

Preparing for summer

Visit www.rfs.nsw.gov.au to find information including bush fire warning levels, survival plans, a household assessment tool and neighborhood safer places in your area. Be informed and prepared. Your survival in a fire can depend on the decisions that you make.

Home maintenance service expanded

Council has recently secured grants for new community services and community facilities.

\$132,000 was received from Ageing, Disability and Home Care, NSW Department of Human Services to expand the Home Maintenance Service operated by Peppercorn Services Inc. Peppercorn Home Maintenance Service provides frail older people and people with a disability with access to subsidised lawn-mowing, garden maintenance and garden conversion services. Contact Peppercorn Services on 4587 0222 to access the service.

Enter to win a...

Macquarie Rose, Coin and now Dictionary

Get your entry form online www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Fiona Mann on 4560 4579 or email fiona.mann@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au. Competition closes 30 November 2010.



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Elizabeth Macquarie

Iris

The Elizabeth Macquarie Iris was launched on 10 October in a celebration including the unveiling of botanical artwork of the iris by Elaine Musgrave and a Bicentenary Mosaic Sculpture by Franco and Dennis Colussi at McQuade Park, Windsor (design pictured).

Limited edition Commemorative China featuring the Iris on Wedgwood China – plate, platter and mug is now available for purchase. Some Governor Macquarie Rose China mugs are still available. Mugs \$39.95 or take advantage of an offer of two mugs for \$62.00. Contact Fiona Mann on 4560 4579 or email fiona.mann@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au. Commemorative China is on display (selected items) at Hawkesbury Regional Gallery and Hawkesbury Regional Museum.



RAAF Extravaganza

Following the 85th birthday celebration of the Richmond Base, the RAAF will exercise its right of Freedom of Entry to the City of Hawkesbury – on Friday, 22 October at Pitt Town with a parade and ceremonies from 10.30am to 1pm. All are welcome to view this special Hawkesbury event which last occurred 20 years ago.

Other upcoming Events

- Sunday, 7 November Richmond Park Renewal Celebrations, Richmond 10.30am to 1pm
- For details of all Macquarie 2010, Council and community events go to the events calendar at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au



Governor Macquarie 'helps' WILBERFORCE MAKE THE HERITAGE LIST

Wilberforce cemetery, a nearby former chapel/schoolhouse and St John's Church are now on the NSW Government's heritage register thanks to a Governor Lachlan Macquarie theme for heritage listings this year.

In honour of the bicentenary of Governor Macquarie's term (1810-1821) and his vision for town planning, these icons now have the State's highest level of heritage protection.

Demonstrating Governor Macquarie's vision, Wilberforce cemetery was established in 1810 at the same time as the township of Wilberforce. It is the burial site of first, second and third fleet arrivals to Australia.

It is also a historically significant site as it includes important examples of monuments from the early 19th century

which also record infant mortality rates and deaths due to accidents and poor health.

The construction of the schoolhouse/chapel also showed Governor Macquarie's intent to have a colony population that was well-educated and that abided by religious moral codes.

Earlier this year, the NSW Government announced the listing of Richmond Park and the nomination of McQuade Park in Windsor, also attributed to Governor Macquarie's town planning.

The listings mean any major works for the sites are subject to decisions or advice from the Heritage Council of NSW as well as Hawkesbury City Council. The sites now have more opportunities for ongoing State Government heritage funding and must be maintained in certain standards of repair.

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS OPEN

Nominate now for Sportsperson, Cultural Heritage, Community Arts and Commemorative Plaque awards to be presented on Australia Day 2011. Nomination forms are available from Council, Hawkesbury Central Library, Richmond Library and on Council's website www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au or by calling 4560 4430.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

Members of the community gathered to enjoy many family and educational events held during Local Government Week from 2-8 August this year.

