

SPRING 2024



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



Coming soon!

LIGHT UP WINDSOR *Street Fair*

**SATURDAY
30 NOVEMBER
5PM-9PM
WINDSOR TOWN CENTRE**

Available online today!
hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au



Come along to a

**CREATIVE
INTERACTIVE AND
THOUGHT-PROVOKING**

two-day festival that will bring young people together to shape and guide future projects and initiatives across the Hawkesbury region!

**FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED
12 – 24 YEARS**

- 💡 MUSIC PRODUCTION WORKSHOPS
- 💡 STREET ART ACTIVATIONS
- 💡 CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
- 💡 GUEST SPEAKERS
- 💡 NEW IDEAS SHOWCASE
- 💡 FREE FOOD AND GIVEAWAYS AND MUCH MORE!

WHEN?

THURS 7 NOV
FRI 8 NOV

WHERE?

MEMORIAL HALL
WSU HAWKESBURY
CAMPUS



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**DONATE GENEROUSLY TO THE
MAYORAL
CHRISTMAS
APPEAL**

The Mayoral Christmas Appeal is returning in November. Many local families are doing it tough in our community, and the appeal will help ensure needy families will be able to celebrate this festive season.

Gift ideas may include board games, card games, outdoor games, sport equipment, tool kits or gift vouchers from local shops that offer items such as books, clothes, ice cream, stationery, or sporting goods.

Gifts must be unwrapped and can be dropped off up from Monday 4 November 2024 until Friday 13 December 2024 at Council's Administration Building, 366 George Street, Windsor, at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street, Windsor, Richmond Branch Library at 29 West Market Street. Shoppers can also drop off unwrapped gifts at Richmond Marketplace.



OUR BIGGEST EVER LIGHT UP WINDSOR *Street Fair* IS BACK!



Get ready to celebrate Christmas the Hawkesbury way!

The Light Up Windsor Street Fair will take over Windsor on Saturday 30 November 2024 from 5pm to 9pm.



There will be market stalls, snow flurries, Christmas lights, free face painting, roaming and on-stage entertainment and fun family activities. Our main stage on George Street will provide hours of family entertainment including the best in local music and dance talent.

Local cafes and restaurants will also be open, meaning you'll also have plenty of options for a bite to eat. There will also be food trucks to help cope with the demand.

For the first time ever, Santa is bringing two of his reindeer to meet families and pose for fun family photos! In another first, the festivities will follow a trail from Windsor Train Station all the way to Thompson Square. There will be Christmas murals, music, chalk art, neon lights, festive entertainment and selfie stations, thanks to a NSW Government Grant. Leave the car at home and catch a train, or walk, to experience all Light Up Windsor has to offer.

Find out more about Light Up Windsor, visit www.lightupwindsor.com.au

This event is proudly funded by the Nsw Government under the Open Streets Program in association with Hawkesbury City Council.



THE LIGHT UP WINDSOR FIND-A-REINDEER PASSPORT IS BACK!

Council's popular 'Find a Reindeer' competition is back for Light Up Windsor 2024!

To participate, children can collect their passport from the Hawkesbury City Council tent and visit all the reindeer locations at the event for a stamp. Once your passport is complete, trot back to the Council tent and collect a special prize!

To collect a bonus stamp, visit the Deerubbin Centre on the night. You will need this stamp AND all the stamps on the night to go in the draw for the \$500 major prize!

Hope to see you there!



WE ARE TRANSFORMING WINDSOR TOWN CENTRE!



Stage 1 of the Windsor Liveability Project along George Street is well underway!

If you have visited Windsor recently you will have seen Council is replacing the old pavers and asphalt paths along George Street with fresh pavers, planting established trees to increase shade and improve scenery throughout, and improving the safety and visibility of pedestrian crossings. This will create a shady and beautiful tree lined boulevard along one of our busiest business and shopping areas, reducing temperatures and making George Street an even more enjoyable space to visit.

The project has so far planted 58 trees – a combination of brush box, crepe myrtle and weeping lilly pilly. Trees will be planted on footpath verges, where possible, as well as in the roadway. The roadway tree locations have been carefully selected to greatly minimise the impact on parking spaces. All trees planted in the roadway or footpath use 'strata vault' technology – a planting structure that prevents tree roots from growing up to lift paving.

Each stage of the project will be completed in sections via day and night works to minimise the impact on residents and businesses where possible, with Stage 1 of the project between the Railway Bridge and Fitzgerald Street due for completion early 2025 (weather permitting).

Stages 1A (Baker Street to Bridge Street) and 2 (Windsor Mall) concept plans were endorsed at the 13 August 2024 Council meeting. Plans will now move into detailed design to allow the project team to go out to tender for the completion of the Windsor Liveability works. Stages 1A and 2 are expected to be completed in 2025.

