

celebrating our community

HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL

community report

2010



Mayor's message

2009 saw the start of major changes to the way in which Hawkesbury City Council approaches planning for the future provision of services and facilities for its community. Following extensive consultation with the community, councillors and council staff, which included workshops, surveys, displays, focus groups and a public exhibition and submission process, the Hawkesbury Community Strategic Plan was adopted by Council in October 2009. This plan provides a picture of what the community would want the Hawkesbury to look like in 20 years from now. It outlines five visions which are supported with directions, strategies, goals and measures to assist Council and the community meet its objectives.

Council is now working to adapt its planning, programming, budgeting and reporting processes in line with the Community Strategic Plan and guidelines provided by the NSW Division of Local Government. This report is one of the first which demonstrates how Council is moving towards aligning its activities to the community's vision.

A community survey was also conducted in 2009, the results of which were very positive, indicating that the level of satisfaction with Council's performance has increased since the last survey in 2007. The top five areas achieving the highest level of satisfaction (in order of ranking)

were libraries, garbage services, Gallery/Museum, recycling services and child care centres.

It is very valuable for Council to determine what the community sees as important issues for them as this provides input for future planning. According to the survey the top five priority areas for residents in order of importance are: road maintenance, healthy and sustainable waterways, improving services and infrastructure, lobbying State and Federal Government for funding and improved service levels and road safety.

As a result of this survey, a Residents Panel will be established to assist in areas that need further community input as identified in the Community Strategic Plan or other areas of Council's general operations.

The full results of the Community Survey 2009 and the Hawkesbury Community Strategic Plan are now available on Council's website at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

2010 marked the beginning of celebrations for the bicentenary of Lachlan Macquarie's governorship of New South Wales and his naming of the five Macquarie towns, four of which are located in our local area. I encourage you to keep the liftout program of events in this report and join in some of the many activities planned.



Bart Bassett

MAYOR OF HAWKESBURY

Passing of Councillor (Dr) Rex Stubbs OAM

Council's longest serving Councillor, (Dr) Rex Stubbs, OAM passed away on Saturday, 24 April 2010 after battling ill health since late last year.

Councillor Rex Stubbs gave over 26 years of service to our community. He was awarded the title of Emeritus Mayor by the Local Government Association of New South Wales in recognition of his ten terms as Mayor of the City and one year as Deputy Mayor.

For his many contributions and achievements he was awarded an OAM in 2001 in the General Division for service to Local Government and the Hawkesbury community.

Councillor Stubbs contributed to the Hawkesbury area on many levels, being active on many community committees and organisations, an author of local history, a great supporter of art and culture and a dedicated general practitioner. He will be greatly missed.

Election of new Councillor

The NSW Electoral Commission moved to fill the vacant seat on Council with a by-election held on Saturday 19 June. Five candidates were nominated with the successful candidate Kim Ford becoming a Hawkesbury City Councillor. For more information on our newest Councillor visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

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Looking after people and place



Local Government Week – Building a Brighter Future!

Local Government Week (LG Week) in NSW provides a focus for councils to promote the importance of Local Government to the community. LG week will be celebrated in the Hawkesbury from 2-8 August with a program packed full of activities and events for all ages and interests.

Included among the many events will be children's activities at the library, free child restraint checking, and native plant and weed identification sessions. An open morning will be held at the Community Nursery, a Family History Fair at the Central Library, Windsor and talks on the Indian Myna Trapping Program and Bushcare will be held. A special presentation "Preparing your property for fire – the DOs and DON'Ts" in conjunction with the Hawkesbury Rural Fire Service will also take place.

A special event will be the Sports Awards presentation ceremony. For details of these and the many more activities planned visit Council's website www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Missing link Restored

Council has received \$200,000 funding from the Australian Government's Department of the Environment, Water, Heritage and the Arts to the restore the "deadhouse" or mortuary as they are commonly known nowadays, at the rear of the old hospital building within the Deerubbin Centre Cultural precinct.

This building is a very rare surviving example of "deadhouses" built within the compounds of military and colonial hospitals constructed between 1810 and the mid 1820s in New South Wales. It is therefore of exceptional historical significance.

When the former hospital building was returned to its former glory, evidence was uncovered that this site was an original convict barracks.

The restoration of the building is the last link in the chain of building works for the cultural precinct.

A significant part of the project is the creation of a series of interpretative panels outlining the history of, not only the morgue building, but the whole Deerubbin precinct including the Old Hospital. These panels will be located within the proposed courtyard area.

A glass door will allow the interior of the building to be easily accessible for viewing whilst still protecting the delicate fabric of the structure.

Sponsorship provided to the Community

Every year numerous individuals and organisations benefit with a boost of funds for their activities through the Community Sponsorship Program.

In 2009/2010 13 organisations were assisted with a total of \$40,963 as part of recurrent funding for events. Supporting our youth the biennial Hawkesbury Schools Dance Festival and the Hawkesbury City Eisteddfod Society both received donations to cover hire fees for the Windsor Function Centre. Community events including Colo Family Picnic Day, Hawkesbury Community Bush Dance at South Windsor, Hawkesbury Relay for Life, EarthCare Fair and the Kurralong Scarecrow Festival were supported. Christmas celebrations were enhanced with funding for Rotary Club of Richmond's Carols by Candlelight, Kurralong Anglican Church's Carols in Memorial Park and Bridgewater Church Carols in Hanna Park. Musically inspired events such as Jazz à Vienne and St Albans Folk Festival also received funding.

Eight individuals and 14 community organisations benefited with a total of \$7,700 under the Minor Assistance Program. Three groups received funds under Access to Community Facilities. 14 organisations benefited with a total of \$25,000 under one off Macquarie 2010 seed funding for activities to help groups celebrate the bicentenary.

\$13,653 was shared between six organisations for program and activity seed grants. An additional \$9,750 was shared between several organisations promoting activities for NAIDOC, Senior's Week and the Youth Summit.



