958, the mobile library has adapted many times since then - with different vehicle designs, staffing models and even routes that have changed many times over the years.

The introduction of the Internet allowed residents of remote towns access to information quicker than ever before.

Council is thinking about the future, and the review is intended to consult with residents and library users to develop different options for Council to consider.

Some factors Council will need to consider include:

- Declining usage of the current mobile library service, and the closure of some primary schools.
- Neighbouring councils that purchase library services from Swan Hill are also reviewing their communities' library services.
- Confirmation of \$3.4 million funding from the Victorian State Government for a community library to be developed in Robinvale. This static library will be able to provide a broader range of library services to Robinvale and the surrounding communities.
- The existing mobile library prime mover and trailer are nearing the end of their expected lifespans.

The aim of the review is to ensure communities in the Council area are provided the opportunity to have their say, and to inform Council on the most effective library service into the future.

If you would like to have your say, a survey is available from the mobile library or online at www.library.swanhill.vic.gov.au.

CARING FOR YOUR KIDS

With school holidays just around the corner, Council's Outside of School Hours (OOSH) program is gearing up for a fun-filled, educational and exciting two weeks.

Offering high-quality child care for primary school-aged children in a safe, fun environment, OOSH has a strong focus on positive learning results tailored to meet the needs and interests of children and their families.

As well as providing a focus on high-quality care based on individual children, this term's program will include dance classes, ten pin bowling, mini golf and lots more.

Council's Children's Services Team Leader Rebecca Carmichael said the program provided an affordable and flexible childcare option to families in the Swan Hill region.

"The beauty of our program is the ability to plan around individual children, not just a group," Ms Carmichael said.

"And that means we can focus on children's identity, wellbeing and communication, their community and positive learning outcomes through creative, fun recreational play experiences.

"We offer qualified, caring and understanding staff, who recognise the importance of building relationships with children, families and the community in respect to their changing needs.

Achieving high quality status through the accreditation process in accordance with the National Quality Assessment and Rating and reflecting the Early Years Learning Framework, parents and carers are also able to access the Child Care Benefit through the Family Assistance Office or Centrelink to reduce childcare fees.

Bookings for the July Vacation Program close 23 June. For more information, or to book care, contact Bec Carmichael on 0418 558 994.



The program runs during term holidays from 8am to 6pm, Monday to Friday (except public holidays, the last week of December and the first week of January).

Children can attend the program for full or half days, daily or weekly or on a casual basis. Half days are in blocks of five hours.

All meals are provided, including any dietary needs.

Activities during the program vary depending on availability of staff, weather and other special activities in the community at the time.

Some of the many activities children can enjoy are:

- >> Swimming
- >> Bike riding
- >> Ten pin bowling
- >> Dance lessons
- >> Art lessons
- >> Workshops from visiting artists
- >> Excursions to movies, Pioneer Settlement, Steggall Park, Riverside Park and water parks.



FUNDING SUCCESS: The L2P Program recently received a fantastic funding boost after successfully applying for a grant through local employment agency WDEA. L2P Program Officer Ross Palmer (pictured left with WDEA Site Manager Jason Davies) submitted the application for \$5,000 to assist in the everyday operations of the program. Approved for the full amount, this money will allow additional learner drivers to join the program and to log the 120 hours driving experience required to gain their probationary licenses.



SETTING A VISION AND A PLAN FOR OUR REGION'S FUTURE

The new Swan Hill Rural City Council Plan is out now for public comment.

The Council Plan is one of our most important documents, guiding key decision-making over the next four years. It gives Councillors the chance to set their vision for our municipality and put in place goals to shape our region's future.

The draft 2017-21 Council Plan has five key themes:

- Economic growth
- Community enrichment
- Infrastructure
- Governance and leadership
- Environment

Under each theme is a tailored list of objectives – 16 in total – along with initiatives and actions. These provide detail and guidance on how Council will achieve its four-year goals, but also allow Council to closely monitor overall plan progress.

Swan Hill Rural City Council Mayor Les McPhee said the process for mapping out Council's goals for the next four years had been extensive.

"The Council Plan is a high level strategic document, setting out how we intend to address important issues like growth, community engagement, financial sustainability and maintenance of essential infrastructure," Cr McPhee said.

"It's based on what Council understands to be most important to people's lives, hopes and aspirations, and the kind of community we all want in the years ahead," he said.

"All the information included in the plan comes from a collaborative process between elected Councillors, the organisation and the community."

Cr McPhee said that, for example, residents and business owners often expressed concern

about the region's ability to attract new business.

"The draft Council Plan aims to address this with an over-arching objective to 'Encourage and attract new business to our region'.

"The draft Council plan lists initiatives like investigating potential export opportunities, developing investment prospectuses, promoting new technologies and increasing housing availability to support any growth. And, it sets out the actions that Councillors, Council officers and the community must take for us to achieve this."

Some of the other areas of high community interest include infrastructure, with a focus on things like Council's Major Capital Works plan, maintaining and upgrading our road networks and ensuring our municipality has infrastructure that appropriately service community needs.