For full details, visit the project page at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/for-residents/current-projects-near-you/liveability



The Windsor Town Centre Revitalisation Project is funded under the Western Parkland City Liveability which is part of the Western Sydney City Deal. The Western Sydney City Deal is a partnership between the NSW and Australian Governments and the eight councils of the Western Parkland City.

A SPLASH OF COLOUR FOR RICHMOND

The banners are back on Windsor Street, Richmond!

Following the recent streetscape works that replaced the old pavers, planted new trees and upgraded the wayfinding signage, the banner poles have also been reinstated.

The banners are an attractive addition to the streetscape to promote the centre and major events such as the recent Savour the Flavour Hawkesbury event.



SANTA PAWS PHOTOS ARE BACK!



Santa is returning to the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter this November for Santa Paws photo sessions!

Santa Paws will run over four days this year - Friday 8 and Saturday 9 November and Friday 15 and Saturday 16 November and we will also be offering a sensory-friendly day on Thursday 14 November for individuals who prefer or require a quieter and relaxed environment.

Bring your pets, your family and prepare for some festive photo ops with Santa. Book now - tickets will not last long!

Cost: \$20. Proceeds will go towards the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter donation fund. Choose your day and time by scanning the QR code or following the link from Council's Facebook page.



BIG CHANGES AT YOUR ANIMAL SHELTER

Dogs and cats waiting for their new forever home will now do so in far more comfort thanks to a \$375,000 revamp of the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter.

The improvements include:

- Underfloor heating for all kennels
- New kitty condos and meeting space
- Conversion of old cattery into a quarantine space
- Emergency electricity generators
- New directional signage

Outdoor dog meeting yards were also installed, thanks to Council funding.

Families looking to adopt a pet or find a lost pet are also encouraged to check out the Shelter's new dedicated website www.hawkesburycas.com.au

The funding was provided through the NSW Local Government Recovery Grants Program (Flood).

FLOODS – There is something we all can do

HOW LONG COULD A MAJOR FLOOD LAST?