With a 2010 theme of 'Building a Brighter Future', Hawkesbury City Council's program included activities and events for all ages and interests, including children's activities at the library, free child restraint checking, gardening at the community nursery and native plant and weed identification sessions.



More qualified foodies in the Hawkesbury

The food handling seminar held at Richmond Club proved very popular with some charities enjoying the course free of charge as part of Local Government Week.

The course provided participants with food safety 'skills and knowledge' for their current food industry employment as well for those seeking employment in the food industry. All participants received an informative summary kit as well as a certificate.

People interested in the next food handling seminar can call 4560 4572 or email emmanuel.isbester@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au for more information and a booking form.

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Sporting types celebrate together

Talented sportspeople and sports administrators were officially recognised for their outstanding commitment to sport at the annual Hawkesbury Sports Awards presentation ceremony during Local Government Week.

The civic program is jointly coordinated by the Hawkesbury Sports Council and Hawkesbury City Council.

Amazing dedication and sporting excellence has been acknowledged for two outstanding members of the Windsor Ladies Bowling Club, Linda Laing and Anne Gosden, who both won Hawkesbury District Sports Medals.

Hawkesbury City Soccer Club also had three players win the prized Sports Medals for their outstanding talent and dedication;

Matthew Garrow, Kelston George and Jim Vasiliou. Wonderful commitment to sport was also demonstrated by members of Richmond Softball Club, Hawkesbury Riding Club and Sydney Off Road Racing, who all received Hawkesbury District Sports Certificates.

Nomination forms for the 2011 Sports Awards may be downloaded from Council's website at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au or are obtainable at Council Offices, Hawkesbury Central Library, Windsor or Richmond Library or by calling the Hawkesbury Sports Council on 4571 2252 or Council's Public Relations Coordinator on 4560 4430.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK (CONT...)

Pet lovers flock to shelter open day

Local residents and their pets enjoyed a reunion day at the Hawkesbury Animal Shelter Open Day as part of Local Government Week.



Pet lovers shared wonderful new life stories about Hawkesbury ex-shelter dogs and cats with Animal Shelter staff. Some people also found new pets or enjoyed the BBQ as well as the discounted microchipping offer that was available to Hawkesbury residents on the day.

The Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter standard operating hours are: **Monday to Friday: 9 - 12.30pm and 2 - 4.30pm, Saturday: 9.30 - 11.30am and Sunday: 7am - 9am**

Residents discover their family history



Over 1500 family history enthusiasts descended on the Hawkesbury Central Library for the Hawkesbury Family History Fair where they discovered more about their family history during Local Government Week. Coordinated by the Hawkesbury City Library Service in conjunction with the Hawkesbury Family History Group, the Fair was organised to promote interest in family history as well as helping people to discover their family history.

Exhibitors included the Society of Australian Genealogists and family history groups while representatives from the Convict Trail Project, Rouse Hill House, Ebenezer Church and the Friends of Australiana Pioneer Village promoted their facilities.

Over a dozen talks were given throughout the day on various topics including websites for genealogists, using newspapers and family history software. Author Louise Wilson launched her new book on Paul Bushell who arrived on the Second Fleet and settled in Wilberforce. Copies of the new book are now available to borrow in the Library collection.



Hawkesbury Regional Museum wins Gold Tourism Award

Hawkesbury Regional Museum has won first prize for 'Excellence in Heritage and Culture' in the 2010 Greater Sydney Tourism Awards.

The museum is one of 15 outstanding businesses to be recognised with a Gold Award, which gives them automatic finalist status for the NSW Tourism Awards in November.

This is the third award to be won by the museum since its official opening in

May 2008. The first was a NSW Government Volunteer Heritage Award followed by a Local Government Award for Best Cultural Infrastructure.

It is no wonder that 65% of visitors completing the Museum's Visitor Survey since July 2009 have rated their satisfaction at 100%. 90% have rated their satisfaction at 80% and above. Only 4% have rated their satisfaction at 60% or below.