Photo courtesy of Hawkesbury Gazette

Library celebrates 5th birthday

On Saturday, 5 June Hawkesbury Central Library celebrated five years at the Deerubbin Centre 300 George Street, Windsor.

Visitors were entertained throughout the day with musical entertainment provided by local groups and storyteller Ruth Atkinson.

The Giant Book Sale was very popular with a wide range of second hand books, magazines, videos and ex-library stock being sold off to make way for new material.

If you haven't already done so, make the time to check out the wide range of facilities at the library including PCs for internet use, free wifi, new books for adults and kids, family history, DVDs and CDs. The library always welcomes suggestions of what to buy to add to its collection. New members are always welcome and membership is free to everyone!

For enquiries please contact Hawkesbury Central Library on 4560 4460.

Caring for our environment

Local Environmental Plan Conversion

Council has prepared a draft local environmental plan in accordance with the NSW Government's Standard Instrument (Local Environmental Plans) Order 2006 (as amended).

In general terms the draft local environmental plan:

- adopts the standardised zonings, definitions, mapping, format and clauses required by the Standard Instrument
- includes amended exempt and complying development schedules
- classifies a number of Council owned lands as "operational"
- incorporates current draft Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989 Amendments 48, 115 and 156. This affects land within the vicinity of Bridge Street and Macquarie Street, Windsor (Hawkesbury Valley Holden), 84 - 112 Mulgrave Road, Mulgrave (Mushroom Substrate Production Facility) and 739 George Street, South Windsor (Windsor District Baptist Church)
- corrects anomalies in the Hawkesbury LEP 1989 written instrument and maps, in regard to heritage item descriptions, wetland locations, National Parks, open spaces, minor mapping errors.

Once finalised the plan will replace the Hawkesbury Local Environmental Plan 1989 (as amended) and will affect all



land within the Hawkesbury Local Government Area. It is Council's intent that, as much as possible, the plan will not substantially change the existing land use planning rules and will not make any significant changes to the underlying permitted or prohibited land uses or any changes to the minimum lot size provisions in the City of Hawkesbury.

A number of conversion tables and usage lists are available on Council's website under Building and Development – Local Environmental Plan. The final plan will be reviewed by Council in the latter half of the year.

Creating a sustainable Oasis

Significant improvements have been made to the sustainability of the Oasis Swimming Centre at South Windsor.

With the assistance of the Australian Government under the Regional Community Infrastructure Program, \$142,000 was provided for the indoor heat pumps to be

replaced with a more energy efficient model. This occurred during a major revamp of the centre in July 2009. UV water treatment was also installed which has improved water quality and the general internal environment, reducing the combined chlorine in the water which has in turn reduced the chlorine odour. Patron comfort level has been enhanced by the installation of a dehumidifier which removes high humidity within the centre and returns it to the pool. These improvements and automatic chemical control has reduced the amount of chemicals needed to maintain water quality and has reduced water usage and the energy used to reheat and treat mains water.

Leaks have been traced and repaired, resulting in decreased water usage and the new UV system has reduced the number of backwashes required also decreasing water usage. The replaced filter medium has resulted in better filtration. Solar heating is to be installed to preheat water for showers which will result in decreased energy costs. The nearly \$50,000 funding for this project was provided by NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water.

Council and Integral Energy have worked together to install a power factor correction unit which balances the power across all phases therefore reducing power consumption and therefore saving costs to Council.

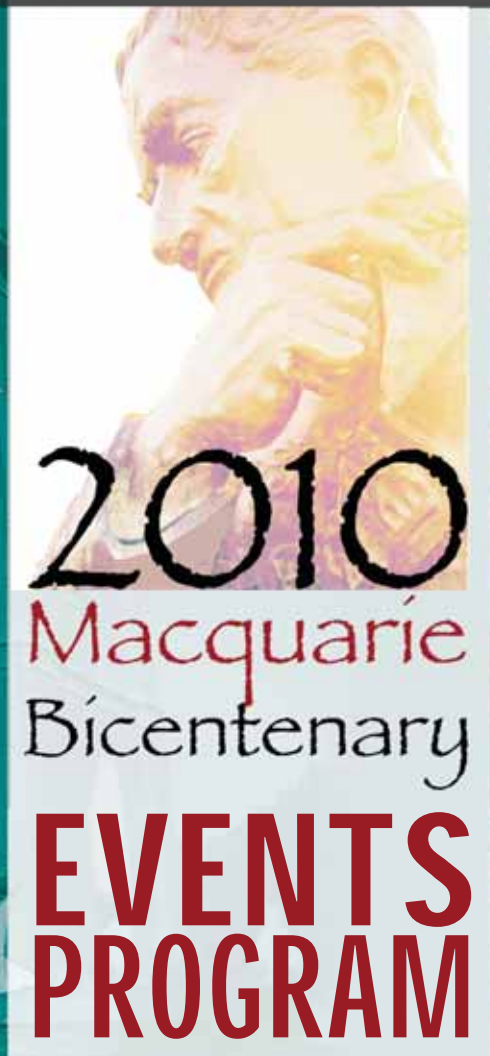


Dob in a Dumper

Help keep Hawkesbury clean and tidy. Council encourages residents to be vigilant and report any dumped materials to Council on **4560 4444**.

Residents are reminded that on the spot fines of up to \$5,000 and prosecutions of up to \$1 million can be given to people found guilty of such offences.

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2010 marks the 200th anniversary of the beginning of Lachlan Macquarie's 12 year tenure as the fifth governor of the colony of New South Wales. Governor Macquarie had a profound influence on the development and landscape of the City of Hawkesbury, which included the naming of the townships of Windsor, Richmond, Pitt Town, Wilberforce as well as Castlereagh on 6 December 1810.

Council's Macquarie 2010 activities

Council has held several events over the first half of the year to celebrate the 200 year anniversary of Governor Lachlan Macquarie naming the Macquarie Towns Windsor, Richmond, Pitt Town and Wilberforce.

