



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

PET PROJECTS



Check out the exciting new 'pupdates' at your Animal Shelter

See **page 3** for more details



Available online today!
hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Have you heard about how we're transforming Council's Waste Management Facility? This is great news for our community because it is set to make the facility more financially sustainable. At the March Council Meeting, Councillors considered two reports regarding extending the life of the facility, increasing the ability to recover more valuable resources, and expanding the customer base for recoverable items to neighbouring Local Government Areas, which Council resolved to do.

Living sustainably is also helping to reduce the load on Council's Waste Management Facility. Our Hawkesbury Living Sustainably workshop series continues with upcoming free workshops including Waterwise Gardens in May and Solar and Energy Efficiency in June. Check out our web page, www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/for-residents/living-sustainably/sustainability-workshops for details. This link also provides information about our free e-waste remote area collection coming up in May for Macdonald Valley–St Albans residents as well as problem waste collections for Colo Heights and Macdonald Valley–St Albans residents in June.



Did you know that Council provides regular Council Meeting updates on Facebook after each meeting? I encourage all residents and ratepayers to maintain an active interest in what happens at Council. I also encourage our residents be involved in our community through our events and our community engagement programs – there's always so much happening, so let's all get involved.

Every Friday, Council also provides an update on Facebook of all the key happenings at Council, just in case you missed them. If you want to stay up to date and in touch, follow us on Facebook and regularly check in to our website at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

I encourage you to see the 2023 Archibald Prize Touring Exhibition, Australia's foremost portraiture prize at the Hawkesbury Regional Gallery. I was delighted to open such a distinguished exhibition. I was also honoured to be asked to have my own portrait painted by the Hawkesbury community and artists – it was a lovely experience and lots of fun. Congratulations also to our Young Archies competition winners – see the photos on our 'Around the Hawkesbury' on page 11. Make sure you don't miss out – see the exhibition before it closes on 28 April. You can find the details at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/gallery/exhibitions

I hope our young residents are enjoying the school holidays with their families – remember we have lots of school holiday activities from Hawkesbury Library Service and our Museum and Gallery – see the back page for links to more What's On information – there's always something happening in the Hawkesbury.

With the change in season, many of us are driving at dawn and dusk when many native animals are most active. If we drive with caution on both rural and urban roads, we'll help to protect ourselves and other people and native animals such as wombats, echidnas, koalas, kangaroos, wallabies, reptiles, possums and more. WIRES is asking us to give way to wildlife; be prepared; locate surviving joeys; and prevent further accidents. Find out more www.wires.org.au/assets/modules/homepage/files/driver-brochure.pdf

Keep safe and keep smiling.

Mayor of Hawkesbury
Councillor Sarah McMahon





YOUR ANIMAL SHELTER IS GROWING!

It's extra nice to meet you!

First impressions matter. That's why your Companion Animal Shelter has gone the extra **two yards** to make meeting your new fur-ever friend an easier and more relaxed experience with **two** new meet and greet areas.

The new yards are located away from the main building to ensure first time meetings are quiet and relaxed. The new yards include anti-dig fencing, benches and shade sails.

The cattery has also had a major revamp, with new kitty condos and a meeting space now open. The old male cattery has been overhauled to provide a quarantine area for sick cats that may arrive at the shelter so they can receive the TLC they need without sharing their bugs with others.

Council also recently offered free microchipping for cats and dogs, as well as discounted pet desexing for eligible residents.

More microchipping days and desexing vouchers will be made available later in the year, so follow Hawkesbury City Council on Facebook to be notified.



NEW WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE

Check it out at hawkesburycas.com.au



HAVE YOUR SAY ON NEW CYCLEWAY



A new cycleway connecting Kurrajong and Kurmond to North Richmond is coming!

The \$4.538 million Kurrajong to Kurmond Cycleway Project will construct a shared pedestrian and cycle path alongside Bells Line of Road between Kurmond and Kurrajong. It is being funded through the NSW Government's Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants program.

These works will complete a continuous off-road link between North Richmond and Kurrajong, supporting Council's and the community's goal to increase active transport and recreation use by residents and tourists.

