

# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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**CR KAREN PENSABENE**  
Mayor of Strathfield

Dear Residents  
I am truly grateful for the

overwhelming support in response to my re-election as Mayor of Strathfield. My commitment remains the same in upholding the integrity of our Council and exploring ways to collectively contribute to building a sustainable local government area. I will continue to work with you to ensure Strathfield is still the best place to live and work.

I would also like to extend my congratulations to Cr Sandy Reddy for being elected as Deputy Mayor of Strathfield. This marks a historic moment in our Council's history as it is the first time both the Mayor and Deputy Mayor positions have been held by women. I am truly honoured to be part of this milestone and am enthusiastic about collaborating with Cr Reddy to realise our shared vision for Strathfield.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Homebush Vibes event on Saturday 16 September. It is heartwarming to know that approximately 5,000 residents came together to enjoy music, dance and had lots of fun. Such gatherings truly

strengthen our sense of community, and we are all looking forward to next year's event.

At the September Council meeting, Council has endorsed a report that will outline the feasibility and options for weekend/night markets in our LGA. As this was one of our election promises, I look forward to assessing the report and planning for next year's events program. Another idea put forward to Council was to assess if there is a need for refreshment rooms in our local government area. A report will be presented to Council to investigate the facilities and public spaces that would be suitable.

The renovations on our beautiful Town Hall are now complete, and we celebrated its 100-year anniversary on Monday 9 October. It will be wonderful to hear and see numerous groups return for their practices and performances in this iconic building. Additionally, a historical exhibition showcasing the building's rich history will be on display in the Ironbark Gallery and we can't wait to visit.

I presided over the induction of 125 new Australian Citizens on National Citizenship Day which was truly heartwarming and significant occasion. It is evident that this event held importance and significance for the entire community.

National Citizenship Day is held every year on 17 September, and it is a time where we all reflect on our citizenship and why we proudly calling Australia our home. It was a special moment to take the oath on the day.

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

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## MOVIES IN THE PARK 2023

Movies in the Park is set to return in early November on select Saturday nights!

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

Check out [www.strathfeldevents.nsw.gov.au](http://www.strathfeldevents.nsw.gov.au) for more information



# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL LIBRARY & INNOVATION HUB



Scan the QR code for more information.

## Children & Youth Drop In

If you are in primary school or high school looking for a place to hang out, play some games or to relax with friends, head to Strathfield Library!

For those under the age of 10, supervision is required.

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

**Where:** Ironbark Room, Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub



## Conversation Club

If you would like to practice speaking English, learn more about Australia and make new friends with people from the Strathfield area, join our Conversation Club at Strathfield Library!

**When:** Thursdays (during school terms) from 10am – 12pm

**Where:** Ironbark Room, Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub



Scan the QR code to register



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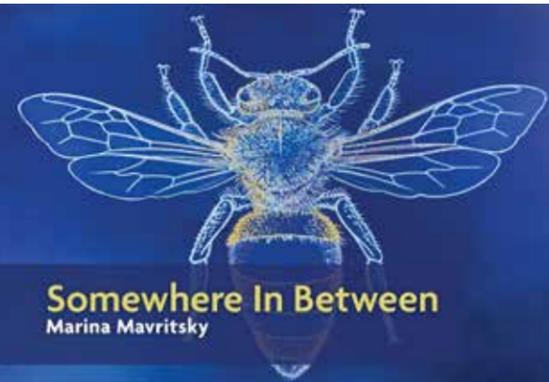
## BreastScreen NSW Mobile Screening Van

There will be a BreastScreen mobile unit in Strathfield providing free screening mammograms for the early detection of breast cancer. Women aged 50 to 74 years are invited to get scanned as an age group that is at greater risk, but the service will be available and free to those aged between 40 to 49 as well.

A free Mandarin/Cantonese speaking interpreter will be available every day from 9.00am to 4.00pm to assist women with their appointment and explain the mammography process.

