



# COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER



**NOMINATE A MATE**  
for the 2022  
Hawkesbury  
Australia Day Awards

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# A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



It is such an honour to serve the Hawkesbury during my term as the Mayor. There is plenty of work for us to do before the end of the year and the NSW Local Government elections which will be held on 4 December. Thank you to my family and my friends, Councillors, staff, community groups and residents who continue to support me in my leadership role and who are working so hard for our community.

Although we have been through a great deal with the bushfires, floods and the ongoing pandemic, we've still found various ways of coping and staying connected. Now many of us are starting to think about how life will change with restrictions easing. While we are looking forward to this and feeling excited, it doesn't mean adjusting over the next few weeks or months will be easy for everyone. It's okay to admit when you are not coping. Please stay connected and reach out to your family, your friends, your neighbours. Remember too that help is available. If you need professional support, please contact your doctor, local health centre or Lifeline on 13 11 14 or [lifeline.org.au](https://www.lifeline.org.au) or headspace on 1800 650 890 or [headspace.org.au](https://www.headspace.org.au)

Our State and Federal leaders have been very clear that the way out of this lockdown is through vaccinations, and the people of the Hawkesbury have responded to that call in a big way already. The Hawkesbury is doing a great job with our vaccination rates, so let's keep it up!

We want to get back to seeing our friends and relatives, supporting our local small businesses at cafes, gyms, going to sporting venues, and enjoying live bands again. A big surprise for December is that we are now able to run our premier Christmas event, Light up Windsor. See page 7 for details. Here's looking forward to a brighter and bigger 2022 for us all. Stay safe.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrick Conolly', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Mayor of Hawkesbury  
Councillor Patrick Conolly

## HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL REGULAR VIDEO UPDATES

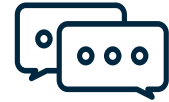
There are many ways that Council communicates with our wonderful community.

Council now provides regular video updates on its Facebook page, as well as on YouTube. In the coming months, Council will continue to increase its video offerings to help provide residents and visitors with a more in-depth understanding of what Council is doing and what our wonderful City has to offer.

Our YouTube channel is a great place to find all of our videos in one place, including Mayoral announcements, tourism and event updates, Council meetings, community information sessions and more.

Simply search for Hawkesbury City Council on YouTube, subscribe and click the bell to be alerted whenever Council uploads a new video. Subtitles are included in the videos to make them accessible.

# CONNECTING THE HAWKESBURY IN CONVERSATION



Did you know that you can join us online every Monday over lunch from 12:30pm to 1:30pm to hear a variety of interesting and thought provoking speakers? There's plenty of time for questions and conversations too.

Speakers have already included Detective Chief Inspector Garry Sims who chatted about his 35 years of policing service in NSW, six of which were in the Hawkesbury, and how policing is more than just crime fighting. He also talked about his passion for suicide prevention and the RU OK campaign.

Amateur beekeeper and Blue Mountains Botanic Garden guide Lesley Hulbert from the Kurrajong Heights Garden Club also talked about 'Habitat Gardens'. Wellbeing workers Megan and Alan asked if this lockdown is just a disaster or is it worth trying to see the lockdown from an adventure slant? We heard all about ideas to improve your wellbeing in lockdown and brainstormed some lockdown dreams.

This is an initiative of our Hawkesbury Community Hubs. To join the conversation or take part in other Hub activities go to [yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hch](http://yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hch) There is a range of activities available online and at the hubs at Bilpin, Colo Heights, Wilberforce and St Albans.



## COOLING THE



## HAWKESBURY

Council has won a \$382,000 Greening Our City grant from the NSW Government to plant 301 trees and to install new irrigation pipework to supply Church Street Reserve, South Windsor with recycled water from Council's South Windsor Sewage Treatment Plant.

The trees will be planted across the suburbs of Bligh Park, Hobartville, South Windsor and Windsor, along with a 12 month maintenance and watering program to establish the trees.

Increasing the tree canopy within our community will provide more green areas for an active, healthy and cooler environment.

This project links with Council's Net Zero Emissions and Water Efficiency Strategy under the actions addressing greener suburbs, better design and drought resilient, green centres.

The project is part of the Greening Our City grant program that is proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with Local Government NSW. For more information and to see an interactive map of successful grant recipients, visit [hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/for-residents/living-sustainably](http://hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/for-residents/living-sustainably)

# WE ARE BUILDING HAWKESBURY'S FUTURE ▶▶



## COMPLETED

**Mileham Street, South Windsor rehabilitation**  
of a section of Mileham Street, between Ham Street and Woods Road

## UNDERWAY

**Pitt Town road upgrades** - Council is upgrading Bathurst Street, Hall Street, Hawkesbury Road, Johnston Street and Wells Street



See more upcoming, current and recently completed projects at [hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/bhf](http://hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/bhf)

## HAWKESBURY PARKLANDS



Did you know that we have more than **30 parks and reserves** to enjoy?

