

DISCOVER YOUR COUNCIL



STRATHFIELD
COUNCIL





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WELCOME





We are pleased to welcome you to the Strathfield Local Government Area.

Strathfield is located in Sydney's Inner West and home to a multicultural, diverse and educated community, making it a truly unique place to live.

Strathfield Council is committed to continuing to provide an attractive and livable place for both residents and visitors, with community wellbeing, connectivity, civic pride and place management, livable neighborhoods and responsible leadership as our focus.

Strathfield Council is always striving to bring the best lifestyle and services to residents, making Strathfield, a great place to live!

This booklet can be used as a valuable resource to learn about the Strathfield area and what services Strathfield Council provides.

You will see that most sections include a QR code. Simply open the camera on your mobile phone and hold it over the code, as if you are going to take a photo. A website link will appear which will direct to you more information on that specific topic.





COUNCIL INFORMATION

Strathfield Council is a medium sized Council located in Sydney's Inner West.

The Strathfield Local Government Area (LGA) has a total area of approximately 14.1 square kilometres. Strathfield Council is located in Sydney's Inner West about 10.5 kilometres from the city centre and half way between Parramatta and the city.

The Strathfield Local Government Area includes the suburbs of:

- Strathfield (postcode 2135)
- Strathfield South (2136)
- Homebush (2140)
- Homebush West (2140)
- part of Belfield (2191)
- part of Greenacre (2190)

COUNCIL MEMBERS

Local government is comprised of two sections, political and administration. The political side is made up of the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Councillors who attend Council meetings on a monthly basis and vote on plans and decisions that affect the community and its long-term future.

The Mayor is elected every two years by the majority of Councillors.

The administration staff, under the guidance of the CEO, manage the day to day operations. There are many departments in Council that provide a range of services for the community.



For more information about the Council members, please scan this QR code.

COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Voting at Local Government elections is compulsory in NSW. To vote in elections you need to be on the Electoral Roll. The Electoral Roll is prepared and maintained by the Australian Electoral Commission. New residents should complete the electoral enrolment form and forward it to the Electoral Office. Enrolment forms can be obtained from any Australia Post Office.



For further information, please scan this QR code to the NSW Government website.

COUNCIL MEETINGS

Council Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of the month (excluding January), at 6.30pm, in the Council Chambers, 65 Homebush Road, Strathfield. Council Meetings are open to the public, except for discussion of legal, staff or other confidential matters.

Members of the public may attend Council and Committee Meetings and may speak on matters, such as those in general business on the agenda of the meeting. Members of the public can also view Council meetings live online.

Business papers including the agenda and reports, are available on Council's website on the Thursday prior to the Council meeting. Minutes of the Council Meetings are placed on Council's website within five working days of the meeting.



For more information about Council Meetings, please scan this QR code.

COUNCIL PLANS & POLICIES

Council requests community feedback and submissions for a number of its plans and policies. Keep an eye on Council's website and the eNews for details.



For more information about Council plans and policies, please scan this QR code.

CITIZENSHIP

Strathfield Council hosts Citizenship Ceremonies every second month for newly inducted Australian Citizens.



For more information and dates about Citizenship Ceremonies, please scan this QR code.



SERVICES IN THE STRATHFIELD AREA

Council Offices

Strathfield Council Customer Service Centre
(65 Homebush Road, Strathfield)

Community Venues/Facilities

High Street Community Centre
Homebush West Community Centre
Strathfield Community Centre
Strathfield Council Community Garden
Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub
(65-67 Rochester St, Homebush)
Strathfield Town Hall and Supper Room
The Dutton Centre

Sporting Facilities

Airey Park
Bark Huts Reserve
Begnell Field
Bressington Park
Cooke Park
Hudson Oval
Mason Park
Strathfield Park

Playgrounds and Parks

Airey Park
Augustus Loftus Reserve
Austin Park
Bark Huts Reserve
Begnell Field
Bill Boyce Reserve
Boden Reserve
Bressington Park
Centenary Playground
Cooke Park

Coronation Reserve
Dean Reserve
Drew Street Playground
Edwards Park
Elliott Reserve
Fitzgerald Park
Ford Park
Frank Zions Reserve
Freshwater Park
Henley Reserve
Hudson Park
Inveresk Park
Ismay Reserve
Marlene Reserve
Mason Park
Melville Reserve
Pilgrim Park
St Annes Reserve
Strathfield Park
Tavistock Reserve
Wallis Reserve
Wentworth Reserve










Transport

Flemington Station
Homebush Station
Strathfield Connector Bus
Strathfield Station

Recreational Facilities

Cooke Park Skate Park
Hudson Park Driving Range
Strathfield Croquet Club



-  Main Road
-  Public Park
-  Council
-  Library
-  Waterway
-  Train Station
-  Food Outlet
-  Shopping/
Retail
-  School/
Educational Institution

COMMUNITY DIRECTORY SAFETY

Strathfield Council has an online Community Directory which allows residents easy access to information about the services and facilities available locally. Listings include non-profit, community based organisations, government departments and agencies, services and facilities that are based within the Strathfield Local Government area or which service the area.



