



HAWKESBURY CITY COUNCIL

Community Newsletter



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Hawkesbury 2036

Council staff and Councillors have been out in the community meeting with local residents during February and March to hear about local concerns and to talk about the Draft Hawkesbury Community Strategic Plan 2017–2036.

The Hawkesbury Community Strategic Plan is the core document underpinning Council's future planning which identifies directions and strategies for Council over the next twenty years. Nine Town Meetings were held across the Hawkesbury at North Richmond, Windsor, Richmond, Pitt Town, Glossodia, Colo Heights, Kurrajong, Bligh Park and St Albans. Five Listening Kiosks were held at local shopping centres.

The Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councillor Mary Lyons-Buckett and other Councillors attended many of the Town Meetings to talk with local residents. The meetings were very interactive and the Listening Kiosks have offered many opportunities for people to ask about the Draft Hawkesbury Community Strategic Plan and other issues. For more information visit <http://yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hawkesbury-community-strategic-plan>



Many community members attended Town Meetings

Community engagement at a glance

- Town Meetings were attended by approximately 350 people with the highest attendance at Pitt Town, St Alban's, Kurrajong, Colo Heights, North Richmond and Glossodia.
- Community input at the Town Meetings included the community identifying over 250 big picture future challenges for the Hawkesbury and 400 individual priorities for works or services within each neighbourhood.
- Five Listening Kiosks at shopping centres were held at Windsor, Richmond, Bilpin, North Richmond and Wilberforce.
- Various local events including the Richmond Pool Party, McLeod Park Community Celebration, Australia Day Awards Ceremony and Citizenship Ceremony enabled Council to engage directly with the Hawkesbury community.
- Over 300 people have viewed the Your Hawkesbury Your Say page <http://yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/home> including the online survey <http://yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hawkesbury-community-strategic-plan>
- Residents have taken 2,100 copies of the draft Community Strategic Plan through various sources including Town Meetings, Listening Kiosks, Council events, Council's Administration Building, and displays at Libraries.



Hawkesbury
EVENTS

#hawkesburysay

Find out about local events at Council's Hawkesbury Events Facebook page. To be featured on this page, email events@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au. Please refer to 'About' on the page for details you will need to provide.

Safe Schools pledge

Council has pledged its support for the Safe Schools Program with the Mayor of Hawkesbury, Councillor Mary Lyons-Buckett signing the formal pledge at Colo High School recently. Safe Schools is a program designed to create safe and inclusive schools, free from homophobic and transphobic bullying for Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Intersex and Questioning (LGBTIQ) young people. Colo High School is implementing the Safe Schools Program. Visit www.safeschoolscoalition.org.au for more information.

Council is proud to add its voice in support of this important program, as a way to show support for our LGBTIQ young people, and for the schools that support gender diversity. Council has supported LGBTIQ people through a previous Notice of Motion supporting Marriage Equality.



Councillor Amanda Kotlash, Councillor Danielle Wheeler, Hawkesbury Mayor Mary Lyons-Buckett and Deputy Mayor Barry Calvert at Colo High School

Australia's favourite portrait prize

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery is proud to host the annual Archibald Prize touring exhibition from Friday, 19 May until Sunday, 2 July 2017. First awarded in 1921, it is one of Australia's oldest and most prestigious art awards. The Archibald Prize exhibition is a who's who of Australian culture – from politicians to celebrities, sporting heroes to artists. This is a wonderful chance to see all the finalists in the Archibald Prize 2016 right here in the Hawkesbury. By arrangement with the Art Gallery of NSW this is a ticketed event: adults \$5, teens \$3, family \$15 (2 adults/3 teens), Gallery Members and children under 12 are free. There will also be a Gallery Curator talk from 1pm to 2pm on Monday, 22 May 2017 - a great way to learn more about the touring exhibition - no need to book.

Taking a tourism focus

Council's Tourism Working Group has now become the Hawkesbury Tourism Advisory Committee. With membership comprising eight community representatives and three Councillors, the new Council Committee approach allows the community to advise Council directly on how best to support local and regional tourism development. The Community Committee members include tourism operators, small business operators, and community representatives with expertise in tourism, events and marketing. A key activity of the Tourism Strategy is to develop a new destination website. The website aims to create a fresh new experience for Hawkesbury travellers and residents looking to explore their local area.

