

## From the Second Fastest Population Decline to Stability A Town Turned Around

The most recent estimate of the Australian Bureau of Statistics have shown a population decrease of only 0.41 percent in Hay, which shows the town has stabilised after major population decline in the past 20 years. Mayor Bill Sheaffe said Hay is moving from its previous decline into a period of stability: "According to the ABS data we have shown a slight decrease of 0.4%, equating to a loss of 12 people over 5 years. This is a great turnaround for the town from having the second fastest population decline in Australia".

Acting General Manager, Kirstyn Thronder, said that there has been a lot of effort put in to attract development to town, to transform the retail sector, and increase tourism numbers. "Council have put a lot of resources to the development in the town in past six years, but certainly the largest contributing factor to this growth has been the Auscott cotton gin in the area, which had some major flow-on effects. Council has concluded its previous 2012-2017 Economic Development Action Plan, and will now start planning for the next five years, to consolidate and stabilise its population and economic position".

The Hay Local Government Area has further shown an increase in income, as well as the town becoming more multicultural.

The Census 2016 compared to Census 2011 has shown the changes in the social fabric and the economic conditions in town:

- The Population decline has stabilised from a double figure decline to -0.4%.
- There is a decrease in the 0-19 and 35-54 age groups, but an increase in the 20-34 and 55-84 age groups.
- There is a 7% increase in Aboriginal Persons
- There is a 10% decrease in those born in Australia residing in Hay, and an 11% increase to those born elsewhere.
- The Median age of persons have increased from 44 to 46.
- The median total personal income in Hay LGA has increased by 33%, from \$441 to \$587, and the median total family income has increased from \$987 to \$1344, which is 36%. The median monthly mortgage payment has decreased from \$999 to \$982, but the median weekly rent has increased from \$129 to \$148.
- There is a 10% decrease in those speaking English only at home, and a 30% increase in those who speak other languages.
- The town has shown a 10% decrease in those born in Australia, with the top countries in order of Hay population are:
 

1. Australia	5. India
2. New Zealand	6. Fiji
3. UK	7. Greece
4. Italy	8. South Africa
- There has also been a decrease in 10% of those who speak other languages at home, with the top languages being spoken in order of most to least are:
 

1. English	5. Afrikaans
2. Italian	6. Urdu
3. Punjabi	7. French
4. Greek	

## Hay Park Pond Taking Shape

The Hay Park Pond upgrade works are well underway and residents will have noticed the pond and island area now taking shape. A small footbridge has been constructed and will provide access across to the island from the exterior of the pond.

At the June Ordinary meeting Council resolved to turf the pond surround and install an irrigation system.

The pond area of the park will become a passive area where families can have picnics on the grass or seating areas, feed the ducks and enjoy the relaxing surrounds.

*Photo: Newly constructed footbridge to island*



## Household Garbage Collection

The rollout of new 240l bins to residences will commence in the next couple of weeks.

Weekly collection of 240l household garbage bins will operate as normal ie every Monday and Tuesday

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### Know Your Council

#### Mayor

Cr Bill Sheaffe

#### Deputy Mayor

Cr Michael Rutledge

#### Councillors:

Jasen Crighton

Jenny Dwyer

Peter Dwyer

Robert Howard

Dave Townsend

Kevin Walter

## EVENTS

### July

- 2 SSAA Hay Branch - Golden Fleece Shoot - 9.30am
- 8 Hay Lions Comedy Night
- 22 Garrison Battalion Day
- 29 Cubs & Scouts Community Markets

### September

- 2 Dunera Day
- 3 SSAA Hay Branch - John Simpson Memorial Shoot
- 6 Paddy's Birthday Celebration
- 9 Hay Show
- 30 Cubs & Scouts Community Markets

### October

- 14 CWA Flower Show
- 22 SSAA Hay Branch - 100 Target Handicap, John Simpson Memorial



Hay Tourism

## Waste Transfer Station - Scavenging Policy

At the June Ordinary meeting Council considered a draft policy on scavenging in the domestic waste disposal pit at the Waste Transfer Station.