Council produced a year long Museum exhibition, a gallery exhibition to be opened in December (see separate articles) and featured a touring State Library display at the Central library. A commemorative plaque to Governor Macquarie was unveiled on Australia Day. Plaques will be placed in each of the four Hawkesbury Macquarie towns on significant dates. Keep an eye out

for more details as each town has an event to unveil them. The plaque planned for Windsor will be unveiled as part of the Proclamation Day celebrations on Sunday 5 December.

An artistic mosaic sculpture will enhance the surrounds of the 'Major General Lachlan Macquarie, Governor of NSW 1810-1821' figurative statue in McQuade Park, Windsor. The integration of artistic impressions of irises which Macquarie's wife was reputed to have handed out to residents when on tour of the colony with her husband, with impressions of Elizabeth Macquarie herself at the statue base will be a fitting fusion of the couple's contributions to the Hawkesbury. The mosaic sculpture and botanical artwork of the Elizabeth Macquarie Iris by Elaine Musgrave, both commissioned by Council, will be unveiled on 10 October.

The Macquarie 2010 theme was also featured at the Council's display at the Hawkesbury Show with the "rose" and "iris" featured hanging from the ceiling.

Macquarie's Five Towns Museum Exhibition

Attempts to farm at Sydney and Parramatta had not produced enough food to support the population, and although the Hawkesbury had the rich

alluvial soil needed to grow crops and raise livestock, regular flooding had swept much of it away.

With his five towns, Macquarie changed all that – by situating towns above flood level, grain and livestock could be protected from flooding and Sydney's food supply was assured. At the same time, Macquarie created settlements that, 200 years later, continue to reflect his town planning ability, his belief in the civilising influence of British institutions, and his willingness to spend public money on infrastructure.

The year long exhibition includes information about the time he spent in the area, and the thinking that went into the siting and naming of the towns. Objects from the Hawkesbury Historical Society collection are also to be seen, including a relic of the original wooden cross that adorned Windsor's magnificent St Matthews Anglican Church, designed by Macquarie's favourite architect, Francis Greenway. For opening hours or enquiries call the Museum on 4560 4655.



Hawkesbury Macquarie 2010

JULY

FRIDAY 2 - SUNDAY 4 JULY

Art & Craft exhibition of local artists

Fri from 7pm, Sat 10am-4pm, Sun 11am-3pm.
Friday opening night.

St Matthews Anglican Church, Moses St, WINDSOR
\$5 (refreshments included) General entry \$3
(02) 4577 6677 helen_palmer@telstra.com

SATURDAY 3 - SUNDAY 4 JULY 9AM-4PM

Hawkesbury Model and Collectable displays – Western Sydney's biggest hobby show

Hawkesbury Showground, CLARENDON

Hobby displays and demonstrations. Vintage vehicle display and double deck bus rides, family entertainment, hot food available.

Adults \$10. Concession/Children \$5. Family \$25
0458 223 395 hmhshow@gmail.com
www.hmhs.org.au

THURSDAY 5 AUGUST 7PM

"Soulful and Brilliant" from the Set the Music Free 2010 Orchestral Series

Lurline Chamber Orchestra

St Matthews Anglican Church, Moses St, WINDSOR

\$35 / \$27 / \$15 0412 261 984
mail@lurlineco.com.au www.lurlineco.com.au

SATURDAY 7 AUGUST 9AM-5PM

Hawkesbury Family History Fair

Presented by Hawkesbury Library Service and the Hawkesbury Family History Group. A must for those interested in family history. Opportunities to speak with experts from organisations including State Records and the Society of Australian Genealogists. Displays and sales of publications and resources and talks held throughout the day.

Tebbutt and Stan Stevens Rooms, Central Library, Deerubbin Centre, Windsor

Entry by gold coin donation with great lucky door prizes

(02) 4560 4460 mnichols@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

SUNDAY 8 AUGUST 2PM

Macquarie Towns Choral Society

Choral concert including Scottish and Australian folk songs

St Andrews Uniting Church Auditorium, RICHMOND

Gold coin donation. (02) 4571 2027 or
(02) 4575 1494 helen.clyde1@bigpond.com

13 AUGUST - 21 SEPTEMBER

Hawkesbury City Eisteddfod Society's 59th Annual Festival

Windsor Function Centre, WINDSOR

\$3 / \$5 (02) 4577 3395 / (02) 4579 6596 /
(02) 4579 6984 cs_mck@bigpond.net.au

SATURDAY 14, 21, 28 & SUNDAY 22 AUGUST

Our Country's Good by Timberlake Wertenbaker

Richmond Players production based on a book by Thomas Keneally.

Richmond School of Arts

26 West Market St, RICHMOND

THURSDAY 9 SEPTEMBER, DURING HISTORY WEEK

Hawkesbury Heritage Lecture 2010

Presented by Dr James Broadbent, well known historian, conservationist and author. His main area of study is the history of colonial houses in New South Wales, their furnishings, gardens and the society that built and lived in them. Former Senior Curatorial Advisor at the Historic Houses Trust of NSW, his publications include co-authoring *The Age of Macquarie, 1992* and *Francis Greenway, Architect, 1997*.

Further details TBC (02) 4560 4460
library@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au
www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library

WEDNESDAY 21 JULY 7PM

Evening at Windsor Westpac Branch

Macquarie talk by Paul Brunton, Senior Curator Mitchell Library, State Library NSW. Artefacts from Westpac and the State Library NSW will be on view *Westpac Windsor Branch, Shop 23, 227 George St* By invitation only (02) 4577 5111
bwoodford@westpac.com.au

THURSDAY 22 JULY 2PM

Talk by Paul Brunton, Senior Curator Mitchell Library, State Library NSW

Artefacts from the State Library NSW will also be on view

Tebbutt Room, Hawkesbury Central Library, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George St, WINDSOR

Free. Bookings essential (02) 4560 4460
library@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

\$15 / \$12 (02) 4579 6053 hm.terry@bigpond.net.au
www.richmondplayers.com.au

SATURDAY 21 AUGUST 10AM

"Willy to Billy" – Mt Wilson to Bilpin Bush Run

35.1 km run is the main fundraising activity for the Bilpin & Mt Wilson Bush Fire Brigades. Apart from fresh scones at the beginning and hot showers at the finish, this race affords participants spectacular views not generally available to the public.

