

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the winter issue of the Strathfield Council Newsletter, which provides quarterly updates on Council news and upcoming events.

Here's a look at what Council has been up to lately.

Community Grants

Strathfield Council is committed to supporting and empowering our local community to deliver programs and activities that meet the needs of residents. Council's Community Strategic Plan, *Strathfield 2030*, strives for community well-being, connectivity, the development of liveable neighbourhoods, prosperity and opportunity.

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 2030.

Community and cultural grants are available with funding ranging from \$2,000 to \$5,000 as explained in the grant guidelines, for organisations or groups that can deliver programs that benefit the communities in the Strathfield local government area.

The awarding of a grant will be based solely on the information and supporting documents provided in your application.

Community Grant applications will close on 31 July 2020.

For further information, contact Strathfield Council's Community Services team on 9748 9999 or via email communityservices@strathfield.nsw.gov.au



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Borrow Again

The Book Locker and Home Library services have resumed! Current library loans have been extended until Monday 6 July and items can be returned via the locker 24/7.

For further information about Council's Home Library service, please contact Library staff on 8762 0222.



Strathfield Council Library & Innovation Hub Now Open

Strathfield Council opened the Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub on Wednesday 1 July 2020, with increased health and safety measures in accordance with State Government guidelines.

The newly upgraded Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub encompasses an exhibition space, multi-purpose space, internal study stadium and computer lab.

Community safety is of utmost importance and as such Council has planned a staged re-opening of Strathfield Library. Operation hours are Monday – Friday from 9:30am – 4:30pm, and visiting library members will be limited to bookable times for the duration of an hour.

In addition to timed restrictions, a limited number of visitors will be permitted in the library at any given time, with furniture arranged and marking installed to adhere to and facilitate social distancing.

Members are required to reserve items to be borrowed, as browsing of collections will not be allowed until government restrictions are relaxed. Books will be sanitised and quarantined for 24 hours as a required safety measure.

The Book Locker service resumed on Tuesday 9 June, providing members with a safe and convenient means of booking, collecting and returning items from the library.

Council looks forward to welcoming members to the Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub, which will provide the community with a more comfortable and engaging space, that enhances learning and information sharing.



ePlanning Portal

From 1 July 2020, 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.

The new process enables customers to lodge applications anytime using the online portal.

Paper applications will no longer be accepted.

Council's Duty Planners are available on 02 9748 9999 or council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au to provide advice and assistance.

For further information and how-to-guides outlining the steps for the new development application process please visit planningportal.nsw.gov.au/onlineDA



COVID-19 INFORMATION

Bressington Park COVID-19 Testing

A drive-through testing clinic has been established at Bressington Park on Underwood Rd in Homebush. The clinic is open 7 days a week from 8.30am - 3.30pm.

Anyone with even mild cold-like symptoms should be tested. Symptoms of COVID-19 include fever, cough, sore/scratchy throat and shortness of breath.

No bookings are required, and patients are reminded to stay in their car.

Bressington Park car park provides ample space for patients to line up for testing, without impacting the traffic along Underwood Road.

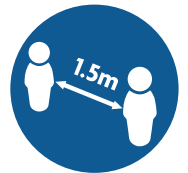


Stay Safe

As our community becomes more active and gets back to business, it's important that we keep up to date on what we can and can't do to keep NSW Covid-19 safe. Keep up to date by visiting: www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19

COVID Connect

If you know someone who's in need of a listening ear and tips to improve social connection, a friendly chat with a Red Cross volunteer might just make all the difference. To find out about the free phone service please visit



www.redcross.org.au/covid-connect or call 1800 733 276.

SUSTAINABILITY & WASTE

Water Wise Consumption 3 Tips for Better Recycling

Challenge: Do you know how much water is used to make the things you eat, wear and buy? Sustainable water use is about so much more than taking shorter showers. Normal household water use makes up less than 5% of your water footprint. The water you use to live is called your water footprint and includes water you don't see.

Solution: Get informed – go to aquapath-project.eu to measure your footprint and learn more. Make more water sensitive shopping choices, such as choosing plant-based foods over animal products. Before buying new products, consider sharing, pre-loved or re-usable options.



1. Did you know that about 50% of all residential waste bins are filled with food waste? Check out “Love Food, Hate Waste” (www.lovefoodhatewaste.nsw.gov.au/) for tips on reducing food waste, and make use of Council's 50% discount at Compost Revolution (compostrevolution.com.au/strathfield/) for Strathfield residents.
1. Look for furniture and other household items that you can sell online or donate them to be refurbished by The Bower Reuse and Repair Centre (<https://bower.org.au/>). For household bulky waste you can also go to Council's Clean Up website (cleanup.strathfield.nsw.gov.au/) and book your free collection online.
1. Soft plastics cannot go in your yellow bin! Drop soft plastics and plastic bags in RedCycle (www.redcycle.net.au/) bins located at local supermarkets.

PROJECTS

STRATHFIELD PARK AMENITIES BUILDING

As part of Council's Community Vision to Provide Liveable Neighbourhoods and support Community Wellbeing Council has commenced construction of a new Sports Amenities Building in Strathfield Park servicing local and regional sporting clubs.

Key inclusions will be:

- Two change rooms
- Male, female and accessible toilet facilities
- Ramp access
- Kiosk
- Viewing deck and breezeway structure with seating

Funding has been provided for the construction of this facility by the Australian Government's *Building Our Future* - a funding scheme of the Department of Infrastructure and Regional Development.



Strathfield Connector Reduced Services

Until further notice, the Strathfield Connector bus service will be arriving at bus stops every 60 minutes, between 7:00am – 7:00pm.



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