



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



SUSTAINABILITY EDITION



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How can you recycle
**plastic pots
and foam?**

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**sustainability
strategies**

**New
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HAWKESBURY
living sustainably

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Welcome to our spring newsletter! For the first time, we've gone with a recycling and sustainability theme. We care for our environment, and in this newsletter you'll find a range of initiatives and new recycling options that Council has underway.

We now have RevolveRECYCLING available at the Hawkesbury City Waste Management Facility at 1 The Driftway, South Windsor. You can drop off unwanted bikes at the Waste Management Facility and they will be reused or recycled through Revolve RECYCLING. See page 7 for more information.

We are also offering plastic pot recycling and polystyrene foam recycling at the Waste Management Facility. Significantly, a new landfill cell is being constructed that will provide another five years of capacity at current rates, but the more recycling we do, the longer the landfill will last.



I'm happy to announce that, after a competitive tender process, Council has awarded a ten year contract to J.J. Richards and Sons for the recycling and garden organics household bin collections. The contract commenced on 1 October 2023. J.J. Richards and Sons are celebrating 90 years of waste experience in the industry. Congratulations on your 90th anniversary!

Looking after our environment is just one of the many things we do as a council, as we continue to repair roads and bridges, maintain our beautiful parks and more.

If you'd like to explore our natural environment even more during this wonderful season, our Visitor Information Centre staff can also help you with ideas and places to see. Find out more through our Visitor Information Centre website discoverthehawkesbury.com.au or call 4560 4620 or visit our friendly staff at the Centre at Hawkesbury Valley Way, Richmond.

As we head into the peak season for recreational water activities, public water safety is at the top of our minds. Council is working with Royal Life Saving NSW to support and encourage a culture of drowning prevention across the Hawkesbury Local Government Area. See pages 8 and 9 for details.

We are also asking our community to tell us how you want to hear from Council. Complete the survey to go into the draw to win one of four The Regent Richmond movie vouchers valued at \$50. See page 11.

We've had plenty of amazing events for our community again this year, including our signature event Savour the Flavour Hawkesbury which was a taste sensation for us all and made a huge boost to our local economy, supporting our local businesses and of course, local employment. We also sponsored the Hawkesbury Local Business Awards again – congratulations to all of our local businesses. Our next great event will be Light Up Windsor, our annual Christmas celebration at Windsor, so I hope to see you there!

Mayor of Hawkesbury
Councillor Sarah McMahon



RICHMOND TOWN CENTRE



Richmond and South Windsor town centres have been revitalised following the completion of \$5.2 million in Vibrant Towns and Villages improvement works.

In Richmond, the upgrades to Windsor Street include the planting of 26 advanced trees, new feature paving and street furniture, and new surfacing, signage and lighting for the pedestrian crossing between Bosworth Street and West Market Street.

In South Windsor, works included the planting of 40 advanced trees in Mullinger Lane and 59 advanced trees on George Street between Campbell Street to Beerewan Park. Other improvements included new paving and street furniture, upgraded parking, new refuge islands at Campbell Street and Bell Street, and an upgrade to the pedestrian crossing near Newtown Arcade with new surfacing, lighting and signage.

Works in the Windsor Town Centre are scheduled to begin later this year.

The \$18.75 million Vibrant Towns and Villages project is co-funded by Hawkesbury City Council under the Western Parkland City Liveability Program which is part of the Western Sydney City Deal – a partnership between the Australian and NSW Governments and the eight Councils of the Western Parkland City.

The \$1.244 million tree planting project across the three town centres is part of the Greening Our City grant program that is proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with Local Government NSW.

To view the plans, visit www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/lptc



SOUTH WINDSOR TOWN CENTRE



MEET OUR NEW FLEET | INTRODUCING OUR NEW RECYCLING AND ORGANICS TRUCKS

Have you seen the new artwork on the Recycling and Organics trucks in the Hawkesbury?

