

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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November 2023

CR KAREN PENSABENE Mayor of Strathfield



Dear Residents,

Last month marked a significant

milestone for Strathfield as we celebrated **the 100th year anniversary** and the grand opening of our newly **renovated Town Hall**. The renovation project has been ongoing for a few months, and it is now a space that our community can be proud of. The Town Hall has been restored to its former glory and is equipped with modern amenities to better serve our residents.

In conjunction with Council, **Strathfield Historical Society** also made a valuable contribution to the evening by giving an insightful presentation on the history of our Town Hall, shedding light on the political and social events that have shaped our community over the years. **An exhibition on this history** is currently on display in our **Library until 10 December**. I encourage you all to visit and explore this remarkable collection. **There will also be a historical talk with afternoon tea on Sunday 19 November at 2.00pm in the Ironbark Room.**

Every 3 months, the Auburn Police Area Command provides the community an update on crime statistics in our Local Government area. Representatives from all sectors attend and I represented Strathfield Council with senior council directors and officers.

Unfortunately, **fraud and scams remain an ongoing problem, particularly with our seniors**. It is vital that we take steps to

protect ourselves and our loved ones from these potential scams. For more information, please visit the police website which provides helpful information to help identify what to look out for: www.police.nsw.gov.nsw

If you come across any suspicious activity, please call **Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000**. Your vigilance can help keep our community safe.

In addition to these events this month, Council voted unanimously to start discussions and report back to Council on a proposed pilot project aimed at improving the appearance of our shop fronts, enhancing pedestrian safety and shopfront security. This initiative, while focusing on modernising our area, will also take into consideration our heritage and the need to preserve the character of our historic buildings.

Another interesting and important meeting this month was with the **President of LG NSW Cr Darrea Turley with our General Manager Michael Mamo and Directors**.

Communication with this government sector is vital to take issues to state and federal government. We discussed many issues however, the on-going requirement of experienced individuals in the specialised local government sector is currently very problematic.

Local government offers exciting and diverse career opportunities. It's a field that can provide a fulfilling and interesting career path for our school leavers. Planning, environment/ sustainability, engineering, and landscaping

are just a sample of career paths on offer. We concluded that we need to work together to encourage our job seekers and our younger students to consider **a career path in local government**.

Thank you for your ongoing support, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming November events. Together, we make our community stronger and more vibrant.

If you need help with any local issue, please feel free to contact me.

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MOVIES IN THE PARK

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES

Select Saturday Nights
Strathfield Park

SHOWING ON 18 November at Strathfield Park

SHOWING ON 2 December at Strathfield Park

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL LIBRARY & INNOVATION HUB



Scan the QR code for more information.



Craft & Cuppas

If you love crafts and would like to connect with fellow crafters, come along to Craft & Cuppas. Bring your handcrafts, grab a cuppa and make some new friends!

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

No bookings are required



Scan the QR for more info and to register

Share The Dignity

Start preparing your #ItsInTheBag donations this November and help Council make this Christmas special to thousands of people doing it tough.

Strathfield Council is again joining hands with Share the Dignity this Christmas to help address the needs of women and girls living on the street or in sheltered accommodation.

This year's Share the Dignity campaign will run from 10 – 26 November 2023 with drop off points at Strathfield Council Customer Service Centre, Strathfield Library and Bendigo Bank Homebush.

Council encourages all local residents to participate by donating a handbag in new or good condition with female personal care, sanitary, hygienic items and a Christmas card that will make a woman feel special and valued.



Registrations are essential, scan the QR code to book your spot today.

Celebrating Strathfield Town Hall Centenary Exhibition

Council celebrated the Town Hall's 100th year anniversary in early October this year. In collaboration with the Strathfield-Homebush District History Society, Council has organised an exhibition on the history of the Strathfield Town Hall.

In case you missed it, the exhibition will be open to the community at the Ironbark Gallery from 1 November to 10 December 2023. There will also be a special historical talk and afternoon tea on 19 November 2023 at the library, highlighting stories of the Town Hall's rich history over the past 100 years.

