

# STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWS



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CR MATTHEW BLACKMORE  
Mayor of Strathfield

Dear Resident,

Welcome to the December newsletter, our last printed newsletter for 2022. It has been a very big year for Council and myself. The

administration has undergone massive changes, and I would like to thank the staff and our General Manager for their patience and commitment as we navigate our way to a more efficient organisation.

This year, I started my Mayoral Street Meetings which have been an invaluable way to meet residents and hear your issues. Every resident concern was noted down and resolved. I look forward to continuing these meetings in the new year. I have also spent a lot of time visiting local schools, churches and community organisations, which has allowed me to connect with the heart of Strathfield and understand residents more.

2022 has been a year of reflection and review for Strathfield Council. Council and staff have spent a great

deal of time uncovering mistakes from previous administrations, considering the challenges we currently face, and determining a way forward. With this in mind, if you haven't already, you will soon receive information about Council's plans to ensure we have long term financial sustainability. The reality is that Council has posted deficits for the past few years and has an asset renewal backlog of \$16.5 million. This means there is insufficient funds to maintain and renew assets such as roads, footpaths, parks and community buildings. The longer we leave this, the worse the problem will become. That is why this Council is taking on the tough decisions now to protect our future.

Council has already made a number of savings and productivity improvements, resulting in \$1.3 million of savings, and increasing to \$2.5 million in 2033. Some of these changes are from Council shifting to delivering only the essential

services. My goal is to make sure that Strathfield is maintained at an extremely high level of cleanliness and our streets are tidy so we can maintain our property values and live in a healthy environment. In order to make these improvements there is a cost associated.

Your feedback is vital to this process. Please visit the website, take a survey or leave a comment. You can also email or post your feedback. Although these are hard decisions, I am confident in the strength and community spirit of Strathfield locals, that we can support each other to ensure future generations enjoy what we have enjoyed.

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](mailto:cr.mblackmore@strathfield.nsw.gov.au)

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**The Strathfield Connector Bus is under review and Council is seeking your feedback to consider cost saving methods.**

**Scan the QR code for more information and to complete the survey by 31 January 2023.**



Council is undertaking a review of its asset management and funding structure, and we want your feedback.

## Have Your Say



Protecting our Future Have Your Say  
<https://haveyoursay.strathfield.nsw.gov.au/>

# Strathfield Council Library & Innovation Hub Services & School Holiday Activities



## Extended Hours Access is Live for Christmas!

Extended hours access to Strathfield Council Library and Innovation Hub will be available during the annual closure for Christmas!

Over this period it will be available to registered members during the following dates and hours:

- Saturday 24 December to Monday 2 January - 9am - 6pm

Regular opening hours will resume 9.30am Tuesday 3 January. Make sure you've registered before Friday 23 December 2022.



Registering is easy! Scan the QR code and have your library card number and password ready.



## School Holiday Sporting Fun

Looking for some school holiday activities in Strathfield? Join Strathfield Council and Australian International Sports Organisation for some free sporting fun for children aged 8-14 years only.

**Session 1** will be a combination of basketball and volleyball.

**Date:** Wednesday 11 January 2023, 9:30-11:30am

**Location:** Strathfield Park

**Session 2** will be a combination of soccer and touch football.

**Date:** Wednesday 17 January 2023, 9:30-10:30am

**Location:** Bark Huts Reserve



Scan the QR code to register – better be quick!



## We Want Your Feedback

Let us know what you think of this newsletter! Your feedback will go towards ensuring the usefulness and accessibility of the newsletter.



Scan the QR Code or visit [www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au/projects/Newsletter](http://www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au/projects/Newsletter)



## 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](http://planningportal.nsw.gov.au/onlineDA)

# SUSTAINABILITY

Handy Waste Tips

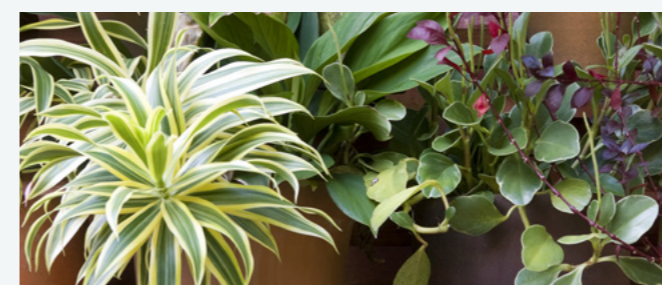


## Battery Recycling

With the weather warming up over summer, be conscious with how you are disposing of batteries. Batteries cannot be placed into kerbside bins, as they can be a fire hazard if they are crushed or damaged. Please recycle your batteries using the Recycling Stations located at Council's Customer Service Centre and Council's Library and Innovation Hub. Recycling batteries keeps toxic materials out of landfill in order to avoid contaminating the soil and groundwater.



Scan this QR code for more information, or contact Council on [council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au)



## Biosecurity

Don't invite weeds to Christmas! The holiday season is a great time to buy your loved ones plants and flowers, however make sure you aren't bringing home an unwanted weed!



Scan this QR code to check the NSW WeedWise website for more information on species and identification.

## Waste less this festive season!

Transform your end of year parties into a sustainable celebration! From gifting, to decorating, to wrapping and eating – there are lots of ways we can reduce waste and help out our environment this holiday season.

Here are just a few ways you can go greener this year;

- Donate unwanted gifts
- Eat sustainably! Source sustainable meat and don't waste those leftovers
- Wrap your gifts with recycled wrapping paper or old bed sheets
- Buy gifts from second-hand shops



Scan this QR code for more ideas.



## Food Safety

With gatherings occurring around this festive season, ensure that you are sharing safe and suitable food with your loved ones. Store potentially hazardous food under temperature control and ensure food contact surfaces are cleaned and sanitised during use.



See more information at the NSW Food Authority by scanning this QR code

# PROJECTS



## Hudson District Park Updates

Strathfield Council is working hard on stage 2 of the Hudson Park upgrade in the lead up to Christmas! 2 half basketball courts, 1 futsal court and 2 outdoor table tennis tables have been installed to provide the local community the chance to engage in active recreational activities in our area.



Please scan the QR code for more information



## Road Works

Council's Works team has been busy upgrading and improving roads within our community. In November, Therry Street West at Strathfield South, Hill Street at Strathfield South (from Hillcrest Avenue to Liverpool Road) and Albert Road at Strathfield (from Duke Street to Elva Street) were fixed. Works involved milling, asphalt overlay and heavy patching to make them brand new!

### Hill Street, Strathfield South



Before



After

### Therry Street West, Strathfield South



Before



After

# FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES

## Select Saturday Nights – Strathfield Park

Pack a picnic, bring a blanket or chair and enjoy a great evening of free entertainment for all the family under the stars.

[www.strathfieldevents.nsw.gov.au](http://www.strathfieldevents.nsw.gov.au)

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