It showcases our beautiful Hawkesbury region and the images are sure to inspire all of us to keep the Hawkesbury beautiful.

Council has awarded a new ten year contract to J.J. Richards and Sons for the recycling and garden organics household bin collections. During the past ten years, J.J. Richards and Sons has demonstrated it can deliver a service that meets Council's and the community expectations. However, J.J. Richards and Sons need your help as well to ensure all items are recycled and processed to their full potential – let's get it right on bin night!

Not sure if an item can be recycled? Visit our website at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/for-residents/waste-and-recycling to find out.



HAWKESBURY ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY STRATEGY

Council's Hawkesbury Environmental Sustainability Strategy outlines a plan to guide the Hawkesbury's capacity for living more sustainably and protecting the natural and built environments of the region.

The strategy consolidates existing knowledge, actions, and directions, providing a long-term foundation for progressing the sustainability of the Local Government Area whilst aligning with relevant United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.

The implementation of this strategy will be guided by the principles of Caring for Country, the Statement from the Next Generation, and the Hawkesbury community's desire to see a sustainable Hawkesbury Local Government Area.

HAWKESBURY WASTE AND RESOURCE RECOVERY STRATEGY

Council is committed to protecting and enhancing the built and natural environment for current and future generations and has developed the Waste and Resource Recovery Strategy 2032 to realise this vision within the context of waste management.

The 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 service, consider innovative and emerging waste technologies and minimise the environmental impact of waste generation in the Hawkesbury Local Government Area.

The strategy has a 10 year timeframe and consists of three themes each of which has its own objectives and goals:

- resource responsible citizens
- generational legacy
- environmental stewardship.

HAWKESBURY URBAN GREENING STRATEGY

Council's Urban Greening Strategy will help to coordinate Council's current cross-organisational projects to increase canopy cover and greening.

The strategy identifies three key goals with objectives and actions under each of these areas:

- existing areas of urban green are protected and enhanced
- green links are created where they are most needed
- our community stewards our urban greening.

The strategy actions have been developed with the key principles of using best practice approaches to become a leader in urban greening, adaptation to climate change and to mitigate biodiversity loss, and urban greening for health and wellbeing.

The strategy has a minimum ten year timeframe and will be reviewed periodically to ensure outcomes and actions are being progressed.

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Community Recycling Centres

Did you know a Community Recycling Centre operates at the Hawkesbury City Waste Management Facility?

This is a free service to help residents safely dispose of household problem waste, and is available all year round.

Community Recycling Centres are NSW Environmental Protection Authority funded permanent drop off centres for common household problem waste that cannot be disposed of via Council's kerbside general waste, recycling or garden organics collection services.

You can drop off the following materials free of charge:

- paint – up to 100 litres of paint can be dropped off, in containers no larger than 20 litres
- smoke detectors
- gas bottles
- fire extinguishers
- motor oils
- other oils
- car batteries
- household batteries
- fluorescent globes and tubes
- computers and televisions
- paper and unwaxed cardboard – including hardcover and paperback books
- good quality books can be donated to the Reuse Shed
- good quality, clean clothing donations – do not donate stained or damaged clothing
- garden pots
- unwanted bikes.



Only household quantities of materials will be accepted and must be transported in containers no larger than 20 litres. Dangerous goods and items other than those listed above will not be accepted.

The Hawkesbury Community Recycling Centre is located at the Hawkesbury City Waste Management Facility, 1 The Driftway, South Windsor. It's open every day (except public holidays) from 8am to 4pm, with the last entry at 3:45pm.

For more information visit the Hawkesbury Council website under '**Waste Management Facility**', and look for the '**Hawkesbury Community Recycling Centre**' or call Council on 4560 4444 and ask to speak with Council's Sustainability Officer.



New landfill cell

Council is about to complete construction of its new landfill cell at the Waste Management Facility. The new landfill cell will provide another five years of capacity at current rates. This is why it is so important that we reduce, reuse, and recycle as much of our waste as possible. Did you know that almost 20% of the red bin is material that could have been placed in the yellow lid recycling bin? Australian households on average throw away one in five shopping bags of food that they don't end up consuming. Let's do better together!