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery turns five

Since its opening in June 2005, the gallery has notched up 36 major exhibitions, nearly 40,000 visitors, and an award-winning volunteer program.

This continuing success is thanks to the dedication and professionalism of our staff and the amazing support shown by our members and volunteers. The gallery now has 90 members, including those who form part of the gallery's volunteer program, which won a National Bank award in 2006.

Gallery members and guests gathered to celebrate with a giant birthday cake, especially 'sculpted' for the occasion. Long-standing volunteers were also officially recognised for their role in creating a remarkable cultural icon in the heart of the Hawkesbury.



Greg Hansell, Prue Charlton and Suzanne Bravery.

Time change for Gallery talks

The new time for the regular gallery curator talk following opening night of exhibitions is Thursdays at 11am. Come and join us for a curatorial talk, tea & cake.

HAWKESBURY CENTRAL LIBRARY

New book club @ Hawkesbury Central Library

Hawkesbury Central Library has a new Third Thursday Book Club to allow fellow readers to meet, talk about books, read and discover new titles and writers.

Anyone interested in reading is welcome to attend. There is no need to register just come along. The Book Club is free and starts at 11am in the Stan Stevens Room at Hawkesbury Central Library, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street in Windsor.

For enquiries, contact the Library on 4560 4460.

Chemical CleanOut

popular with householders

Many residents and ratepayers took up the opportunity to get rid of unwanted, out-of-date or disused household chemicals kept in the kitchen, bathroom, laundry, garage or garden shed at the annual chemical cleanout held at the Hawkesbury City Waste Management Facility recently.

The free service encouraged the safe disposal of a range of common household chemicals, some of which can be recycled or reused, so not only were people helping to reduce waste and pollution, they also

helped with 'resource recovery' efforts.

The event also aimed to discourage illegal dumping which costs the community significantly both in damage to the environment and in cleanup costs.

For more information on disposing of unwanted chemicals and rubbish, call the Hawkesbury City Waste Management Facility on 4572 5489. The Facility is located on The Driftway at South Windsor and operates 8am - 4.30pm, 7 days, excluding public holidays.

Suffolk Street change to one way

Suffolk Street, Windsor became one-way from George Street towards Macquarie Street on Monday, 20 September 2010.

Traffic is no longer permitted to turn into Suffolk Street from Macquarie Street or right out of O'Briens Lane into Suffolk Street.

This change was made to help maintain bus services on George Street which was proving too narrow in parts for buses to negotiate safely.

Local Business Awards



Sixty business finalists across 29 categories and businesses all around the area are celebrating their success in the 2010 Local Business Awards. Hawkesbury City Council was a proud major sponsor of this event.

The Local Business Awards received a high voting response from the community, showing that people are actively engaged in supporting local businesses. It also reveals the high standards of the finalists and winners. This valuable community support allows the program to acknowledge the local business community's consistently high-quality products and services - not to mention their hard work.

New recycling trial at Hawkesbury parks

Council has recently installed 44 recycling bins throughout 19 local parks as part of a one year trial to promote greater sustainability.

Council has received \$14,200 funding for the trial through the Waste & Sustainability Improvement Payment Program by the

Department of Climate Change and Water.

Residents and visitors can help reduce the waste going to landfill by separating their recyclable material from their non-recyclable rubbish - recycling bins in parks can be identified by their yellow lid and recycling stickers.



Vandalism

Residents and visitors to the region are asked to be on the look out for acts of vandalism in the Hawkesbury. Recent incidents of vandalism have included Yarramundi Reserve, Wilberforce Park, Richmond Park and McQuade Park. Other areas targeted have included a play space at Laurence Street, Hobartville (southern end), in which a crawl tunnel was burnt, copper pipe stolen from the Memorial Park amenities in Windsor and extensive graffiti at the Netball Complex at Mileham Street, South Windsor. Such acts need to be urgently reported to the local Police in order to assist with prosecution.