

# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWS



APRIL 2023



**CR KAREN PENSABENE**  
Mayor of Strathfield

On behalf of Council, I hope everyone had a Happy Easter with

family and friends. When our world seems so challenging and uncertain, may your Easter basket be full of joy, happiness and peace.

Thank you to every resident who has emailed me, posted cards and sent messages on my election as Mayor of Strathfield. I am honoured to represent this exciting and diverse Council, and I will endeavour to make our Strathfield a place we can all be proud to work and live.

Events over the past month have been great.

Dr Jana Pittman addressed us on the power of women in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics area on International Women's Day. It was so inspiring to hear about women who are accelerating equality and empowerment. The International Women's Day theme this year was to Embrace Equity which is

something we can all practice, value and embrace to create an inclusive world.

Harmony Day was sensational as the Dutton Centre was brought to life with the colour, music and flavours from all participants representing our very multicultural community. Congratulations to the Multicultural Committee and Council's Community Services team for the organisation of this event! I look forward to next year's celebration.

April will see Strathfield Council team with the Cumberland RSL Sub-Branch to commemorate ANZAC Day at Davey Square Reserve. Council has invited local schools to take part in a poetry competition. We look forward to hearing the winning submission that will be part of the memorial service on 25 April. Please join us on the day to make this service special and remember those who gave up their lives for the freedom we live with today.

Strathfield Council will be hosting the Strathfield Festival from April 27 – 29. Keep a lookout for all the fun activities,

delicious food from local businesses, cultural performances, artwork projections and lighting installations that will be happening over the 3 days of the festival. Funding for this project has been provided by the NSW Government.

Congratulations to our Strathfield Cricket Club for winning the Shires 1st Grade Grand Final against Burwood Briars. It was such an exciting match as they needed two wickets in the final over to win the game and secured the second wicket on the last ball!

Please remember, your Councillors are your voice in our community. We have been elected by you to ensure you are heard and cared for. Please do not hesitate in contacting us for any advice or help you may need.

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festival

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cultural dances  
live music  
local tastes

27 - 29  
april  
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## Black Box Parenting

This program is designed for parents who are experiencing conflict, domestic violence and other challenges. This is a group-based program focused on learning and discussion over 5 sessions, with an aim to help parents improve on relationships with their children and to build on their parenting skills.

**For more details and to register, scan the QR code.**



## Tech Savvy Seniors Tamil

Strathfield Council Library offers free technology classes for seniors in Tamil language. Come along to learn and build your digital skills by attending one of many sessions being offered. Topics include how to use a smart phone, staying safe online and online shopping.

**Spaces are limited, scan the QR code to book your spot.**



## Stepping On – Falls Prevention Program for Seniors

If you're 65 years and older and can walk independently but maybe fearful of falling or have had a fall recently, this free program is designed to help build knowledge and confidence to help you stay active and independent and is also available in Greek, Italian, Vietnamese and Chinese. This program takes place on Mondays from 3 May to 14 June from 10am – 12pm at Strathfield Community Centre.

**Scan the QR code to register.**



## Rough Sleepers

Strathfield Council has partnered with the NSW Department of Communities and Justice (DCJ) and Wesley Mission to engage and support people sleeping rough in the Strathfield Local Government Area.

Referrals will be passed on to Wesley Mission who, with the person's permission, can provide support or engage other agencies who can assist them with issues they may be dealing with.

**If you are aware of rough sleepers or homeless people in the local area, please scan the QR code and complete the form with as much detail as possible and return to [communityservices@strathfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityservices@strathfield.nsw.gov.au)**



**Painting on Mondays:**  
Catriona Grant & Megan Winch

## Painting on Mondays

Head on over to the Ironbark Gallery to view the latest exhibition, Painting on Mondays: Catriona Grant & Megan Winch. The exhibition will be open from 9 March – 7 May.

**Left Image:** Megan Winch, *Kangaroo Valley, river rocks*, 2021, acrylic on canvas  
**Right Image:** Catriona Grant, *Still life with fruit and vases*, 2022, oil on linen

**Scan the QR code for more information.**



**For more info on Library Programs call 8762 0222 or visit the website**

## Development Determinations



Development Determinations are posted on Council's website monthly. Keep up to date and view them by scanning this QR code.

**Lodge your DA online:** All planning applications, including Development Applications and Complying Development Certificates for Strathfield Council will need to be electronically lodged online via the NSW Government Planning Portal by visiting [planningportal.nsw.gov.au/onlineDA](http://planningportal.nsw.gov.au/onlineDA)

## SUSTAINABILITY

### Food For Thought!

Did you know that around 13% of NSW's greenhouse gas emissions are from agriculture? This is a huge component in our challenge to tackle climate change and your food choices can play a big role in helping.

Here are some ways you can help alleviate the pressure on our agriculture sector and also reduce your carbon footprint:

- **Choose your seafood wisely!**
  - Try to diversify the species you are eating and purchasing.
  - Opt to purchase locally and sustainably sourced seafood.
- **Eat a larger variety of food**
  - 75% of the world's food supply currently comes from just 12 plants and 5 animal species, by diversifying your diet you're reducing the pressure on these species and also reducing pressure on the agriculture sector.
- **Eat more plants**
  - Farming animals for meat uses a whole heap of resources we don't see – the cooling of the meat, the storing, the transporting of the products and the feeding of the animals, just to name a few!
- **Grow your own food**
  - If you have a garden and thinking you have a bit of green thumb in you, challenge yourself by growing your own food at home. It's cheaper, better for the environment and most of the time, healthier for you!
- **Eat what's in season**
  - Buying local and eating what is locally produced not only helps out our environment by reducing the transport distance on imported foods but also helps out local farmers.
- **Stop bundling your fresh produce**
  - Most of your fruit and veg come with their very own protective coat on it, their skin!
  - Where you can ditch the plastic bags at the grocery store and place your fruit/veg straight into the basket for a quick and simple way to reduce plastic consumption
- **Cut the waste**
  - Freeze anything you can't eat while it's fresh.
  - Where possible, buy loose fruit/veg so you're only purchasing what you need



To find out more ways how you can help, scan the QR code for more information.



ANZAC  
Memorial  
Service



10am, Tuesday 25 April 2023  
Davey Square Memorial  
Conventry Road, Strathfield



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# PROJECTS



## STRATHFIELD PARK AND BRESSINGTON PARK DRAFT PLAN OF MANAGEMENT

Council is seeking community feedback on the Draft Plan of Management for Strathfield Park and Bressington Park. As this is the first Plan of Management for Bressington Park, the community is invited to attend a public hearing about the proposed categorisation of community land.

Residents are encouraged to provide feedback and comments by Friday April 28 2023. For more information, please contact the Chief Strategy Officer, Cathy Jones on 9748 9937 or email [cathy.jones@strathfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cathy.jones@strathfield.nsw.gov.au).



Scan QR codes for more information



Strathfield Park POM



Bressington Park POM

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