Start Silva Plana Reserve, Queens Ave, MT WILSON. Finish BILPIN Community Hall.

Spectators Free. Runners entry \$75.
(02) 4567 0044 / 0429 329 169
organiser@bilpinbushrun.com.au

***For the following three events: Cheques made out to National Trust of Australia (NSW) Hawkesbury Branch and posted to: The Secretary, National Trust of Australia (NSW) Hawkesbury Branch, PO Box 737 RICHMOND NSW 2753.**

FRIDAY 27 AUGUST AT 6.15PM*

Macquarie Feeds the Colony – A Gastronomic Experience

The evening commences with a wine tasting on arrival, followed by a two course meal and finishes with cheeses, fresh fruit and nuts with all accompanying wine - while being regaled with stories about the role of Macquarie in feeding the colony in the magical atmosphere of the Tizzana Winery Cellar.

Tizzana Winery (Est 1887), 518 Tizzana Road, SACKVILLE REACH

Transport: Guests will be collected by coach outside the Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street Windsor, or alternatively guests can make their own way to the Winery to arrive by 6.45pm.

*Cost: \$65 National Trust members; \$75 Friends.
(02) 4576 0601 gacredds@pnc.com.au

SATURDAY 28 AUGUST FROM 9AM TILL APPROXIMATELY 4.45PM*

Guided Tour of the Macquarie Towns

A guided bus and walking tour of the Macquarie Towns including visits to some unique places associated with Governor Macquarie. Tour includes

SATURDAY 24 JULY 7.30PM

Tartan Night

Scottish country dancing and supper. BYO drinks. Organised by Macquarie Towns Scottish Society *Tingiri Centre, BLIGH PARK* \$20. (02) 4578 1482 hm.terry@bigpond.net.au

SATURDAY 31 JULY - SUNDAY 1 AUGUST

25th All Holden Day Swap Meet

with display of approximately 800 Holdens on Sunday only *Hawkesbury Showground, CLARENDON* Spectators \$5. Children Free. To enter your holden \$40 before 10 July/ \$50 after. 0414 449 275 allholdenday@hotmail.com

entrance fees, morning and afternoon tea and a basket lunch of Hawkesbury Harvest.

Departing from St Matthews Anglican Parish Hall, cnr Greenway Crescent and Moses Street, WINDSOR

Transport: Guests will be taken by coach to the various sites

*Cost \$50 National Trust members; \$60 Friends.
(02) 4576 0601 gacredds@pnc.com.au

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 10AM - 2.30PM*

A Pioneers View of the Hawkesbury

Experience the contrasting topography of the elevated village land to the floodplain of the Hawkesbury River as seen by Macquarie and enjoy the delights of a lunch of Hawkesbury Harvest. Departing from St Matthews Anglican Parish Hall, cnr Greenway Crescent and Moses Street, WINDSOR

Transport: After a guided tour of St Matthews Anglican Cemetery guests will be taken by coach to varying unique Hawkesbury locations.

*Cost: \$40 National Trust members; \$50 Friends.
(02) 4576 0601 gacredds@pnc.com.au

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 1.30PM

The Concert in the Church – Riverside Youth Band and HSC music students

St Matthews Anglican Church, Moses St, WINDSOR.

Cost TBC (02) 4577 6677
helen_palmer@telstra.com

MONDAY 30 AUGUST 9AM - 3.30PM

Tracing Macquarie's Journey

Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society presents a motor coach trip from Penrith (Jamison's Farm) to 'Curry Jong Hill' with stops at the various farms and key locations mentioned in Governor Macquarie's diary.

\$20 (02) 4573 2226 frank.holland@bigpond.com

SATURDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 8PM

Macquarie Towns Scottish Society Annual Ball

Dinner and Scottish country dancing. Entertainment by Hawkesbury District Pipe Band *Macedonian Hall, LONDONDERRY*

\$55. (02) 4578 1482 hm.terry@bigpond.net.au

SUNDAY 26 SEPTEMBER - SATURDAY 2 OCTOBER T Tour 10

The Model T Ford Club of Australia (NSW) is holding a five day hub rally of Model T Fords with trips radiating from Windsor into its surrounds.

Spectators can view the Model Ts as they travel the local roads or when they are on display
Car displays by donation. admin@ttour10.com
www.ttour10.com

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER

MONDAY 6 - FRIDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 9AM-7PM

Hawkesbury School Student Competitions

Primary schools – visual image depicting Macquarie's involvement with the Hawkesbury. *Secondary schools* – essay on the two most important initiatives of Macquarie's governorship from Hawkesbury region viewpoint.

Organised by Macquarie 2010 Committee – Schools Involvement Working Party.

Display at Hawkesbury Central Library

Friday evening 10 September Awards Night at Hawkesbury Central Library
Deerubbin Centre, 300 George St, WINDSOR

Further details TBC

(02) 4572 8520 lindsaysdogs@bigpond.com

Bicentenary Events Program

SATURDAY 9 AND SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER

2010 Flower Show

Bilpin Garden Club presents competitive show of cut flowers and foliage, potted plants and floral arrangements.

Bilpin Community Hall, BILPIN

\$4 (02) 4573 2565 m.mackisack@internode.on.net

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER 11AM

Flower Day – Official launch of the Elizabeth Macquarie Iris

Hawkesbury City Council and Iris Society NSW launch the Elizabeth Macquarie Iris at the Governor Macquarie statue, McQuade Park / Council Chambers.