As well as community enrichment which focuses on inclusion, the arts and creating a safe community.

HAVE YOUR SAY

The draft Council Plan 2017-21 is now out for public comment.

Copies of the draft plan are available online at www.swanhill.vic.gov.au or from Council offices at 45 Splatt Street, Swan Hill and 68-72 Herbert Street, Robinvale.

Submissions close at 4pm on 19 June and will be considered by Council at a Special Council Meeting on 27 June at 5.30pm.

Submissions can be made online at www.swanhill.vic.gov.au/yoursay, via email to council@swanhill.vic.gov.au or in writing addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, Swan Hill Rural City Council, PO Box 488, Swan Hill 3585.

COUNCIL PLAN KEY RESULT AREAS

To achieve our Mission, Council has identified five Key Result Areas.



Economic growth

We will encourage new business development, provide support for business expansion and will continuously seek to help our existing businesses to prosper.



Community enrichment

We will provide a range of services to individuals and to the broader community that assist all in our community to live healthy, fulfilling lives. We will embrace our role as a regional centre by providing a range of cultural opportunities.



Infrastructure

We will provide and maintain publicly accessible infrastructure that is appropriate for the community's needs in the most effective and efficient manner possible.



Governance and leadership

We will represent our community's interests, conduct our affairs openly and with integrity, reflecting the high levels of governance our community expects. We will plan for our municipality's long term growth and development by committing to a robust program of strategic planning.



Environment

We will adopt work practices and implement policies that reduce our environmental impact, advocate for the protection of our environment and fulfil our regulatory obligations.

CLEAR DIRECTION FOR ECO DEV

More than 120 people have provided input into a new Economic Development Strategy for our municipality.

Through online surveys, one-on-one meetings and workshops, people from right across the municipality have told us why they like to do business here, what challenges they face and what opportunities they see for progress.

Lifestyle and livability were considered one of the region's greatest strengths, while challenges included an inability to attract and retain skilled staff and housing.

Key opportunities are to improve housing stock availability, post secondary education opportunities, value added products and international trade.

Results have been fed into a draft Economic Development Strategy, which should be released for public comment this month.

An Economic Development Steering Committee has led the plan's development so far. The committee includes Mayor Les McPhee, Cr Bill Moar, Council staff and community members.

Mayor Les McPhee said the strategy was an important document and he encouraged community members to consider it and make comment.

"Economic development is all about improving the economic wellbeing of our

region, with a focus on jobs, incomes and investment," Cr McPhee said.

"As such, the Economic Development Strategy is one of the most important documents that Councillors and staff refer to as we work towards a better economic future for our entire municipality," he said.

Once the draft is released for public comment, it will be available at www.swanhill.vic.gov.au/yoursay. In the meantime you can contact Council's Economic Development Unit for information – 5032 3033.

WHAT YOU HAD TO SAY IN OUR ONLINE SURVEY

"Development of an intermodal hub to enable business to access export opportunities easier."

"Need more land development to increase house numbers to boost economy."

"Encourage agri-tourism and paddock to plate experience."

"A grain related business...value adding eg bread making."

"18-25 year olds leave town - need a bigger TAFE or a uni with some subjects here so we don't lose everyone and we actually gain people into the town naturally."



COOKING WITH GAS: Last month Swan Hill's first residential customer was connected to natural gas. To celebrate the occasion representatives from Enwave Victorian Networks, Ellis Gas and Council joined Mrs Carmela Fulton at her residence to see the natural gas in action. Mrs Fulton was absolutely thrilled to connect to the service which she is using to heat her home, hot water and kitchen appliances. Enwave hope to complete the entire Swan Hill network by July. Pictured behind Mrs Fulton is Cr Chris Jeffery, Enwave's Project Manager Todd Henderson and Regional Project Manager Jim Power and Scott Ellis from Ellis Gas.



BRAINSTORMING: To ensure the new strategy reflects the needs of industries in our region, Council's Economic Development Unit held a number of industry-based workshop sessions in Feb and March.



DRAFT BUDGET RELEASED FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

TOTAL REVENUE: \$52.9 MILLION

REVENUE RAISED FROM RATES: \$23.2 MILLION

CAPITAL WORKS AND ASSETS EXPENDITURE: \$16.9 MILLION

Swan Hill Rural City Council's 2017/18 draft budget has been released for public comment.

The budget proposes a 2 per cent average rate rise, which is consistent with the State Government's rate capping level, and a moderate 3.6 per cent rise for kerbside rubbish collection charges – to allow for future cell reconstruction at the Swan Hill Landfill and \$150,000 for the construction of a transfer station in Robinvale. There will be a 9 per cent decrease in the charge for a 240-litre green waste bin.

While the rate rise is capped at 2 per cent, the actual change for individual property owners will vary where home renovations or new dwellings are completed.

The budget includes a total of \$16.9 million in capital works, with additional funding allocated for building maintenance across the municipality. A total of \$8 million will be spent on road construction and roads maintenance.