**When:** Monday 2 to Friday 27 October 2023 from 8.45am – 4.10pm

**Where:** The Crescent, Homebush West Shops (opposite Flemington Train Station)



This month, head on over to the Ironbark Gallery to view the latest exhibition, *Somewhere in Between* by Marina Mavritsky. Her artwork explores the ambivalence between good and bad, having bugs as the source of inspiration for artmaking as well as looking at the roles that insects have in nature.

The exhibition will run from 31 August to 29 October 2023 at the Ironbark Gallery.



Scan the QR code for more information.

## 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



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## Happy Bird Count Week with Great Egret!

Aussie Bird Count Week this year is 16th to 22nd October.

Did you know?

The recent monthly bird survey completed in Mason Park Wetland by volunteers

shows that there has been only one spotted Great Egret bird in this area since last year.

The Great Egret is a large, long-necked, white heron with distinctive size and black



legs distinguishing it from other egrets. Its bill colour is always yellow in the Americas and black in breeding season elsewhere. It occurs in any shallow wetland, including ponds, marshes, and tidal mudflats. Slowly stalks prey in shallow water. Often seen alone, however sometimes gathers in large numbers where food is plentiful. Breeds in colonies, frequently mixed with other egrets and herons.

Celebrate by booking a Wetland Walk to spot or hear birds and identify them at a time and day of your choosing by scanning the QR code.

## Reducing Mosquito Risks At Home

Mosquitoes can transmit a number of serious human diseases. In NSW, some mosquitoes transmit viruses such as Japanese encephalitis, Ross River, Barmah Forest, and Murray Valley encephalitis.

Mosquitoes only need small amounts of water to breed, so it's important to reduce opportunities for them to breed. Measures to help reduce the risk of mosquitoes around the home include:

- Cleaning up your yard and removing anything that can hold water such as buckets, plant pots, birdbaths, old tires, containers etc.
- Cover or overturn wheelbarrows, tools, trailers etc to avoid water pooling.
- Install/maintain fly screens on windows, doors, vents, and other entrances.
- Check and maintain rainwater tanks and water storage vessels to ensure screens are intact and limit mosquito entry.
- Keep drains and roof guttering clear to avoid standing water.
- Use an effective mosquito repellent, containing either picaridin or diethyltoluamide (DEET) on all exposed skin.
- Keep lawns and gardens trimmed back to reduce the areas where mosquitoes rest.
- Change the water in pet drinking bowls, bird baths and vases at least once a week.
- Keep swimming pools well maintained and chlorinated or securely covered if not in use. Do not let water pool in empty swimming pools.



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



## Recycling Week

Get the Site Right 'Blitz Week' will be held from 16-20 October. The awareness and compliance campaign encourages developers, builders, and home renovators to implement best-practice erosion and sediment controls to prevent sediment runoff from being washed or blown off their sites into stormwater drains and out to local creeks and rivers.

The October campaign aims to build on the 6% improvement in compliance achieved in the May month-long campaign. Please note that only Councils and not the EPA or DPE usually take part in the October inspection blitz.



## PROJECTS



464m along Punchbowl Rd (from Cosgrove Rd to Juno Pde)



403m along Sylvanus St (From Drone St to Juno Pde)



410m along Pomona St (from Drone St to Juno Pde)



277m along Liverpool Rd (from Roberts Rd to Davidson St)



260m along Strathfield Ave (from The Boulevard to Nichol Pde)



256m along Richmond Rd (from Tavistock Rd to Marlborough Rd)

### Community Footpaths

Council is committed to delivering an extensive footpath renewal program this financial year and aims to roll out 111 footpath projects by June 2024 (weather permitting). Footpath designs have been completed and Council will be going to market to source quotes.

Of the 111 footpath projects, some larger ones include those listed above left.

Council will be providing monthly updates as this project progresses and is eager to see footpaths in the Strathfield LGA in excellent condition!



### Town Hall Update

The Town Hall recently had works taken place to upgrade the building. From upgrading the flooring, the AV system and the ceiling, it's officially finished and open to the community again!

If you would like to host an event in the newly restored Town Hall, please contact Council's Customer Service Centre to make a booking. Customer Service Advisors are available by phone Monday – Friday between 8.30am - 5.00pm on (02) 9748 9999.

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