Macquarie Statue, McQuade Park, WINDSOR

Free RSVP essential. (02) 4560 4579

fiona.mann@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER

St Matthews Anglican Church's 193rd Anniversary Service

St Matthews Anglican Church, Moses St, WINDSOR

(02) 4577 3193

aleks.pinter@windsoranglican.asn.au

SUNDAY 10 OCTOBER

Hawkesbury's Wine and Food Raceday Celebrating 2010 Macquarie Bicentenary

Hawkesbury Race Club, CLARENDON

Adults \$10 Children/ Pensioners Free

(02) 4577 2263 hawkrc@bigpond.com

FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER 10.30AM

RAAF Freedom of the City Parade

Hawkesbury City Council

Commencing at Pitt Town Public School and travelling along Grenville, Bathurst and Buckingham Streets, Pitt Town. Ceremony includes 'Review' by Mayor outside the school at 10.30am and 'Challenge' outside the Anglican Community Church at 11am. PITT TOWN

Free (02) 4560 4430

svlaming@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

FRIDAY 22 OCTOBER 6.30PM

Free Settlers Bicentenary Banquet and Dinner Dance

Pitt Town Progress Association

Pitt Town Sports Club, PITT TOWN

\$50 (02) 4572 3162 bonavista2@bigpond.com.au

SATURDAY 23 - SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

Pitt Town's Macquarie Festival

• Pitt Town Progress Association

Weekend festival celebrating Pitt Town's 200 year history. Local schools, churches and businesses will all be involved in presenting fairs with a large variety of stalls including local produce, Devonshire teas, old wares and books, BBQs; music and on stage entertainment, historical tours, photo and antique machinery displays; horse and cart rides, children's games and activities.

Various locations throughout PITT TOWN – all within walking distance

(02) 4572 3162 bonavista2@bigpond.com.au

• Pitt Town Anglican Community Church Macquarie Festival activities on Saturday 23.

Special morning church service at 9.30am and outdoor youth service at 6.00pm on Sunday 24.

110 Bathurst St, PITT TOWN.

(02) 4572 3262 admin@pitttown.anglican.asn.au

• Scots Uniting Church Macquarie Festival activities on Saturday 23.

Pitt Town Celebration church service – 'Past, Present and Future' 10am-12noon, followed by community morning tea on Sunday 24.

cnr Bathurst and Buckingham Sts, PITT TOWN

(02) 4572 3518

christineofford@howard-australia.com

FRIDAY 22 - SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

Annual Conference of the Royal Australian Historical Society

Half day workshop on historical maps and plans generated by the Department of Lands. Conference – papers on historical subjects and matters of common concern to historical societies across NSW.

Workshop Friday 22. Conference Saturday 23 -

Sunday 24 October

Richmond Club, cnr East Market and Francis Sts, RICHMOND

Cost TBC (02) 9247 8001 outreach@rahs.org.au

SATURDAY 23 - SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER

Kurrajong Scarecrow Festival

Scarecrow building and judging

Saturday 23 October

Festival in the park including schools, entertainment, prizes, stalls Sunday 24

Memorial Park, KURRAJONG

Free (02) 4573 2378 / (02) 4572 2938

brierleybunch@bigpond.com.au

SUNDAY 24 OCTOBER 1-4PM

Open afternoon at St Matthews Anglican Church

Stables and ground floor of the rectory open for inspection. Afternoon tea available in Parish Centre.

St Matthews Anglican Church, Moses St, WINDSOR

Afternoon tea \$5. Suggested donation \$5 for entry

to stables and rectory.

(02) 4577 6677 helen_palmer@telstra.com

FRIDAY 29 - SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER

Spring Affair exhibition with Macquarie's Country art competition

Macquarie Towns Arts Society's exhibition of art and craft (selling), art competition and children's art & photographic competitions.

Richmond School of Arts 26 West Market St, RICHMOND

\$5 Fri night. Free Sat & Sun

(02) 4572 3039 se.sharp@bigpond.net.au

SATURDAY 30 OCTOBER 9.30AM-3PM

Stubbs Family Reunion – Gathering of descendants of William Stubbs and Sarah Wingate, Coromandel 1802

Ebenezer Church Grounds

(02) 4730 2027 greghearn9@bigpond.com

SATURDAY 30 – SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER

40th Anniversary Band Festival

Hawkesbury District Concert Band and a gathering of local and friendship bands

Richmond Park – Band Rotunda

Free 0407 018 703

THURSDAY 4 NOVEMBER 7PM

"Britannia to Baltia" from the Set the Music Free 2010 Orchestral Series

Lurline Chamber Orchestra

St Matthews Anglican Church, Moses St, WINDSOR

\$35 / \$27 / \$15 0412 261 984

mail@lurlineco.com.au www.lurlineco.com.au

SATURDAY 6, 13, 20 AND SUNDAY 28 NOVEMBER. SATURDAY 4 DECEMBER

The Spirit of Australia

Richmond Players presents a history of Australia in song using a variety of genres to reflect life from colonial days to modern times.

Richmond School of Arts

26 West Market St, RICHMOND.

\$40 (02) 4579 6053 hm.terry@bigpond.net.au

www.richmondplayers.com.au

SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER

200th Anniversary of the birth of Richmond – Richmond Literary Institute.

6pm Paul Brunton, Senior Curator Mitchell Library gives a presentation on the 1914 'cloak and dagger' operation that prevented the prized Macquarie Private Papers slipping from the Library's grasp.

Followed by commemorative dinner at 7.30pm

Richmond School of Arts

Memorial Park, KURRAJONG

Free (02) 4573 2226 frank.holland@bigpond.com

SUNDAY 5 DECEMBER – SERVICE: 10AM.

PROCLAMATION: 12PM.