Works approved through Community Plans will be funded to \$180,000 for towns including Manangatang, Nyah, Lake Boga, Ultima, Boundary Bend and Woorinen.

Mayor Les McPhee welcomed the draft budget and said core Council services had been maintained within the 2 per cent rate capping limit.

"With ongoing concerns of cost shifting and further financial constraints, there was always going to be some challenges to ensure Council was able to strike a good balance in this budget, including maintaining core services and a positive capital works program," Cr McPhee said.

"However despite these challenges, Council's commitment to maintaining services through efficiency and strong financial management has resulted in a responsible budget that includes some good community projects."

Copies of the draft budget are available from www.swanhill.vic.gov.au and Council offices in Swan Hill and Robinvale.

Submissions to the draft budget close on Monday, 19 June at 4pm. A Special Council Meeting to receive and hear submissions will be held on Friday, 23 June.

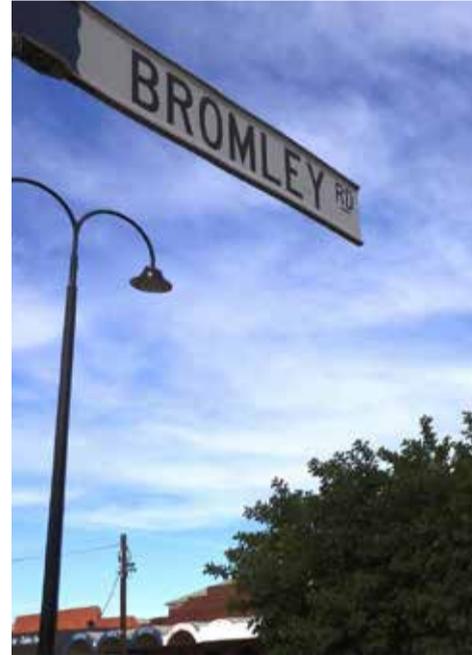
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KEY DATES

>> **Monday, 19 June, 4pm** - Submissions to the draft budget close.

>> **Friday, 23 June, 8.30am** - Anyone wishing to speak to their submission can do so at this Special Council Meeting at the Swan Hill Town Hall. If no submissions are received, Council may proceed to amend or adopt the budget at this meeting.

>> **Tuesday, 27 June, 6pm** - If submissions are received, Council will consider whether to adopt or amend the budget at this Council Meeting.



BEAUTIFYING BROMLEY ROAD: \$400,000* for projects from the Bromley Road Masterplan.



REVAMPING OUR ROADS: \$5.1 million* on sealed road reconstruction, resealing and shoulders.



GREAT EXCHANGE: \$1.65 million* on the redevelopment of the Swan Hill Livestock Exchange.

YOUR RATES NOTICE

RATES CONCESSION

Residents who hold an eligible pension card can apply for a concession on their rates for their main place of residence. The concession will include a discount on your 2017/18 Council rates of \$223.80 and of \$50 on the Fire Services Property Levy.

Eligible cards include:

- Pensioner Concession Card (issued by Centrelink or Department of Veterans' Affairs)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card (War Widow – WW)
- Department of Veterans' Affairs Gold Card (Totally and Permanently Incapacitated – TPI)

Other criteria when claiming the concession includes:

- You can only claim concession on your rates once per financial year. Residents can apply for a concession at any given day during the year.
- Your place of residence must be exactly the same address that's on your pension card. The full name, signature, address, town, state and postcode must all match.
- Your concession card must be valid at the time of application.
- You are the person responsible to pay the rates account.

RECEIVE YOUR RATES VIA EMAIL

Residents can now have their rates notices delivered to them via email. It's quick, easy and secure.

Simply register your details and the next rates notice will be conveniently delivered to your nominated email address. Signing up will also let you log in to view your notices online at any time.

- Complete the online registration form at swanhill.formspost.com.au
- Enter your name exactly as it appears on your rates notice, including spaces and symbols.
- Enter your property's assessment number.
- Choose a username (make it easy to remember so you can log in later).
- Check your inbox and click the link (the link will be available for 48 hours)
- Choose a password (use this along with your username to log in).
- You will now receive notices in your inbox.

For more information, ring Council's Customer Service and Revenue Department on 5036 2333, drop into the Splatt Street office or Robinvale Resource Centre or visit Council's website.

