

Hawkesbury City Council – Community Services Update

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- New youth worker position at Council.
- Expansion of Home Maintenance Service
- Funds for community buildings

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2010-2011 Council Budget

Council has adopted its 2010/11 budget. Community service highlights include:

- funding for a part-time Youth Participation Officer (as recommended by the Hawkesbury Youth Summit held in November 2009) and funding for another Youth Summit to be held in 2011.
- \$62,289 for the Community Sponsorship Program to provide small grants to community groups in the Hawkesbury (see story on the next page).
- \$287,546 for library books & resources
- \$12,000 for community events including Youth Week, Seniors Week, NAIDOC Day, and International Disability Day.
- \$5,000 for the Community Access Subsidised Transport Program.

• \$152,200 for improvements to community buildings including;

- Bilpin Hall
- Glossodia Community Centre
- Glossodia Long Day Care Centre
- Greenhills Long Day Care Centre
- Elizabeth St Pre-School
- Stewart St Early Intervention Centre
- Bligh Park Childrens Centre
- Bowen Mountain Hall.

• \$83,000 to support the operations of Richmond Occasional Child Care and Hawkesbury Family Day Care.

For information about the budget call Joseph Litwin on 4560 4428. The budget has been posted on Council's web-site www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

New Services and Facilities

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

\$132,000 was received to expand the Home Maintenance Service operated by Peppercorn Services which provides frail older people and people with disability with access to subsidised lawn-mowing and garden modification services.

For information about the service call Meagan Ang on 4560 4502.

Council has submitted for \$353,000 in funding under Round 3 of the Federal Government Regional & Local Community Infrastructure Program. Projects include;

- access improvements to the Visitor Information Centre (for the vision impaired) (\$30,000);
- bus stop shelter adjacent to the Hospital (\$20,000);
- sewer connections for Glossodia Community Centre, Long Day Care & shopping centre (\$65,000);
- additional facilities at the Community Nursery to support community landcare groups (\$45,000).
- accessible park furniture at Howes Park (\$15,000)

Council has also submitted for \$140,000 under the State Government Community Building Partnerships (on a 50:50 basis) to refurbish laundries, bathrooms and toilets at Hobartville and Greenhills Long Day Care Centres at a total cost of \$280,000.

GRANTS - Community Sponsorship Program



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In July Council approved \$58,000 in community sponsorship grants to 27 community groups and individuals under Round 1 of the 2010/2011 Community Sponsorship Program. Major grants were allocated to;

Group	\$
Hawkesbury Eisteddfod Society	19,000
St Albans Folk Festival	3,000
Kurrajong Scarecrow Festival	3,000
Hawkesbury Community Hub	2,000
Cancer Council (Relay for Life)	3,000
Colo Family Picnic Day	2,400
Grose Vale Community Centre	3,000
Hawkes. Community Outreach	800
Kurrajong Community Forum	3,000
Hawkesbury Probus Club	1,684
Hawkesbury Riding Club	2,000
Hawkesbury/Nepean Pipe Band	2,000
Windsor Business Group	3,000
Ferry Artists Gallery	1,000
Windsor Bowling Club	1,500
Rotary Club Richmond	1,500
Macquarie 2010 Schools Compet.	1,200
Kurrajong Anglican Church	500
Earthcare Festival	1,000
Jazz a Vienne Festival	2,000

Council’s Community Sponsorship Program supports community partnerships by providing community groups with grants of up to \$3,000. Last year Council distributed \$100,700 under this program.

The types of projects that can be funded include;

- community events
- community programs
- hire of Council facilities
- reimbursement of Council fees
- contributions to travel costs

Information about the program can be accessed from Council’s web-site

www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

For more information about the Program call Trisha Sundin on 4560 4576

GRANTS - CDSE Scheme

Council established and supports the operations of the Community Development and Support Expenditure (CDSE) Local Committee.

The CDSE Committee administers the CDSE Scheme which was established by the NSW Department of Gaming and Racing to advise registered clubs on priority needs in distributing a percentage of gaming machine profits to local organisations.

Under the CDSE Scheme Council worked with the Richmond Club, Windsor RSL Club and Panthers North Richmond to provide funding of \$34,225 to seven local organizations for community projects including

- \$5765 for specialist training for community workers working with survivors of child abuse;
- \$3380 to set up an older women’s group;
- \$2700 for a domestic violence service directory;
- \$3580 for activity days for families of inmates at the John Moroney and Dilwynia Centres;
- \$2000 for a ‘Movie Mayhem’ day for local special needs and disadvantaged children;
- \$8500 for a baby shade area;

For more information about the CDSE Scheme call Trisha Sundin on 4560 4576



New Community Facilities Manual

Council maintains 34 Community and Childcare Centres and Halls across the Hawkesbury stretching from St Albans down to Yarramundi and from Colo Heights and Bipin across to Maraylya and McGrath's Hill.

Most of these buildings are managed by community committees who have been delegated responsibility for their day-to-day operation under Section 377 of the Local Government Act (1993).

