

# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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February 2024



**CR KAREN PENSABENE**  
Mayor of Strathfield

Dear Residents,

I trust that you

all had a delightful Christmas and a relaxing summer break. I look forward to a wonderful 2024 and the exciting programs planned for Strathfield Council.

Australia Day on 26 January was truly remarkable. Presiding over our Citizenship Ceremony in the morning was a source of great pride and honour, as we welcomed 88 new citizens from over 20 countries. Maria Venuti and Col Hardy, our Australia Day Ambassadors, left a lasting impression with Col's moving rendition of "We Are Australian."

In addition, we were thrilled to announce Ms Bridget Sakr as the 2024 Strathfield Citizen of the Year and Roukaya Ayoub as the 2024 Strathfield Young Citizen of the Year. We congratulate both Maria and Roukaya; I am sure they will be great ambassadors for Strathfield. Discover the incredible

achievements of these outstanding women on our website. A heartfelt thank you to George and Helen Saad, our 2023 Citizens of the Year, for their continued support of our community.

The event in Strathfield Square later that day was a joy, featuring performances by Walangari Karntawarra and Diramu Aboriginal Dance and Didgeridoo which included a traditional smoking ceremony, and an opportunity to learn more about our First Nations people. We also enjoyed the reptile exhibition, face painting and games.

I'm excited to share our commitment for 2024 to address waste and recycling challenges in our community. New initiatives focused on sustainable practices are being introduced this year, with waste, recycling and street sweeping calendars now in your letterboxes. The NSW Government's mandate for all councils to go FOGO (recycling food waste into compost) by 2030 is also on our radar. Community consultations and audits will be conducted soon, so keep

an eye out for surveys. Your input will be crucial in making this program a success. You can take immediate steps to reduce food waste in your red lid bin by joining the Compost Revolution. Strathfield Council provides free online training, a 50% discount on compost bins, worm farms, and bokashi bins, and free delivery to our residents

Gong Hei Fat Choi! Looking forward to seeing many of you over the next month at local Lunar New Year events celebrating the year of the Dragon!

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Scan the QR code to learn more about this Masterplan and to complete the survey.

### Stage 1 of the Strathfield Town Centre Masterplan is active, and we need your feedback!

Council is pursuing an exciting new vision for the future of the Strathfield Town Centre, and we are seeking your feedback.

As a local resident or business, your feedback will be instrumental in helping Council to navigate the final direction of this plan. We want to create a shared vision for the town centre, ensuring that it thrives as a place that's exciting, accessible and vibrant for all those that visit.

# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL LIBRARY & INNOVATION HUB



## Justice Of The Peace Service

Strathfield Council Library & Innovation Hub offers a free Justice of the Peace (JP) service at Strathfield Council Library & Innovation Hub on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10am – 12pm.

Scan the QR code to book. Bookings can be made 1 hour before the service starts.

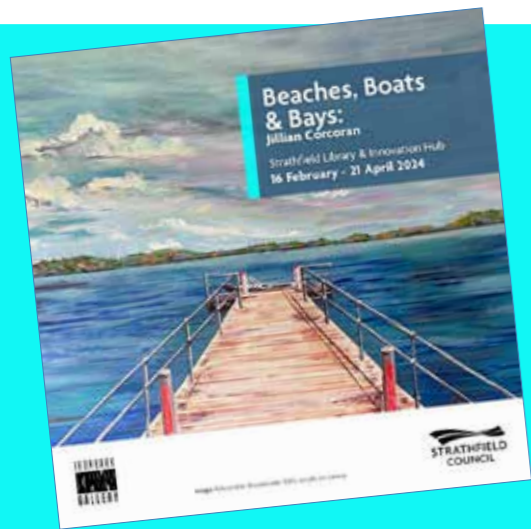
## Seniors Week 2024

Seniors Week 2024 is back again with activities for all seniors to enjoy and this year the theme is All About Me! Join Strathfield Council for free events where you can have fun, enjoy and socialise across 12 – 24th March 2024.



**SENIORS WEEK 2024**  
SEE THE PROGRAM BELOW AND REGISTER TO CONNECT, LEARN AND UNWIND!

EVENT	QR	EVENT	QR
<b>Elvis Returns</b> 14 March 2024 10am -1pm		<b>Take a swing and give Golf a Go!</b> 15 & 18 March 2024 10am -12pm	
<b>Morning Tea with the Mayor</b> 21 March 2024 10am -12pm		<b>Free Introduction to Croquet</b> 16 & 24 March 2024 4pm - 6pm	



## Beaches, Boats & Bays: Jillian Corcoran

Jillian's extensive photographic collection provides a rich source of inspiration for subject matter to be explored. Through each painting, Jillian experiments with different techniques such as oil, acrylic, watercolour and pen and ink with the aim to recreate what was once captured with a camera.