BUDGET COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2017/18

COMMUNITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

- >> Lake Boga \$8,000
- >> Manangatang \$26,000
- >> Ultima \$29,000
- >> Wemen \$5,000
- >> Woorinen \$8,000

LAKE BOGA

- >> Catalina Park activation \$162,000*
- >> Lake Boga playgrounds \$50,000
- >> Lake Boga Caravan Park grounds works \$20,000

NYAH DISTRICT

- >> Nyah Recreation Reserve \$21,000
- >> Investigation of water heating system at Nyah Swimming Pool \$20,000
- >> Nyah District Senior Citizens floor coverings \$15,000
- >> Nyah District Primary School safe drop off and pick up area \$11,000

PIANGIL

- >> Seal Church Street Piangil \$60,000

ROBINVALE

- >> Robinvale town levee design and construction \$600,000*
- >> Bromley Road beautification – Robinvale \$400,000*
- >> Transfer station at Robinvale Landfill \$150,000
- >> Robinvale reserve playgrounds \$61,000
- >> Extend Robinvale Leisure Centre – design \$50,000

SWAN HILL

- >> Livestock Exchange Redevelopment \$1,652,000*
- >> Swan Hill Riverfront Masterplan implementation \$900,000*
- >> McCallum Street black length project \$532,000*
- >> Ken Harrison Sporting Complex soccer pavilion \$465,000*
- >> Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery extensions design \$200,000
- >> Swan Hill CBD drainage upgrade \$127,000
- >> Swan Hill Cenotaph RSL project \$55,000*

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS:

- >> Sealed road reconstruction, resealing and shoulders \$5.1 million*
- >> Roads to Recovery funded road works \$2 million
- >> Unsealed road resheets \$0.66 million*
- >> Footpaths major repairs and renewal \$185,000
- >> Bicycle paths construction \$31,000
- >> Library collection purchases \$125,000
- >> Economic Development initiatives \$76,000*
- >> L2P Learner Driver Program Swan Hill and Robinvale \$64,000*
- >> Robinvale War memorial and interpretive walks \$75,000
- >> Replacement of irrigation systems \$100,000
- >> Playground equipment renewal \$80,000
- >> Additional street lighting \$33,000
- >> Disabled kerb crossings in Swan Hill and Robinvale \$30,000
- >> Lights at pedestrian crossing in Swan Hill \$83,000

***Indicates total project cost is conditional on external funding**



NUMBERS UP FOR NOVO!

Swan Hill Rural City Youth Council NOVO has seen a recent increase in new members, with six joining in the past month.

Designed to give the youth of our community a voice, the Youth Council also works to help create a positive culture and environment within our municipality for people of all ages. It also provides an important opportunity for our local young people to have input into Council decisions.

Meeting every Tuesday at 3.45pm at Youth Inc on Campbell Street, anyone aged 12 – 25 can become a member with joining as easy as showing up to a meeting.

When asking current members what they love about Youth Council the answers were as varied as they were many.

From learning new life skills, meeting new people, building self confidence and having a voice in the community to the simple yet equally important happiness.

Inclusion is also a major theme within the group, with all members agreeing on the importance of all people within our community feeling a sense of belonging.

No subject is off limit with robust yet respectful discussions held regularly around the NOVO meeting table. Ensuring that everyone can voice their opinion and acknowledging that it is okay that not all views are the same and it's okay to disagree, some of the topics talked about each week can include funding application approval and prominent issues for local youth to organising FreeZa and other youth specific events.

Members also regularly have the chance to attend youth workshops and camps as well as attending youth forums and meeting with members from state and federal government.

If you're interested in joining Youth Council drop in to Youth Inc, attend a meeting or visit www.youth.swanhill.vic.gov.au for more information.



NOVO NEWBIES: (L to R) Polly, Talai, Talei and Lewa (front) were all smiles after attending their first NOVO Youth Council meeting.

WHAT MADE YOU DECIDE TO JOIN NOVO RECENTLY?

Talia – "I've been following the Swan Hill Youth Inc Facebook page and watching what they've been doing and how much they have already achieved this year. I just wanted to be a part of that and give back to my community."

Polly – "Two girls in my class are members and they talk about it a lot and all the fun things they do, how much they enjoy it and their involvement in the community. And I want to do things like that as well."

Talei – "I heard about Youth Council from my friend, and thought it would be a good way to help me build more confidence, get to know more people and build more relationships in the community."

Lewa – "I actually heard about Youth Council a while ago but didn't really know what it was. A friend encouraged me to give it a go and to see what it's like. And it's actually really cool what they do and how much they do for the community and I just want to give back and connect with other people."

NILS COVERING PET COSTS

Council is thrilled to support the Swan Hill Neighbourhood House No Interest Loan Scheme for animal registrations and desexing.

The No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) provides interest-free loans for individuals or families on low income.

The community-based program, which enables people to access fair, safe and equitable credit, was previously only for the purchase of essential household items.

The addition of animal expenses has been welcomed by both the community and by Council.

Councillor and Neighbourhood House co-ordinator Lea Johnson said in the past Swan Hill Neighbourhood House had received a number of requests from clients wanting to pay for animal expenses through the scheme.

"To most people a cat or dog is basically another family member. So, if we can help people in our community look after their pets, we will," Cr Johnson said.

"Registering and desexing pets is not only a benefit to the animal, but also drastically improves the chances of getting a lost pet back to its home."

Council's Public Health and Regulatory Service Co-ordinator Trish Ficarra said the scheme was a fantastic idea and would help lower the number of unwanted animals in Swan Hill.

"A lack of responsible pet ownership leads to an oversupply of unwanted pets," Ms Ficarra said.

"But there are also pet owners who we know want to do the right thing by their pets and legislation, but don't always have the means.

