



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



**HAVE YOUR SAY ON OUR
DRAFT WASTE STRATEGY**

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



First of all, I would like to thank you for welcoming me as your new Hawkesbury Mayor. Since being elected Mayor by my fellow Councillors, we have continued our journey of community recovery, infrastructure repair and improvement.

With a 2,800km road network in the Hawkesbury, roads will always be a key issue for us all. That's why we have the infrastructure recovery team to prioritise the repair of roads damaged by floods. A great deal of work continues on repairing the significant damage from flood and rain events as well as ongoing scheduled work. See page 4 for our infrastructure update and visit our Building Hawkesbury's Future webpage at hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/bhf

As a local leader, I've also had the delight of participating in our new School Leadership program which Council hosted recently. It is nothing short of inspiring to see our young citizens learning about how local government operates. See more on page 8.



The new Lions Garden in Ham Common, Clarendon

We've all seen so many significant events in our lives in the past two years but two of the most significant is the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and the accession to the throne of His Majesty, King Charles III. Council has also recognised the passing of our Queen through the condolence pages that so many of you have signed. All condolences will be bound into a book and sent to Buckingham Palace and archived by the Commonwealth.

In recognition of the significance of the Hawkesbury's heritage, NSW State Heritage Funding Grants for 2023-2025 are now open and property owners of State Listed Heritage properties within the Hawkesbury Local Government Area are eligible. Apply at heritage.nsw.gov.au/grants

On 17 September I was privileged to welcome 35 new Australian citizens at a special Australian Citizenship Day ceremony at Hawkesbury Regional Gallery. It was a very moving experience and I love that our City is a diverse and welcoming place.

With Christmas already on the horizon, I invite you to support our Mayoral Christmas Appeal in partnership with Richmond Lions. I encourage you to donate a gift to those less fortunate. Visit hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au for details on where to deliver your gifts.

We have many families and individuals struggling right now, so if you need help, don't hesitate to contact local services that are there to help you too. See yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hch and click on the 'Useful Information' tab for details on help available which includes food and mental health support.

It's also time to get excited about key events coming up, and connect as a community! Come along to our Christmas event, the Light up Windsor Street Fair, which will be held on 3 December. Another event not to miss is Australia Day on the Hawkesbury, 26 January 2023. See hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au or follow Council's Facebook page @hawkesburycitycouncil for upcoming details. I hope to see you there!

Mayor of Hawkesbury
Councillor Sarah McMahon



Hawkesbury Community Hubs

Are you prepared?

Peppercorn's Person Centred Emergency Preparedness team is planning to come along to the Hawkesbury Community Hubs to assist the Hawkesbury with preparing for emergencies such as landslides, floods, power outages, bushfires, storms and heatwaves.

Together the team will help you to develop formal emergency preparedness plans tailored to your individual capabilities and needs with the aim of optimising your self-reliance and forward plan your reliance on others.

Book an appointment at peppercorn.org.au/person-centred-emergency-preparedness or call 4587 0225 or email pcep@peppercorn.org.au



Free cooking workshop

Come along to our Bilpin Hub and learn about cooking and eating well by an accredited dietitian, Rayna Young from Peppercorn Services Incorporated. This event is run in partnership with Hawkesbury Community Hubs.

Learn how to achieve your goals using easy and realistic changes to improve your health and wellbeing.

Over two Monday sessions at Bilpin District Hall, 2596 Bells Line of Road, Bilpin, both at 11am on 21 November and 28 November, you will learn cooking tips and dietary information, taste test new meals and enjoy lunch. The workshop runs over two sessions but let Rayna know if you are only able to attend one session. Call 4587 0229 or email dietitian@peppercorn.org.au to register.

Council has a great range of online resources on the Community Hubs page at yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hch

The resources include community grant information, as well as community events, the free Hawkesbury Community Learning Hub and more.



BILPIN HUB

2596 Bells Line of Road
Bilpin

WILBERFORCE HUB

531 Wilberforce Road
Wilberforce

COLO HEIGHTS HUB

2996 Putty Road
Colo Heights

ST ALBANS HUB

Upper Macdonald Road
St Albans

See yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hch or call **4560 4444** to find out more.

This is a Bushfire Community Recovery and Resilience Fund Project through the joint Commonwealth/State Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.



Council has delivered several major road repair projects over the past three months, including:

- Reopening Settlers Road, north of Lower Macdonald
- Repairing eight landslips along Upper Colo Road, Upper Colo
- Repairing Redbank Road, North Richmond
- Repairing Wolseley Road, Oakville
- Repairing Pitt Town Dural Road, Maraylya.