Design works have commenced and draft designs are now available for the community to review and to provide comment. Have Your Say today.



The draft plans will be on exhibition at www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au from Monday, 22 April 2024 to Friday, 17 May 2024.

Proudly funded by the NSW Government through the Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants program.

CHECK OUT WOODBURY RESERVE!

Work is moving forward on the new BMX pump track at Woodbury Reserve, Glossodia. The track itself is now complete and final landscaping works around the track are now being finalised. It is expected that the project will be completed by the first week of May. The pump track was funded by the NSW Government through an Open Spaces Program: Places to Play grant.

Work will then start on paved carparking and the youth space near the amenities building. These works are funded by the Federal Government to the value of \$3 million.

Construction will soon also extend to the rest of the reserve as part of the Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants program. This \$5.423 million grant will see the creation of a new playground, skate park, new amenities building, off-leash dog park, shared walking paths, shelters and barbecues.



HAVE YOUR SAY

MAKE A **SPLASH** FOR YOUR NEW **SWIMMING CENTRE**

Hawkesbury City Council is delivering a major upgrade to Richmond Swimming Centre, and we want you to Have Your Say.

Let Council know how you would like to use this new swimming centre, and what services and programs you would like to be offered so it can be the best design possible.

Plans include an indoor and outdoor eight-lane 50m pool with a boom that separates into two 25 metre pools, one with the ability to enclose during winter; as well as a splash park and increased shade and picnic facilities. The centre will also be fully accessible for people of all ages and abilities.

Go online, view the project and Have Your Say by 5pm on Friday, 17 May 2024 at

www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/richmond-swimming-centre
or scan the QR code.



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Artist Impression

HAVE YOUR SAY

NEW COMMUNITY HUB IN NORTH RICHMOND

The North Richmond Community Centre is a pivotal hub for community life west of the Hawkesbury River.

The redevelopment of the North Richmond Community Centre will create a hub that will serve as a meeting and cultural space, social and recreational hub, and a much-needed fit-for-purpose emergency evacuation centre. It will include a new library, performing arts space, indoor sports stadium and outdoor space improvements.

Let Council know how you would like to use this new community centre, and what services and programs you would like it to offer, so the architects can create the best design with the community in mind.

Go online, view the project and Have Your Say by 5pm on Friday, 17 May 2024 at www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/north-richmond-community-precinct or scan the QR code.

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Artist Impression



INTRODUCING ,THE BIN BUNCH!

HELPING TO KEEP YOUR HAWKESBURY BEAUTIFUL

**CAPTAIN
RECYCLE**



Remember,
NO BATTERIES
in any of your
bins!

**GENERAL
WASTE**

Check what can be
recycled so I'm not so full



Garden
organics
only for me
please!

**GARDENER
GREEN**



YOUR NEW ONLINE WASTE GUIDE AND DASHBOARD

**Can't remember whether it's yellow or green bin week?
Not sure if you can recycle a particular item?**

Council has launched the 'Find Your Bin Collection Day' Dashboard and Waste Guide on its website: data.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/pages/waste-dashboard

Hawkesbury residents can now search their address, find their bin collection day and see if it's recycling or garden organics collection week through the Online Dashboard. The new search function will also enable Council staff to respond effectively and efficiently to enquiries and reports of a missed service.

Meanwhile, the Waste Guide offers residents the ability to search for different items to know if they can be recycled or need to be disposed of and in which bin or location. This will help us reduce contamination in the recycling and organics bins, allow residents to answer their waste questions quickly and easily, and offer an 'Ask a Waste Expert form' for those tricky items that can cause great debates in the household.

Find your Bin Collection Day

We are committed to reducing waste to landfill, improving the recovery of recyclables and reducing litter across the region.