"Responsible pet management is so important in our community and we would like to thank our local Neighbourhood House for giving our residents this option."

The current animal registration fee is \$132, but desexing reduces the fee to \$44.

If you would like more information on this scheme, contact Neighbourhood House on 5032 1549.



PUPPY LOVE: Terri Unger, Benji Unger and vet Alyssa Bischoff with pet dog Obi-Wan K-9, who was desexed and microchipped with the help of a Neighbourhood House No Interest Loans Scheme. (Photo: Pamela Blackman)

COMMUNITY SAYS YES TO OFF LEASH DOG PARK

In February and March we asked the community to give us their thoughts about an off leash dog park for Swan Hill.

We received 224 responses to our online survey. A summary of the results is below.

WHAT DID YOU THINK?

A majority of responses were in favour of an off leash dog park with 83 per cent saying that Council should provide an off leash area.

When asked what kind of facilities the park should have, the top answers included dog excrement bag dispensers (91 per cent), access to water (90 per cent) and a fully fenced site (88 per cent).

Some other suggestions included; swimming area/ponds, close proximity to public toilets, trees/sheltered areas, bins, barbecue area, security cameras, lighting, conditions of entry, tunnels/obstacles, double gate entry and supervisors on duty.

We also asked that if Council did provide an off the leash park, would the position in Draft Local Law No. 2 stating that dogs should be on a lead at all times, except in designated areas be supported?

The majority (75 per cent) said they agree that dogs should be on a lead at all times except in designated areas.

When asked if users would be willing to pay a small fee to use the park (depending on the facilities provided) 31 per cent answered yes, 43 per cent said no and 26 per cent selected other.

TOP FOUR SITES IDENTIFIED

- >> Grassed area near Tower Hill
- >> Old Golf Course, near racecourse
- >> Grassed area near skate park
- >> Ken Harrison Reserve

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

Early in the new financial year a report will be presented to Council to determine if and where a park might be established.

Keep an eye out on Council's website and Facebook page for updates.

RECYCLE RIGHT

Did you know that as a country our waste is growing at double the rate of our population, with 52 mega tonnes generated a year?

Did you also know that Australia is actually ranked fifth highest for generating the most municipal waste in the world?

Consider how many times you've bought more than you need, then tossed half of it in your rubbish bin. Now imagine everyone else doing this, in households right across Australia.

But did you know that sadly another contributor to our growing amount of municipal waste is contaminated recycling?

SO WHAT IS CONTAMINATED RECYCLING?

Contamination occurs when items that do not belong in a particular bin are placed in that bin. In recycling bins the most common contaminants are plastic bags, garbage bags, garden waste, rubbish, food scraps, nappies and clothing.

BUT WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

When rubbish is put into recycling bins, recycling becomes more expensive. This can result in otherwise recyclable materials being dumped into landfill, a less pure output of recycled raw materials, putting workers at recycling facilities at risk and in some cases machinery can be damaged.

Recycling centres use some degree of hand sorting by workers and some automation. For example, industrial magnets are used to pull off magnetic steel and blowers literally blow off scrap paper. Putting recyclables into plastic shopping bags and tying the handles together, for example, interferes with this automation and potentially results in these materials going to landfill. So remember to leave your recycling loose, not in plastic bags.

SO WHAT CAN AND CAN'T GO IN YOUR RECYCLING BIN?

Do the contents of your recycling bin pass the scrunch test? Soft plastics, the kind that can be scrunched into a ball, do not belong in your recycling bin and are among the biggest problems in the kerbside recycling system.

Items such as plastic bags, chip packets, drinking straws, cling wrap, bread bags, bubble wrap and lolly wrappers all belong in the rubbish bin.

The table on the right also lists some of the common mistakes when it comes to recycling.

✓	Cardboard, cartons and pizza boxes
✗	No waxed cardboard (e.g. produce boxes)
!	Remember to flatten cardboard boxes and remove food from pizza boxes
✓	Newspaper, paper, envelopes and junk mail
✗	No shredded paper
✓	Milk cartons
✗	No silver lined UHT cartons (eg long life milk)
!	Remember to rinse cartons before recycling
✓	Glass bottles and jars
✗	No window glass, crockery or light globes
!	Remember to rinse jars before recycling and remove all bottle tops and lids
✓	Plastic milk and soft drink bottles, detergent and shampoo/condition bottles
✗	No poisons or hazardous chemical bottles
!	Remember to rinse all bottles and remove lids
✓	Steel, aluminium and aerosol cans
✗	No other metal household items such as saucepans, car parts, wire or gas bottles
!	Remember to rinse off any food from cans and remove lids and nozzles from aerosol cans. These lids and nozzles should be placed in the rubbish bin



MAJOR PROJECTS

MAJOR UPGRADE TO SWAN HILL CBD DRAINAGE

Council and its contractor Whitfield Excavations have started a major project to improve stormwater drainage from the Swan Hill CBD.

Council's Director Infrastructure Oliver McNulty said the work continued a three-stage major upgrade of the CBD drainage system.