To view our Community Directory, or to create a listing for your not for profit, community based organisation, please scan this QR code.

For all emergency matters, please immediately phone 000.

For all non-emergency police related matters, please call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

Strathfield Local Government Area has two Local Police Stations:

Auburn Police Area Command

Corner of Queen and Susan Streets
AUBURN 2144
Phone: 02 9646 8699

Burwood Police Area Command

Belmore St
BURWOOD 2134
Phone: 02 9745 8499

To report non-emergency related crime and criminal activity, please contact Crime Stoppers by calling: 1800 333 000

For general enquires about Fire and Rescue NSW Emergency Services, please call: 02 9265 2999

For general enquires to the NSW Ambulance State Headquarters, please call: 02 9320 7777.

Council Rangers

Council Rangers regularly patrol the Strathfield area helping to keep the community safe and working with other staff on compliance enforcement. If you need a Ranger you can reach them on 9748 9999.



REPORT LOCAL ISSUES

To report damage to footpaths, roads, blocked drains, graffiti, uncollected bins or anything that requires Council's attention, contact Council on 9748 9999 or council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au.





LIVE

STANDARD
LEGACY

CLEAN UP COLLECTION

Council's On Call Clean Up service allows each residential property 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.

Before booking your clean up, consider contacting The Bower Reuse and Repair Centre for free collection and recycling of furniture and household items in good condition.



Bookings are essential. To book online, please scan this QR code.

WASTE

There are three different coloured bins used in the Strathfield LGA.

The red lid bin is used for general household garbage. This bin is collected on a weekly basis.

The yellow lid bin is used for recycling. This bin is collected on a fortnightly basis.

The green lid bin is used for garden vegetation. This bin is collected on a fortnightly basis.



Please scan the following QR code for more information about waste collection including collection days and more specifically, what can be put in each bin.

For other types of recycling, Council has an A-Z guide to recycling to help you work out how to best recycle certain products and materials such as unwanted printer cartridges or batteries which can be disposed of safely at the recycling stations at Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub.



To see the A-Z guide, please scan this QR code.





LITTER AND 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 apply.

Litter and illegal dumping cause many problems, such as:

- Pollution of waterways
- Blockage of drains
- Health risks
- Attraction of vermin
- Waste of resources
- Cleaning and disposal cost for all community



For more information on how to report litter and illegal dumping or how to avoid leaf litter pollution, please scan this QR code.

ANIMALS AND PETS

When deciding to adopt a new pet, check out Strathfield Council's Animals and Pets webpage for information on how to be a responsible pet owner and the steps you need to take when adopting a new pet including an FAQ page.



If you are looking for information regarding dealing with animals such as possums, bees or birds, please scan this QR code.

BACKYARD SWIMMING POOLS

All pools in NSW must be registered in the NSW Swimming Pool Register. It is the pool owner's responsibility to register their pool.

All new swimming pools require approval. If you want to build a swimming pool you must ensure that the pool is surrounded by a fence to restrict access to children.



For more information on backyard swimming pools or to register your pool, please scan this QR code.

TREES

The Strathfield Council area has a rich heritage of trees planted since the early development of the area in the late nineteenth century. Strathfield also contains remnants of original trees, bushland and threatened plant species.

For information on

- Tree pruning and removal
- Street trees
- Trees on neighbouring properties
- Selecting and planting trees



And any other tree questions, please scan this QR code.

STRATHFIELD CONNECTOR BUS

The Strathfield Connector is a free commuter bus servicing residents and visitors in the Strathfield area.

Some of the main stops on the connector bus include:

- DFO
- Homebush Shops and train station
- Homebush West Shops
- Strathfield Community Centre
- Strathfield Library & Innovation Hub
- Strathfield South
- Strathfield Square and train station
- Sydney Markets
- Strathfield Town Hall

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS

Before you can make changes to a building, you may need to lodge a Development Application.

A Development Application (DA) is a formal request for consent to carry out development. This type of development approval is the most common way of obtaining development consent in NSW.

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. Paper applications will no longer be accepted.



To speak to someone about your Development Application, contact Council's Duty Planners on 02 9748 9999 or council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au or please scan this QR code.



For more information about the Strathfield Connector and to access the bus tracker, please scan this QR code.