The policy is now on exhibition for public comment. All submissions must be addressed to the Acting General Manager, Hay Shire Council, 134 Lachlan Street, Hay with comments to be received no later than 5.00pm 19th July 2017.

The draft policy is available for viewing at the Council administration centre or log onto [www.hay.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hay.nsw.gov.au).

## Bishop's Lodge - Appeal for Pots

Bishop's Lodge Management Committee have bare rooted roses arriving next week, and the Committee are seeking donations of old or spare 20cm garden pots for potting of the roses.

Please call Bishop's Lodge on 02 6993 1727 if you require further information.



## Library News

**Knitting:** Next Knit In's will be on Wednesday 12th and 26th July. Keen knitters are invited to join the Knit In's.

**Winners of Library Knitting Group Raffle were David Beckwith and Glenys Freund.**

**Scrabble Group:** The next scrabble sessions will be held Wednesday 5th and 19th July.

**Children's Reading:** Children's reading and activities held every Tuesday commencing at 10.30am.

**Science Kits:** Science Kits are available to borrow over the school holidays. Many topics available including sound, water, astronomy, light and colour.

**Our Constitution:** Mr John Christensen will be visiting Hay on Thursday 27th July and extends an invitation to any community members interested in the Constitution to come along and hear his talk on this topic. The talk will commence at 2pm in the Library.

## Tristar Medical Service Hay

Australian Hearing will be visiting Tristar Hay on the 14 July 2017 between 9am and 1pm for hearing checks. Please call Tristar Medical Group on 6993 1900 to arrange an appointment.

## VENDING VEHICLE POLICY

The draft Vending Vehicle Policy completed its period of exhibition for public comment was adopted at the June Ordinary meeting. The policy is available at Council's administration centre.

## Council Works in Progress

The status of Council's operations is as follows:

- Town Streets – Kerb and gutter replacement and stormwater pit improvements have commenced in Stephen Street between Murray and Church Streets and Edward Street between Murray and Macauley Streets. Following this work will be shoulder reconstruction and seal in all mentioned locations.
- Grading – Maintenance grading of Romani Road along with culvert cover improvements.
- Signs – Repair damaged signs on Councils rural road network.
- Weeds – Property inspection are being conducted.
- Pond – Removal of treated pine log retaining wall and battering of the bank have commenced in Hay Park Pond. The remaining treated pine post and rail fence will be replaced with galvanised post and rails with chain mesh to match the existing park boundary fence. The construction of a timber foot bridge is in its final stage.

FREE



## MICROCHIPPING DAY!

COMING SOON



## Bus Tour of the Auscott Cotton Gin

Next tour dates: Sunday 2nd, 16th, & 30th July

Departing from Shear Outback @ 9.30am, \$15pp



For bookings & more information contact  
Shear Outback - 02 6993 4000

(part proceeds going to local Can Assist)

**Limited seats available - Bookings essential**

## Are you a HACC client?

**Are you are frail aged or disabled?**

**Do you care for someone who is frail aged or disabled?**

If yes, then you may be entitled to receive the assistance of the HACC services.

Resident that feel they may be in need of HACC services, call down to the HACC offices at the Library Complex and discuss your needs with either Paula or Rebecca. An assessment will be carried out to determine your eligibility to receive these services.

The HACC office is located at Offices 1 and 2, Hay Library 204-216 Lachlan Street, Hay.

**Contact HACC on 6993 3222 or 6993 2297.**

## Meals on Wheels Roster

3 Jul	Lauren Hicks & Di Congdon
4 Jul	Shirley Edwards & Marg Beckwith
5 Jul	Pynors Accountants Staff
6 Jul	Cheryl Marmont & Gayl Munn
7 Jul	Sally Smith & Wendy Harvey
10 Jul	Parra & Pat Montgomery
11 Jul	Jenny Honeyman & Cheryl Moir
12 Jul	Henry & Rene Gifford
13 Jul	Ann Young & Partner
14 Jul	Hay Shire Staff

**Meals to be picked up by 11.45am from Riverina Hotel.**

If volunteers notice any discrepancies between this list and the one provided by HACC please refer to your HACC roster.