The Hawkesbury has scenic rural vistas, historic towns, magnificent rivers and more national parks than any other part of Sydney. We're lucky to have some beautiful and quiet parks and reserves for our residents and visitors to enjoy. You can get active, relax, take pictures or just sit back and watch the wildlife.

Many of our larger parks have barbecue and picnic facilities, making them perfect for gatherings with family and friends. There are also playgrounds, easy bike tracks and fishing spots to explore.

Discover more about our open spaces in our parklands brochure on Council's website at [hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/your-spaces/book-a-space/parks](http://hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/your-spaces/book-a-space/parks)

To discover even more about the Hawkesbury, visit [discoverthehawkesbury.com.au](http://discoverthehawkesbury.com.au) or call the Hawkesbury Visitor Information Centre on **4560 4620**.

# NEW WAYFINDING

# AND SIGNAGE PROJECT

Council has an exciting new initiative called the Wayfinding and Signage Project.

The project aims to improve how visitors and residents are guided through our local government area to find a range of diverse experiences, attractions and services on offer in the Hawkesbury.

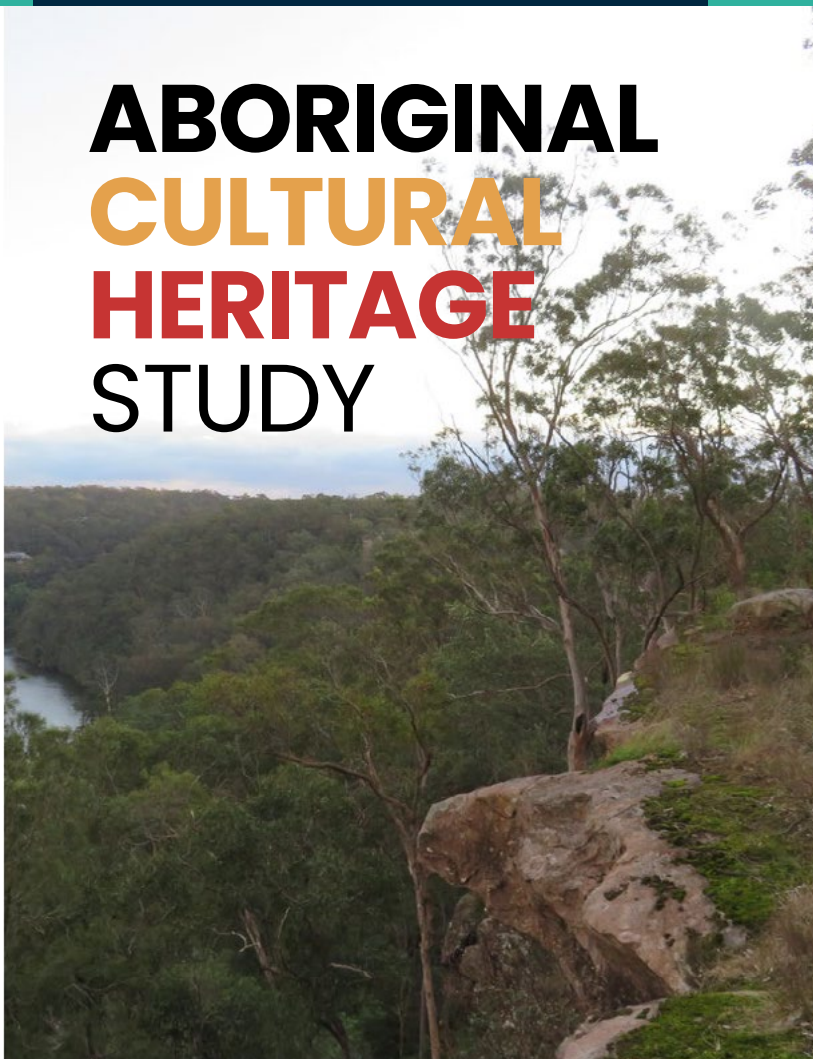
As part of this project, Council is inviting community members to view and comment on the Draft Wayfinding and Signage Strategy, which is now on public exhibition.

See the exhibition and make a submission at [yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au](http://yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au)

You can also email your submission to [council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) or post it to The General Manager, Hawkesbury City Council, PO Box 146 Windsor NSW 2756 up to close of business on Friday, 5 November 2021.



# ABORIGINAL CULTURAL HERITAGE STUDY



Council has developed a Hawkesbury Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study in consultation with the Aboriginal community.

Aboriginal cultural heritage encompasses the living, traditional or historical practices, ancestral remains, representations, expressions, beliefs, knowledge and skills—and associated environment, places, landscapes, objects and materials—valued by Aboriginal people as culturally meaningful.

The study aims to start the process of truly understanding connection to Country, and to provide Council staff with the tools to recognise the potential for known and unknown cultural heritage sites that may be impacted through development or Council operations.

The Hawkesbury Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Study was recently on public exhibition and is available to view at [yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au](http://yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au)

# GET READY



## DASHBOARD



The Disaster and Emergency Dashboard is a one stop shop for information before, during and after a disaster or emergency. It includes links to all emergency related agencies. You can use the Dashboard links to find information to prepare for storms, floods, bushfires and more.

