

# Community Newsletter

# 2021 *Summer* edition



**AVAILABLE ONLINE TODAY!**  
[WWW.HAWKESBURY.NSW.GOV.AU](http://WWW.HAWKESBURY.NSW.GOV.AU)



# Celebrating Christmas in the Hawkesbury

The Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councillor Patrick Conolly and his family lit up the Christmas trees in Windsor Mall and Richmond Park as the year drew to a close in 2020.

Plenty of residents and visitors came to Windsor and Richmond over Christmas to see and photograph the lit up Christmas tree and festoon lighting in Windsor Mall and the Christmas tree in Richmond Park using #lightuphawkesbury



## Thanking our Hawkesbury City Council Volunteers

Council is delighted to welcome back more volunteers to Council facilities. Council has currently over 250 volunteers from: Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Hawkesbury Library Service, Hawkesbury Regional Museum, Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter, Cemeteries and the Hawkesbury Community Nursery.

Volunteers do an amazing job for our community and we acknowledge and thank you for your voluntary work.

Instead of a volunteer appreciation party in 2020, Council gave a surprise gift bag to volunteers as a token of Council's appreciation.



check out  
the new Council  
website today!

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

Photo: Destination NSW

Council has launched a new website to make it easy for everyone to find out what's happening at Council, to do business with Council and to connect with Council online. This is Stage One with continued updates planned for Stage Two of the website upgrade.

The new look website offers a streamlined experience with new tabs to make it easier to navigate the website.

There are also Quick Links to our popular services and many opportunities to conduct Council business online. You can find out more here [www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au)

# WE ARE BUILDING HAWKESBURY'S *FUTURE*

Council is working to make Hawkesbury great with improved roads, facilities and infrastructure.

Completed ✓



### Road Upgrade Program

Location: Pebble Hill Road, Maraylya  
Description: Rehabilitation between Mitchell Park Road and Pitt Town Dural Road

Completed ✓



### New Amenities

Location: Governor Phillip Park  
Description: New toilet facilities

### Revitalising our Towns

Three of our town centres - Richmond, Windsor and South Windsor will all be getting a makeover with tree planting, lighting, seating and places for outdoor dining planned in late 2021. The \$18 million investment includes funding from the Federal, State and Local Government.

Visit [www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/bhf](http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/bhf) to see our upcoming, current and completed projects

# Hawkesbury's Disasters

**SES**  
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

**NSW RURAL  
FIRE SERVICE**

For all emergencies, call Triple Zero (000)

