

# 2018 Council Achievement Letter

2018 has been an exciting year at Strathfield Council with a myriad of initiatives and projects coming to fruition to better service the Strathfield area.

'Strathfield 2030' community consultations were held at the start of the year to identify key areas of importance to residents. The feedback Council received was instrumental to providing direction for the current Community Strategic Plan and future projects of Council.

In response to this feedback, a number of initiatives were successfully implemented throughout 2018 in various areas under Council's jurisdiction including green spaces, parking, sustainability and finance.



## Green Spaces & Infrastructure



**Council has worked vigorously to upgrade green spaces within the LGA throughout 2017**

and 2018 for the enjoyment of residents. **24 playgrounds were renovated, 2 synthetic fields were installed** at Strathfield Park and Mason Park, and outdoor fitness equipment was upgraded at Drew Street Reserve, Greenacre. The rose garden at Wallis Reserve was restored, and renovations to Bressington Park were completed in time to host the Strathfield Christmas Carols. The work continues with a synthetic field currently being installed at Cooke Park and Beggall Field undergoing returfing and a refurbishment of the amenities block.

It was a big year in terms of infrastructure as well with upgrades of **footpaths, kerbs and gutters** across the LGA. Numerous roads have been resheeted including recently Birriwa Ave, Belfield. The resheeted roads will ensure safety for all residents and visitors to the area.



## Parking



**55 public parking spots in Strathfield CBD located at 20-34 Albert Road and 3 additional parking spots** in Council's car park located on Albert Road, Strathfield, were opened. The additional spaces have made parking at Strathfield CBD more easy and accessible for local residents and visitors.

We are proud that that the Mayor's initiative to provide residents with free permits for our Resident Parking Schemes was supported by council.



# Sustainability & Health



**The introduction of the Return and Earn scheme at Strathfield CBD has proven successful** since the reverse vending machine's installation in March 2018. Council would like to congratulate the community on their adoption of this initiative as **over 4.1 million containers** have been collected to date, and on average 140,000 containers are returned each week.

In the latter half of 2018, Council voted to convert Strathfield CBD to a **smoke free area**. Council ran 2 educational campaigns at Strathfield Square to engage with and educate over 450 residents. Council would like to thank the community for their support of this important health initiative.



# Finance



**Strathfield Council finished the 2017/18 financial year on a strong and positive financial note**, exceeding all key performance indicators set by the Office of Local Government. The operating result for the year was a surplus **increase of \$3.361M** from the previous year. Council has shown and maintained continuous sustainable improvement over the past three years.

*Strathfield Council and staff would like to thank residents for their support in 2018. We look forward to another exciting year serving the community in 2019.*

Regards,



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