

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



August 2023



CR KAREN PENSABENE
Mayor of Strathfield

Dear Residents

Council was very pleased

to hear that the Federal Government has awarded \$10 million to restore and rejuvenate Cooks River, focusing on enhancing the riverbank, cleaning up and restoring waterways, and implementing activities like planting native species and building small-scale wetlands to improve water quality. This funding has been awarded to the Cooks River Alliance, which Strathfield Council is a member. Funding is a part of the Federal Government's \$200 million investment in projects that help community groups, Councils and First Nations groups. This is a fantastic initiative from the Government and the rejuvenation of our Cooks River will be exciting to watch.

Council celebrated NAIDOC Week in July with an official opening and art exhibition at the Ironbark Gallery. Festivities included a smoking ceremony, cultural performances and a reptile animal display. Artist, Walangari Karntawarra and performers from Dimaru Aboriginal Dance and Digeridoo made the afternoon very special. The art exhibition will be on display until 27 August 2023 during Strathfield Library opening hours.

New parking arrangements at Cave Road were approved this month, increasing parking spaces from 10 to 21, including a designated disability space, footpath extensions and upgrading the road centre line marking for improved delineation. This new design will promote a safer environment by reducing the congestion on nearby roads and will increase accessibility for those visiting shops and the nearby park. Ultimately, the expansion of parking spaces aims to enhance the overall experience of visitors and support the local community.

We are also very excited to announce that our Hudson Park Driving Range will trial extending its opening times to accommodate early morning and late-night golfing on weekdays and weekends. These new hours of operation are designed to provide golfers with more opportunities to practice. The extended hours trial will be introduced in October every day from 6:30am – 1:00am, except for Thursday which will remain open from 9:00am – 1:00am.

Other notable decisions made at the August Council Meeting is the endorsement to develop a Master Plan for the Strathfield Town Centre. The next steps will be to establish project teams and to organise resourcing and funding

for the project. Council also supported the rollout of new parking management options including the installation of new parking meters at various locations throughout the LGA to better manage the availability of parking spaces. These new meters will include a free 2 hour per day parking permit for our residents to ensure they're prioritised. Lastly, Council approved to support the Blue Tree Project provided the project is funded by the Strathfield Golf Club.

On behalf of Council, I'd like to thank all residents who have made generous donations to ensure our 2023 Homeless Winter Appeal was a great success. I have received thanks from both partner charities tasked with distributing the donations. They were overwhelmed with the response and have acknowledged that the donations will certainly help those in need. It's heartwarming to see residents supporting the appeal each year by lending a hand to those who need it most. Helping those in need is a truly commendable act.

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STRATHFIELD COUNCIL LIBRARY & INNOVATION HUB

Digital Media Youth Club

If you are aged between 12-18 years old and looking to learn all about digital media, join us at the Strathfield Library for the Digital Media Youth Club hosted by Strathfield Council and ShopFront Arts Co-op.

When: These workshops will be held on the third Thursday of the month with a different topic each month:

- 17 August 2023 – Making a Podcast
- 21 September 2023 – Painting with Light (photography skills)

**Registrations are essential!
Scan the code to book your spot today.**



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Strathfield Collaborative Youth Group

Do you want the opportunity to voice your opinions and engage in youth activities in your local community?

Look no further! Council is looking for young people aged between 12-24 years to join the Collaborative Youth Working Group.

Register: Reach out to communityservices@strathfield.nsw.gov.au with your name, email, contact number, the school you attend and what grade you are in, and one of the Community Development staff members will contact you.



Scan the QR code for more information.

Strathfield Library Book Club

Interested in joining a book club? Head on over to the Library! Strathfield Library has created two book clubs for members 18 years and over. You can join one of two groups:

- **Thursday Book Club:** 1st Thursday of the month at 10:30am
- **Friday Book Club:** 4th Friday of the month at 10am



Scan the QR code to learn more.



Somewhere In Between Exhibition

Somewhere in Between is an exhibition which explores the ambivalence between perceptions of 'good' and 'bad'. Using cyanotype printmaking as the primary media, and entomology as the subject matter, Marina invites the viewer to reflect on bugs as an inspiration for artmaking as well the vital role that insects serve to our very survival.

The exhibition will run from 31 August - 29 October 2023.



Official opening:

Thursday 31 August 2023, 6pm

Guest Speaker:

Susanne Engelhard, Sustainable Living Educator

RSVP: Monday 21 August 2023

Image: Marina Mavritsky, *Queen Bee* 2023, cyanotype print and embroidery on fabric

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

SUSTAINABILITY



Strathfield is Going FOGO!

Food Organics and Garden Organics is a kerbside bin collection service. In the future, residents will be able to place all household food and garden waste into their FOGO bin once this service is available in the Strathfield local government area.

We need to take an active role in reducing the amount of organic material going to landfill. 40% of all household general waste contains FOGO material, which can be composted and given back to the community.

NSW Government has mandated all Councils to go FOGO by 2030. We will soon undertake community consultation, trials, and a gradual rollout of FOGO to all households.



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Managing Weeds This Spring

Spring is just around the corner as we begin to tend to our lawns and enjoy being outside in warmer weather.

Did you know that early spring is the ideal time for all things green to thrive? Unfortunately, that means weeds too! Be on the lookout for weeds that may be flourishing on your property as they can be poisonous to pets and people.

By keeping a record of what weeds you find, it will help you develop a timely annual control program as they emerge each season.



World Mangrove Day

Did you know World Mangrove Day was last month? What better way to celebrate than by admiring our local mangrove forest at Mason Park Wetlands! Take a walk in the oasis of Strathfield and enjoy this pocket of nature.

The wetlands are also home to many beautiful birds. You are likely to spot one of our resident Black-Winged Stilts, that live at the wetlands year-round. Their long orange legs make them easy to spot, and you'll quickly know why they are called 'stilts'. These birds have a habit of faking injuries when a perceived predator is



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Watch the FIFA Final at the Square

Watch the FIFA Women's World Cup Final live at Strathfield Square on Sunday 20 August 2023! Grab a bite from one of the local eateries, rug up and enjoy the action at 8:00pm.

PROJECTS

Maintaining Our Greenspaces

Our Open Space team was hard at work in July to make sure our parks and greenspaces are looking neat and tidy. They were busy mowing the sporting fields at Bressington, Mason, Hudson, Strathfield, Bark Huts, Cooke and Airey Parks. Weeds were sprayed, sprinkler heads raised and levelled out, and lines were trimmed to make sure our fields are in top condition. New trees were also planted at Airey Park to add extra shade and increase tree canopy in the area. The next time you're in Strathfield Square, you might notice the new flowers that were recently planted to beautify the area.



Strathfield Town Hall Upgrade

The Strathfield Town Hall upgrade project is currently underway. Works include polishing of existing timber flooring, painting, carpet replacement and the installation of acoustic treatment, hearing loop and audio-visual system. The Town Hall roof has made great progress and is currently undergoing new sarking and roof battens where slate shingles are being secured to the battens. The upgrade will be finalised by late September – just in time for Council's 100 Year Town Hall Anniversary celebrations in October! Keep an eye out for more information as we showcase our iconic Town Hall which is heavily used by a myriad of community groups.



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