Thanksgiving Church Service and 2010 Macquarie Towns Proclamation Day

St Matthews Anglican Church and Windsor Business Group presents Thanksgiving service followed by a

reading of the proclamation. 73rd Regiment

officiating

St Matthews Anglican Church / Hollands Paddock WINDSOR

Service: (02) 4577 3193 or

aleks.pinter@windsoranglican.asn.au

Proclamation: 0405 352 724 or

max@wilkinsonsrealestate.com.au

WEDNESDAY 1 DECEMBER, 7 FOR 7.30PM

To the Western Frontier

Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society presents a formal dinner with short video-assisted play on selected parts of Governor Macquarie's time in the colony.

Loxley on Bellbird Hill, 993 Bells Line of Road, KURRAJONG HILLS

Cost TBC (02) 4573 2226

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FRIDAY 3 DECEMBER 9.30 - 11.30AM

Re-enactment of Governor Macquarie's party crossing through Kurrajong on 1 Dec 1810.

Kurrajong-Comleroy Historical Society presents a re-enactment and project prize giving for school children

26 West Market St, RICHMOND.

Dinner and presentation \$55. Presentation only \$5.

Bookings essential (02) 4578 2110

richschoolofarts@bigpond.com

SATURDAY 27 NOVEMBER 7.30PM

St Andrews Dinner

Celebrating Scotland's patron saint. Scottish country dancing and supper. BYO drinks.

Organised by Macquarie Towns Scottish Society

Tiningi Centre, BLIGH PARK

\$20. (02) 4578 1482 hm.terry@bigpond.net.au

FRIDAY 10 DECEMBER 6PM OFFICIAL OPENING. CLOSES 6 FEBRUARY 2011

Macquarie Revealed: Exploring representations of Macquarie portraiture

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery

Open Mon - Fri 10am - 4pm

(Closed Tuesdays and Public

Holidays)

Sat - Sun 10am - 3pm

Deerubbin Centre,

300 George St, WINDSOR

Free (02) 4560 4441

gallery@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery



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Gallery Major exhibition

The major show for the year, opening 10 December, is Macquarie 2010.

This exhibition will provide an opportunity to view a number of nineteenth century portraits of Macquarie and his contemporaries, including the Rouse and Fitzgerald families as well as Andrew Thompson (after whom Thompson Square in Windsor is named). The nature of portraiture itself will be explored, and portraits will be created by commissioned artists through primary source material from Hawkesbury Regional Museum and private collections.

For opening times and enquiries collect the Gallery on 4560 4441.

Governor Macquarie Rose launched

Overlooking the roses in full bloom, an afternoon High Tea at the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery was the highlight of the official launch of the 'Governor Macquarie' Rose. The Governor of New South Wales, Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO, visited the Hawkesbury on 14 April 2010 as part of the Macquarie 2010 celebrations.

The mass display of blooms were shown for the first time since their planting in the Governor Macquarie Rose Garden at the Deerubbin Centre last winter. The Governor Macquarie Rose is a tall, pink rose with a sweet perfume and has been developed over several years by Lower Portland rose breeder Trevor Grant.

WIN A GOVERNOR MACQUARIE ROSE

Hawkesbury City Council will give away 12 'Governor Macquarie' Roses during 2010 to celebrate 200 years since Governor Macquarie named the Macquarie Towns in the Hawkesbury (Pitt Town, Richmond, Wilberforce and Windsor). See back page of this report for details and entry form.

For more information on ordering your own Governor Macquarie Rose please visit www.swanes.com.au or contact your local nursery.



Botanical artwork launched and Commemorative China available for purchase



The 2010 Macquarie Bicentenary Commemorative China was launched on 14 April 2010 in conjunction with the launch of the 'Governor Macquarie' Rose by Her Excellency, the Governor of NSW. The Commemorative China (Wedgwood), Limited Edition with Certificate of Authenticity, features the botanical artwork of the 'Governor Macquarie' Rose by Elaine Musgrave, and is available for purchase by contacting Fiona Mann on 4560 4579 or fiona.mann@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au.

The sister project involving the newly created 'Elizabeth Macquarie' Iris will be launched on 10 October 2010.

RAAF Freedom of City

Planning is well underway to celebrate the Royal Australian Air Force Richmond's exercising of their right to Freedom of the City which will be held on Friday 22 October 2010 in Pitt Town.

The event will be held in Pitt Town as part of the Macquarie 2010 Bicentenary celebrations and will coordinate with the Pitt Town Festival which will be held 23-24 October. The granting of the Freedom of Entry to a City is a very old tradition that dates back to the early history of Europe where cities were surrounded by walls, protected by soldiers and the right of entry to outside soldiers was rarely given by the authorities. Today, the ceremony is representative of the esteem with which Hawkesbury Council holds its local RAAF base and recognition of the facility's contribution to our community.

RAAF Richmond was granted this honour on 12 September 1989. This year marks the 20th anniversary of when it was first exercised in February 1990. RAAF Richmond is also celebrating its 85th birthday this year with the first RAAF aircraft a DH9 Biplane having landed there approximately 2 pm on 30 June 1925.



WIN A LACHLAN MACQUARIE GOVERNOR NSW COIN

Hawkesbury City Council and The Perth Mint will give away five 'Lachlan Macquarie Governor NSW' Coins during 2010. One coin for each of the five Macquarie Towns in the Hawkesbury area. See back page of this report for details and entry form.