"This upgrade is aimed at reducing the impact on businesses during heavy rainfall. It will increase the system's capacity to drain stormwater to the river, and ultimately reduce the frequency and severity of CBD flooding," he said.

The first stage of the upgrade took place in 2013, with another stage to come in 2017/18 to complete the project."

New sections of drainage main - up to 1200mm in diameter - will be installed along the north side of McCallum Street from the NAB building to the Swan Hill Bowling Club, under the train line and then to the river.

For more information, contact Council's Engineering Department on 5036 2324.

CATALINA PROJECT CLEAR FOR TAKE OFF

Last month Council made the decision to allocate additional funds to the Lake Boga Catalina Activation Project, enabling progress as designed.

The kitchen/café and deck construction tender was recently awarded to local contractor RTM Construction, with works expected to get underway next month.

Council Mayor and Lakes Ward Councillor Les McPhee said the project included creating a new commercial kitchen and a cafe, building a lakeside deck, a new children's playground, landscaping and beautification.

"This development will create a much-needed lakeside dining and children's area, giving visitors and locals even more reason to spend time at Lake Boga," Cr McPhee said.

"We look forward to continuing work with the Lions Club and other community members to make this project happen."

The project has been made possible thanks to funding and support from the State Government, Council and the Lake Boga Lions Club.

MAJOR MAKEOVER FOR NYAH ROAD

One month in, the Nyah Road makeover is progressing steadily.

The \$2 million project, funded through the Federal Government's Roads to Recovery Program, will take around 11 months to complete.

During this time all kerb and channel will be replaced, road pavement rebuilt and drainage upgraded in the section between Stradbroke Avenue and the ambulance station. New trees will also be planted in the centre island and landscaping will highlight the northern gateway to the city and CBD.

Mayor Les McPhee said the works would make this section of road safer for both motorists and pedestrians.

"This section of road needs work - there are rough sections and the kerb and channel no longer complies with safety rules. New footpaths will also create better and safer pedestrian links in the area," Cr McPhee said.

"An average 5,500 motorists use this section of road every day, it is a vital link to the Karinie Street industrial area and saleyards, and is the main entrance to our city from the north. So, it is essential this road is safe and functional, and that is presents a welcoming entrance too."

Motorists should be cautious in the area during construction, and to obey road safety signs at all times. Road closures will be advertised.

"People will still be able to access businesses in the area at all times. Council and Whitfield Excavations staff will continue speaking with business owners to ensure this access is maintained," Cr McPhee said.

For more information on the project contact Council's Engineering Department on 5036 2324.

COUNCIL WORKS UPDATE

NEW PATH TO SUCCESS

New footpaths have been built in Nyah West to safely link the school, pre-school and post office.

Murray Mallee Ward Councillor Gary Norton said the project - funded through VicRoads - had been welcomed in Nyah West.

"The community has been keen to see this footpath built - it will make it much safer and more accessible for the families, children and the elderly who already use this area," Cr Norton said.

The 1.5 metre wide concrete footpath has been built along the south side of Lloyd Street from the post office and past the pre-school to Frederick Street. The path continues along the east side of Frederick Street to the school crossing, which has also been upgraded.

SAFER CROSSING FOR BOGA WALKERS

Lake Boga residents and visitors now have safer pedestrian access across the Murray Valley Highway with the installation of a new crossing.

Ramps, pedestrian refuges, a new section of footpath and signage have been installed just south of the Lake Boga service station, with lighting to come.

VicRoads has funded the project through its new Building Our Regions program.

Mayor and Lakes Ward Councillor Les McPhee said a safer place to cross the highway had been a much-anticipated project in Lake Boga.

"This is not a zebra crossing - vehicles will still have right of way. But it provides a dedicated area for pedestrians to cross, with concrete refuges in the centre of the highway and between the highway and the nearby service road," Cr McPhee said.

"New street lighting will also be installed so that pedestrians can feel much safer crossing the area at night or on their early morning walk."



SAFETY FIRST: Sarah and Bella Stevens looking both ways before using the new crossing in Lake Boga.

MORE BUS SHELTERS FOR SWAN HILL

Just in time for the colder weather, Council will be installing four new bus shelters in the coming months. These are in addition to the four shelters installed in previous financial years.

Two shelters are scheduled to go in this month at bus stops in Chapman Street (near the Stradbroke Avenue roundabout) and Palaroo Street.

A further two shelters will be installed in the new financial year with one earmarked for Thurla Street (corner Mulbar Street). Consultation is currently underway for the location of the fourth shelter.

Locations of current bus shelters:

- >> Boree Drive (Alcheringa Aged Care)
- >> McCrae Street (next to the Medical Centre)
- >> Yana Street (near corner of Harrison Crescent)
- >> Coronation Avenue (near cemetery)



STEP RIGHT UP: Nyah West Primary School students can step a little safer on the way to school thanks to new footpaths and school crossings.