For tips and advice on how you and your family and friends can all make a difference, visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/for-residents/living-sustainably/actions-for-sustainability

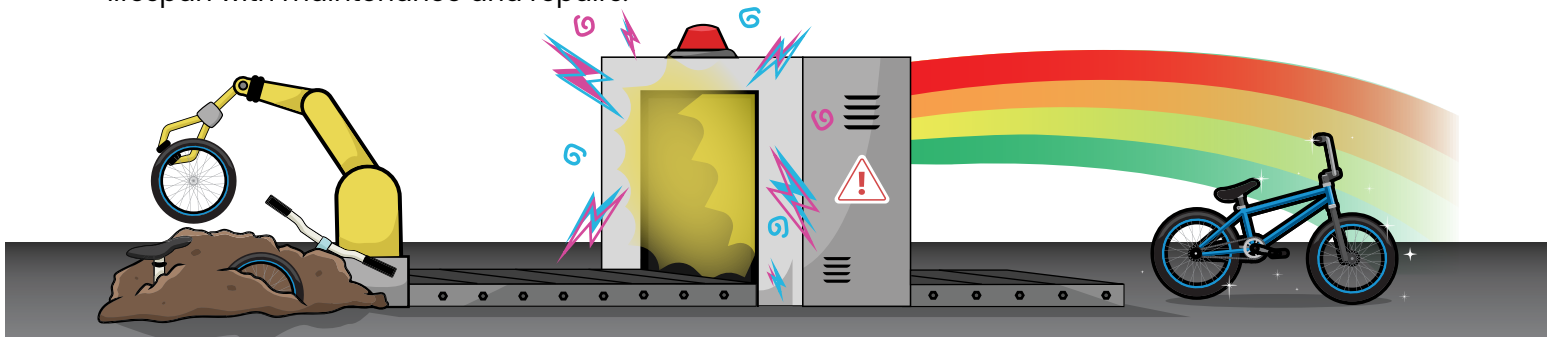
Council has a new partnership with Revolve ReCYCLING!

Revolve ReCYCLING will:

- aim to recycle and reuse 100% of bicycles collected
- provide cool, safe, high quality, branded and affordable refurbished bicycles for purchase
- work to make their own practices as environmentally sustainable as possible
- donate cool, safe, high quality and branded refurbished bicycles to kids who need them – 'bike equity'
- research and collaborate to utilise materials like recycled plastics into new rides, for example, as recycled plastic bicycle frames
- encourage bike riders to extend the bike's lifespan with maintenance and repairs.

Drop Off Point

Drop off your old bikes free of charge at the Hawkesbury City Waste Management Facility, 1 The Driftway, South Windsor. Open seven days from 8am to 3:45pm, closed public holidays. For more information visit revolverecycling.net or call Council's Resource Recovery Team on 4560 4689.



Plastic pot recycling



Council now offers free plastic pot recycling at the Waste Management Facility.

Council has partnered with Garden City Plastics to give local green thumbs the chance to take their old broken or used plant pots and have them recycled into brand new plastic plant pots. True circularity. Plastic pots which have the Plastic Code Number 5 (PP5) can be dropped off but ensure no soil is in the pot.

Polystyrene foam recycling



Another new recycling option at the Waste Management Facility is polystyrene foam recycling.

Until now, any polystyrene that entered the Waste Management Facility was landfilled, which is not the desired sustainability or resource recovery outcome. Council has now partnered with Foam Muncher to allow residents to drop off their polystyrene at their local facility so that it can be transformed into construction materials.

Fees apply, for more information visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/for-residents/waste-and-recycling/waste-management-facility

NEW SIGNAGE IS COMING

Council is proud to be working with Royal Life Saving NSW to prepare a Hawkesbury Public Water Safety Strategy to raise awareness of the risks of the Hawkesbury's local waterways and prevent drownings.