For more information on ordering your own coin please visit www.perthmint.com.au



Details about this event are included on the Hawkesbury Macquarie 2010 events program available on Council's website www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Linking the Hawkesbury



Major road projects completed and underway

Kurrajong – Hermitage Road Bridge, project completed, \$595,000 Council funding

Freemans Reach – New roundabout for Gorricks Lane/Freemans Reach Road, project completed, \$442,300 funding Australian Government Blackspot Program

East Kurrajong/Tennyson – Rehabilitation work on Tennyson Road between East Kurrajong Road and the Howes Creek causeway – a continuation of the works previously carried out between Valley Way and the Howes Creek causeway. Project completed, \$844,117 funding provided from contributions made from extractive industries

Kurrajong – Traffic Signals, intersection of Bells Line of Road & Old Bells Line of Road, project completed, \$750,000 – Australian Government funding

Ebenezer – Rehabilitate and widen sections of Sackville Road generally between Grono Farm Road and Tizzana Road, project in progress, \$755,000 Australian Government Roads to Recovery/NSW RTA funding

Central Colo – Upper Colo Road, Replace failing timber bridge No 3 with reinforced concrete structure, project in progress, \$175,000 Council funding

South Windsor – Roundabout, intersection George/Drummond Streets, Utility Adjustments, Project in progress, \$439,500 Australian Government Black Spot funding

Bligh Park – Thorley Street, raise Flood Evacuation Route, ready to commence, \$2,100,000 NSW Department of Environment, Climate Change and Water funding



A taste of 'Cabonne Country' and 'Grenfell' – home of Henry Lawson', at the Hawkesbury Show

As part of our Country Town Alliance tourism exchange promotion program, Cabonne Council and Weddin Council were featured at this year's Council's Hawkesbury Show tent. Cabonne Mayor Kevin Duffy was delighted with the response from hundreds of people he spoke to during the three-day event. Around 50,000 people attended the show over the Anzac Day long weekend, making the Hawkesbury Show one of the biggest shows outside Sydney's Royal Easter Show.

A large number of people registered with both Councils at the show to be included on their mailing lists for more information about the regions, with the chance to win a hamper, valued over \$300, from Cabonne Council and a weekend away, valued at \$300 from Weddin Council. Hamper winner Heidi Johnson, of Nowra, happily came back to the Hawkesbury with her daughters Lily (4) and Chloe (3) (pictured), especially as it included a visit to their grandmother who lives in the Hawkesbury. The weekend away, provided by Weddin Council, was won by a resident from Yarramundi.

Sister city visit

The Hawkesbury will be the focus of attention for Japanese visitors in October when the Mayor of Kyotamba, and a citizens' group, visit with the families of our Sister City Association. Hawkesbury City Council will host a welcome function for the Mayor of Kyotamba in honour of the visit which

will also be attended by our Japanese visitors, the host families and members of the Hawkesbury Sister City Association. Council looks forward to the continuing friendship between our two cities.

In July, residents of Temple City USA will visit the Hawkesbury as part of an adult exchange and jointly we will celebrate 25 years of this Sister City relationship.

New Mobility Plan

A comprehensive Bike Plan and a Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan for the Hawkesbury for the next 10 years, called the Hawkesbury Mobility Plan 2010 was adopted by Council on 11 May 2010. The development of the plan included community consultation and was overseen by Council's Bicycle and Access Mobility Committee.

It identifies on-road and off-road cycleways across the region as well as future cycling linkages between the centres of Windsor, South Windsor and Bligh Park; between Richmond and Windsor; and between Richmond and North Richmond to Kurrajong. The regional routes also identify connections to the regional centres of Parramatta, Blacktown, and Penrith.

It also includes a pedestrian, access and mobility plan for each of the CBD areas of Windsor/South Windsor, Richmond and North Richmond which identify locations for future footpath and pedestrian improvements.

Copies of the Hawkesbury Mobility Plan are available from Council libraries, or via Council's website www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Supporting business and local jobs



Council supporting the Tourism industry

The Greater Sydney Tourism Awards provide an opportunity for tourism operators outside of the Sydney CBD to take part in the tourism awards process.

Council has sponsored the inaugural awards this year which seek to recognise outstanding tourism businesses and organisations in Greater Sydney. They provide tourism related businesses with a tool to evaluate their business, while celebrating their achievements and building staff morale. Finalists will be announced mid July following which people choice voting commences. Winners will be announced on 4 August 2010. Council encourages Hawkesbury based businesses to enter the awards. To find out more, go to www.sydnewidetourism.com.au

Scholarship opportunities for local residents

Council has provided scholarship opportunities to Hawkesbury residents studying at the University of Western Sydney – Hawkesbury campus since 1992.

This year the scholarship was awarded to Sarah Jones who has started a Bachelor Natural Animal Science Degree.

Two previous recipients who continue to be supported while they are completing their degrees are Jemima Robinson who is also studying for a Bachelor Natural Animal Science and John Wright, in his final year of a Bachelor Environmental Management and Science.

Council is committed to supporting young people to study locally in the hope that they will choose to practise the skills they gain within our community.

Community infrastructure projects

Council has successfully completed \$834,000 worth of projects under the Regional Local Community Infrastructure Program (RLCIP) which is funded by the Australian Government and designed to stimulate growth and economic activity in the Australian economy.

These include:

- The completion of a \$62,000 upgrade of lighting facilities at the South Windsor Netball Centre. The new energy efficient fittings will reduce ongoing running and maintenance costs.
- At the Oasis Swim Centre, a new energy efficient heat pump has been installed at a cost of \$142,000, with the new pump replacing three old pumps (see separate article).
- Facilities at Bellbird Lookout have been improved to allow the provision of an amenities complex at a cost of \$88,000.
- The electricity supply to a sporting facility in Bensons Lane has been improved in stage one of a two part project at a cost of \$125,000.
- \$50,000 was also received and used to continue to extend the Hawkesbury's bicycle network.

- In addition, 35 of our community buildings have had security upgrades with back to base alarm systems installed at a cost of \$129,000.
- the construction of the Kurrajong Community Centre (\$150,000 RLCIP funding towards the \$1million project) and
- the St Albans Hall improvements (\$88,000) which were both opened in February.

Under round two of the program \$360,000 has been received for projects including the:

- Hawkesbury Oasis Gymnasium Extension – \$117,200
- Wilberforce Pre-school Kindergarten Improvements – \$105,000
- Howe Park Windsor – Plan of Management Implementation – \$97,800
- Ham Common Fitness Trail – \$40,000

Council is grateful for the commitment of these funds to projects that could not have otherwise been undertaken in the immediate future. These projects increased the availability of local employment for our residents and the new infrastructure provided will be of lasting benefit to our community.

