

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWS



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Mayor of Strathfield

Dear Resident,

We have been extremely busy at Council!

Our new General Manager Michael Mamo has been actively pursuing ways in which Strathfield Council can operate more efficiently. In these tough economic times, the cost shifting onto local councils has been significant by other levels of Government. They

are putting significant pressure on Councils to deliver increased housing numbers, but are not backing it up with funding. We need to prepare for any challenges we have in the future.

A reminder to residents that we have multiple community buildings which have several different types of spaces available for hire. Our fees have been reduced by 50% to help the

community activate these spaces, so please consider one of our council venues if you have an upcoming birthday, wedding, christening, meeting or seminar. We would be more than happy to accommodate you.

I made a commitment to residents that we would reinstate a Council Street Tree Pruning program, and it is currently underway. You may have noticed a tender advertised for street tree pruning recently, this is an extensive program which will run across a couple of years reducing leaf litter and improve street safety with better visibility of street lights.

Finally, as always if you have any local issues, I'm always available on 0406 099 048 or cr.mblackmore@strathfield.nsw.gov.au

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IRONBARK GALLERY

ROAR revisited

Roar revisited showcases the artistic talents of our local high school students from grades 9 and 10. All local high schools in the Strathfield region were invited to take part in this exhibition.

Unlike most thematic competition-based exhibitions; our Gallery Curator liaised with local high school teachers and selected works from each school.

A diverse selection of media and subject matter will be on display, a testament and recognition of the talents of our local high school visual arts students. Strathfield.

When: 16 September – 16 October 2022

Where: Ironbark Gallery, Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub

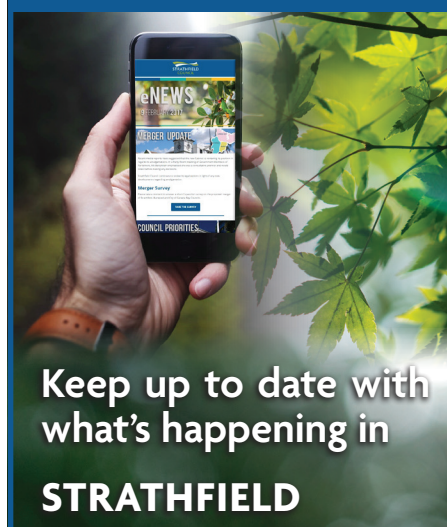


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Image: Benjamin Gainsford, St. Patrick's College, Strathfield, Grade 9, Micro aggression world 2022 photography and digital media (detail)

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Stepping on

Stepping On is a free falls prevention programs that enables older people to build knowledge and skills to stay active and independent. It is in partnership with Sydney Local Health District, Healthy Eating Active Living and these sessions are targeted for Tamil speakers.

When: 10am-12noon, Fridays from 14 Oct to 25 Nov

Where: Strathfield Community Centre, Bates Street

Contact: SLHD-Heal@health.nsw.gov.au or call 02 9515 9063

Regsiter: Scan QR code to register



Community Safety Education Sessions

Join officers from Auburn Police Area Command at Council's monthly community safety sessions. The next session focuses on Child and Road Safety (school holiday special).

When: Monday 26 September, 10am – 11am



Registrations are essential and can be made by scanning this QR code.



Support for Carers

The CHAT registry is Sydney Local Health District's main communication with carers, keeping you up to date with all new SLHD carer initiatives and general carer information.

CHAT Live Sessions are 30 minute sessions where carers can connect and talk about carer support and issues. District staff and community services will join in to provide guidance on topics related to support, health, activities and connecting with other carers. No bookings required and sessions are held on Zoom for free, Thursdays 11 – 11.30am.



More info CHAT Registry:
Scan the QR code

More info CHAT Live: 02 9767 5876 or email
SLHD-Carersprogram@health.nsw.gov.au

Tax Help Program

If your tax affairs are simple and you earn under \$60,000 a year, you may be eligible for FREE HELP with your tax return by an ATO Tax Help Volunteer.

When: Mondays, 12pm – 3pm (excluding public and school holidays)

More Info: Call 8762 0222. You must be registered with myGov and your account linked to the ATO.

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

STRATHFIELD SPRING FESTIVAL RETURNS

The Strathfield Spring Festival returned on Saturday 3 September after a two year break. Families braved the weather in raincoats and gum boots to meet their favourite Heelers, Bluey and Bingo and were also treated to two live interactive experiences on the day. Council's Sustainability and Library teams were on hand to run interactive games and promote projects. Everyone was treated to free face painting, seedling planting, flower crown workshops and a fun reptile display to make the day a little extra special.



SUSTAINABILITY

Aussie Backyard Bird Count

The 9th Annual Aussie Bird Count is back from 17-23 October! You can help by spending just 20 minutes in your favourite outdoor space, count the birds you see and send the results through to Birdlife Australia via the app or webpage. Scan the QR code below for more information.



Wild About Ibis

Have you spotted the Australian White Ibis around Strathfield? This iconic native bird is a common visitor to urban areas, but that can come with some mess.



Learn more about Ibis and what you can do to reduce impacts when living with these beautiful birds! More info: scan the QR code.

Weeds Watch

Keep an eye out for the weedy Boneseed while it flowers this spring! Boneseed threatens Australia's bushlands and reduces food and habitat available for native animals. This shrub has yellow daisies, oval shaped leaves with toothed edges and round green fruit. If you think you have spotted this weed report it to Council on 9748 9999. More info: scan the QR code.



PROJECTS

Hudson Park Stage 2

Stage 2 of the upgrade to Hudson Park is trucking along!

The Parks team have been busy installing two half basketball courts, with a concrete futsal to be installed next. These will join the grass volleyball and netball courts, ensuring there are plenty of active options. All courts are planned to be opened in October along with a new off-leash dog park, weather pending.

The playground is growing bigger by the day with new equipment installed and wet pour rubber arriving in the coming weeks. The team is working hard to have the playground open for our littlest residents in time for Christmas.

More info: Scan the QR code



Street Tree Planting

The street trees throughout Strathfield Council are one of our most important assets. Strathfield has an estimated 11,000 street trees in a 14km area, these trees are a mix of native and exotic species that have been carefully selected to meet the requirements of the challenging environment they grow in. Our most dominate species of tree is the brush box making up 50% of the population, some of these trees were planted as early as 1880.

Strathfield's street trees provide our residents with a number of benefits including;

- Absorbing pollutant gasses such as carbon dioxide to purify the air we breathe and reduce the greenhouse gas effect
- Provide shade that reduces overall urban heat, improves the walkability of streets and reduces incidences of skin cancer
- Encourage residents to spend more time outside and reduce mental health issues
- Provide shelter for native animals
- Increase the value of residential and commercial property

Strathfield LGA has a mix of canopy coverage, between 10% and 40%. A recent study by Western Sydney University compared two streets, one with 30% canopy cover and the other with 10%. The street with the lower canopy cover was 10°C warmer than the street with more trees, indicating the importance of trees in moderating heat.

Strathfield Council has identified areas with low canopy and started planting more trees to meet canopy targets. Council is also investing in a Tree Inventory to get a better understanding of the health and condition of our trees by collecting key data that will help make future management decisions.

It is important that Strathfield Council and our residents protect and maintain our street trees so future generations can enjoy the same benefits we do today. Council ask residents to report tree vandalism, be conscious of trees when maintaining street verges and contact Council if you notice any defects in our trees.

More info: Scan the QR code <https://www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au/project/street-tree-planting/>



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