

# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

  
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**CR KAREN PENSABENE**  
Mayor of Strathfield

Dear Residents,

As this is the final newsletter for the year, I want to express my gratitude for the incredible journey we've shared over the past twelve months. 2023 has been a remarkable chapter for Strathfield Council, and I'm proud to reflect on the strides we've taken together to enrich our community. Each success is a reflection of the collaborative spirit in our Community Strategic Plan, 'Strathfield 2035,' shaped by your invaluable feedback.

Our commitment to enhancing public spaces and infrastructure is evident through projects like the Stage 2 Hudson Park upgrade, bringing new amenities like a playground and fitness facilities. The Town Hall, a symbol of our community, has undergone a beautiful transformation with improvements like a new slate roof and an internal refresh, unveiled during its 100-year anniversary celebration on October 9, 2023.

The Powell's Creek Bridges project has added not just structures but stories to our landscape. Art installations on Lorraine Street and Hamilton Street bridges tell tales of bird migration and the rich tapestry of our diverse community.

Our footpath renewal program is in full swing on key streets, and weather permitting, we aim to complete 111 projects by June 2024. Events like Strathfield Festival, FIFA Women's World Cup screenings, and Homebush Vibes on Rochester Street showcase the vibrant spirit that defines our community.

The Library, with extended hours and engaging exhibitions at the Ironbark Gallery, continues to be a hub of activity. Community Development remains a pillar of support through programs like the Community Grants program, benefiting local organisations.

In our pursuit of long-term financial sustainability, we've reviewed our finances, assets, and operations, making strategic decisions to ensure a flourishing future. The Strathfield Connector bus service underwent a thoughtful review to improve cost-effectiveness.

Looking ahead, we're focusing on housing and planning with the development of a Medium Density Housing Strategy, a Masterplan for the Strathfield Town Centre and seeking State Government support for the delivery of a Masterplan in Homebush along the Parramatta Road corridor. Your input will guide every achievement we celebrate is a gift to our community, and I hope you find joy and

pride in these shared successes. Thank you for your unwavering support. Here's to more milestones, shared laughter, and community spirit in 2024!

I am deeply honoured to be the Mayor of Strathfield and representing an amazing supportive community. May I extend warm wishes to you, your family, friends and neighbours. Please stay safe and have a restful break. I look forward to an exciting 2024.

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# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL LIBRARY & INNOVATION HUB

## Come & Chat with CABL

Are you looking for some support, need help accessing services or in need of a chat? Community Action for Better Living (CABL) will be holding a pop up at Strathfield Library on the **second Wednesday of every month from 2pm-4pm**. No bookings required, just pop in for a chat!



**COMMUNITY ACTION FOR BETTER LIVING**  
WELLBEING AND SUPPORT HUB

## ARE YOU A GREEN THUMB?

DO YOU WANT TO HELP A COMMUNAL GREEN SPACE THRIVE?

JOIN TODAY!



To register, scan the QR code to fill out the form

# LAKER RESERVE COMMUNITY GARDEN





## Cooks River Exhibition

The Cooks River passes through Wadigal, Gadigal and Gameygal lands, providing an important biodiversity corridor for vegetated habitat. Over the years, Cooks River has been fished, dammed, concreted, diverted, pulled, and rehabilitated.

Strathfield Council is custodian of the Cooks River and partners with other organisations to improve both the health of the river and the liveability of the communities within its catchment.

This exhibition will take you on a journey through the river's rich history, looking at recent projects and initiatives that protect and converse the river and its biodiversity.

**When** 14 December 2023 – 11 February 2024

**Where** Ironbark Gallery, Strathfield Council Library & Innovation Hub



Scan here for more info

## 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



### Festive Food Safety

As the festive season approaches, it's crucial to prioritise both joy and health at the holiday table.

To safeguard your loved ones from the unwelcome guest of food poisoning, follow these key food safety tips:

- **Hand hygiene** - regularly wash your hands with soap and warm water when handling food.
- **Temperatures** - ensure perishable foods such as meats and dairy are refrigerated promptly and cooked thoroughly.
- **Avoid cross-contamination** - use separate cutting boards and utensils for raw and cooked items.
- **Leftovers** - avoid leaving leftovers at room temperature for extended periods.

Cheers to a safe and delicious celebration!



### Meet and learn about the iconic Green and Golden Bell Frog!

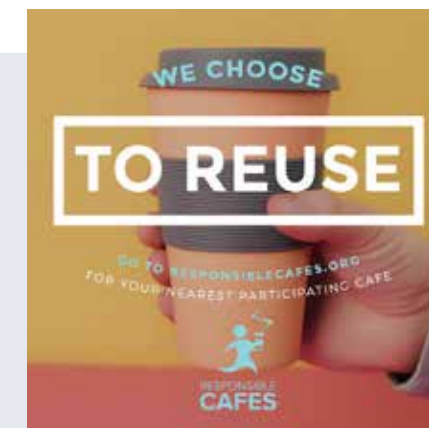
Join us for an open day to learn about the endangered Green and Golden Bell Frog organised by the Frog and Tadpole Study Group and Strathfield Council. Explore the latest habitat area, observe captive frogs, and receive guided tours with experts. Facilities such as a sun shelter, drinking water, and portable toilets will be provided. No registration is necessary; simply attend on the day.

**Date** Saturday, 20 January, 2024

**Time** 10am – 2.30pm

**Location** 1 Bellfrog Street, Greenacre. (Opposite Aussia Pharma, Greenacre)

Parking: Available along Wentworth Street and Bell Frog Street.



### Responsible Cafes Program

As part of our ongoing commitment to reduce waste in Strathfield, we have re-joined as a partner Council with Responsible Cafes. It is estimated that over 1 billion non-recyclable takeaway cups and lids are used in Australia every single year. By partnering with Responsible Cafes, Strathfield is encouraging cafes within the local area to become a 'Responsible Cafe' and create their own profile on the website where everyone can view their great waste saving and community initiatives.



Scan the QR code to sign up for free and to download free promotional materials.

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FOR MORE INFO ON LIBRARY PROGRAMS CALL 8762 0222 OR VISIT THE WEBSITE



# PROJECTS



Strathfield South

## Your Rates At Work

One of the key focus areas from Council's SRV application was the renewal of footpaths in the LGA. The SRV Footpath Program for 2023-2024 has more than 110 projects throughout the Strathfield LGA.

Currently, 69 of these footpath projects have been sent to market seeking quotes. 20 of these are now in construction, a number are either awaiting pricing or have been awarded and yet to commence and the remainder still in the design phase. Council will be undertaking footpath renewal in the upcoming weeks at the following locations: Cutbush Ave, Davidson St, Dean St, Drew St, Ford St, Hampstead Rd, High St, Homebush Rd, The Crescent, Vernona St, Wakeford Rd and Wallis St.

The aim is to have the entire SRV footpath program completed prior to 30 June 2024 (weather permitting).



23 Frances Ave Strathfield South

# PUBLIC CONSULTATION



FLIGHT PATH



## Western Sydney International Airport

The new Western Sydney International (Nancy-Bird Walton) Airport (WSI) is set to open for freight, domestic and international travellers in 2026. The Australian Government has released the preliminary flight paths and draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for WSI for the community to view.

Information on the Noise Insulation and Property Acquisition Program can be found in the draft EIS and the draft Noise Insulation and Property Acquisition Policy brochure.

If you would like to make a submission and leave feedback, the draft EIS will be on public exhibition until 31 January 2024.

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