You can see the Hawkesbury Disaster and Emergency Dashboard at [disaster.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](https://disaster.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) or go to Council's website [hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](https://hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) and click on the Emergencies tab. The Dashboard also provides updates on road conditions, weather warnings, fire incidents, power outages and school closures. The Dashboard is proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with Local Government NSW.

Getting prepared makes it so much easier to protect yourself, the people and animals you love, and the things you value most. Do you have the Get Prepared App? Visit [redcross.org.au/prepare](https://redcross.org.au/prepare) to download it free! You can also use this link to make an emergency plan for your household to protect what matters most during storms, bushfires, floods or other emergencies.

## PREPARE



## STORMS



October is the start of storm season and Hawkesbury community members are urged to prepare for the storm season with heavy rain predicted. The Bureau of Meteorology has forecast this spring as likely to bring above-average rainfall for the east of Australia. NSW State Emergency Service (SES) volunteers have been preparing for a challenging storm season. Click on the SES Flood, Storm or Tsunami tab on the Dashboard to get ready.

The Hawkesbury-Nepean Valley is a high flood risk region. With near full dams and wetter catchments, there is a higher risk of flooding with each rain event. Check your flood risk and find out how to prepare for future floods by clicking on the 'Prepare for Flood' tab on the Dashboard.

## FLOOD



## BUSHFIRE



Get your bushfire plan ready now. To take the first step in preparing for bushfire, click on the 'Prepare for Bushfire' tab on the Dashboard.

The Bushfire Household Assessment tool at [assessmyrisk.rfs.nsw.gov.au](https://assessmyrisk.rfs.nsw.gov.au) is an easy way for you to assess the risk around your household.



# LIGHT UP WINDSOR

## *Festival*

### *Street Festival*

**SATURDAY, 11 DECEMBER | 5-9PM**

WINDSOR MALL & GEORGE STREET, WINDSOR

CHRISTMAS MARKETS, LIVE & ROVING ENTERTAINMENT,  
KIDS ACTIVITIES, A VISIT FROM SANTA CLAUS & MUCH MORE

### *Light Projections*

**7 MAGICAL NIGHTS | 8-10PM**

DEERUBBIN CENTRE & OLD HAWKESBURY HOSPITAL

LIGHT DISPLAY NIGHTS: 11, 12, 17, 18, 19, 23, 24 DECEMBER



National Bushfire  
Recovery Agency



Destination  
Sydney Surrounds  
North



Windsor Business Group

# NOMINATE A MATE for the 2022 Hawkesbury Australia Day Awards

The Australia Day Awards are a chance to celebrate and congratulate the many individuals, community groups and community organisations who put so much time and effort into making our community such a great place to live, work and play.

We all know someone who inspires us. Hawkesbury, **it is your time to nominate.**

Visit this link to nominate  
[hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/\\_resources/forms/australiadayawards2022](http://hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/_resources/forms/australiadayawards2022)

**NOMINATIONS CLOSE  
29 OCTOBER**

## WHAT'S ON!

### LIBRARY

As of Monday, 18 October, our two Libraries will reopen with limited hours.

#### **HAWKESBURY CENTRAL LIBRARY**

Weekdays 10am–5pm, Saturdays 10am–1pm

#### **RICHMOND BRANCH LIBRARY**

Weekdays 10am–1pm, Saturdays 10am–1pm

Click & Collect is still available at both libraries.

Search and reserve at [aurora.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library](http://aurora.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/library)

#### **BAD SYDNEY CRIME WRITERS FESTIVAL 2021 FREE ZOOM EVENT**

##### **TIM AYLIFFE, THE ENEMY WITHIN**

Wednesday, 27 October 6pm–7pm

Tim Ayliffe talks about his new thriller with Chris Hammer.

Bookings essential: [badsydney.com/who-is-tim-ayliffe-hiding-in-plain-sight](http://badsydney.com/who-is-tim-ayliffe-hiding-in-plain-sight)

### MUSEUM

#### **MUSEUM ONLINE CATALOGUE**

Explore the Museum from home! A range of curator talk videos, activity sheets and more.

Go to [aurora.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/museum/All.aspx??showall=true](http://aurora.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/museum/All.aspx??showall=true)

### GALLERY

#### **GALLERY COLLECTION**

Search our fascinating collections, including recently digitised items.

[hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery](http://hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery)

### LIVING SUSTAINABLY WORKSHOPS

#### **ONLINE WORKSHOP**

**Living with Less:** Decluttering, organising and sustainable living

Wednesday, 10 November 2021

6:30pm–7:30pm

#### **ONLINE WORKSHOP**

**Meal Planning:** Tips to avoid food waste  
Wednesday, 24 November 2021

6:30pm–7:30pm

Register at [hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/for-residents/living-sustainably](http://hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/for-residents/living-sustainably) or email [council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au)



With lockdown restrictions easing, visit [hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](http://hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) to see facility reopening updates.

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