When Sunday 19 November 2023, 2pm – 4pm

Where Strathfield Library & Innovation Hub



NSW Police Force & Protecting your Mail/Deliveries

Protecting your parcels and deliveries is important to protect yourself. Please keep in mind:

Securing Mail & Letters:

- ✓ Ensure a lockable mailbox is in use.
- ✓ Collect mail frequently to avoid overflowing and theft.
- ✓ Organise a friend or family member to pick up your mail in your absence.

Protecting Online Purchases:

- ✓ Aim to collect your parcel immediately once delivered.
- ✓ Use options, such as 'Click and Collect' to pick up from store.
- ✓ Request deliveries be left in a secure location or request signature confirmation upon delivery.

Plan B for Deliveries:

- ✓ Parcels can be collected from secure locations at collections points - Post Office, PO Box or free Parcel Locker 24/7. Please use QR code to see locations near you.
- ✓ Parcel Point is a network of local delivery, pick and return locations at service stations, newsagents, pharmacies across Australia. Please check your local services for availability.
- ✓ Ensure home security devices (including CCTV) is in working order and appropriate lighting (motion sensor light) is in use

Auburn Police Area Command (PAC) are urging you to be vigilant when entering or exiting your complex – ensure all doors are secure and closed whilst taking care.

Report any suspicious or usual activity to the Police Assistance Line on 131 444 or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000

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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

SUSTAINABILITY



Scan the QR code to learn more and download factsheet

Asbestos Awareness Month

National Asbestos Awareness Month (1-30 November) aims to raise community awareness and provide education to help prevent asbestos-related diseases.

Strathfield Council actively investigates asbestos, through routine inspections of building sites, and complaints of illegal dumping and potential asbestos demolition.

Was your home built or renovated before 1990?



Asbestos could be in any home built or renovated before 1990. Thousands of different products remain potential hazards in 1 in every 3 Australian homes (including brick, weatherboard, fibro and clad homes, and apartments).

If sealed, undisturbed, and in good condition - asbestos products don't pose a health risk. However, if disturbed, such as during renovations, fibres can be released which can be inhaled and cause asbestos-related diseases.



Strathfield Council Depot
1 Weerona Rd, Strathfield

Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th November 2023

8am - 3pm

Who: Strathfield Residents

Re-home your unwanted goods!

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

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.

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



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



National Recycling Week

National Recycling Week will be taking place on 13 – 19 November this year. This week serves as a reminder that what we currently send out to landfill is actually valuable material that could be reused, repurposed or recycled. The theme this year is What Goes Around Comes Around and is all about providing residents simple and actionable tips to keep those valuable materials in circulation, whether at home, work or school.

Residents are encouraged to host or join recycling themed events, brush up on their recycling knowledge, learn about new developments in recycling policy and technology, or to discover tips to reduce what they are sending to landfill ensuring these resources don't go to waste.



To learn more or to get involved in National Recycling Week, scan the QR code

PROJECTS



Opening of Artwork at Lorraine Street Bridge

Wednesday 25 October marked the official opening of the artwork installation at Lorraine Street for the Powells Creek Bridges project. This project commenced in May 2022 and is part of a plan to install three new pedestrian and cycleway bridges over Powells Creek.

Mayor Cr Karen Pensabene welcomed designers Studio Chris Fox and

Studio Mike Daly who created the concept design for all three bridges. During the evening they explained the themes and inspiration behind each bridge, highlighting that the Lorraine Street Bridge's artwork focused on the bird migration between Siberia and Sydney.

This project has been funded by the NSW Government under the Parramatta Urban Amenity Improvement Program.

Bridge Road Public Domain Improvement- Homebush

Works are currently taking place on Bride Road in Homebush, with the focus on the removal and disposal of existing concrete/asphalt paths to construct a brand-new footpath. This project is fully funded by the NSW Government as part of the Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Plan (PRUAIP).

This project aims to be completed by the end of November 2023.



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