Local rivers and other waterways can be dangerous places to swim, even for experienced swimmers and unfortunately, drownings have occurred in local waterways over the years. The water can be icy cold, there are submerged trees and rocks and deceptively strong currents.



Sample sign only

Sometimes people may overestimate their swimming ability, or may have consumed alcohol before swimming, or may be unfamiliar with local conditions or recent changes to the river.

In the coming months, Council will install signage at Macquarie Park to inform the community about the dangers of swimming in the Hawkesbury River.

For river safety advice: hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

THE HAWKESBURY RIVER

A great place to camp.

A great place to picnic.

A great place to fish.

A great place to walk.

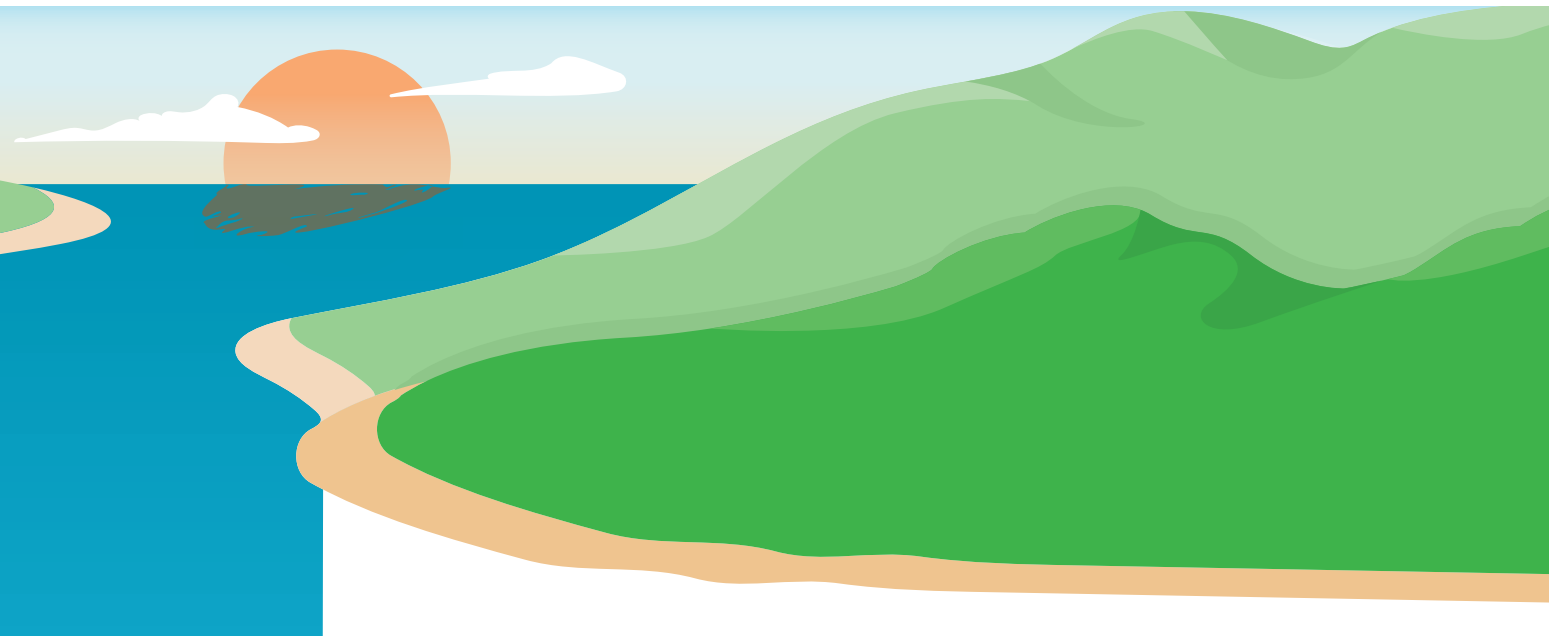
A great place to ride a horse.

