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CR MATTHEW BLACKMORE Mayor of Strathfield

Dear Resident,

After an enormous year at Strathfield Council as your Mayor it was good to have a break with my family over Christmas period. I hope you enjoyed

some time with your family, had a chance to reflect on the year that just passed and had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.

The year ahead will be important for the future of Strathfield. We spent most of last year reviewing Council's operations and staffing structure, and have put together an efficient and practical foundation for our organisation to help to move us into the future.

Some of the initiatives you will see this year include launching the Strathfield Council app and stage one of the Council's street tree pruning program. There will also be improvements to our street sweeping and a big focus on the essential delivery of services, particularly the maintenance of our footpaths, roads and parks.

I would like to acknowledge the State Government and the Minister for Multiculturalism, Strathfield Council has recently been awarded a grant which will be spent over the next 2 years on some new and exciting festivals in the Strathfield Town Centre. We hope this greatly builds on the vibe in the Town Centre and helps our Local Small Business owners with extra foot traffic.

You will notice in the coming months that our Town Hall is undergoing restoration works including a new slate roof, internal restorations and beautification works. Council received funding from the Federal Government for these repairs. I had received many concerns from local residents about the use of our Iconic Heritage Building due to parking issues etc. I was contacted at the end of last year by parents from one of the local schools who appreciated the improvements to the traffic and parking, noticing the difference on Friday afternoons in particular.

I look forward to a productive and exciting year ahead and would like to remind you that Strathfield is an inclusive community and our diversity is what makes our community such a beautiful place to live.

If you need help with any local issue, please feel free to contact me on 0406 099 048 or cr.mblackmore@strathfield.nsw.gov.au

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# Strathfield Council Library & Innovation Hub Services & Activities



# **Craft and Cuppas at the Library**

If you enjoy knitting, crocheting and crafting, grab your crafting bits and bobs and come along to the new and improved crafting social group, Craft and Cuppas.

When: 8 February, 1pm - 3pm



# **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 (31 January – 5 April 2023) from 4pm – 5pm



### **Tech Savvy Seniors - Korean**

Strathfield Council Library & Innovation Hub offers free technology classes for seniors in Korean language. Topics include how to use a smart phone, staying safe online, and online shopping.

Bookings are essential and can be made by visiting the Council website.

When: Various dates in February from 10am - 12pm



# **Junior Australian Multi-Sport Program**

Strathfield Council has partnered with Australian International Sports Organisation to run an 8 week Junior Australian Multi-Sport Program.

This program is for children aged 4 to 12 and will be run weekly from Thursday 16 February at Edwards Park, Strathfield. Parents can use their Active Kids Voucher to participate in this program for free.



Scan QR code for more information and to register.



# Lunar New Year at Strathfield Library

Join us for a special Lunar New Year celebration at Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub with dance performances, craft activities and games! There will also be a stall run by CASS Care providing information in language about their services.

Bookings aren't required.

When: Monday 30 January, 3.30pm – 4.30pm





For more info on Library Programs call 8762 0222 or visit the website

### **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



## **Protect Our Waterways!**

Stormwater is rainwater that instead of soaking into the ground, flows from roofs, driveways, gutters and roads into our waterways. Unlike sewage, this water isn't treated before it heads to our waterways and the pollutants that are in it can be very harmful for our aquatic flora and fauna.



Scan the QR code to learn how you can make a difference.

# **Thinking of Solar?**

Take advantage of one of Australia's most abundant and natural resources by installing solar on your property this year! You can save on energy costs for your home/business as well as assist in reducing your carbon footprint!



Don't know where to start? Scan this QR code to learn more from Clean Energy Council.





# **Spotlight on Bridal Creeper**

Don't be deceived by its pretty vine, this major weed is an invader of bushlands and smothers native plants. Additionally, they shade out citrus and avocado trees, threatening growers across southern Australia. Plants can produce 1000 berries per square meter which is spread by birds and invasive animals.



Learn how to remove this pesky plant from your garden by scanning this QR code.

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# **PROJECTS**



### **Hudson District Park Updates**

Strathfield Council is still busy with the delivery of Hudson Park stage 2 upgrades. A front awning was installed for the Hudson Park kiosk and a roof for the Hudson Park amenities building has now been set in place. Next up as part of stage 2 upgrades is a kid's bike track to be built with landscaping and the installation of shelter and barbecues.



Please scan the QR code for more information



### **Town Hall War Memorial Restoration**

Council organised restoration works of the WWI War Memorial in front of Strathfield Council Chambers in late December 2022. This involved restoration of stonework and preservation treatment of the cast iron globe to ensure the memorial is kept in good condition.



# **YOUR COUNCILLORS**



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