

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL

NEWS



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Mayor of Strathfield

Dear Resident,
I am excited to be writing the first Mayoral message in our community newsletter.

This monthly

newsletter will be delivered to every home and business across the Strathfield Local Government Area and will help to keep our residents informed about the work the Council is doing, better connect with our community and deliver the best outcomes for you!

Serving as Mayor of Strathfield Council is an absolute privilege and honour I want to thank the residents for entrusting me to serve you in this position.

We are already 7 months into this council term so I will highlight just a few things achieved by Council thus far:

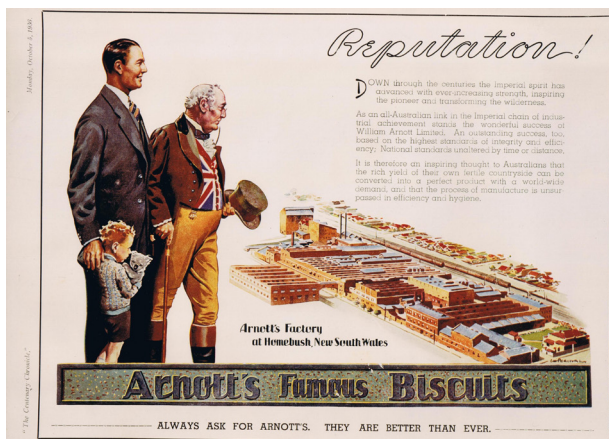
- The withdrawal of the Lendlease development proposal for a 52 storey building in our town centre.

- Street tree pruning has now been budgeted in the 2022-2023 financial year. This is a major program which will be ongoing in the future.
- We have reduced user fees for community spaces by 50%, making it more affordable to book our spaces for functions.
- Updates to our private tree management development control plan (DCP) will be exhibited this month, applying a more common-sense approach to tree matters.
- Council gained over 6000sqm of new greenspace with a park at 20 Parramatta Road, Homebush and control of the Sydney Water land at Fitzgerald Crescent, Strathfield.
- Our organisational structure has been revised, making Council more efficient with significant cost savings to ratepayers.

I look forward to next month's newsletter. Please feel free to contact me directly if you need any help with a local issue on 0428 952 095 or cr.mblackmore@strathfield.nsw.gov.au.

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Minding Our Business: Strathfield's Industrial Heritage

Ironbark Gallery
June to August 2022

www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au
www.strathfieldhomebushhistory.org



Image: Arnott's Advertisement of the Homebush Factory

Strathfield Council Library & Innovation Hub

Services & Activities



NDIS Connection Desk

The Connection Desk is designed for community members who need information on how to access the NDIS, or information about other support services in the community.

Learn about how Settlement Services International (SSI) Local Area Coordination can help people with disability, their families and carers. SSI is an NDIS partner delivering Local Area Coordination services in Sydney and South Western Sydney.

When: Every third Tuesday of the month, 10am – 12pm

Contact: Li Hua Chu via lihua.chu@ndis.gov.au or 0488 680 330



Lego Club

Think your little one is on their way to becoming a Lego Master? Book them in for our very own Lego Club for an hour of creative fun!

When: First Monday of every month from 3.30pm – 4.30pm (1 August, 5 September, 3 October, 7 November and 5 December)



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

Reading Buddies Program

Is your primary school aged child struggling with reading? The Reading Buddies program will match your child with a Big Buddy volunteer for a weekly 30 minute session at the library so that they can practise their reading one-on-one.

When: Tuesdays and Wednesdays 4pm – 5pm (during school terms)



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Celebrate With Us: Reduced Venue Hiring Fees

As part of the Community Strategic Plan, Strathfield 2035, Council resolved to reduce hiring fees of community spaces by 50%. Council delivered this after calls from locals who wanted more affordable access to indoor venues for children's birthday parties, Christenings, and other family events.



Community Strategic Plan

Strathfield Council has a responsibility to formulate and pursue the community's visions and ideas, provide civic leadership, deliver key services and express local ideas and concerns about important issues to other levels of government. The Strathfield 2035 Community Strategic Plan sets out the long term goals and strategies for the Strathfield community until 2035.

Strathfield 2035 is made up of integrated plans and reports which include:

- Community Strategic Plan – Strathfield 2035
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2022-2023
- Draft Workforce Management Strategy 2022-2026
- Fees and Charges



Scan the QR code to view Council's Strathfield 2035 CSP which was adopted by Council at the 7 June 2022 Council Meeting.