Oasis upgrades



Five year old Georgia raised over \$400 for the YMCA Swimathon

Significant upgrades and refurbishments have been recently completed at Oasis Aquatic and Leisure Centre in South Windsor. These include a brand new timber sprung floor and ceilings in the group fitness room, an overhaul of the female and male bathrooms, as well as family change rooms with baby change tables and showers to ensure youth security. New facilities for people with disabilities include a cold filtered, wheelchair compliant water dispenser and sensor lighting in the bathrooms. Outside the building, the refurbishments include a grassed area, shade sails and accessible pathway. One of the most extensive changes is the upgraded pool filter and heat pump to ensure the cleanliness and temperature of the outdoor pool.

Oasis Aquatic and Leisure Centre offers great value memberships, which allow full access to all facilities including a fully equipped Health Club comprising of small group training classes, group fitness classes as well as the pool, sauna and steam rooms. Creche, personal training and boot camps are also available as additional services. Swimming lessons are available seven days for all levels. Visit www.ymcansw.org.au/centres/oasis or call 4587 8900 for more information.

Road improvements



Completed road project at Crooked Lane, North Richmond

Road users are benefiting from recent road improvements on Crooked Lane, North Richmond which is an important thoroughfare for the North Richmond community and the adjoining suburbs of The Slopes, Kurmond and beyond. Improvements include the reconstruction, widening and sealing of the road using Roads to Recovery funding of \$294,000. Freemans Reach Road, Freemans Reach has also had reconstruction and sealing upgrades using Roads to Recovery funding of \$876,000.

McLeod Park connection



Hawkesbury Mayor, Mary Lyons-Buckett, Councillors and the NSW Department of Family and Community Services team

Council hosted a free community celebration at McLeod Park, South Windsor on Thursday, 2 March 2017 to celebrate recent park improvements. Council and the NSW Department of Family and Community Services funded the park improvements.

Located on the corner of George and Campbell Streets, South Windsor, McLeod Park now boasts new picnic shelters, new seating, a new bubbler and fresh landscaping to create a functional, accessible outdoor community space for everyone to enjoy.

More than ten community and outreach services attended on the day which offered a great opportunity for the South Windsor community to connect. This event was part of a series of Council events to be held this year that aim to connect our community. If you would like to know more upcoming events in the Hawkesbury, please visit Hawkesbury Events Facebook.

Get 70% off

Residents can purchase a compost bin or a worm farm kit with a 70% discount through Compost Revolution, a great program running since July 2015 thanks to the NSW Government's Waste Less Recycle More Initiative. Just complete a quick online quiz to get your discount. Compost bins start from \$29.90 and worm farm kits, including farming kits and worms cost only \$44.90. Delivery included. Visit <http://compostrevolution.com.au> but hurry - offer ends June 2017!

Outstanding community leader

Congratulations to Chris Cleary from StreetMed Incorporated, who won a Zest Award for Outstanding Community Leader – Voluntary Capacity.

Chris Cleary founded StreetMed in 2014, a registered Not-For-Profit organisation. Now, through a group of volunteers using their own cars, StreetMed provides street level first aid, mental health services and advocacy for homeless people and other people at risk in the Hawkesbury and Greater Western Sydney. Chris has worked tirelessly in the community sector for the last 22 years, including her voluntary role with State Emergency Services in the Critical Incident Counselling Services Team for the last 14 years.

Visit <http://streetmed.org.au> for information.



Zest Award for Ending Homelessness Project

Hawkesbury City Council is proudly supporting an exciting award-winning project called 'Heading Home - Ending Homelessness', which was launched by Wentworth Community Housing, Platform Youth Services and Mission Australia, together with Mercy Foundation at Windsor RSL in 2016. The project has won a 2017 Zest Award for Exceptional Community Partnership across a Region. The Zest Awards are the premier community sector awards for Greater Western Sydney.

Heading Home unites specialist homelessness services, local businesses, real estate agents, volunteer groups and government to identify the most vulnerable people in our community to work together and provide the housing and support that people need to maintain a home. For more information, visit www.headinghome-endinghomelessnesshere.org.au or call 4777 8021.

