

STRATHFIELD COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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September 2023



CR KAREN PENSABENE
Mayor of Strathfield

Dear Residents,

Since taking office as Mayor, one

of my foremost goals has been to foster unity and solidarity within our remarkable community. As we reflect on the past month, it brings me immense joy to see the Strathfield community come together at numerous gatherings and events. These experiences have reinforced the significance of our shared bond and the values that make Strathfield truly special.

Our community presence was felt at the annual National Tree Day where we planted almost 3,000 new trees in Ismay Reserve and at our FIFA Women's World Cup live site where our Matildas were heartily cheered on by a united crowd. I've also had the privilege of engaging with various segments of our community—be it through interactions with craft groups, senior citizens' associations, harmonising with the Strathfield Choir, or participating in the spirited celebrations of Education and Book Week in our local schools. These moments exemplify the very essence of a thriving community, and my ambition is to further nurture this sense of togetherness.

This month has also presented an opportunity for meaningful discussions during my street meetings. I've had the honour of meeting many residents who have shared their thoughts on matters that impact their streets. These meetings provide a vital platform to understand

your concerns and address them promptly. It's worth noting that our dedicated Council staff work tirelessly to maintain the beauty of Strathfield, ensuring our environment remains a source of pride for all of us.

I am pleased to announce that, as Chair of the Traffic Committee, we have made strides toward addressing a common request—increased parking availability. Our adept traffic engineers have identified two areas, Cave Road and Couralie Avenue Avenue (subject to community engagement), where we are set to witness a significant rise in parking spaces. This is part of our ongoing commitment to enhance the convenience of parking in response to our community's growth. Your suggestions on other areas to explore are always welcome.

August carries a sombre remembrance as we recall the tragic events of August 17, 1991, when lives were tragically cut short at Strathfield Plaza. Let us pause and honour the memory of Roberta Armstrong (age 15), Robertson Kan Hock Voon (age 51), Patricia Rowe (age 37), Carole Dickinson (age 47), Joyce Nixon (age 61), Rachelle Milburn (age 17), and George Mavris (age 51). A wreath was respectfully laid at the Plaza Memorial, joined by representatives from Cumberland RSL, law enforcement, and special services. We also took a moment to appreciate the courage of Greg Read, whose bravery saved numerous lives on the day and who has also stayed in contact with the families who were

affected by the tragic events of that day, Our collective spirit and resilience define Strathfield, and I'm committed to ensuring our community thrives even further.

Your presence and insights are invaluable in shaping the future of our town. Let's continue building a united and prosperous Strathfield together.

If you need help with any local issue, please feel free to contact me

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EXPERIENCE THE TASTES, SIGHTS AND SOUNDS OF HOMEBUSH

Rediscover and experience all that Homebush has to offer at Homebush Vibes!

Head on over to see Rochester St come to life on Saturday 16 September with live music, dancing performances, roving entertainment, activities, and a variety of cuisines offered by local businesses.



**HOMEBUSH
VILLAGE
3PM - 9PM
SATURDAY
16 SEPTEMBER
2023**



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STRATHFIELD COUNCIL LIBRARY & INNOVATION HUB



Scan the QR code for more information.

Stepping On

Stepping On is a free falls prevention program for seniors to help build knowledge and confidence, ensuring you stay active and independent.

When: Wednesdays 18 October to 29 November 2023, 10am to 12pm

Where: Wangal Room, Strathfield Community Centre 1B Bates St, Strathfield



Junior Australian Sports Program

If you're aged 4 – 12 years old and interested in learning sport skills and meeting new friends, the 8-week multi-sport program kicks off on Wednesday 25 October to Wednesday 13 December 2023.

Sports include: Soccer, Cricket, Basketball, Hockey, Touch Football, AFL, Netball and Volleyball.