The official opening of Beaches, Boats & Bays: Jillian Corcoran will take place on 15 February 2024 at 6pm. Bookings are required if you would like to attend and can be made through [exhibitions@strathfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:exhibitions@strathfield.nsw.gov.au).



Scan the QR code for more information.

**When:** 16 February – 21 April 2024

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



Scan the QR code to learn more.



## After-Hour Access

Don't forget that if you're a library member at the Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub you can register for Extended Hours Access. All you need to register is your library card and password!

Not yet a member? Register online and collect your card from the Library.

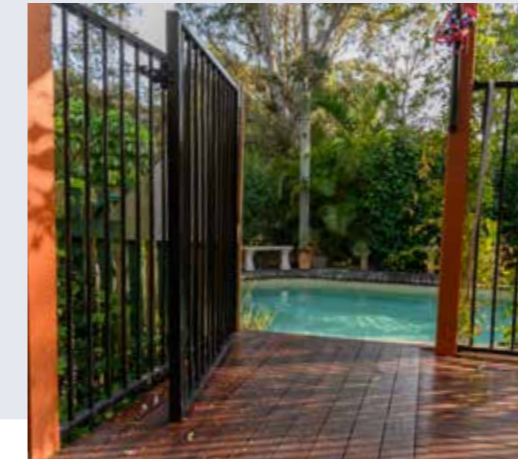
## Development Determinations



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



### Healthy Swimming Pools

As we continue to enjoy the warm weather, ensuring our swimming pools are kept safe and clean is essential. Neglected or poorly maintained swimming pools can become breeding grounds for mosquitoes, cause odours, and encourage harmful bacterial growth. To maintain a healthy swimming pool:

- Regularly test chemical levels to ensure proper disinfection and pH levels are maintained
- Thoroughly clean the pool and surrounds, and remove visible debris such as leaves

- Top up the water level as needed (be aware of any water restrictions)
- Ensure backwash from the swimming pool is discharged to the sewer (not stormwater)

Additionally, shower before swimming, and do not swim if you have had diarrhoea in the past two weeks. It only takes microscopic amounts of infected faecal matter to contaminate an entire pool and make others sick.

By maintaining proper chemistry and pool hygiene, we can ensure that our swimming experience is refreshing and safe.

### Weed Alert: Water Caltrop



Scan the QR code for more information.

Have you seen this plant?

Water caltrop (Trapa species) is a floating aquatic plant that grows in slow-moving water up to 5-metres deep, with its stems rooted in the soil beneath the water. All species in the Trapa genus are Prohibited Matter in NSW, so if you see this plant, you must immediately

notify the Department of Primary Industries by calling 1800 680 244.

Water caltrop forms large populations that can create nearly impenetrable mats across wide areas of water, out-competing native plants and making waterways inaccessible.



### Bressington Park car park EV charging station is back!

We're delighted to share the exciting news that the long-awaited restoration of the Bressington car park – EV charging station is now finished. We're fully operational and ready to charge up your electric vehicles!

Key Updates:

- Fully Restored to Normal Operation
- Available 24/7 for Your Convenience
- Fast and Reliable Charging
- User-Friendly Experience



We understand the importance of a dependable charging infrastructure, and we're committed to providing you with a top-notch experience. Join us in supporting sustainable transportation for a greener future!

**We Want Your Feedback**



Let us know what you think of this newsletter! Your feedback will go towards ensuring the usefulness and accessibility of the newsletter. Scan the QR Code or visit: [www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au/projects/Newsletter](http://www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au/projects/Newsletter)



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



# STRATHFIELD CONNECTOR - IMPORTANT UPDATE - ROUTE CHANGE

After an extensive review involving community consultation, Council has decided to cease operation of the blue and red routes as part of the Strathfield Connector bus service on **Monday 4 March 2024**.

The Strathfield Connector bus service will now only operate along **one route** from Strathfield Station to Courallie Avenue on Monday to Friday from 7am to 7pm.

This amended service will be in place for 2 years whilst Council lobbies the State Government to fill in transport gaps within the Strathfield LGA.



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## PROJECTS

### Footpath Upgrades

A number of footpaths have been upgraded throughout our local government area over the past few weeks including Cutbush Ave in Strathfield South, Ford St in Greenacre, Homebush Rd in Strathfield and High St in Strathfield.

These upgrades are part of Council's commitment to improve the safety and appearance of our streets. Keep your eyes peeled as we continue to renew 4km of roads and 20km of footpaths in the Strathfield local government area.



Images: left to right - Cutbush Ave, High Street, Ford Street and Homebush Street.



## FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES

Select Saturday Nights  
Strathfield Park



SHOWING ON  
9 March  
at Strathfield Park



SHOWING ON  
23 March  
at Strathfield Park



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