**0** Emergency News

*Last Updated a few seconds ago*



New South Wales  
Police

**SES**  
NSW STATE EMERGENCY SERVICE

Flood, storm or traffic  
132 500

**1** Weather Warnings

*Last Updated 10 minutes ago*



Fire and Rescue  
New South Wales



**4** Road and Flood  
closure

*Last Updated a few  
ago*

Weather Radar

River Heights

Services NSW

Hawkesbury Nepean Flood Strategy

Prepare for Flood

Get Ready Disaster

Pets/Animals

Power Outages

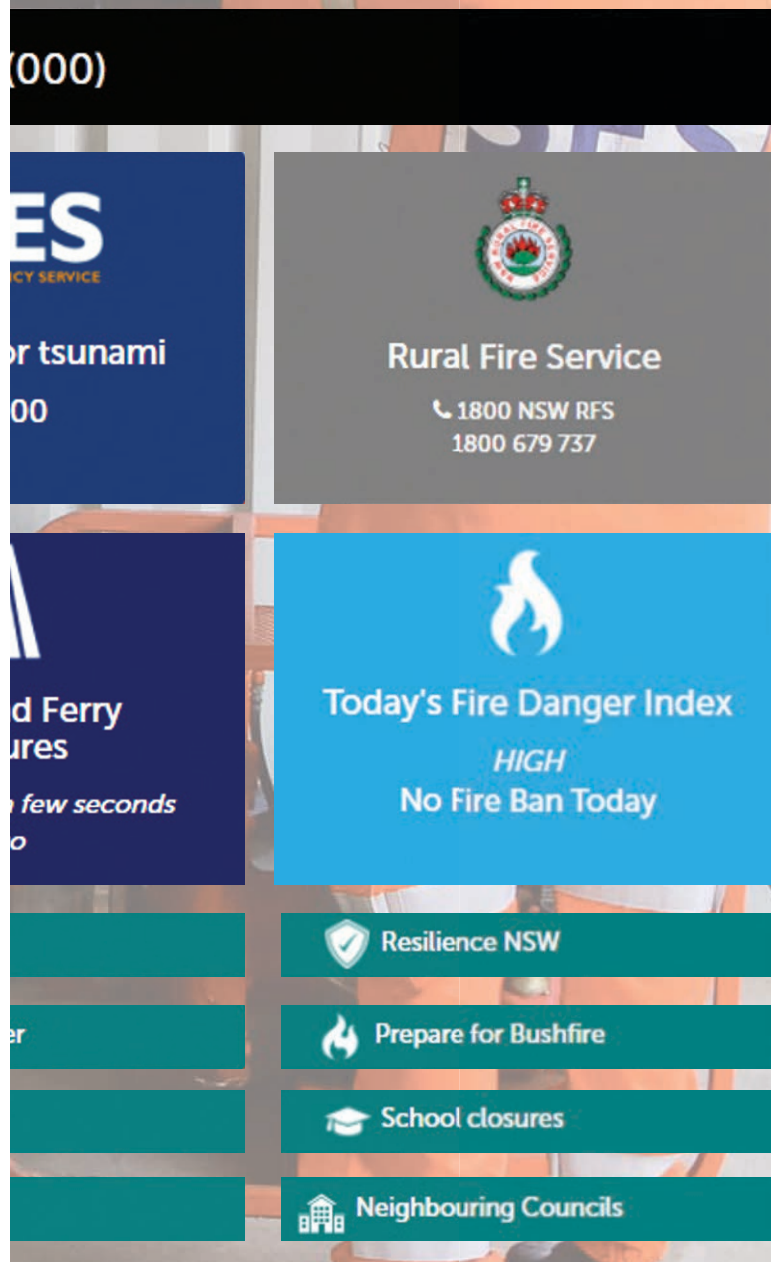
Live Traffic NSW

Council Flood Information

Heatwave

Air Quality

# Disaster and Emergency Dashboard



The Hawkesbury Disaster and Emergency Management Dashboard is now online for our community.

The dashboard provides live updates on road conditions, weather warnings, fire incidents, power outages, flood alerts, bush fire alerts and school closures, all in one convenient location.

Use of the dashboard also has the potential to avoid the need to visit multiple websites or social media pages to find out accurate, current information during an emergency.

The dashboard is also a useful tool to help you prepare and plan. It can be bookmarked on a smart device and is designed to be adaptable to different devices and readily available without the need for a subscription, a log-in or an app download.

Proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with Local Government NSW.

See the dashboard via Council's website [www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au) and click on the Emergencies tab or bookmark the direct link [disaster.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](http://disaster.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au)

# COMMUNITY Consultations

## Net Zero Emissions and Water Strategy

Council invites you to provide feedback and comments on the Draft Net Zero Emissions and Water Efficiency Strategy, which can be found on Your Hawkesbury Your Say at [www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au](http://www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au) until Monday, 15 February 2021. A hardcopy can be viewed at Council's Administration Building, 366 George Street, Windsor during opening hours 9am to 4pm Monday to Friday.

The project aims to allow Council to further its commitment to increase resilience, reduce emissions and become more sustainable. It follows Council's commitment to become a net zero emissions organisation by 2050, if not sooner. Our community has also expressed their desire to live more sustainably and reduce their ecological footprint.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

Your Hawkesbury Your Say is one of the ways Hawkesbury City Council involves the community in its decision making process. This online community engagement hub is a place for you to get involved, find out information and have your say about important issues and projects in the Hawkesbury.  
.....It's Your Hawkesbury - have Your Say

To have your say visit  
[yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au](http://yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au)

## Plans of Management

Council is preparing **Plans of Management** for two of our most popular parks and reserves.

### 1 YARRAMUNDI and NAVUA Reserve



### 2 MACQUARIE Park



Have your say on the future plans for these spaces.

Visit [yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au](http://yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au)

# Governor Phillip Park Stage 2

Exciting news for kids and families is that Stage 2 of the Governor Phillip Park playground installation will be underway in 2021. It will include a double flying fox and even a climbing structure for older children. Expected completion of Stage 2 is around Easter 2021.

Council will install an additional picnic shelter with tables and chairs next to the playground in February 2021.



@hawkesburycouncil

Stay connected online via the Hawkesbury City Council facebook page to see the progress of our current projects.



## BUSHFIRE Recovery

Recovery Support Services for those affected by last season's unprecedented bushfires have been extended until the end of 2021 by the Australia Government and the NSW Government. Recovery Support Services are jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements.

The Hawkesbury is supported by Step By Step Bushfire Recovery Support Service - contact Anne on 0417 298 832; Department of Primary Industries - contact Anthea 0409 440 297; NSW Health Bushfire and COVID Team - contact Vanessa 0429 001 034.



Council's community recovery team recently held Hawkesbury community catch-ups with Red Cross and Peppercorn Services in Colo Heights, Bilpin and St Albans.

For Bushfire Recovery matters, please call Community Recovery Officer Liz on 4560 4444 or 0437 144 475 or email [emurphy@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](mailto:emurphy@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au)

For more information about Bushfire Recovery in the Hawkesbury, please visit [www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/bushfire-recovery](http://www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/bushfire-recovery) This site includes information on grants, relevant links and contact details to make it easier for the community to access all the latest information.

# save the date 2021



**CELEBRATE**  
*Australia day*  
the **HAWKESBURY**  
*way*

For more information about the Australia Day what's on guide visit [www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au](http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au)



**2021 HAWKESBURY COMMUNITY'S POOL PARTY**  
**SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY**  
Richmond Swimming Centre  
11am - 3pm

let's celebrate the end of the summer with a SPLASH!



## THE NEW QUILT

The New Quilt is a survey exhibition of contemporary Australian quilt art presented by QuiltNSW showcasing never before seen quilts.

FREE EXHIBITION - Saturday 6 February until 11 April 2021.  
Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, 1st Floor at Deerubbin Centre  
visit for more information  
[www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery/exhibitions](http://www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery/exhibitions)

# SNAKE BITE kit

We know Hawkesbury locals enjoy the outdoors so it makes sense to have a snake bite kit in the home or in the car - just to be on the safe side.

It is used in the wilderness first aid courses throughout Australia, it includes:

- ▶ a heavyweight snake bite bandage
- ▶ a heavyweight compression bandage
- ▶ snake bite first aid instructions
- ▶ emergency action card

**With every purchase you will receive a local snake ID card.**

**Available from the Hawkesbury Visitor Information Centre**

Open 7 days a week.  
9am to 4pm  
Ph. 4560 4620  
328 Hawkesbury Valley Way  
(opposite the RAAF base)  
Richmond



**Only \$23**



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