Council has delegated the management of these buildings to community committees to ensure that as far as possible the people who use them can

direct their operations in ways which best meet the needs of their communities.

These buildings are used by community groups as venues for the provision of a range of critical community services funded by the state and federal governments.

To assist community committees in working with Council to manage these important community assets, Council has recently revised its *Community Facilities Manual*.

The Manual outlines Council and committee responsibilities for the management of community buildings and provides advice on a range of issues

including repairs and maintenance, risk management, copyright license fees, liquor licensing, and financial management.

Last year Council staff responded to 292 maintenance requests from community committees. Council has also posted and on-line hiring guide on its web-site with details on the location, contact details and the facilities available at each venue together with photos of the venues .

For copies of the manual or more information about Council's community facilities call Trisha Sundin on 4560 4576

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Windsor Mobility Map

The Hawkesbury Bicycle and Access Mobility Committee has recently produced an updated Mobility Map for Windsor.

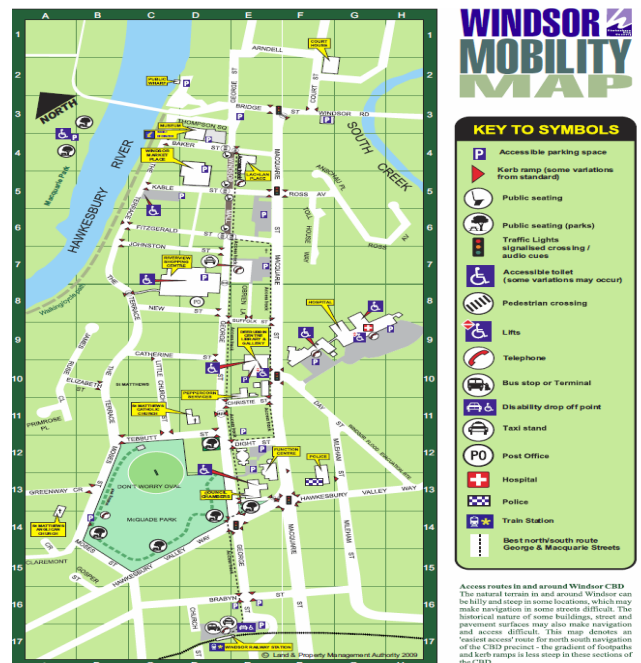
The Mobility Map shows the location and accessibility of major community facilities and services in Windsor and includes information on accessible parking spaces, public toilets, lifts, drop off points and ramps.

The map is available on Councils website where it can be enlarged for easy viewing.

Also available on the web-site is a more detailed alphabetical list of more than 200 individual services and facilities in the Windsor CBD with information about their level of accessibility.

The Hawkesbury Bicycle and Access Mobility Committee is currently working on producing a Mobility Map for Richmond.

For more information or to obtain hard copies of the Windsor Mobility Map call Denise Oakes on 4560 4498





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Community Planning Snippets

1. Mobility Plan.

The Hawkesbury Mobility Plan has been adopted by Council after the completion of a rigorous and extensive consultation and planning process that began in 2006.

The Plan will provide a blue print to guide the development of safe bicycle & pedestrian networks across the Hawkesbury over the next ten years.

It aims to improve linkages between major towns in the Hawkesbury & connections to regional centres.

For more information about the Hawkesbury Mobility Plan call Denise Oakes on 4560 4498

2. Disability Action Plan

Planning will begin shortly to develop a Disability Action Plan for the Hawkesbury. A committee is being established to drive this process (see below).

For information about the Disability Action Plan call Meagan Ang on 4560 4502.

3. Recreational Strategy

Council has set aside funds and is seeking matching funding from the state for a Recreational Strategy for the Hawkesbury.

The Strategy will identify community needs for recreational facilities including skate parks, play spaces, sporting facilities and other passive recreational needs.

For information about the Recreational Strategy call Joseph Litwin on 4560 4428.

Community Engagement – New Committees

1. Disability Advisory Committee.

Council is currently seeking nominations for people to be appointed to the Disability Advisory Committee (DAC).

The DAC will provide a forum for the discussion and resolution of access issues impacting on

people with a disability and will also work with Council staff on the development of a Disability Action Plan.

2. Seniors Centre Working Party.

Nominations will shortly be sought from key community groups for

representatives to sit on a working party to prepare a draft design brief for the proposed expansion of the Seniors Leisure & Learning Centre in Richmond. Almost \$1M is currently available for this project

For information about these committees call Meagan Ang on 4560 4502.

New Council Policies

1. Community Gardens Policy.

Council is in the process of adopting a Community Gardens Policy to assist community groups interested in establishing a community garden on Council land.

The Policy includes a checklist and submission

criteria for applying for access to Council land for a community garden.

For information about the Policy call Meagan Ang on 4560 4502.

2. Interpretive Signage and Public Art Policy.

A draft policy aimed at facilitating the

commissioning and installation of interpretive signs and public art was recently placed on public exhibition. The Policy reflects the historical, cultural and environmental importance of the Hawkesbury.

For information about the Policy call Joseph Litwin on 4560 4428.