RIVER ROAD UPGRADE COMPLETED

Council crews have completed an upgrade of River Road in Swan Hill. The latest stage, from Douglas Road to the Swan Hill Abattoirs was finished in May. The upgrades have widened the road, increased visibility and ultimately made the road safer.

Also in the works...

- >> Upgraded the final section of Ultima-Culgoa Road, completing a long-term project to improve safety for residents and for farmers carting grain through the area. The last 1.7km section was finished in April. The road is now 6.2 metres (two lanes with shoulders) wide from Ultima to the boundary of our municipality. The project was mostly funded through Roads to Recovery.
- >> Improved irrigation at the Ken Harrison soccer facilities and the Swan Hill Showgrounds oval.
- >> Installed a small playground in Robinvale's Rowe Street.
- >> Work started outside the Swan Hill North shops in Chapman Street. New paving, trees and landscaping will beautify the area, and there will be the addition of a loading zone and disabled parking space.
- >> Reconstructed 1.6km of Cumnock Road, Lake Boga.
- >> Repaired road shoulders on both sides of Bael Bael Road, Tresco along a 3km section.
- >> Resheeted shoulders on Moondah Road, Manangatang.

Supporting new enterprise...

Work has taken place on roads to accommodate new businesses in some of our rural areas.

- >> A 130m section of Ultima North Road was upgraded in preparation for the new export hay plant being built there.
- >> At Hawthorne Lane, between Chinkapook and Nyah West, a 3.1km section of gravel road was re-sheeted to improve conditions for trucks coming to and from a new gypsum mine there.

And what's coming up...

- >> Local contractor Coburns will complete work on walking paths in Manangatang and the Nyah district. In Manangatang, a new gravel walking path will be built from the community centre to the swimming pool. The pathway from the Nyah swimming pool all the way to the edge of the Nyah West township will be renewed. Both projects were identified in Community Plans and in Council's Active Transport Strategy.
- >> A footpath will be installed along the south side of Cutri Drive, Swan Hill, making the area safer for local residents and other pedestrians.

MASSIVE ROAD RESEALING PROGRAM

Roads were resurfaced in Swan Hill, Nyah, Lake Boga, Pental Island, Ultima and Robinvale in April and May.

Contractor Primal Surfacing re-sealed 47 kilometres of road, including the Robinvale aerodrome.

"Road resurfacing is an important part of our maintenance program," Works Manager Dallas Free said

"In total, Council will spend about \$1.18 million on resealing roads across the municipality in this financial year and has budgeted \$1.04 million in 2017/18."



TOP COAT: George Street was one of 11 in the Robinvale area to be re-sealed, this picture taken outside post office.



DON'T MISS DA VINCI MACHINES

AT SWAN HILL REGIONAL ART GALLERY EVERY DAY FROM 23 JUNE UNTIL 20 AUGUST.

Enter the amazing world of Italian renaissance genius Leonardo Da Vinci in an interactive exhibition of over 50 of his machines and inventions at the Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery.

On loan from the Museum of Leonardo Da Vinci in Florence, Italy, the machines on display are created from original Da Vinci drawings and have been seen by more than six million people in more than 30 countries worldwide.

Among the innovations are automatons (the precursors to robots), nautical, hydraulic and architectural tools, ground-breaking applications of civil engineering and fear-inspiring machines of war like the tank.

Don't miss the chance to marvel at his vision for a helicopter, tank, spring driven car, wooden bicycle and paddle boat.

Get hands on and crank the gears of numerous contraptions and wind the handle of the hydraulic pump.

And cast your gaze across actual size, beautifully replicated digital prints of the Last Supper, the Mona Lisa and Da Vinci's self portrait.

This award-winning exhibition invites everyone with curiosity to delve into the extraordinary mind of artist, scientist and inventor Leonardo Da Vinci.

Suitable for all ages.

Admission prices: Adult \$12, Concession \$10, Child \$6 (ages 5-17), Family \$25 (2A, 2C).



FAMILY FUN: Da Vinci Machines is suitable for all ages, making it a great option for a family day out.



HANDS ON: The exhibition has a number of interactive displays.

PLUS DON'T MISS THESE SPECIAL DA VINCI EVENTS

30 June, 12pm
Da Vinci and his contemporaries* – Floor talk with the Gallery Director.

4, 6, 11 and 13 July, 11am - 12pm
School holiday program – Children aged 5 to 12 will produce artworks and crazy inventions. \$10 per child, includes exhibition entry.

7 July at 2.30pm
Wheelie Fun with Da Vinci at the Library – Primary school aged children will make a Da Vinci style mini wheelbarrow with Swan Hill Wood Workers Group. \$10 per child, includes exhibition entry at the Gallery.

23 July, 2.30pm
Music and instruments of the Renaissance* – Fascinating talk with local musician and instrument maker Brian Butler.

5 August, 3pm
Italian style afternoon tea – Includes entertainment from soprano Rianne Quaife. Adult \$18, concession \$16, child \$12 (ages 5-17), family \$45 (2A, 2C), includes exhibition entry.

