

# RURAL CITY COUNCIL News



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



## Meet the expanding planning team

The Planning department recently welcomed two new graduate Planning Officers to the team.



## Off Leash Dog Park at Tower Hill

Have you visited Swan Hill's upgraded Off-Leash Dog Park at Tower Hill? It's now better than ever with new agility equipment.



## Variety Bash 2024

We were proud to be the launch pad for this incredible adventure from Swan Hill to Airlie Beach (Red Dirt to Reef!).

The Variety Bash brings hope and support to communities and children in need - they're truly inspiring!

Thank you for bringing joy to communities in our municipality - we hope their trip was as memorable and impactful as their mission!



## Partnership to tackle childcare shortages

Council has partnered with local service providers in Robinvale to tackle the area's increasing demand for childcare and kindergarten educators.

The initiative aims to provide a free pre-accreditation program, designed to support participants to build essential skills prior to undertaking early childhood studies.



## Home hosts sought for 2025

The Tennis Victoria Country Week tournament is set to be held at Ken Harrison Reserve in Swan Hill from 9 - 14 February 2025. Council is encouraging Swan Hill residents to consider participating in the Home Host program.

If you have a spare room, two bedrooms, or a whole house within 10-15 km of the Ken Harrison Reserve in Swan Hill, you're exactly who Council is looking for! Scan the QR code to register.



For more information contact the Swan Hill Information Centre 5032 3033.



## Council presents to Public Hearing

Our Mayor, Cr Stuart King and Director of Corporate Services, Bhan Pratap recently presented a compelling case to the Legislative Council Economy and Infrastructure Committee during the public hearing as part of the Inquiry into Local Government Funding and Service Delivery.

## Winner - Shawn Brennan

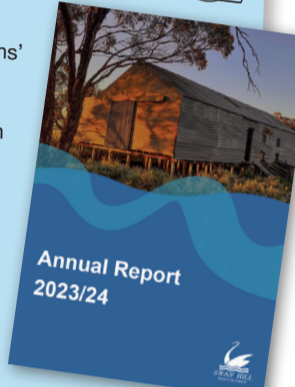


Congratulations to Shawn Brennan who won our "Our municipality through your lens" photography competition!

His stunning photograph of a Shearing Shed at Goschen will grace the front cover of our Annual Report for 2023/24.

Thank you to everyone who entered and provided their impressive contributions.

The Annual Report 2023/24 will be available later in the year.



## Have your say!

### Swan Hill Rural City Council - drainage model

Council is currently undertaking a drainage study of the Swan Hill and Robinvale townships. The study aims to define local flood behaviour, identify drainage issues, assess potential mitigation options and recommend a forward works program for each town.

### Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy

Council is developing a comprehensive Integrated Transport and Land Use Strategy that will shape the future of our community.

The strategic initiative aims to enhance how we live and move around, ensuring our growth and development align with the needs and aspirations of our residents.

We would love to hear from you.

Scan the QR code to provide your feedback:



## Let's Talk

### Vandalism on the rise

While this page is typically used to report the good news, we cannot overlook the recent surge in acts of vandalism across our municipality. Vandalism not only destroys property but also undermines progress and community ownership that we strive to foster in our community. **If you see something, please say something.**

Please report all instances to Crimestoppers by calling 1800 333 000.



## Cross Border Commissioner visits Swan Hill

CEO Scott Barber met with Victorian Cross Border Commissioner, Brett Davis to discuss key priorities for the municipality.



## National Tree Planting Day

Council recently partnered with students from St. Mary's Mackillop College to plant trees at Swan Hill's Barry Steggall Park. Council is committed to preserving the environment and empowering local young people to come together to make a difference.