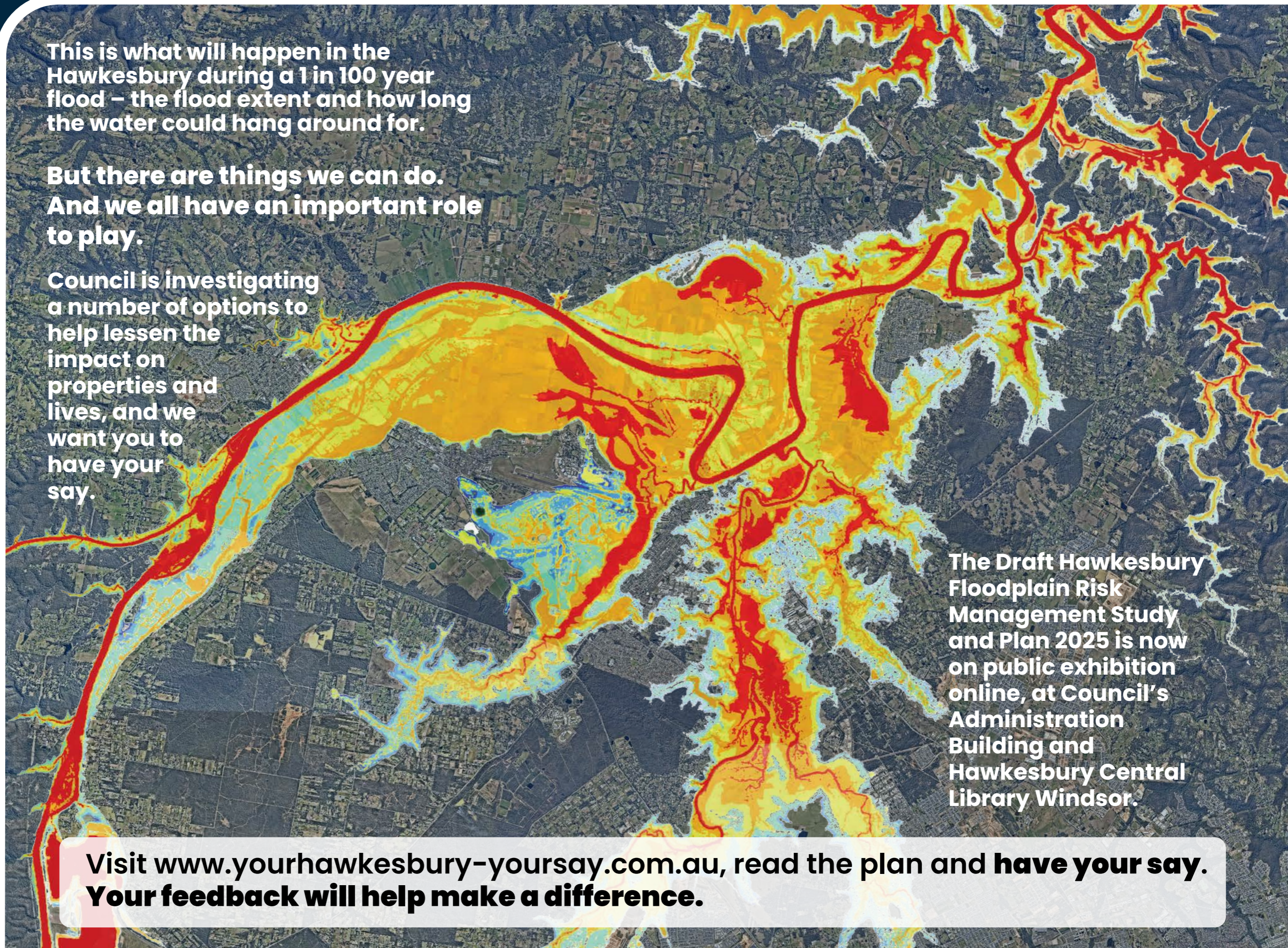
NOTE: THESE LEVELS ARE INDICATIVE OF A 1 IN 100 YEAR FLOOD



This is what will happen in the Hawkesbury during a 1 in 100 year flood – the flood extent and how long the water could hang around for.

But there are things we can do. And we all have an important role to play.

Council is investigating a number of options to help lessen the impact on properties and lives, and we want you to have your say.



The Draft Hawkesbury Floodplain Risk Management Study and Plan 2025 is now on public exhibition online, at Council's Administration Building and Hawkesbury Central Library Windsor.

Visit www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au, read the plan and **have your say**.
Your feedback will help make a difference.

DESKTOP WHEELY BIN GIVEAWAY!



We “wheely” don’t want batteries ending up in your kerbside bins!

Batteries in your kerbside bin can cause fires in our waste trucks and cause toxic chemicals to leech into the soil. The safest and greenest solution is to drop off your batteries for FREE at our Community Recycling Centre – part of our Waste Management Facility.

The Community Recycling Centre also accepts gas bottles, smoke detectors, paints, oils and more. To see if an item can be taken to the Waste Management Facility, try searching our Waste Guide, here:

data.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/pages/waste-dashboard

As a thank you for dropping off your batteries and other recyclables, we are giving away desktop wheely bins to the first 250 visitors. These desktop bins are perfect to hold your pens, pencils, textas or anything else you want to keep handy!

The Hawkesbury City Waste Management Facility is located at 1 The Driftway, South Windsor, open every day (excluding public holidays) from 8am – 4pm, with the last entry at 3:45pm.

EXTRA CHRISTMAS RECYCLING IS BACK!

To help residents with extra recyclables, Council will provide an extra recycling collection over Christmas and the New Year.

If you live south of the Hawkesbury River (Area 1), as well as Yarramundi, Colo and Colo Heights, you will receive your extra collection between 23 and 27 December 2024.

If you live north of the Hawkesbury River (Area 2), including the Macdonald Valley, you will receive your extra collection between 30 December 2024 and 3 January 2025.



Bin collection days remain the same, even on public holidays.

If you are unsure about your collection day, search your address on the Find your Bin Collection Day Dashboard at: data.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/pages/waste-dashboard or scan the QR code.

HAWKESBURY LIVING SUSTAINABLY WORKSHOP SERIES

Council is now offering its Living Sustainably Workshop Series through the Good for the Hood @ HOME program.

The program contains 3 live webinars a month, adding up to a total of 36 workshops throughout the year for Hawkesbury Residents!

For more information and to register as a Hawkesbury Resident, visit: tinyurl.com/hawkesbury-at-home



BE RIVER SAFE THIS SUMMER

As the weather heats up, Council is reminding residents to stay safe in and around the water this summer.



At the heart of this is a reminder that swimming in inland waterways, including the Hawkesbury River, can be incredibly dangerous, with submerged objects, unpredictable and fast currents, and the potential for poor water quality following heavy rains.

New river safety signs have now been installed at Howe Park to complement the signs at Macquarie Park in Windsor. These signs were developed in consultation with Royal Life Saving NSW using best practise design, and internationally recognised safety symbols. Versions of the signs have also been created in the five most common non-English languages for visitors to the Hawkesbury – Hindi, Punjabi, Simplified Chinese, Arabic and Filipino – which can be accessed by a QR Code via a smartphone.

Council is also conducting a multi-lingual awareness campaign on social media. The messages urge visitors to consider other fun activities around the river instead of swimming in local waterways. These include walking, camping, boating, fishing and picnics. Locals are also urged to consider visiting local pools over summer.

Check out the new [I Pledge to be River-Safe](#) campaign video by scanning the QR code below.