A great place to enjoy the view.

A great place for a boat ride.

There are far safer places to swim.

Be water safe this summer.



LOOKING TO **COOL** **OFF** THIS SUMMER?

The Hawkesbury has two fantastic public pools – Richmond Swimming Centre and Hawkesbury Oasis Aquatic and Fitness Centre at South Windsor.

These are fully patrolled and family-friendly venues. Richmond Swimming Centre and Hawkesbury Oasis Aquatic and Fitness Centre are now open for the 2023-2024 summer season.

For opening hours, programs and facilities available, see:

- Richmond Swimming Centre
www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/your-spaces/pools/richmond-swimming-centre
- Hawkesbury Oasis Aquatic and Fitness Centre
ymcansw.org.au/centres/hawkesbury-oasis

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Disaster and Emergency Dashboard

For
Residents

Plan and
Build

For
Business

Your
Spaces

Your
Council

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 1 Emergency News Last updated an hour ago	 New South Wales Police	 Flood, Storm or Tsunami 132 500	 Rural Fire Service 1800 NSW RFS 1800 679 737
 5 Weather Warnings Last updated 17 minutes ago	 Fire and Rescue New South Wales	 11 Road and Ferry Closures Last updated an hour ago	 Fire Danger Ratings and Total Fire Bans
 Prepare for Bushfire	 Heatwave	 Air Quality	 Planned Hazard Reductions

Map

MAP KEY

Road Status				Fire Incidents		
Current Power Outages		Flood Cameras	Flood Incidents			

For more information about incidents, click on the icons on the map.

The Disaster and Emergency Dashboard is a one-stop shop for residents during emergencies and disasters, including Live Traffic NSW maps, road closures, weather warnings, flood warning information, preparedness advice and links to various emergency services.

The entire dashboard design has been overhauled to make information easier to find, and to create more space for information such as the live emergency news feed, live traffic maps and social media feeds. A live feed of the Fire Danger Rating has also been added.

Visit the Disaster and Emergency Dashboard at disaster.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Have your say.

Hawkesbury City Council COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY

As a local council, we aim to ensure that our message is being communicated as clearly as possible to our community.

Tell us how you want to hear from Council and help us to improve how we communicate with you.

We are interested in your feedback!

Complete our communications survey to go in the draw to win one of 4 The Regent Richmond movie vouchers (terms and conditions apply, see online).

Survey closes Sunday, 12 November.

Complete the survey online at www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/communication-survey or scan the QR code below



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WHAT'S ON!



LIBRARY

4560 4460

Richmond Branch Library
29 West Market Street, Richmond

Hawkesbury Central Library
300 George Street, Windsor

SUMMER READING CLUB

1 DECEMBER - 31 JANUARY

Be part of the Summer Reading Club with Hawkesbury Library Service. Just register at Richmond Branch Library or Hawkesbury Central Library to pick up a reading journal and start reading. Collect coupons for the books you read then redeem them at the special Summer Reading Club shop. Free children's program for ages 16 and under, visit the Library to join.



GALLERY

4560 4441

Deerubbin Centre (top floor)
300 George Street, Windsor

HAWKESBURY NOW: ART FAIR

27 OCTOBER - 3 DECEMBER 2023

Hawkesbury Now: Art Fair brings together groups and individuals practicing in mediums such as painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, ceramics, glass and woodwork. Come along to buy original art from the region's best-known artists!



MUSEUM

4560 4655

Hawkesbury Regional Museum
8 Baker Street, Windsor

11 STORIES FROM THE RIVER DYARUBBIN

Explore the 11 Stories from the River Dyarubbin project. It is a series of self-guided audio walks sharing diverse cultural, historic and environmental stories specific to 11 significant locations along the banks of Dyarubbin (the Hawkesbury River).
FREE - NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED



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AUSTRALIA DAY ON THE HAWKESBURY

26 January 2024 | 5PM - 9PM | Governor Phillip Park, Windsor

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



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