

## Major Improvements Delivered at Water Treatment Plant under Advanced Operational Support Program

In January 2024 a comprehensive inspection of Council's Water Treatment Plant was undertaken by AOS assessors which identified key areas for improvement. The assessors provided targeted recommendations to enhance the plant's operational reliability and regulatory compliance. With the Structured support of the AOS Program and strong local commitment, Council has made substantial progress in addressing these recommendations. To date, all but one recommendation have been implemented, demonstrating both efficiency and dedication to public infrastructure improvement. An initial AOS allocation of \$50,000 was used to address deficiencies in online turbidity monitoring across two water treatment plant filters. Council resolved the issue for just \$15,000 enabling the reallocation of funds towards additional upgrades. In total, 150,000 in staged fund-

ing has been approved with all works aligning with AOS standards and contributing to long-term operational resilience. Hay Shire Mayor Cr Carol Oataway praised the success of the initiative, stating "the Partnership with the AOS Program has been instrumental in elevating the reliability and compliance of our water treatment operations. With strategic use of funding and local initiative, we've not only resolved our most critical risks but achieved broader improvements that will benefit the community long term. This collaboration is a strong example of what can be achieved when local leadership and state support work hand-in-hand". All works have been delivered with a 25% co-contribution from Council, reinforcing its commitment to public health, environmental standards and the long-term sustainability of essential water services for the region.



## Citizenship Ceremony

On the 10th July 2025, Council held a citizenship ceremony where Mayor Cr Carol Oataway formally welcomed Hay's newest Australian citizens, Mauricio Meira Guimaraes and his daughter Ana Luiza Jahno Meira. Mauricio is a valued member of the local police force and has been stationed in Hay for over two years. He and his family have embraced our community and are proud to now call Hay their home. Council congratulates Mauricio and Ana Luiza as they begin this new chapter as Australian Citizens.



## Vale Michael (Mick) Beckwith

It was with great sadness that Council received the news of the passing of former Mayor Michael (Mick) Beckwith OAM. Mick was a councillor from 1971 to 2004, including 11 years as Mayor and one year as Deputy Mayor. Mick was awarded the Freedom of the Shire, and in 2011, he was honoured the Order of Australia Medal (OAM) - a national acknowledgement of his exceptional service. Mick was a passionate advocate for our community, working tirelessly to "get things done". His service and dedication to the community will be long remembered. Sincere condolences go out to Alice, Michael, Fiona and Families.

## Know Your Council



### Mayor

Cr Carol Oataway

### Deputy Mayor

Cr Martyn Quinn

### Councillors

Geoff Chapman

Lionel Garner

Will Miller

John Perry

Paul Porter

Darren Tapper

## EVENTS

### August

14 CWA Casserole Day

### September

6 Dunera Day

12 Annual Hay Show

20 Hay Glow

### October

4 Booligal Sheep Races

13 Hospital Open Day

### November

13-16 Rainbow on the Plains



## Whats on at the Library

**Rhyme Time:** Children's reading and activities are held every Tuesday commencing at 10.30am for 0-5 years old.

**Knitting & Scrabble Groups:** Are held each Wednesday at 10am. Come and enjoy some knitting and scrabble with good company and a cuppa.

## Development Applications

### June 2025

2024-4	151 Lachlan St, Hay	Bottle Shop	Approved
2024-54	761 Jerilderie Rd, Hay	Storage and laydown site for plant and equipment	Approved
2024-62	472 Church St, Hay	Carport to existing shed	Approved
2024-67	310 Moama St, Hay	Unmanned Truck Refuelling Facility	Refused
2025-21	318 Macauley St, Hay	Shed	Approved
2025-18	225 Lachlan St, Hay	Shed	Approved
2025-17	175 Bidgee Dr, Hay	Relocation of house	Approved
2025-16	477 Murray St, Hay	Extension to shed	Approved
2025-15	112 Lachlan St, Hay	Change of use & ramps	Approved

## June Long Weekend Mini and Vanguard Show and Shine – 7th June 2025

The Australian Hay Mini National Show and Shine event was held on the June long weekend, bringing many visitors to Hay. The Mini Nationals event brought people together from every state in Australia. Approximately 1500 people gathered in Moppett St with 115 minis on display along with 30 Standard Motor Company Vanguards and Triumphs. This was the 57th year for the Hay Mini Nationals and the 28th year for the Standard and Triumph Club. Mayor Cr Carol Oataway presented the mayor's choice to Terry Smithers of Wagga Wagga with his 1974 Honolulu Blue Morris and to Roydon, Ellie and their dog Marley with their two toned green and cream Vanguard.

# HAY GLOW

*a community gathering*

## SAVE THE DATE!

### Saturday September 20

OPENING OF THE  
ST PAUL'S TIME CAPSULE

LIVE MUSIC | MARKETS | FOOD | FIRE

TO BOOK A STALL OR FOOD OPTION CONTACT THE HAY VISITOR CENTRE - 02 6993 4045

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

Ordinary people making an extraordinary difference

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) model is a partnership between communities and NSW Ambulance to improve the health outcomes of patients in regional, rural and remote locations in NSW.

Trained and equipped NSW Ambulance Clinical Volunteers respond to time critical cases where early clinical intervention is known to make a significant difference before paramedics arrive.

The Hay Shire Council invites you to a

### PUBLIC MEETING

NSW Ambulance will be there to provide information; answer your questions you may have thought of and gauge your interest in forming a local Community Emergency Response Team (CERT).

**When:** Wednesday 27 August at 6:30pm

**Where:** The Hay Shire Council Chambers

A light supper will be provided after the meeting

**RSVP:** by Friday 22 August (essential for catering & room set up)

**Phone:** Kerry McRae on (02) 6990 1100

## Position Vacant General Labourer - Signs



### Join Our Team!

Hay Shire Council is seeking a motivated and dependable individual to join our team in maintaining Council's signage assets and assisting with a range of general labouring duties.

This hands-on position is ideal for someone who takes pride in their work, enjoys working outdoors, and thrives when working independently. Your key responsibilities will include the inspection, ordering, and installation of signage throughout the Hay Shire, along with a variety of labouring tasks that support Council's operations.

### What We Offer:

- A secure, full-time role (35 hours per week) with a fortnightly Rostered Day Off (RDO)
- Five weeks of annual leave per year
- A diverse and engaging work environment with a variety of tasks

**How to Apply:** How to apply is detailed in the position information package available at Hay Shire Council Administration office or visiting [www.hay.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hay.nsw.gov.au).

**Applications close:** 4:00pm, Friday 25 July 2025

For further information, please contact Kirstyn Thronder on (02) 6990 1100 or email [careers@hay.nsw.gov.au](mailto:careers@hay.nsw.gov.au).

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