

Newly Elected Council Officially Appointed

Local Government Elections were held on 14 September 2024 and congratulations to the elected Councillors for the term from January 2022 to September 2024.

These Councillors, at the Ordinary Meeting of Council held October 29th, 2024, undertook the official Oath/Affirmation of Office.

At the same meeting Cr Carol Oatway was elected Mayor and Cr Martyn Quinn was elected Deputy Mayor. We wish Cr Oatway and Cr Quinn well in their roles. Councillors were also appointed as Council representatives on various Council and community committees and they look forward to participating and being active on their nominated committee.

The new Councillors will have a busy first nine months with Council required to develop or review in conjunction with staff and the community:

- a updated Community Strategic Plan
- Delivery and Operational Plan
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Resourcing Strategy
- Asset Management Strategy, Policy, and Management Plans
- A Workforce Management Strategy
- Service Review Program
- Annual Report
- Community Engagement Strategy

Council would like to thank the previous Council for their time and professionalism over their terms on Council and wish them well.



Know Your Council



Mayor

Cr Carol Oatway

Deputy Mayor

Cr Martyn Quinn

Councillors

Geoff Chapman

Lionel Garner

Will Miller

John Perry

Paul Porter

Darren Tapper

Hay Urban Digital Water Metering Project

Thank you to those who have completed the recent Hay Town Water Users survey. At present your water is delivered to your household and business by Hay Shire Council and metered at the water connection. The water use is then manually read by a Hay Shire Council staff member. As a household you then receive the invoice for your water use based on the water meter read. Hay Shire Council is one of the last councils in NSW to still do manual meter reads. This process is labour intensive and as a result takes a considerable amount of time to process.

Hay Shire Council is proposing to implement a digital metering system that would replace the current water meters with a digital meter to provide more accurate reads, reduce leaks and costs.

The digital meters will allow household or businesses to:

- Check their water at any time on their phone
- Accurately measure water use
- Identify water leaks or issues at the house or business any time on their phone
- Ensure efficient use of water

For example, as a household or business you will be able to identify if you have a leaking pipe, dripping tap or connection issue that costs you money, to help prevent any Bill shock that may occur.

The meters do not require electricity and use satellite internet and radio technology to provide up to date information to customers. Council is seeking funding to proceed with the project and there will be no additional cost to rate payers. As part of the process, we will be conducting several community engagement sessions, with further details to be provided shortly.



Australia Day Awards - Nominations Open



Applications are invited for the 2025 Hay Australia Day Awards. Award Categories for nominations are:

- › Citizen of the Year
- › Young Citizen of the Year
- › Special Achievement Award
- › Gavin Johnston Memorial Vocational Award

Nominations must be made on the prescribed form which is available at Council's administration centre or accessed on Council's website www.hay.nsw.gov.au

Nominations will be received at the Hay Shire Council office, 134 Lachlan Street, Hay, up until 5pm Friday 13th December 2024. For further information on Australia Day Awards or assistance with your nomination, please contact Council's Deputy General Manager, Mark Dowling on 02 6990 1100.

EVENTS

November

14-17 Rainbow on the Plains

23 Hay Races

29 Art Exhibition

Night at the Spot - Belle Kidd Art.

December

2 St Mary's

Christmas Fete

15 Carols by Candle Light

18 LOVE Hay This Christmas

January

26 Australia Day Celebrations

26-27 Hay Fishing Classic

Hay Shire Snippets



Silent Auction

Hay Shire Council has a number of **abandoned vehicles** for a silent auction. All Vehicles have a reserve of \$100.00. Silent auction forms will be available at the Council Office. All appointments for the inspection of vehicles will need to be made at the front office 134 Lachlan Street, Hay during the hours 9am-2pm. If Successful in your Bid, you will need to arrange the removal of the vehicle yourself safely and in working hours from 7am-2.30pm. It must be done within two weeks of the auction and payment must be received in full. Council also has a number of used **240 litre Wheelie Bins** for auction. Singular bins and up to quantities of 10 with no inspections. Forms will be available from the front office 134 Lachlan Street, Hay and collection will take place within two weeks of the auction and payment must be received in full. For further information please contact Hay Shire Council, 02 6990 1100.

Tenders close Friday 22nd November 1pm



2006 Citroen



Alfa Romeo



Holden Rodeo Ute



Nissan Ute



Subaru



Toyota Camry



Changes to the Food Standards Code for food businesses

There are new food safety requirements for Australian food service, caterer and related retail businesses from **Friday 8 December 2023**.



Category one

Businesses that process and serve food that is potentially hazardous and ready-to-eat



Examples
Restaurants, takeaways, cafes, mobile food vendors, caterers, bakeries, child care centres and school canteens.

Tools required: ① ② ③

Category two

Businesses that sell potentially hazardous ready-to-eat food they did not make or process themselves (other than only slicing, weighing, repacking, reheating or hot-holding)



Examples
Deli's, supermarkets, service stations and seafood retailers.

Tools required: ① ②

Under Standard 3.2.2A - Food Safety Management Tools, businesses will need to implement 2 or 3 food management tools, depending on their activities:

- ① Have a qualified **Food Safety Supervisor** to supervise food handlers
- ② Ensure all **food handlers** are trained in food safety and hygiene, or can demonstrate adequate skills and knowledge
- ③ Be able to **demonstrate safe food practices** or keep records.



Next Steps

The new requirements apply to most businesses from **Friday 8 December 2023**. In NSW School canteens, children's services, supermarkets, greengrocers, delis, coffee vendors that sell food, correctional centres and boarding schools have until **8 December 2024** to comply.

Visit foodauthority.nsw.gov.au/safetytools or scan the QR code for more information.

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More resources at foodauthority.nsw.gov.au
1300 552 406 | food.contact@dpi.nsw.gov.au



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Food service, caterer and related retail businesses in NSW need to meet new food safety requirements in the Australia New Zealand Food Standards Code (the Code).

The requirements apply to most businesses from 8 December 2023. Standard 3.2.2A aims to improve food safety by introducing 3 tools:

- Food Safety Supervisor (FSS)
- food handler training
- showing food is safe.

If you already have a current FSS, you will only need to ensure other staff who handle unpackaged, potentially hazardous food have appropriate skills and knowledge in food safety and hygiene. Higher-risk businesses must also be able to show they are managing key food safety risks.

For other businesses, all the requirements are new, such as for children's services that supply food, school canteens, supermarkets, greengrocers, deli's, coffee vendors that sell food, correctional centres and boarding schools.

The requirements do not apply to the handling or sale of food for fundraising solely for community or charitable causes, providing food free to the community, or to businesses [licensed with the Food Authority](#).

What's happening at the Hay 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.

