

# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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## CR KAREN PENSABENE Mayor of Strathfield

Residents,  
May has been an incredibly busy month at Council and here are some highlights.

It was an honour for Councillors to welcome the Consul Generals from India, Mr Manesh Gupta and Korea, Mr Taewoo Lee. These visits served as an opportunity to strengthen our cultural ties and foster meaningful connections between our communities. Meeting with each Consulate General highlighted the richness of our diverse heritage in Strathfield and emphasized the importance of addressing shared challenges. Both Consul Generals were impressed with Council's immediate and future planning.

Another key event in May was the Mayoral Waste Summit. It was held at Sydney Town Hall, with Mayor Clover Moore, Mayor John Faker (President of Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils) and hosted by Craig Reucassel. Mayors from all over Sydney and community leaders gathered to discuss innovative strategies for reducing waste and promoting sustainability. Did you know that by 2035 we will not have anywhere to take our waste? How we reduce waste is the first

step in counteracting this problem. It is particularly important we all educate ourselves by researching recycling guidelines and regulations. Please follow instructions on the Council's website [www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au](http://www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au) or reach out to our Environmental Services team to understand what is and isn't allowed in your red, yellow and green bins. I will be working with Council over the next few months to organise education programmes, particularly in our high-rise areas.

Another serious problem we have in the Strathfield LGA, and was also highlighted by other Mayors, is illegal dumping. If you come across instances of illegal dumping in your street, report it so Council can investigate the issue and remove the rubbish as soon as possible. We need to work together as a community to raise awareness and implement effective waste management practices. Together we can all help make change.

It was pleasing to see the progress of footpaths around the Loftus Crescent, Bridge Road and Station Street in Homebush. This will certainly enhance the area, and with the inclusion of more rubbish bins, will keep the area looking clean and tidy. I am enormously proud of our works team, who are doing a fantastic job, and look forward to seeing the completed work in a couple of months.

Now that Winter is well and truly upon us, we must not forget those among us who are experiencing hardship. St Paul's Parish in Burwood helps many of our Strathfield residents by providing food and warm clothes. Donations to their Parish Pantry help fill the shelves with much needed food. Fr James tells me the pantry is finding it more difficult each week as the demand is increasing. You can donate non-perishable food at St Paul's Church located at 33 Burwood Road, Burwood or email [office@stpaulsburwood.org.au](mailto:office@stpaulsburwood.org.au) to enquire about making a direct debit donation.

Please take care over the winter. Ensure your fire alarms are in working order, do not overload your power boards, make sure everything is kept a metre from the heater and do not leave them on when you are not at home. Just a few tips for winter safety and much more information can be sought at: [www.fire.nsw.gov.au](http://www.fire.nsw.gov.au)

Keep warm everyone and take care, it is only 12 weeks until Spring.

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## NAIDOC Week with Walangari Karntawarra Strathfield Library & Innovation Hub 27 June to 27 August 2023

Image: *Water Dreaming Rock Holes*, 2020, acrylic on canvas

Local Aboriginal artist, elder, educator and performer Walangari Karntawarra is launching an exhibition of his Dreamtime stories, or Jukurrpa known in his language, titled NAIDOC Week with Walangari Karntawarra. His paintings depict animals and elements that are native to his language, including a Snake, Honey Ant, Witchery Grub, Centipede, Caterpillar, Water, Fire, Emu, and Kangaroo.

Join Walangari for the official opening on Tuesday 4 July 2023 at the Ironbark Gallery, alongside guest speaker Robyn Ross, a portrait artist. There will also be a Smoking ceremony and performance by Walangari Karntawarra & Diramu Aboriginal Dance and Didgeridoo.

The exhibition will be open to the public from  
27 June to 27 August 2023



Spots are limited to the official opening, scan the QR code to register.

# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL LIBRARY & INNOVATION HUB

## CHILDREN AND YOUTH DROP-IN



### Children and Youth Drop In

If you're in primary school or high school, head to Strathfield Library to hang out, play some games and relax with friends!

For children under the age of 10, a parent or guardian will need to come along to supervise.

**When:** Every Thursday (during school terms) from 3pm – 6pm



Scan the QR code for more information.

### Community Grants

Council's Community Grants program provides annual funding for organisations or groups to develop community or cultural programs that support the community of Strathfield in accordance with the Community Strategic Plan – Strathfield 2035. Community Grants open for application 1 June annually, and close on 31 July 2023.



### Grant Workshops

Interested in learning how to write grants for yourself or your organisation effectively?

Join this FREE workshop delivered by The Grants Guy and let your grant application shine out from the crowd!

**When:** Thursday 15 June, 5:30pm – 7pm



To register, scan the QR code.



### Craft & Cuppas

Enjoy the company of fellow crafters? Come along with your handcrafts, have a cuppa, and make some new friends! No bookings required, just show up with your handcrafts and join in.

**When:** Second Wednesday of every month from 1pm – 3pm



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

## Help Stop Illegal Dumping!

Dumping unwanted material on the footpath, nature strip, park, laneway, or street is an offence. Illegal dumping is an environmental problem as it causes:

- Pollution of waterways through the stormwater system
- Attracts vermin such as rats and cockroaches.
- Looks unsightly and blocks access for pedestrians, bikes, and vehicles.
- It is a financial burden to Council and ratepayers.
- Is a waste of a resource, as dumped items often cannot be recycled.

Any information can assist Council to investigate and avoid litter and illegal dumping in our area. If you see an illegal dump site or someone littering, you can report it to Council by phoning (02) 9748 9999 or e-mail [council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au), providing information such as:

- Address of the incident
- Type of items that have been dumped.
- Date and time of the incident
- Name and address of person(s) responsible (if known)
- Vehicle details, such as model, registration number and colour
- Photographs of the incident
- If you witness littering coming from a vehicle, you can report it to the NSW EPA by searching "Report to EPA".

Strathfield residents are entitled to 3 clean up collections per year to discard of unwanted furniture and other household items which are collected directly from your kerbside or nature strip.



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# PROJECTS

Here are just some of the latest projects that have been completed by Council.



## Homebush West Car Park

The Homebush West Car Park Upgrade was delivered by Council across several key stages, consisting of the installation of a public Exeloo toilet unit and the car park being re-line marked with supporting ancillary works. Works commenced in February and were finalised in May.

The new line marking improves pedestrian and vehicle safety within the car park by creating a shared environment, forming part of the High Pedestrian Activity Area scheme to be implemented in the Homebush West Town Centre. The primary works consisted of widening the former 2.2m-wide parking spaces to 2.4m for improved vehicle access and introducing a marked pedestrian path to delineate pedestrian and vehicle travel paths through the car park. Further works included introducing dedicated motorcycle parking spaces, dedicated truck parking spaces to facilitate deliveries to the nearby businesses, a disabled parking space consistent with current standards, and concrete medians to replace the former bollards at the car park entry and for protection of vehicles. The line marking was completed across 3 nights from the 27 April – 4 May and the civil works from 1 May – 10 May, with members from the Local Traffic Committee visiting the car park on 16 May.



## Bridge Road

This project was initiated in early May and is aimed at enhancing the overall infrastructure and aesthetics of the area. Council will be installing new footpaths, bins, landscaping with street tree plantation, as well as the inclusion of street furniture such as bike racks and seating.

The construction team has made significant progress in laying down the concrete pathways, ensuring a safe and convenient pedestrian experience.

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