RATES

Council rates are calculated according to the value of land in the area. The value of land in the Strathfield Local Government Area is determined every three years by the NSW Valuer General. Council sets a rate in the dollar in its annual Operational Plan, which is then multiplied by your land valuation. This is then paid by owners of the properties.

There are many factors that are taken into consideration when deciding on land value including recent sale prices, zoning and access to public facilities. This means that rates charged for properties in the Strathfield Local Government Area will be different to rates charged by other councils.



There are several ways that you can pay your rates. For more information, please scan this QR code.





WORK



FOOD SAFETY

Strathfield Council plays an important role in food regulation and promoting safe food handling practices. Council regularly inspects premises where food is served in the Strathfield Local Government Area (other than those premises licensed by the NSW Food Authority).

The role of Council includes:

- Conducting regular inspections of food premises
- Conducting food and hygiene seminars
- Following up complaints from members of the public



To check out the local shops in the area who have received 'Food Safety Excellence Awards', please scan this QR code.

PERMITS

There are several types of permits that a business could apply for in the Strathfield area. They include:

- Fireworks Displays
- Works Permits
- Road Permits
- Filming and Photography Permits
- Footpath Display Permits
- Outdoor Eating Permits



If your business needs to apply for any of these permits or for more information, please scan this QR code.





PARTICIPATE



BUSHCARE

Bushcare is an environmental restoration program that Strathfield Council has been running for over 20 years! The aim of Bushcare is to improve habitats for native animals.

Anyone can join Bushcare, all you need is a water bottle and fully enclosed shoes.

Under 16 years old? Please bring a responsible adult to join the fun.



For more information and for when and where Bushcare is held, please scan this QR code.

COMMUNITY GARDEN

Strathfield Council's community garden is located at Laker Reserve, Elva Street, Strathfield.

Community gardens enable community members, especially those without access to gardening space, to be actively involved in growing vegetables, fruit and herbs. A community garden space is also a place to meet people and learn.



For more information about Strathfield Council's Community Garden, please scan this QR code.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Strathfield Council is always looking at ways to improve the area and service our residents. All projects are promoted on the 'Have Your Say' page on the Council website.



Let Council know your feedback on important policies, plans and projects. Please scan this QR code.

VOLUNTEERING WITH US

Many of our programs, activities and events depend on volunteers and would not be able to operate without the commitment of these special people dedicating their time, energy and knowledge.

Our volunteer program aims to provide volunteers with community engagement and enhances social, cultural and environmental outcomes. Volunteering with Strathfield Council will:

- Benefit the community
- Enhance your skills to help others
- Gain work experience
- Learn new skills
- Meet new people



For more information on how to become a volunteer with Strathfield Council or for the application form, please scan this QR code.

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 Grants program provides annual funding for organisations or groups to develop community or cultural programs that support the community of Strathfield.



For more information about Strathfield Council's Community Grants, please scan this QR code.



PLAY

FITNESS EQUIPMENT

Many of Strathfield's parks are home to a range of fitness equipment free for the public to use.



For more information about where to find it, please scan this QR code.

PLAYGROUNDS

Strathfield Council has 26 playgrounds located in parks and reserves throughout the area. These playgrounds are designed for many different age groups, and each playground provides a different range of activities for its users. Improvements and maintenance aim to ensure that playgrounds meet a diverse range of current and future community needs including specific age groups and people with disabilities.



For more information about Strathfield Council's playgrounds and where they are located, please scan this QR code.

BAY TO BAY CYCLE AND WALKWAY

One of Sydney's best cycle and walking tracks runs through the Strathfield Council area.

The Bay to Bay Shared Pathway is a 23 kilometre track running from Settlers Park in Ryde to Botany Bay. Much of the track runs alongside the historic Cooks River.

The time required to walk the Strathfield section is only 90 minutes and is a great walk for dogs (leashed).



For more information, please scan this QR code.

PARKS AND SPORTSGROUND HIRE

Parks and sporting fields are available on a seasonal and casual basis for hire to schools, clubs, community groups and the general public for recreational purposes.

Some of Strathfield Council's parks and sportsgrounds that can be hired include:

- Strathfield Park
- Airey Park
- Mason Park
- Cooke Park
- Begnell Field
- Hudson Oval
- Bark Huts Reserve
- Bressington Park



For more information on Strathfield Council's parks and sportsground hire, please scan this QR code.



EVENTS

Strathfield Council's event calendar has a little bit of everything to entertain all members of your family! Join us as we kick off the start of the year with Australia Day and Lunar New Year; taste local culinary delights at Homebush Village Fair; lace up your sneakers and register for the Cooks River Fun Run; don't miss out on our flag ship event the Spring Festival and end the year on a festive note at our Christmas Carols!