13 August, 2.30pm
From conception to invention* – Tour the exhibition with local inventor and sculptor Steve Cole.

*Normal exhibition entry prices apply

WHAT'S ON

>> LOOKING FOR SOMETHING MORE?

This is just a taste of the events happening across the Swan Hill and Robinvale regions from June to October. There are other regular community events listed at www.visitswanhill.com.au.

>> GET A FREE EVENT LISTING

Anyone can have their events uploaded to the www.visitswanhill.com.au site for FREE!

Please email the details to tourism@swanhill.vic.gov.au, or get in touch with the friendly team at the Swan Hill Region Information Centre.

JUNE

Fri 28 April - Sun 18 Jun
THE A'DALE AND BEYOND, Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery.

Fri 9 - Sun 11 Jun
MURRAY DOWNS GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB JUNE RACING CARNIVAL, Swan Hill Racecourse.

Tues 16 - Tues 30 Jun
MONTY PYTHON'S SPAMALOT. Spamalot tells the legendary tale of King Arthur's quest to find the Holy Grail. At the Swan Hill Memorial Theater, 47 McCrae Street, Swan Hill.

Tues 23 Jun - Sun 20 Aug
DA VINCI MACHINES. This is an interactive exhibition bringing to life 60 remarkable machines designed 500 years ago by Leonardo Da Vinci. Daily at Swan Hill Regional Art Gallery.

Tues 30 Jun
MELBOURNE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY FESTIVAL ROADSHOW. Featuring everything from stand-up, to sketch, slapstick to song, each individual line-up presents the best of the Festival in one hilarious show. Swan Hill Town Hall PACC 7.30pm

JULY

Sun 16 Jul
DAMIERN LEITH - ROY ORBISON TRIBUTE. The tour commemorates 30 years since Roy Orbison was inducted into the Rock n Roll and Songwriters Hall of Fame. Swan Hill Town Hall PACC 4pm

Thurs 27 Jul
THE BREAKFAST SERIES. Swan Hill Rural City Council provides support to local businesses by running a number of events, workshops and programs.

Swan Hill Town Hall Café starts 7am

AUGUST

Sun 20 Aug
MALLEE ALMOND BLOSSOM FESTIVAL. The Festival is held on the third Sunday in August at the Robinvale Community Centre, Robinvale on the picturesque banks of the Murray River.

SEPTEMBER

Tues 19 - Thur 21 Sep
FAIRFAX FESTIVAL. Workshops and activities for youth aged between 12 to 17. Free Gala Performance on Thurs 21 September at Swan Hill Town Hall PACC.

OCTOBER

Fri 6 - Sat 7 Oct
SWAN HILL AGRICULTURAL AND

PASTORAL SOCIETY SHOW, Swan Hill Showgrounds. For more information contact swanhillshow@bigpond.com or visit the Swan Hill Show Facebook page.

Fri 13 - Sat 14 Oct
RELAY FOR LIFE CANCER COUNCIL RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER, Swan Hill Riverside Park, Monash Ave - 6.30pm to Sat 12pm.

Frid 13 - Sun 15 Oct
SWAN HILL COUNTRY MUSIC WALK UP'S FESTIVAL.

Thurs 19 Oct
THE BREAKFAST SERIES, Swan Hill Club at 7am sharp. For more details visit council website at www.swanhill.vic.gov.au.

Sat 21- Sun 22 Oct
SWAN HILL BASKETBALL JUNIOR CLASSIC Swan Hill Basketball Stadium, 15 Gray Street, Swan Hill.

WHAT ELSE?

There are also regular **PYAP CRUISES** (weekdays 2.30pm; Victorian school holidays and public holidays 10.30am and 2.30pm) and the **HEARTBEAT OF THE MURRAY LAZER LIGHT SHOW** (every night) at the Pioneer Settlement. Call 5036 2410 for details.

And don't forget **STORYTIME** each week at the Swan Hill Regional Library for the kids. Saturday Story Time 11am, Wed Story Time 10.30am, Thur Baby Rhyme time 10.30am. Call 5036 2480 for details.

MARKETS

1st Sat of the month
MURRABIT MARKET (about 45km south east of Swan Hill), 8.30am to 1pm. Contact 5457 2205.

1st Sun of the month
SWAN HILL FARMERS MARKET, Riverside Park Swan Hill. 9am to 1pm. Contact 0456 531 606.

2nd Sat of the month
NYAH LIONS CLUB

MARKET, Nyah Recreation Reserve, 9am to 12pm. Contact 5030 2519 or 0409 302 519.

2nd Sat of the month
ROBINVALE COUNTRY MARKET, Caix Square, Robinvale, 8.30am to 12.30pm. Contact 5026 3095.

3rd Sat of the month
ANGLICAN BOOT SALE MARKET, Anglican Function Centre, Splatt Street, Swan Hill, 9am to 12pm. Contact 5032 2506 or 5032 3765.

3rd Sun of the month
ROTARY CLUB OF SWAN HILL MARKET, railway car park, Curlewis Street, Swan Hill, 8am to 12pm. Entry by gold coin donation. Contact 0417 372 654.

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