

# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWS



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CR MATTHEW BLACKMORE  
Mayor of Strathfield

Dear Resident,

After an extremely busy year of tough decisions at Strathfield Council in 2022, we have set a strong foundation for the organisation.

We have restructured the organisation to make it efficient and have also improved communication and transparency with our community.

In 2023 you will start to see the benefits of the hard work of our staff, the Councillors, the Deputy Mayor and myself.

As promised

- Our LGA wide street tree program is about to commence in the coming weeks, all the cuttings will be chipped and used to improve the appearance of our parks and gardens.

- A review of the Strathfield Connector Bus Service, which currently costs \$1.3 million, is taking place.
- The introduction of the Strathfield Council app will be launched to make your experience with Council as easy as possible.
- A review of our street sweeping will be completed to improve the appearance of our area and reduce maintenance costs in relation to our stormwater drains.
- We have continued to fight inappropriate development across our LGA.
- Restoration of Strathfield Town Hall with grant funding.
- An extensive footpath and roads program.
- We are currently working on updating our planning documents to have stronger controls on the appearance and impact of development and new buildings.
- We are working extensively to look at alternate housing options including townhouses, villas and secondary dwellings in appropriate locations to make more options available. This is to assist multiple generations living close to each other and

help maintain the community and family values that make Strathfield great.

These are just some of the programs for 2023, however, our main focus is on the delivery of maintaining our current infrastructure, and improving the appearance of our local streets and parks.

I am proud of my achievements thus far serving as your Mayor, and I genuinely appreciate the positive feedback I get from residents on a weekly basis. We do not have a Mayor elected by the residents of Strathfield, it is elected amongst the Councillors. I am working to finish what I started before the end of my time as your Mayor, and I will continue to work hard for you!

As always if you need help with any local matter, please contact me anytime 0406 099 048 or [cr.mblackmore@strathfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.mblackmore@strathfield.nsw.gov.au)

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## Harmony Day

Celebrating multiculturalism in Australia and ensuring inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians.

**Experience different cultural cuisines and traditional dress.**

**Tuesday 21 March 10am – 12pm**  
**The Dutton Centre, 40 Augusta Street, Strathfield**



# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL LIBRARY & INNOVATION HUB



## Youth Drop In

Are you aged 12-24 and would like to hang out with your friends during school term but not sure where? Head over to Strathfield Council Library for some games, music, movies, and other social activities.

**When:** School terms, Thursdays from 3:30pm – 6:30pm



## Strathfield Collaborative Youth Group

Do you want the opportunity to voice your opinions and engage in youth activities in your local community? Strathfield Council is looking for young people aged between 12-24 to join our newly reformed Collaborative Youth Working Group.

**Contact:** [communityservices@strathfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communityservices@strathfield.nsw.gov.au) or call 9748 9999 for more information.

## Discover Your Council

The Discover Your Council booklet outlines how Strathfield Council offers a range of services, programs, and information for the community. This is especially helpful for new residents entering the local area highlighting the many ways they can live, work, participate and play in the Strathfield Local Government Area. This information is available in English, Chinese Simplified, Korean and Nepali.



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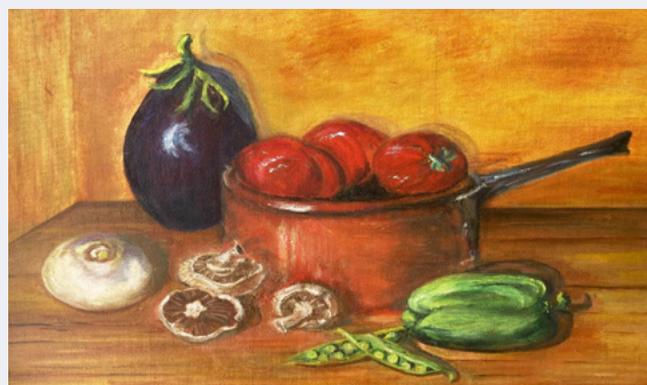
## Junior Australian Multi-Sport Program

Strathfield Council has partnered with Australian International Sports Organisation to run an 8 week Junior Australian Multi-Sport Program.

This program is for children aged 4 to 12 and will run weekly from Thursday 16 February at Edwards Park, Strathfield. Parents can use their Active Kids Voucher to participate in this program for free.



Scan QR code for more information and to register.



## Vision with Variety: Celebrating Seniors

The Ironbark Gallery is showcasing the talents of our residents who participate in art classes held at the Strathfield School for Seniors, located on the grounds of The Uniting Church, Strathfield. It features a diverse array of works including oil painting, drawing, paper-based craft, and textiles.

**Visions with Variety:** Celebrating Seniors will be exhibited at the Ironbark Gallery until 5 March 2023.

**Image:** Theresa Ho, *Dinner time*, oil on canvas



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](https://planningportal.nsw.gov.au/onlineDA)

# SUSTAINABILITY

## Handy Waste Tips



### Clean Up Australia Day

Can you imagine the good we could do, if all of Australia came together on one day and took practical action to improve the environment? What a difference we could make! As our world faces unprecedented environmental challenges, Australians are being encouraged to join together to take positive action.

**When:** Sunday 5 March 2023



Scan the QR code to learn more, register or donate.

### Drive your Car the Sustainable Way!

Did you know that by 2030, over 50% of car sales are expected to be an electric vehicle? We have made the transition over to electric vehicles easier for our locals and visitors, with charging stations available in Strathfield Town Centre Carpark and Bressington Park.

Charging at our stations costs \$0.40 per kWh. Payment is made easy with EO's app and RFID or QR code, enabling you to pay for your session hassle free.

Council is committed to a more environmentally friendly future and is excited to provide this sustainable option.



### Be a Weed Wise Fish Owner!

Do you have an aquarium or pond in your household? Keep it free of invasive weeds like frogbit, salvinia and water hyacinth to protect our environment! If you suspect these plants are present contact council for a free inspection, as well as identification and control advice.

Scan the QR code to explore the full list of NSW water weeds.



### Strathfield School for Seniors

Home to a community of people aged 50+ who come together to socialise and learn new skills, Strathfield School for Seniors get together every Friday. Drop in for a cup of tea and a chat or join one or more of their classes which range from crafts, computers, current affairs to bridge!

**When:** Fridays during NSW public school terms (Term 1: Friday 27 January – Friday 31 March 2023)

**Where:** Uniting Church Hall – 11 Carrington Ave, Strathfield NSW 2135

For more information please contact Lawrence, President on 0416 018 810 or email [info@strathfieldseniors.org.au](mailto:info@strathfieldseniors.org.au)



# PROJECTS



## Road Works at Homebush Road

Night road works took place on Homebush Road, Strathfield South (Liverpool Road to Dean Street) during 1 – 2 February. These road works are part of Transport for NSW Block Grant funding to replace the damaged road-concrete panels in two south bound travelling lanes.



## Town Hall Restoration

Council is undergoing restoration works of the Town Hall at Strathfield Council Chambers. This will take place from March – September 2023. For any event bookings, please contact Customer Service at 9498 9999 for alternative locations.

# FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES

## Select Saturday Nights – Strathfield Park

*Pack a picnic, bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a great evening of free entertainment for all the family under the stars.*

Please note the screening date for *The Parent Trap* has been changed from Sat 25 Feb to Sat 18 Feb.

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