Work on Greens Road, Lower Portland is due for completion by Christmas, weather permitting, and work on replacing Upper Colo Bridge has resumed, with an expected completion date of February 2023. Detailed plans for restoring the flood mitigation system at Cornwallis are also underway. Dozens more roads are in the procurement and planning phases, with work to begin on these shortly. Skilled labour and materials shortages continue to impact repair timelines.



Thomas James Bridge

Council has installed specialised ground monitoring equipment at Thomas James Bridge to improve safety while ensuring the bridge remains open. The ground around the bridge is regularly monitored for any signs of further movement.

Restoring the flood-damaged bridge and its approaches will be a significant engineering and heritage project. It is being conducted with the assistance of Heritage NSW. The 1830s convict-built bridge is a vital link for Macdonald Valley residents to Wisemans Ferry and the rest of Sydney.

Visit hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/emergency/flood-emergency and click on Flood Project Updates for details on all of Council's flood repair projects. See hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/bhf for all other projects.

REVITALISING OUR TOWN CENTRES



Work is well underway in Richmond and South Windsor for the \$18.75 million revitalisation of the Richmond, South Windsor and Windsor town centres, with an additional \$1.244 million in State government funding for tree planting.

In Richmond, the first six of 26 trees have been planted, and the paved footpath has been completed adjacent to Richmond Park. Work on the opposite side of Windsor Street is also in progress. In South Windsor, paving and footpath replacement along George Street is well advanced, and the first 13 of 99 new trees have been planted. The trees will provide additional shade in summer, and will not reduce car spaces or cause damage through root intrusion.

The project is co-funded by the Federal and State governments with Council under the Western Parkland City Liveability Program which is part of the Western Sydney City Deal. The trees are being planted thanks to the Greening Our City grant program, funded by the NSW Government in association with Local Government NSW.

View the plans at yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/lptc

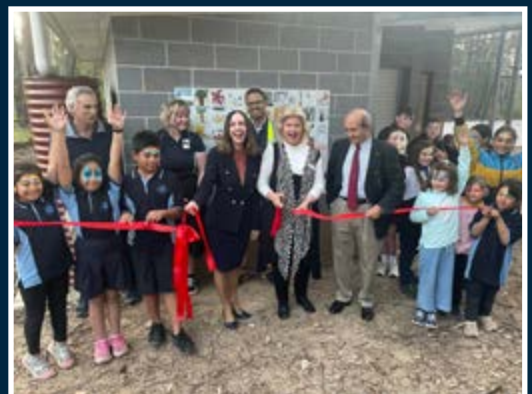
Colo Heights Reserve improvements

The improvements to Horrie Ely Memorial Hall and recreation precinct at Colo Heights have been opened – the first of three Bushfire Local Economic Recovery projects.

In Colo Heights, the fire resilience of the hall was considerably improved, including the installation of a 120,000L water storage tank and pump for community use during bushfires. A mural of tiles designed by local residents expressing their feelings and emotions about the bushfire and their recovery was also installed.

The recreation precinct received a new multi-sports court, replacement of the tennis shelter, landscaping, picnic area and oval improvements.

The \$1.68 million Bushfire Local Economic Recovery projects are proudly funded by the Federal and State governments and include works at St Albans and Bilpin.



Be Emergency Ready

Let's all make sure we are ready for future emergencies such as storms, bushfires, floods, heatwaves, power blackouts or others by having an emergency plan ready.

See Australian Red Cross resources at redcross.org.au/prepare to:

- Create an emergency plan for your household to protect what matters most.
- Download the free Get Prepared App at redcross.org.au/emergencies/prepare/get-prepared-app
- Build your survival kit with the Red Cross handy emergency checklist
- Bookmark the Hawkesbury Disaster and Emergency Dashboard at disaster.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au



New Australian Warning System for floods



Advice

An incident has started. Stay up to date in case the situation changes.



Watch and Act

Conditions are changing and you need to start taking action now to protect you and your family.



Emergency Warning

The highest level of warning. You may be in danger and need to take action immediately.

A new Australian Warning System for floods and tsunamis with three advice levels has been launched to give residents clearer advice and warnings in the lead up to severe weather events.

Flood warnings will still be provided via the NSW SES website, NSW SES social media and on local ABC radio stations. Council is committed to sharing this information during emergencies.

For more information see ses.nsw.gov.au

Be Emergency Ready

Get ready for summer in 5 simple steps

- 1. Know your risk** - think about the area you're in and the types of disasters that could affect you
- 2. Plan now** - talk with your family and plan what you will do if a disaster affects your area
- 3. Get your home ready** - prepare your home by doing general home maintenance and checking your insurance coverage
- 4. Be aware** - find out how to prepare, what to do if there is a disaster in your area and connect with NSW Emergency Services to stay informed
- 5. Look out for each other** - share information with your family, friends, neighbours, and those who may need assistance.