The following fees and charges will come into effect in the 2022 – 2023 financial year:

- Hourly hire fees have been **reduced by 50%** for Strathfield Town Hall, Bates Street Community Centre, Library Meeting Rooms, High Street Community Centre and Dutton Centre.
- Bond fees for Council venues start from \$250.
- Hourly hire fees of small Community Meeting Rooms start from \$10.
- Hourly pavilion hire fees for Airey Park, Cooke Park and Hudson Park have been reduced to \$20.50 per hour.

New Hire Fees have been introduced for Homebush West Community Hall.



Scan the QR code to view Council's 2022 – 2023 Fees and Charges.

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

Handy Waste Tips

National Tree Day

Strathfield Council is calling on Strathfield residents to get involved in Australia's biggest community tree planting event on **Sunday 31 July** from 9.30am – 12.30pm at Hudson Park. Council aims to plant 3,000 trees to help assist with improving the local habitat.

Registrations are essential and can be made by visiting our website www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au

Single Use Plastic Ban

Lightweight plastic shopping bags are now banned in NSW as of 1 June 2022.

A cloth or a tote bag is a great alternative, so remember to take your reusable shopping bags with you next time you visit the shops. The NSW Government ban is the first in a series of single use plastic phase outs.

From 1 November these items will also be banned: single use plastic straws, stirrers, cutlery, plates, bowls and cotton buds, expanded polystyrene food ware and cups, and rinse off personal care products containing plastic microbeads.

Single use plastic items and packaging make up 60% of all litter in NSW. These plastic bans will prevent almost 2.7 billion items of plastic litter entering the NSW environment over the next 20 years. More information about the single use plastic ban is available [here](#).

Information for Businesses

The new law will be enforced by NSW EPA, not by Council.

Business owners can call the National Retail Association toll-free hotline for more information at 1800 844 946.

Illegal Dumping

Leaving rubbish on the footpath, nature strip, in a park, laneway, street or next to a bin is illegal. On-the-spot fines for littering or dumping may apply. Litter and illegal dumping cause many problems, such as pollution of waterways, blockage of drains, health risks, attraction of vermin and additional cleaning costs for the community.

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 phone **9748 9999** or e-mail council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au



Clean Up Collection

Cleaning up or moving out? Council's On Call Clean Up service allows each residential property up to three clean up collections per year of up to two cubic metres for the removal of bulky household items. Council clean up bookings are collected on Mondays.



Book your clean up by scanning the QR code.

Which items are accepted?

ITEMS ACCEPTED

- ✓ Furniture
- ✓ Bed / Mattress
- ✓ White Goods
- ✓ Vegetation Waste

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

- ✗ Building & Demolition Waste
- ✗ Polystyrene
- ✗ Hazardous / Chemical Waste
- ✗ Heavy / Large Items
- ✗ Batteries
- ✗ E-waste, Computers & TVs

PROJECTS



Fitzgerald Crescent Green Space

Through an agreement with Sydney Water, Strathfield Council has secured new green space for the enjoyment of local residents in Strathfield.

The green space is parallel to Liverpool Road in an area between Fitzgerald Crescent and Cooks River, totalling 2,459 square meters of open space. The space was originally owned by Sydney Water, fenced off from the public, and used to access the water pipelines that lie underneath the ground.

Council is proposing to embellish the area with footpaths, shade, seating, lighting and BBQ facilities. Any updates will be made in consideration of Sydney Water's right to access the water pipelines for maintenance.



We want your feedback on how Council should utilise the space. Have your say by scanning this QR code.



Hudson Park Driving Range

One of the most popular attractions in Strathfield, the Hudson Park Driving Range has undergone an extensive upgrade and is opening on Friday 15 July! The upgrade includes –

- New netting
- Levelling the driving range and installing synthetic grass
- Installation of multi-coloured bunkers and greens

These works are part of the wider transformation of Hudson Park, from an under-utilised golf course, to a green space with recreation facilities open to all the community.

The Hudson Park Driving Range hours are:

- Monday – Wednesday: 6.30am – 11.00pm
- Thursday: 9.00am – 11.00pm
- Friday – Sunday: 6.30am – 11.00pm

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