Projects maximise job and training opportunities

Funding has also been received under the final round of the Australian Government's Jobs Fund designed to maximise job and training opportunities in local communities for the following projects:

- Yarramundi Reserve Restoration Project – \$90,000
- Conservation of the Historic Cemeteries of the Macquarie Towns (Wilberforce cemetery) – \$183,000
- Conservation and Interpretation of Old Hawkesbury Hospital Morgue (see separate article) – \$200,000.

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Safety for young ones



Council has been helping to keep our young children safe in vehicles, by sponsoring FREE child car restraint checking days. Over 40 baby and infant car restraints have been checked by RTA authorised fitters at two recent events held by Council, with the assistance of funding provided by the RTA and Council.

New child restraint laws came into effect from 1 March. Parents and carers need to be aware that the new law means that children have to be restrained in an approved child restraint until the age of seven years. Anyone unsure of the regulations can contact the RTA or visit www.rta.nsw.gov.au, or contact an authorised fitting station or Council's Community Safety Coordinator on 4560 4498.

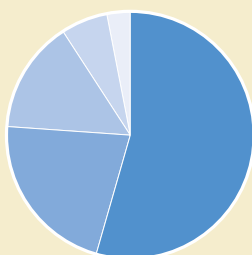
Safer driving for Ls

Council is promoting safer driving among young drivers by hosting workshops to support people who supervise learner drivers. Council's Community Safety Coordinator conducts these workshops to promote safer driving among young drivers. With funding assistance from the RTA, the workshops explain the new graduated licensing scheme, new rules and restrictions for learner drivers, and discuss ways to support drivers and supervising parents and carers through the process. For more information call 4560 4498.

Financial Estimates 2010-2011

Where do the funds come from?

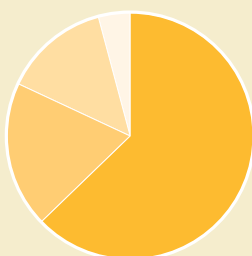
Operational Revenue \$69.7M



Rates & Annual Charges	\$38.1M	54%
Grants and Contributions	\$15.3M	22%
Other Income	\$10.2M	15%
Fees & Charges	\$4.3M	6%
Interest Earnings	\$1.8M	3%

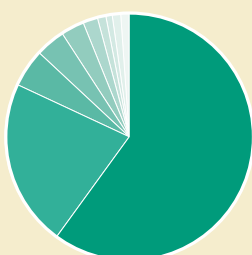
How does the community benefit?

Operational Expenditure by Division \$47.4M



Infrastructure Services	\$29.7M	63%
City Planning	\$9.1M	19%
Support Services	\$6.7M	14%
Executive Support	\$1.9M	4%

Capital Expenditure (including infrastructure renewal program) \$22.3M



Sewerage Schemes	\$13.4M	60%
Road Works	\$4.8M	22%
Other	\$1.2M	5%
Parks & Recreation	\$0.8M	4%
Operations Management	\$0.7M	3%
Domestic Waste Management	\$0.4M	2%
Community Buildings	\$0.3M	1%
Emergency Services	\$0.2M	1%
Waste Mgt Facility	\$0.2M	1%
Cultural Services	\$0.3M	1%

FACTS & FIGURES

Operational Expenditure	\$ 47.4M
Rates & User Charges	\$ 38.1M
Capital Expenditure	\$ 20.9M
Grants and Contributions	\$ 15.3M
Other Income	\$ 14.5M
Interest Income	\$ 1.8M
Infrastructure Renewal Program	\$ 1.4M

MAJOR CAPITAL PROJECTS

Effluent Reuse Scheme-Sth Windsor	\$ 5,449,250
Pump Station V upgrade	\$ 4,000,000
Sewage Treatment - dewatering facility	\$ 3,323,667
Roads to Recovery Program	\$ 1,752,763
Sewer pipe relining	\$ 490,000
K&G Reconstruction - Pitt Street	\$ 450,000
Road Rehabilitation - Scheyville Rd	\$ 255,750
Waste Facility - night cover	\$ 200,000
Guardrail-Morilla Rd & Sackville Rd	\$ 138,000
Cycleways	\$ 100,000

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WIN A GOVERNOR MACQUARIE ROSE

ENTRY FORM



You only need to enter **ONCE** for your chance to win one of twelve "Governor Macquarie Roses" to be given away during the year.

Winning entries will be the first correct entry drawn for each month. Winners will be notified by phone and will also be published on Hawkesbury City Council's website: www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

TO ENTER: Complete the sentence and tell us your name and contact details.

Post your entry to: Hawkesbury City Council, PO Box 146, Windsor NSW 2756, or deliver in person to Council's offices at: 366 George Street, Windsor.

NAME OF ENTRANT:

ADDRESS:

CONTACT PHONE NO:

The Macquarie is being launched in 2010.

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WIN A LACHLAN MACQUARIE GOVERNOR NSW COIN

ENTRY FORM

"Celebrating Lachlan Macquarie's historic tenure as Governor, the 99.9% pure silver coin portrays two of his notable achievements – the Rum Hospital and a holey dollar and dump. With a full mintage of 7,500, the Australian legal tender coin comes with a display case and numbered Certificate. The 1oz silver proof coin retails for \$89.50, and is available from The Perth Mint on Freecall 1800 098 817 or by ordering online at www.perthmint.com.au."

Winners will be invited to receive the 'Lachlan Macquarie Governor NSW' Coin at a Council hosted Macquarie 2010 Bicentenary event in 2010.

ENTER Only ONCE, for your chance to win one of five 'Lachlan Macquarie Governor NSW' Coins. Coins kindly donated by **The PERTH MINT**.

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The Mint's 'Lachlan Macquarie Governor NSW Coin' is made of

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