Remember your pets

See 10 top tips from RSPCA NSW to help keep your pets cool
bit.ly/2QzoOR2



High flood risk	Extreme heat	Bushfire	Storms	Mental health
If you live close to a waterway or in a floodplain, you may be at risk from floods. Check your flood risk at ses.nsw.gov.au/hawkesbury-nepean-floods	Heatwaves or extreme heat events can seriously impact your health. Prepare early for heatwaves at health.nsw.gov.au/environment/beattheheat	You don't have to live near the bush to be at risk. Check your bushfire risk, search 'Bushfire Prone Land Map' at hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au	Storms can happen at any time of the year. Monitor rain activity and storm risk at bom.gov.au	For confidential 24 hour crisis support, call 13 11 14 or visit lifeline.org.au

Find out about preparing for other hazards at resilience.nsw.gov.au/prepare

New Australian Fire Danger Rating System

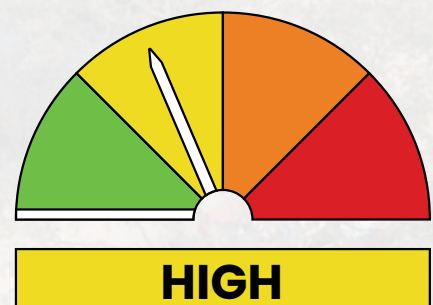
The NSW Rural Fire Service (NSW RFS) has announced a simplified Australian Fire Danger Rating System.

It has four levels:
Moderate, High, Extreme and Catastrophic.

When there is minimal risk 'No Rating' will be used.

Check the daily fire danger rating on the NSW RFS website rfs.nsw.gov.au and on the Fires Near Me NSW smartphone app. You will also see it on roadside signs.

In the Hawkesbury, we need to be bushfire ready. Make your plan now. See myfireplan.com.au



SCHOOL Leadership PROGRAM



Council recently hosted its inaugural School Leadership and Awareness Program, bringing primary school students to Council to find out how local government operates.

More than 80 students from St Monica's Catholic Primary School in Richmond, Glossodia Public School, Macdonald Valley Public School and Kurrajong East Public School attended and participated in mock Council Meetings in the Council Chambers.

The annual program aims to teach Year 5 and 6 students about the role of Council in the Hawkesbury community.

The students also learned about the three different levels of government – Federal, State and Local as well as the role of the Mayor and Councillors.



LIGHT UP WINDSOR Street Fair

SATURDAY, 3 DECEMBER
5PM-9PM

WINDSOR MALL &
GEORGE STREET, WINDSOR

in partnership with



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If you're looking for ways to cool down and exercise, our local pools are the way to go! Richmond Swimming Centre is now open. Come along and enjoy the large open spaces, a half size basketball court, shaded toddlers pool and playground and 50m pool.

Richmond Swimming Centre is open weekdays until 7pm throughout the school term to allow for longer lap swimming times. For all opening hours through to April 2023, visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/your-spaces/pools

Richmond Swimming Centre, at 71 East Market Street, Richmond, is open every day, even public holidays, except Christmas Day 2022 and Good Friday 2023.

At South Windsor, corner of Church and Drummond streets, Hawkesbury Oasis also offers great aquatics facilities, including indoor heated leisure pool and 25m pool, outdoor 50m heated pool, spa, sauna, and steam room. Council has also upgraded the gym layout and equipment. More details ymcansw.org.au/centres/hawkesbury-oasis



SNAKE BITE KIT

We all enjoy the outdoors so it makes sense to have a snake bite kit in the home and in the car. Used in wilderness first aid courses throughout Australia!

Only \$23 at the Hawkesbury Visitor Information Centre at 328 Hawkesbury Valley Way, Richmond. discoverthehawkesbury.com.au | 4560 4620

LANDSCAPING at the Library



A new landscaping project is underway at Richmond Branch Library using funding from a NSW State Library Local Priority Grant.

The landscaping is a great way to enhance the library surrounds and will allow our community to enjoy the improved outdoor space for reading and relaxing, accessing the free WiFi and catching up with friends and family. The space adds another usable green space to the Richmond CBD.

For details on regular Library events, visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library

New

miniMuseum program



People living with dementia and their carers now have the chance to participate in a new miniMuseum program created by Hawkesbury Regional Museum.

The program allows participants to engage in multi-sensory activities and object handling to support learning, cognitive stimulation and encourage reminiscence.

Museum staff are running the miniMuseum program at aged care facilities, community group locations and at the Museum, with future programs to offer self-run sessions.



Email creative@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au to register as session sizes are limited.