Hawkesbury Disaster and Emergency Dashboard

Everything you need to know during a disaster. Visit disaster.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Weather Warnings

Fire and Rescue NSW

Public and Pet Closures

Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans



HAWKESBURY FEST

CELEBRATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK

OUR BIGGEST YET

A record crowd celebrated what makes the Hawkesbury great at Hawkesbury Fest 2024!

More than 10,000 people – 2000 more than last year – came together at Governor Phillip Park on Sunday 4 August for a day of family fun, community connection, and opportunities to learn about what your Council is doing in the community.

With 70 stalls from our local community services and businesses, tents, kids activities, free face painting, dog races, live and roving entertainment and emergency services display, Hawkesbury Fest was a massive day of fun for all.



HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL

STREET SPEAK

AN URBAN ART PROJECT 2024

More than 250 local young people converged on Clarendon skate park on Sunday 11 August for a pop-up celebration as part of the Street Speak urban art project.

The skate park played host to local youths and families with food and drinks, learn to skate workshops with The Totem Collective, and urban art workshops with Mark Wilson from Red Herring Arts and Cameron Marbus from Aerosol Obsessions for the winners of the recent Street Speak competition.

The winners were Colo High School, Merana Aboriginal Community Association for the Hawkesbury, Kuyper Christian School, RuffTRACK and Bligh Park Community Services.

Street Speak is funded under the NSW Government Graffiti Management Grant Application (Western Sydney)



AROUND THE HAWKESBURY

Council is delivering programs and infrastructure to make the Hawkesbury a great place to live. Here is a quick snapshot of some of Council's work over the last three months.



28 tonnes of chemical waste was collected at Hawkesbury's Chemical Cleanout



Council welcomed 19 new citizens at its Citizenship Ceremony



Council won a Local Government NSW Dougherty Award for its water safety campaign and a Leo Kelly Arts & Culture Award for the Bangadyi Nawi - Making a Canoe project



Hawkesbury Central Library was an official Olympics and Paralympics live site



Nine community groups shared in \$133,711 in grants through the annual ClubGRANTS program



The pump track and mountain bike trails at Woodbury Reserve are now open

HAWKESBURY BUZZZ!



YOUR FORTNIGHTLY COUNCIL E-NEWSLETTER

Want the latest Council news delivered straight to your inbox? Hawkesbury Buzz is your free fortnightly e-newsletter with all the latest on Council's projects, services, events and more!



Sign up today at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/link/buzz or scan the QR code

WHAT'S ON!



LIBRARY

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Richmond Branch Library
29 West Market Street, Richmond

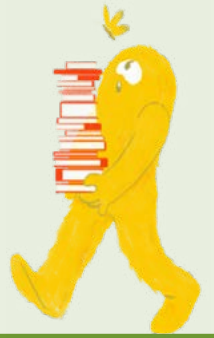
Hawkesbury Central Library
300 George Street, Windsor



THE SUMMER READING CLUB

This popular program is a great way to keep children engaged in reading over the summer holidays. They can collect coupons for the books read between 1 December 2024 and 31 January 2025 and then redeem them for prizes at the Summer Reading Club Shop in February. Simply register at either library in Richmond or Windsor, collect a reading journal, and start reading. The more books read, the more coupons to spend! Additional journals are available at both Libraries or download one at hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library

FREE - ages 16 and under



GALLERY

4560 4441

Deerubbin Centre (top floor)
300 George Street, Windsor



HAWKESBURY NOW 2024

25 OCTOBER - 1 DECEMBER
Hawkesbury Now celebrates the creativity of artists and makers working in the Hawkesbury and North-West regions of Sydney. Featuring traditional and contemporary artists, designers, and crafters, from emerging to established.



BARELY WEARABLE | RUTH DOWNS

6 DECEMBER - 9 FEBRUARY
Barely Wearables is a continuation of Ruth Downes' passion for reappropriating everyday materials and objects to celebrate their intrinsic beauty.

For more information call the Gallery or see: www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery



MUSEUM

4560 4655

Hawkesbury Regional Museum
8 Baker Street, Windsor



STARRY NIGHT: THE WORLD OF JOHN TEBBUT

CLOSING NOVEMBER 2024
Renowned 19th century astronomer and Hawkesbury resident, John Tebbutt, is the focus of this two-part exhibition, including the telescope he used to discover the Great Comet of 1861.

Museum entry is FREE, no bookings required.



SCHOOL TOURS & HOWE HOUSE

Interested in a group tour at the Hawkesbury Regional Museum? Guided group tours are available on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday by appointment. To make and enquiry, call the Museum or see: www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/museum/public-programs/museum-tours-group-bookings

For more information call the Museum or see: www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/museum

AUSTRALIADAY

Sunday, 26 January 2025 | 5-9pm
Governor Phillip Park, Windsor

ON THE HAWKESBURY

hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au



All events are subject to change, please confirm details before attendance.

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