Cost: \$100 to register or use your Active Kids Voucher to receive \$50 off



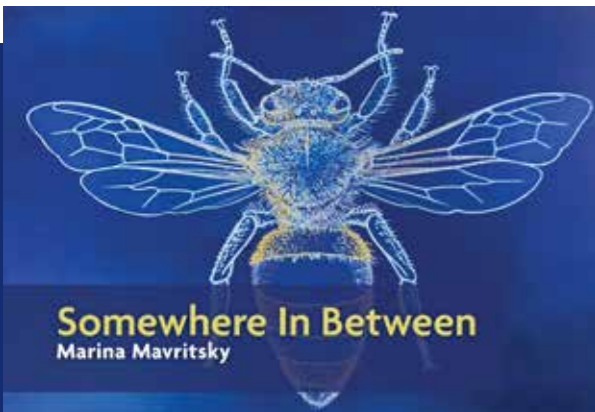
Scan the QR code to register

Home Library Service

Unable to visit the library due to disability or lack of mobility? Strathfield Council Library & Innovation Hub provides a free Home Library Service to residents who are temporarily or permanently housebound due to:

- Age
- Illness or injury
- Physical or sensory impairment
- Carer responsibilities
- Living in a care facility

Items are selected by library staff to meet the need or requests of each member and are delivered directly to their home or nursing home each month. For further information please contact Strathfield Library on 8762 0222.



Somewhere in Between by Marina Mavritsky is a unique exhibition which explores the ambivalence between good and bad, having bugs as the source of inspiration for artmaking as well as looking at the roles that insects have in nature.

Marina uses cyanotype printmaking as the primary media and entomology as the subject matter, and invites us to reflect on the vital role that insects serve to our very survival.

The exhibition will run from 31 August to 29 October 2023 at the Ironbark Gallery.



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

SUSTAINABILITY



Scan the QR code to find learn more about National Biodiversity Month

National Biodiversity Month

Did you know that September is National Biodiversity Month in Australia?

National Biodiversity Month is an important time to reflect on all the species we've lost and come together to preserve what still exists. Each of us has a role in protecting biodiversity, ensuring its enjoyment for generations to come.

Biodiversity is defined as the variety of all life forms; the different plants, animals and microorganisms, their genes, and the ecosystems of which they are a part.

Biodiversity is so important because people rely upon biodiversity for food, clean air, and water. It also supports our health and wellbeing, and our economy.

While we need nature, nature also needs us. Lend your hands to make a difference:

- Engaging and supporting nature protection initiatives
- Planting native plants in your garden to provide habitats for local wildlife
- Keep the environment clean and prevents harm to wildlife and ecosystem



World Environmental Health Day

Around the world, September 26 is marked as World Environmental Health Day highlighting the importance of environmental health on human health. This year's theme is "Global

Environmental Public Health: Standing up to protect everyone's Health each and every day".

Environmental health is a vital aspect of public health, looking at how our environment (natural and built) can impact our health and well-being.

Factors such as air and land pollution, access to clean water, food safety, infection control, sanitation etc. can profoundly impact people's health and well-being.

Environmental Health professionals play a crucial role in protecting the health and well-being of our



communities by monitoring, identifying, assessing, and taking action to prevent/manage environmental health hazards.

Strathfield Council's Environmental Health staff work tirelessly to safeguard our community's health and well-being to ensuring a safer and healthier environment for all.

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



FOR MORE INFO ON LIBRARY PROGRAMS CALL 8762 0222 OR VISIT THE WEBSITE



Emergency - Ready Week September 2023

Emergencies can strike at any time, so it's important to be prepared and ready!

Emergency Ready Week takes place on 18 – 24 September 2023 and we urge you to download the Get Prepared App from Red Cross to help you and your family be prepared in case of disasters or emergencies.



Scan the QR code for more information and to download the Get Prepared App.

PROJECTS



Strathfield Town Hall

Town Hall Upgrade

Works on Council's historic Town Hall is nearing completion. During late August and early September, Council has been working on upgrading the first floor and ground floor of the building, installing an AV system in the Main Hall walls and ceiling painting.

The Town Hall upgrade is expected to be completed by mid-September just in time for its 100 Year Anniversary! Council will be hosting an Official Opening Dinner to commemorate the milestone in early October. Check out Council's website or email events@strathfield.nsw.gov.au for more information.

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