

# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWS

SUMMER 2020

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the summer issue of the Strathfield Council Newsletter which provides quarterly updates on Council news and upcoming events.

Here's a look at what Council has been up to lately.



Join Strathfield's very own  
Community Choir!

6:30PM-8PM WEDNESDAY NIGHTS  
STRATHFIELD TOWN HALL

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# Bushfire Recovery Efforts

Strathfield Council has joined forces with the Office of Local Government (OLG) and other metro councils in bushfire recovery efforts. In the wake of the ongoing bushfire crisis, a “councils helping councils” resource sharing initiative called the Local Government Bushfire Recovery Support Group has been established. Several meetings have already taken place with metro councils across Sydney offering support.

Strathfield Council will provide in kind resources to the value of \$200,000 over the course of 6 weeks to assist the Local Government Bushfire Recovery Support Group. In addition to heavy plant equipment, the offered recovery services are in the form of waste collection, work health and safety, recovery coordination and damage assessment.

Skilled staff in Council's parks, engineering, land survey, works inspection and environmental health teams have answered the call and are ready to provide on the ground assistance anywhere in the state of NSW where their knowledge and expertise is required.

The recent bush fires have devastated these communities. Council is determined to provide every assistance possible to enable a swift recovery.



Our staff assessing a bridge damaged by bushfire.

# Local Citizens of the Year

Each year, Strathfield Council provides recognition to unsung heroes in our midst as part of the Local Citizen of the Year Awards presentation held on Australia Day. The award recipients are residents who graciously volunteer their time to make Strathfield a better place to be. On Sunday 26 January 2020, Council was delighted to award the following residents:

## Local Citizen of the Year

### Sandy Reddy

Sandy is an unsung hero and wonderful asset to the Strathfield community. Understanding the importance of community, Sandy welcomes our newest residents who have just arrived into the country by providing guidance, information and support with school enrolment and how to access beneficial programs and services run by Council.

Sandy's commitment in serving the Strathfield community is continuously displayed through her involvement with the development of children, engagement in youth programs and her support for women in need through domestic violence programs.

Sandy volunteers at Council events, blood donation camps and World



Left to right: The Hon Dr Fiona Martin Member for Reid, Citizen of the Year Sandy Reddy, Cr Antoine Doueihy Mayor of Strathfield and Ms Jody McKay Member for Strathfield.

Vision. She is also an active member of the Strathfield State Emergency Services, and is currently assisting with manning the Bushfire Information Line and undertaking jobs as directed by the Strathfield SES unit.

## Young Citizen of the Year

### Rishabh Somani

Rishabh is an outstanding young citizen who, regardless of his young age, has already devoted numerous hours to volunteering, fundraising and leadership at school and within the broader Strathfield community.

He has participated in leading volunteer groups at Red Shield Appeal events, Interact Club activities for the World's

Greatest Shave, regularly volunteers at the Growers Market, council events and provides after school peer tutoring, where he helps younger students with their studies.

Rishabh is known for his unwavering determination to get things done, a trait that has no doubt assisted him in being President of the Interact Club, lead various initiatives and overcome any obstacle whilst also excelling academically. Rishabh perseveres to do his very best for the community, proving to be a phenomenal role model for those around him and a merit to our community.

## SUSTAINABILITY & WASTE

### Level 2 Water Restrictions

Greater Sydney's hit with the worst drought on record and severe water restrictions are now in place. Under the new level 2 water restrictions:

- gardens can only be watered before 10am or after 4pm with a watering can or bucket
- smart and drip irrigation systems may only be used for 15 minutes before 10am or after 4pm
- the use of unattended hoses is no longer permitted
- hosing of hard surfaces is not permitted, unless in an emergency
- cars can only be washed with a

bucket or at a commercial car wash

- a permit is required before filling a pool of any size.
- Fines of \$220 will apply for residents and \$550 for businesses who don't follow the restrictions.



### Smoke Free Strathfield

At Strathfield, we're about creating a community that is beautiful, safe and healthy. Smoking in Strathfield CBD is prohibited and penalties may apply for violations. Bin your butts and consider the well-being of yourself and others. The littering of cigarette butts is also an incessant issue throughout our LGA. Contact Council on 02 9748 9999 for a free personal cigarette bin today and report tossers to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA).





# Strathfield Connector Sponsors

Getting around Strathfield just got easier!

Council is excited to announce the Official Blue Route Sponsor, Sydney Markets and Official Red Route Sponsor, DFO Homebush.

As part of this exciting development, the Strathfield Connector will now drop off residents right outside Sydney Markets and DFO Homebush to connect you with local shops and alleviate the issue of traffic congestion and parking.

Thank you to Sydney Markets and DFO Homebush for their support of this community initiative. Track the bus online by visiting [connector.strathfield.nsw.gov.au](http://connector.strathfield.nsw.gov.au)



## STRATHFIELD CONNECTOR

**DFO**  
H O M E B U S H

[www.dfo.com.au/homebush](http://www.dfo.com.au/homebush)

**SYDNEY MARKETS**

[www.sydneymarkets.com.au](http://www.sydneymarkets.com.au)

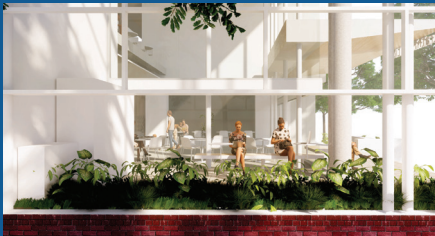


# PROJECTS



## STRATHFIELD LIBRARY UPGRADE

A \$1.7 million upgrade of Strathfield Library, located at 65-67 Rochester St, Homebush, commenced in December 2019 and is scheduled for completion in March 2020. The planned upgrade will ensure that the Library can provide the community with a more comfortable and engaging space, that enhances learning and information sharing.



Images courtesy of Studio Hollenstein.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY  
1 MAR



## CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Celebrate the 30th anniversary of Clean Up Australia Day and help make our environment clean and beautiful! For more information please visit [www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au)

SATURDAY  
14 MAR



## MOVIES IN THE PARK

Sunset  
Strathfield Park, by the rotunda

Enjoy a night under the stars with a free screening of Toy Story 4.

EVERY  
THURSDAY

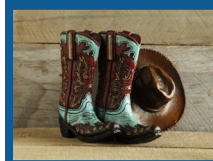


## FITTER AND STRONGER

10:30am – 11:30am  
Strathfield Community Centre  
1B Bates St, Homebush

Get moving in this gentle exercise program for over 50s.

WEDNESDAY  
UNTIL 1 APR



## LINE DANCING

10am– 12pm at Strathfield Town Hall, 65 Homebush Rd, Strathfield

Get in the groove and make new friends while dancing!

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