

# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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January 2024



**CR KAREN PENSABENE**  
Mayor of Strathfield

Dear Residents,

Happy New Year Strathfield! Wishing everyone a year filled with joy and prosperity.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer holidays and took part in the holiday activities throughout January. Our exhibition on the Cooks River is still on display at Strathfield Library and Innovation Hub until 11 February. This exhibition will take you on a journey through the river's rich history culminating in recent projects and initiatives that protect and conserve the river and its biodiversity.

We will be holding our Citizenship Ceremony on Friday 26 January, where we'll announce the 2024 Strathfield Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year. We will also be celebrating at Strathfield Square that afternoon, join us at 4.00pm for a wonderful evening celebrating Australia.

There will be an indigenous smoking ceremony, didgeridoo performance, free children's activities, and a special screening of Blueback. Be sure to bring your appetite as there will be food and drinks available from many of our local shops, restaurants and cafes located throughout the Square!

Council is working towards an exciting future of the Strathfield Town Centre and we need your feedback to help shape the Master Plan for this project. Please refer to the project page of this newsletter for more information.

Looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and working together with our vibrant community.

If you need help with any local issue, please feel free to contact me on 0406 099 048 or [cr.kpensabene@strathfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:cr.kpensabene@strathfield.nsw.gov.au)

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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.



Scan the QR code for more information.



# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL LIBRARY & INNOVATION HUB

## Stepping On

Stepping On is a FREE falls prevention program for seniors aged 65 years and older. Build knowledge and confidence to help you stay active and independent.

**When:** Wednesdays, 14 Feb to 27 March 2024

**Time:** 10am – 12pm

**Where:** Strathfield Community Centre

To register and book your spot scan the QR code.



Scan the QR for more info and to register



## Strathfield Connection Desk Sessions

This connection desk is designed for community members who need information on how to access the NDIS, the SSI LAC program, or information about other support services in the community.

**When:** Every second Tuesday until 16 April 2024

**Time:** 10am – 12pm

**Where:** Strathfield Council Library & Innovation Hub



## Junior Australian Multisport Program

Strathfield Council has partnered with Australian International Sports Organisation to run a 5-week Junior Australian Multi-Sport Program. This program is for children aged 4 to 12 and costs \$85 per participant.

**When:** Wednesdays, 21 Feb to 20 March 2024

**Time:** 5pm – 6pm

**Where:** Hudson Park Oval

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



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



## Beaches, Boats & Bays: Jillian Corcoran Exhibition

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.

**When:** 16 February – 21 April 2024

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



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

### Beat the Heat

It's important to stay cool and hydrated during heatwaves to prevent heat-related illnesses. Here are a few ways to do this:

- **Recognise the Signs:** the signs of heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heatstroke may include heavy sweating, weakness, nausea, confusion, and even unconsciousness. If you or someone you know experiences these symptoms, seek medical help immediately.
- **Prepare Yourself and Your Home:** stay cool by wearing lightweight, light-coloured clothing and using fans or air conditioning when available. Limit outdoor activities during peak heat and take cool showers to reduce body temperature.
- **Plan Ahead:** prepare for heatwaves by having an emergency kit with water, non-perishable food, and essential supplies.

Let's stay cool and safe during the summer heatwaves to enjoy the season without health risks.



To learn other ways and for more information, scan the QR code to visit NSW Health

KEEP YOUR EYES PEELED

STRATHFIELD IS GOING

# FOGO

Food Organics Garden Organics

SCAN ME

Strathfield's Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service will be coming soon!

Following the NSW Government's mandate for all councils to go FOGO by 2030, Strathfield Council will soon be undertaking community consultations and audits to gradually transition to the FOGO service.

**Once FOGO starts, you will be able to place food waste into your existing green garden waste bin to be recycled into compost.**

Did you know that food waste makes up to 45% of our red lid garbage bin waste? By diverting this waste from landfill into creating compost, we can reduce the amount of harmful greenhouse gas emissions created. All for a happier, healthier Strathfield! Keep your eyes peeled for more updates.



## World Wetland Day

Do you know the role of wetlands?

Wetlands play a crucial role in ensuring water security, promoting well-being, and preserving cultural significance. They play a crucial role in:

- Water supply
- Ecosystem resilience
- Sustainable livelihoods and jobs
- Biodiversity conservation
- Protection against storms
- Carbon storage
- Climate change adaptation
- Health and well-being
- Tourism and recreational opportunities

Celebrate the beauty, resilience, and importance of wetlands on **2 February, World Wetlands Day 2024** by visiting Mason Park Wetland. You can help with a revegetation project, go on a bird walk, and discover the many ways that you can take action in your own home and community.

## Medium Density Housing Strategy

Council is currently seeking feedback on a new Medium Density Housing Strategy, a project this is aimed at improving housing diversity across our community. Scan the QR code to complete the survey by Friday 9 February 2024.



# PROJECTS

## Footpath Upgrades

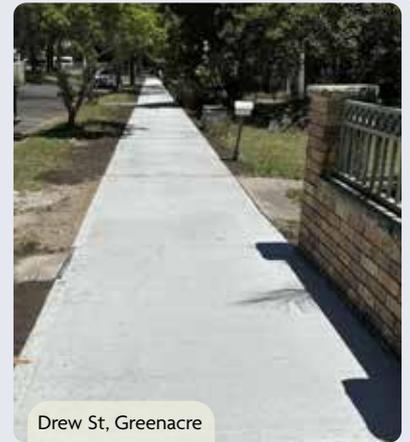
Council completed 8 footpath projects throughout December 2023 at Davidson St and Drew St in Greenacre, Dean St, River St and Hope St in Strathfield South and Homebush Rd, Mintaro Ave and Oxford Rd in Strathfield.

Over the coming weeks, footpaths along Ford St in Greenacre, Hampstead Road in Homebush West and High St in Strathfield will be upgraded in addition to roadworks taking place at Redmyre Rd, Noble Ave, Ada Ave, Wallis Ave and Macarthur Ave in Strathfield, Excelsior St in Belfield and Wentworth St in Greenacre.

Keep your eyes peeled as Council works towards renewing 4km of roads and 20km of footpaths in the Strathfield local government area.



Mintaro Ave, Strathfield



Drew St, Greenacre

# STRATHFIELD TOWN CENTRE: OUR PLACE, OUR FUTURE



Strathfield Council is pursuing an exciting new vision for the future of the Strathfield Town Centre, and we are seeking your feedback. Council has commenced the preparation of a Master Plan for the town centre which will guide growth and change into the future.



Scan the QR code for more information.

Your feedback during this process will be instrumental in shaping the final direction of this plan. Leveraging the existing strong features, we want to create a shared vision ensuring the town centre thrives as an exciting, accessible and vibrant destination that can be enjoyed by all.

Council will be hosting community information events, starting on Australia Day, at Strathfield Square. Scan the QR code to find out more information or to submit your feedback by completing an online survey.

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