

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWS



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CR MATTHEW BLACKMORE
Mayor of Strathfield

Dear Resident,

Our Development Control Plan (DCP) changes in relation to tree removal and pruning went to the Council Meeting this month.

These changes allow a more common-sense approach to tree removal and pruning. It will remove the requirement for a development application and significantly reduce the cost to residents. Part of these updates will mean the removal of a tree within 1m of a dwelling or half a metre of a boundary fence will be permissible with a requirement to replace it on at least a 2 to 1 basis in a more appropriate location. The trees classified as weed species has also been reviewed.

I have pursued these changes after concerns from many residents that have had to deal with trees which caused damage to their homes or have caused safety concerns to their family. My priority has been to have

a common-sense approach on matters which put our residents first. If you have a problematic tree, please contact Council for more information.

Council reported our financial statements and has unfortunately reported a deficit for the third consecutive year. Since my election as Mayor, we have made significant changes resulting in savings of around \$1 million just in employee costs. The reality is that there has been significant financial pressure relating to the maintenance and depreciation of many newly built assets which generate little or no revenue to Council such as playgrounds, synthetic fields and the free community bus.

Although most of these expenditure decisions were made before my time on Council, I have an obligation to let the residents know the facts about the challenges facing Council. In the past communication with residents has been difficult as we no longer have a local paper, that's why this newsletter was introduced under my Mayoralty, to ensure residents have true and accurate information about Strathfield Council with no sugar coating.

I, along with my fellow Councillors, have put forward many motions this year looking at increasing Council's revenue base and also looking at reviewing our service profile for savings. These include an extensive review of the Strathfield Connector Bus, an improved property strategy and an update to our Development Contributions Plan.

We are not the only Sydney council facing challenges but with our history of being strong, independent and financially viable, it is very disappointing that decisions of some predecessors have put the Council on a negative trajectory.

I would like to assure residents that the Council team and I will continue to work in your best interest to resolve these challenges and will have more to say on this in the future.

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

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FREE OUTDOOR MOVIES

SATURDAY NIGHTS - STRATHFIELD PARK
Homebush Road, Strathfield

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



Scan the QR code or check www.strathfieldevts.nsw.gov.au for movie times.

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Strathfield Council Library & Innovation Hub Services & Activities



Strathfield Library Knitting Group

If you enjoy knitting and would like to contribute to knitting projects for people in need, grab your needles and take part in the Strathfield Library Knitting Group.



When: Second Wednesday of every month, 1pm - 3pm
More Info: Call 8762 0222

Baby Bounce

Have a newborn and want to introduce them to the wonderful world of music? Head over to Strathfield Council Library & Innovation Hub for some music, rhymes and songs for your children aged 0 – 18 months.

When: Tuesdays, 10am - 10.20am
(excluding public and school holidays)

More Info: Call 8762 0222



Youth Drop In

Youth Drop in sessions are still kicking off every Thursday afternoon during school terms. Grab your mates for some after school fun with games, music, movies and other social activities on offer.

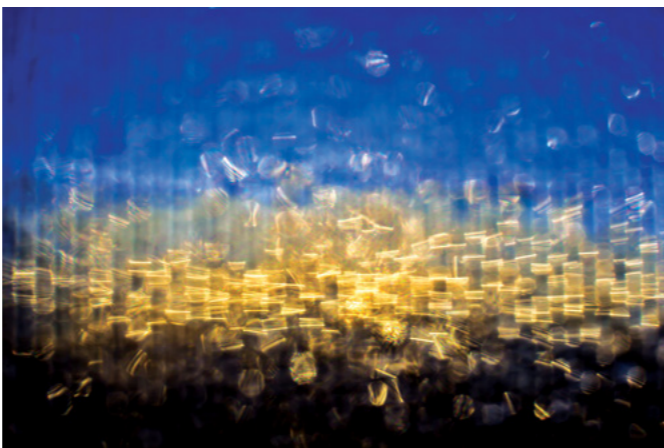
When: Every Thursday, 3.30pm - 6.30pm (during school terms)
More info: Call 9748 9999 or email council@strathfield.nsw.gov.au



Bilingual Storytime – English and Mandarin

Come along to our bilingual story time and participate in songs, stories and craft activities in English and Mandarin. This event is suitable for 3 – 5 year olds.

When: Every second Monday, 10.30am - 11.30am
(17 October - 12 December)



Light Interactions

Light Interactions by Bernadette Smith will be exhibited at the Ironbark Gallery from 20 October. This exhibition features photographs recording macro sunlight refractions within heritage glass. Bernadette's photo media explores the materiality of light to emphasise non-human agency. She has photographed light waves interacting within a 19th Century window pane at the former Callan Park asylum at close range revealing an aurora-like display within.

Light Interactions will be exhibited at the Ironbark Gallery from 20 October until 19 December 2022.

Image: Bernadette Smith, Sun Burst, 2019, digital photograph printed on archival Ilford pearl paper (detail)

Cancer Screenings Save Lives



Screening for bowel, breast and cervical cancers are widely available and help prevent illness. Multicultural Health NSW has multiple resources in various languages to help you and your loved ones access these free services. Scan the QR code for more information

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

Handy
Waste Tips

SUSTAINABILITY



Strathfield Drive Thru Recycling Day

Recycle your unwanted electronic and household goods for free!

WHEN: Sat 5 Nov 2022
TIME: 9am - 2pm
WHERE: Strathfield Council Depot
1 Weeroona Road,
Strathfield

FREE DROP-OFF FOR RESIDENTS' UNWANTED, GOOD QUALITY, ELECTRONIC AND HOUSEHOLD GOODS:

-  **TVS AND COMPUTERS**
-  **ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES**
(printers, rice cookers, anything with a cord and battery)
-  **WHITEGOODS**
(fridges, washing machines, dryers, microwaves)
-  **FURNITURE**
(chairs, tables, couches, desks)
-  **MATTRESSES**
(limit of two)
-  **BICYCLES**
-  **HOMEWARES**
(toys, cookware, sporting items)
-  **CLOTHES AND ACCESSORIES**
(clothing, shoes, fashion accessories)

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

Maximum of 8 items. One full bag of clothing and accessories or one box full of toys and kitchenware will count as one item.

Place your items in a car or trailer. You must arrive in a vehicle as this is a drive thru drop off day. **Trucks will not be permitted.**

This event is for Strathfield residents only, please bring along proof of address.



Find out more and register for an SMS or email reminder at www.strathfield.nsw.gov.au

PROJECTS



Hamilton Street Bridge

Council successfully installed the second of three bridges across Powells Creek at Hamilton Street on 21 September!

The Bridges are part of a Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program, and will increase access to Allen St, Mason and Bressington Parks, and Sydney Olympic Park.



The final bridge located at George Street will follow.

The project is funded by the NSW Government under the Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program (PRUAIP). PRUAIP is a \$198 million initiative by the NSW Government to improve open space and active transport links along the Parramatta Road corridor.



Please scan the QR code for more information



Strathfield Park Café

As part of Council's Community Vision to provide Liveable Neighbourhoods and support Community Wellbeing, a second amenities building and café are currently being built at Strathfield Park.

The building includes:

- Decking with 225 degree views
- Covered seating
- Male and female toilets
- Parents room with accessible toilet

The final touches are being made with contractors currently installing the decking to the customer seating area. The building is due to be finished at the end of October 2022.

An operator has been engaged to run the café and hopes to have it open to the public before the end of the year.



Scan this QR code for more information

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