Australia Day **26 January – Strathfield Park**

Australia Day gives the local community a chance to celebrate what we love about Australia, provide recognition to local citizens and welcome new Australian citizens who call Strathfield their home.



Lunar New Year **Jan/Feb – Henley Street, Homebush West**

Celebrate prosperity and good health with a lion dance, live performances and foods rich in taste and culture along Henley Street in the heart of Homebush West.



Homebush Village Fair **late May – Rochester Street, Homebush**

Discover what makes Homebush a local dining destination with an array of different food to choose from, live cooking presentations and activities your little ones are sure to enjoy!



Cooks River Fun Run
Second last Sunday of June – Freshwater Park, Strathfield

Beat your personal best, register the entire family or have a casual stroll with friends as you take in the beauty of the Cooks River bay-to-bay shared path! This one is suitable for all levels of fitness and is sure to keep you warm on a cool winter morning.



Movies in the Park
October to March – Strathfield Park

Pack a picnic, throw down a rug and enjoy free movie screenings right under the stars. There's 8 different movies to choose from and you can attend them all!



Spring Festival
First Saturday of September – Strathfield Park

Gather the family and celebrate the start of Spring! Strathfield Council's largest calendar event is always a crowd pleaser with headlining children's performers, a secret garden, live entertainment, market stalls, carnival rides, sporting activities, fun games and pony rides.



Christmas Carols
Second Saturday of December – Strathfield Park

End the year with a bit of magic and festivity at the Strathfield Christmas Carols! Have a dance off with Santa in the snow, snuggle up with a Christmas movie and enjoy the fireworks as we look forward to the new year.



For more information on Strathfield Events, please scan this QR Code.

Event details including date and location are subject to change. Visit www.strathfeldevents.nsw.gov.au for up to date details on all major and community events.

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL LIBRARY & INNOVATION HUB

This newly renovated space opened on Wednesday 1 July 2020.

The fresh and modern area encompasses an exhibition space, multi-purpose space, internal study stadium and learning lab.

Strathfield Library offers a wide range of services and activities to our community, including:

- Collection including books, CDs and DVDs
- Community Language materials
- Local Studies Collection
- Interlibrary loan service
- Children's activities
- Youth and HSC activities
- Book clubs
- Justice of the Peace services

Online Services and Technology:

- eBooks, eAudiobooks and e-magazine collections
- Wireless access to the internet
- Photocopying, printing and scanning
- 3D printer
- Public access computers and docking stations

Other Library services include:

Home Library Service

Strathfield Library provides a free Home Library Service to residents who are unable to visit the Library due to disability or lack of mobility.

Items are selected by library staff to meet the needs or requests of each member and are delivered directly to their home or nursing home on a monthly basis.

Inter-Library Loans

If Strathfield Library does not hold an item you require, the Library can attempt to borrow the item from other public libraries via the Inter-Library Loans Service. Most printed material can be obtained on an Inter-Library Loan, however each lending library has its own policy regarding the lending of certain material.

Ironbark Gallery

The Ironbark Gallery is a dedicated gallery space for hanging and displaying works of both emerging and established local artists. Hosting a different exhibition each quarter provides a new experience for every visit. If you are an artist you can submit your interest to exhibition@strathfield.nsw.gov.au



For information on Library services, please scan this QR code.



Book Locker Service

To help increase accessibility and convenience for the community, Library members can request items online via the online library catalogue.

You have 24/7 access to the lockers. Receive an SMS when reservations are available and use the QR code or PIN to collect your items. When you are finished, return library items at the lockers.

Located at:

- Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub
65 Rochester Street, Homebush
- High Street Community Centre
64 High Street, Strathfield

Street Libraries

Street Library locations are established by community members for communities to share books they have read and would like to pass on to others to enjoy.



To find your nearest location on the Street Library website, please scan this QR code.



CONTACT US

Customer Service Opening Hours:

Monday – Friday: 10am – 4pm

(Please scan the QR code for up-to-date hours)



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(02) 9748 9999

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www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au

www.strathfeldevents.nsw.gov.au

Email:

council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au

Fax:

(02) 9764 1034

Assistance:

An interpreter service is available to speak to Strathfield Council in your own language through the Translators and Interpreter Service (TIS). Please call 13 14 50 and ask for your language. Then ask to speak with “Strathfield Council” on telephone (02) 9748 9999. Use of this service is the cost of a local call.

Visit in Person:

Customer Service Centre
65 Homebush Road, Strathfield NSW 2135

Write/Post:

Strathfield Council
PO Box 120, Strathfield NSW 2135

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