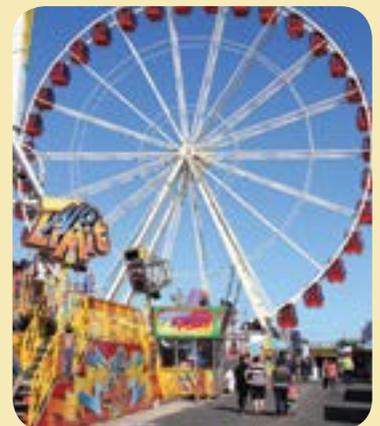


Team members from the award winning Heading Home - Ending Homelessness Project

Hawkesbury Show

Step right up and experience a local show like no other when the annual Hawkesbury Show runs from Friday, 5 May to Sunday, 7 May 2017. It's three days of fun and excitement for all the family, from stunning fireworks displays to exhilarating rides and thrills - there's something for everyone at the 2017 Hawkesbury Show.

The schedule of events will include woodchopping, art and crafts exhibits, racing pigs, the Isuzu D-Max precision driving team, horse events plus flyball dog demonstrations, Kachan School of Tumbling, unchained BMX performances and a host of special daily surprises.



The Hawkesbury Show will be held at Hawkesbury Showground, 40 Racecourse Road, Clarendon. Opening hours: Friday, 5 May - 9am to 11pm; Saturday, 6 May - 9am to 11pm; Sunday, 7 May - 9am to 5pm. Special ticket prices for families and concession. Three day passes also available. For more information and show schedules visit www.hawkesburyshow.com.au

Save the date

Sports Awards

Come along and support our local sport stars! The 2017 Sports Awards Presentation Dinner will be held at Lynwood Country Club in Pitt Town on Friday evening, 29 May 2017.

Proudly sponsored by Hawkesbury City Council, Lynwood Country Club and Vintage FM, outstanding members of our sporting community will be recognised in nine categories including Sports Person of the Year, Junior Sports Person of the Year, Coach of the Year and Service to Sport. Visit www.hawkesburysportsawards.eventbrite.com.au for tickets - tickets must be purchased in advance. For further information contact Council's Event Coordinator on 4560 4404.



2016 winners with Hawkesbury Mayor, Sports Award sponsors and supporters

Don't be a tosser

Council is cracking down on littering by encouraging community members to register with the NSW Environment Protection Authority (EPA) to Report a Tossler - when people see littering from vehicles. Research shows people are less likely to litter when they know someone is watching. The anti-littering campaign aims to raise awareness, change behaviour, reduce clean-up costs - which saves ratepayers money, and keeps our community clean. Get on board by registering at the NSW EPA website www.epa.nsw.gov.au/reporttoepa to Report a Tossler.

From the Mayor's Desk



Stay up to date with what's happening at Council by visiting the Mayor's weekly online column at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/from-the-mayor

Art and Dementia Tours

Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor

Third Tuesday of the month 11am to 12:30pm

Free - bookings essential by phone on 4560 4418 so the Gallery can meet any special requirements and tailor the tour to your specific needs.

Cemetery Tours

Thursday, 11 May 9:30am to 11:15am

Visit McGraths Hill and Pitt Town to rediscover some of Hawkesbury's lesser known cemeteries.

FREE - bookings essential. Book at

www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com or call 4560 4460 for more details. Wear comfortable shoes.

3D Printing

Monday, 15 May 5:30 to 7pm

The kids have had a chance to play, now it's the grown-ups turn! Create your own 3D key ring.

For 18 years+. Hawkesbury Central Library

\$5 - bookings essential. Book at

www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com or 4560 4460.

Hawkesbury Central Library, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor

National Simultaneous Storytime

Wednesday, 24 May 10:30am

Come dressed as your favourite nursery rhyme character. Join Puddles the Reading Dragon for morning tea at 10:30am followed by stories at 11am.

FREE - no need to book. Suitable for 3-5 years.

Hawkesbury Central Library, Deerubbin Centre, 300 George Street, Windsor

Rex Stubbs History Symposium

Saturday, 9 September 9.30am-4.30pm

Local residents, if you are history lover or history seeker this event is for you! A range of topics will be presented by speakers followed by Q&A sessions.

FREE - bookings essential. Refreshments provided.

Book at www.hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com or

4560 4460. Tebbutt Room, Deerubbin Centre 300 George Street, Windsor

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