Hawkesbury Regional Museum is located at 8 Baker Street, Windsor and is open six days. Closed Tuesdays and open Wednesday through to Monday 10am to 4pm. Details at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/museum

11 Stories from the River

A new series of audio walks called 11 Stories from the River Dyarubbin, underscored by original music, is being created as a collaborative public artwork.

The first audio-walk is now available – the Howe and Deerubbin Parks Audio Walk – Balga Ngurrang/Windsor, with a sign with a QR code at the Hawkesbury Regional Museum at 8 Baker Street, Windsor, which is where the walk starts. The audio is also available at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/museum/historical-walks/11-stories-from-the-river

This is a collaborative public artwork led by composer/producer Oonagh Sherrard with Hawkesbury Regional Museum, Dharug Custodian Aboriginal Corporation, Western Sydney University Sustainable Futures, Hawkesbury Historical Society, with support from the NSW Government through Create NSW, Museums and Galleries NSW and the Australia Council for the Arts.



Big Water Path by Leanne Mulgo Watson

Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy



Council has placed its Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2032 on public exhibition and is asking for your feedback by Friday, 4 November 2022.

Council's current waste services contracts expire in 2023 and Council's current landfill will reach capacity within the next four years. Council wants to provide waste services that meet the community's needs and expectations, whilst ensuring that waste services are reliable, affordable, and sustainable.

Feedback from Council's Waste Services Survey in February 2022 received an impressive 1,900 responses. The feedback has guided the development of the Draft Strategy which can be viewed at yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/dws

The Draft Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2032 aims to:

- Achieve higher rates of resource recovery with a focus on community waste education
- Transition to a Food Organics Garden Organics (FOGO) service
- Consider innovative and emerging waste technologies and
- Minimise the environmental impact of waste generation.

The Strategy has a 10-year timeframe and consists of three themes:



Resource responsible citizens



Generational legacy



Environmental stewardship



Have Your Say by Friday, 4 November 2022 at yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/dws or email council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au or mail PO Box 146, Windsor NSW 2756. Call 4560 4444 for more information.

WHAT'S ON!



FREE 12-18s FIRST AID TRAINING

29 OCTOBER 2022 9am to 4pm - WINDSOR | 26 NOVEMBER 2022 9am to 4pm - PITT TOWN
Accredited First Aid Training for Hawkesbury youth. Limited places.
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: hubs@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au



LIBRARY

Hawkesbury Central Library
300 George Street, Windsor

BRYCE COURTENAY: STORYTELLING

7 NOVEMBER 12:30pm to 1:30pm
Christine Courtenay on the remarkable story of her late husband's life. FREE - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com

PRESERVING YOUR FAMILY COLLECTIONS

9 NOVEMBER 10am to 11:30am
Preserving your family history with Jonathan Auld.
FREE - IN PERSON NO NEED TO BOOK
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL ONLY IF VIA ZOOM
hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com

NATIONAL POLLINATORS WEEK

14 NOVEMBER 10:30am to 11:30am
Pollination systems in Australia with Dr Amy Gilpin.
FREE - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com



GALLERY

Deerubbin Centre (top floor)
300 George Street, Windsor

DYARUBBIN - FREE EXHIBITION

29 OCTOBER 2022 - 5 FEBRUARY 2023
Explores the recent discovery of Dharug place names for landmarks along the Hawkesbury River. FREE - NO BOOKINGS.
EXHIBITION OPENING SATURDAY, 29 OCTOBER, 12pm to 3pm
Smoking ceremony, free activities, live music, food and more!
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL hawkesburygallery.eventbrite.com



LIVING SUSTAINABLY WORKSHOPS

WATERWISE GARDENS

FREE WORKSHOP FOR HAWKESBURY RESIDENTS
SUNDAY, 20 NOVEMBER 2pm to 4pm
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
hawkesburywaterwise.eventbrite.com.au

UPCYCLING CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

SATURDAY, 3 DECEMBER 10:30am to midday
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL hccchristmascraft.eventbrite.com.au
This workshop is run in partnership with the Hawkesbury Remakery. Free workshop for Hawkesbury kids.

UNDER THE SURFACE OF THE DYARUBBIN RIVER

Discover what - or who lives in the river, the different microclimates that they live in, how you can measure water quality and what you can do to help keep the river healthy.

More details: streamwatchwatertrail.eventbrite.com.au

This event is organised by the Hawkesbury-Nepean Waterkeeper Alliance partners including Streamwatch and Hawkesbury-Nepean Landcare Network

SATURDAY, 5 November 10am to 1pm
10-minute sessions every 20 minutes.

Macquarie Park, 1 Wilberforce Road,
Freemans Reach

AUSTRALIADAY ON THE HAWKESBURY

Thursday, 26 January 2023
7pm-9pm



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

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