

A message from the Mayor Jade Benham

I am sure that when I went to bed last night it was March and we're now waking up and Christmas is upon us. How did that happen?

In any case, not much has stood still in our municipality – it's been a year of projects, that's for sure!

As I look back over the year, I am proud of what our Council has achieved. I take this opportunity to thank my predecessor Cr Bill Moar for his significant contributions during his challenging time as Mayor, during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Council has taken positive steps forward this year, implementing new projects and initiatives that will carry us well into the future.

I have been proud to watch as many

long awaited project were completed this year including the Nyah Netball Court facilities, a new toilet block at Swan Hill's George Lay Park, Swan Hill Aerodrome Reconstruction works, our off leash dog park at Steggall Park in Swan Hill, Lake Boga Recreation Reserve netball change room building, three new courts as well as brand new netball change rooms in Robinvale, along with the opening of the new Robinvale Learning and Community Hub and of course our small town enhancement project Vibrant Villages coming to life – and much more.

Recently we have also witnessed the commencement of our Woorinen Recreation Reserve netball courts, the Soccer Pavilion at Ken Harrison Reserve and the Robinvale Leisure Centre

upgrades.

2022 is shaping up to be a big one for our municipality – we will bring many exciting projects to fruition and we will be scoping and developing other new opportunities – it is an exciting time.

I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. I will take this time to reflect, to celebrate family, to give, to appreciate, to forgive and to plan for a wonderful new year.

It's time to get festive but please do it safely. Don't drink and drive, don't drive tired and indulge responsibly. It's time to take a nap – together let's bring upon a Happy New Year in 2022.



Cr Nicole McKay
Peace and Best Wishes to everyone in our region for a Happy Christmas and New Year. What a joy it will be to be amongst family and friends again. May the summertime be mellow, and for those busy with harvest, may it be bountiful. The last couple of years have brought a new appreciation for the blessings of country life. Feeling grateful for the beauty of the Mighty Murray, lakes and parks and gardens of the region.

Cr Chris Jeffrey
Wishing everyone a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, one where we can spend our time enjoying all that our municipality has to offer. Stay safe and look after yourselves.

Cr Les McPhee
I would like to thank the community for the continued support they have given to me. Council staff are also to be congratulated for the work they do in providing the services and infrastructure for our community. I wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.

Cr Bill Moar
After yet another challenging year, I commend our local community for their resilience and I look forward to greater achievements in the coming year. Wishing all a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Cr Ann Young
We have come through a difficult year with resilience and hard work from all of the community. It is great to see everyone out and about again. I hope you all have a happy Christmas and that 2022 is a great year.

Cr Stuart King
I wish everyone in the municipality a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. I hope and pray that the festive season and the year ahead provide opportunity for families, friends and communities to reconnect and prosper without impediment or disruption. Stay safe and remain strong. God Bless.

What a Year!



*Pictured (top to bottom – left to right)
New outdoor dining pods expand local hospitality sector; Ronald Street, Robinvale Housing Development commences; Council elects new Mayor Cr Jade Benham; new car for L2P program; Mayor Bill Moar gets the final jab; new netball courts for Robinvale; Lake Boga netball change rooms on their way; Robinvale levee bank moving forward; paw-some new dog park receives ullti-mutt stamp of approval; COVID-19 care packs prepared for the vulnerable; Swan Hill SES going solar; George Lay park toilets are open; farewell to an outstanding CEO; heat pump upgrades for local pools; IDAHOBIT Day a huge success; a new chapter opens with the Robinvale Learning and Community Hub; new plantings set to bloom; 10 year anniversary celebrations for L2P program; free parking in CBD; the end of an era at the Paragon Café and Aerodrome upgrades progress.*

