

# Season's Greetings FROM COUNCILLORS



As 2022 comes to an end, on reflection we have had another turbulent end to the year. Floods have impacted us all, in some way. However, it is in times like this that show how resilient our communities and people are. With the water levels starting to recede, it is now time to turn our attention to enjoy the company of family

and friends over the upcoming festive season.  
Councillor Jade Benham was successful in the recent State Election to become the Member for the seat of Mildura, I wish her well in her future role and look forward to working with her in her new role, for the benefit of the northern end of our municipality.  
I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe New Year.  
During your celebrations ensure that you don't over indulge, and enjoy your time with family and friends.  
I look forward to the New Year and hope it is prosperous for all.



As another challenging year draws to a close, I have been reflecting on our strong community spirit - and how in times of need we stood together and provided support to one another, as flood waters continued to rise and threaten our livelihoods.  
It is not surprising really, times like these often bring out the

best in people, and I feel incredibly proud to be part of this resilient region.  
I look forward to 2023 and am excited for the wonderful projects that will be completed, and some really exciting ones that will commence. Our community deserves the best - and 2023 is going to be fantastic year.  
I would like to wish everybody a happy and safe Christmas, and prosperous New Year.



I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. The last couple of years have been difficult with a range of circumstances impacting our daily lives. Let's hope 2023 is a good year for our communities, businesses, farming enterprises and families.

It is important to stay positive and not let the negatives take over our thoughts and actions as we live in a pretty good place, with lots of development.  
Our empty shops are filling, residential growth is amazing and people are moving here for a better and happier lifestyle.  
Let's support this growth and development so that it continues and expands.



The 2020s just keep on dishing out the unexpected, and the unexpectedly prolonged: fire; pandemic; and now floods. We are now familiar with the waiting, the preparing, and the dealing with these issues. There has been sacrifices made and awful impacts on crops from flood. However, as a region, we have much to be

grateful for. I have witnessed wonderful acts of community contribution and incredible efforts from country people to protect levies, lay sandbags and monitor river heights. They have done this for their neighbours, the townspeople, and to protect the roads that connect us all. A special thanks to all those CFA, SES and community volunteers who made it happen, and hat's off to the State Government who has resourced the Emergency Response, and saved homes and properties across the region. Happy Christmas to all.



Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Whatever your plans with family and friends stay safe and enjoy the busy period.



To everyone in the Swan Hill Municipality I wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
May the Christmas season fill your home with joy, your heart with love, and your life with laughter.  
And remember to love your community & those in need also.  
God Bless.



Thank you for entrusting me to be your voice on Council since 2019.  
It has been a great privilege to serve a region that I love - and boy did we kick some goals!  
I would like to extend my thanks to my fellow Councillors when I took a leave of absence to run as a candidate in this year's State election. Also, to council staff for their

support and commitment to this great organisation and most importantly the community - you are the reason we do what we do.  
I look forward to continuing to work with residents in the northern part of the municipality in my new role as the State member for Mildura - I encourage you to reach out to me.  
So, it is goodbye from me as Councillor Jade Benham, however we are still living locally in Robinvale and will be on the lookout for a Robinvale representative to run as a Swan Hill Rural City Councillor in 2024. Any ideas?  
I wish each and every one of you well for a prosperous 2023 and here's to only wonderful things for Swan Hill Rural City Council for the future - thank you for giving me the confidence to make a difference!