

Rural Outreach Worker Fact Sheet

Brian Hill has been appointed as Council's new Rural Outreach Worker.

He will provide a valuable link between rural community members and various support services, helping to break down barriers and enabling greater access for rural residents to support services available.

Services Provided

- Engaging with farming communities living in the Strathbogie Shire
- Assisting with farming and personal concerns/issues (including depression, anxiety and other mental health issues, financial troubles, relationship problems and uncertainty for the future)
- To link farming communities with the various support services and agencies
- Working with the farming families in their own environment, maintaining regular contact and provide support
- Following up on referrals to the various support services and agencies

How to make a referral

Organisations/Agencies:

Phone: 0460 322 261

Or fill out the Referral Form and email to brian.hill@strathbogie.vic.gov.au

Individuals:

Phone: 0460 322 261 to make an appointment.

Note: Brian will meet you at your farm or in your town.

Cost

The Rural Outreach Service is free of charge.

About Brian Hill

Brian Hill joined Strathbogie Shire Council as the new Rural Outreach Worker in August, 2021.

Brian has worked extensively with rural and remote communities over his career, having worked for organisations such as the Vincent de Paul Society in Deniliquin with Vinnies Youth as well as with Family Services as a case worker.

Brian's background is in the Royal Australian Navy, having served for 26 years and was discharged in 2003.

Brian then gained further qualifications in community welfare and worked in an Indigenous Residential Rehabilitation Centre has a drug and alcohol counsellor.

He then went on to also work as a drug and alcohol counsellor with Greater Southern Area Health Services/Murrumbidgee Area Health Services in Deniliquin.

Brian brings incredible life experience to the role and he looks forward to working with clients in the Strathbogie Shire communities.