Enter your address to see your next waste collection



GENERAL WASTE

N/A
Enter address



RECYCLING

N/A
Enter address



GREEN WASTE

N/A
Enter address



KERBSIDE CLEAN UP

Before booking, please check the accepted materials and waste presentation guidelines. To book a clean up, contact Council's contractor Cleanway on 1300 889 527

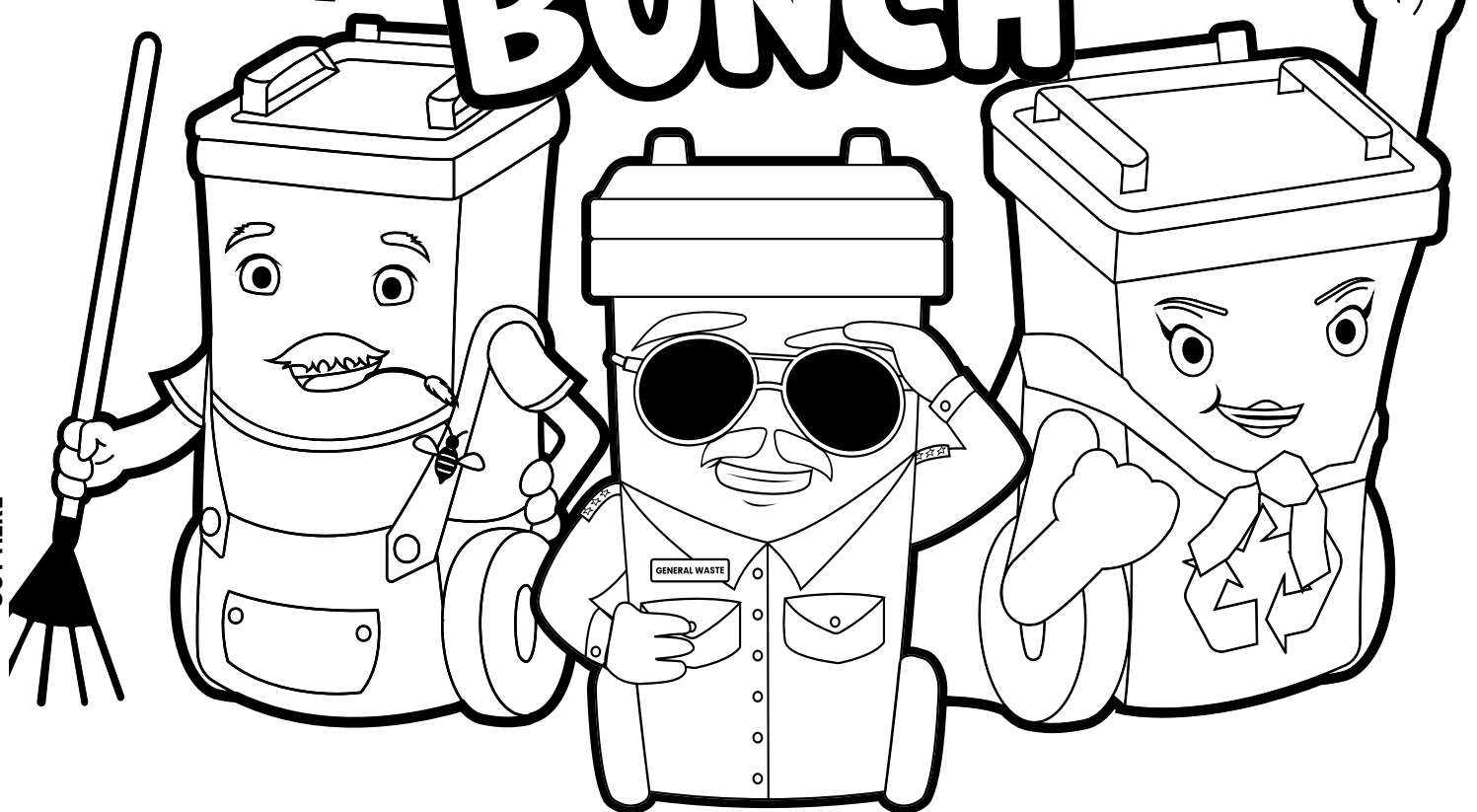
To see the Waste Guide and Dashboard, check out data.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/pages/waste-dashboard or scan the QR code



THE BIN BUNCH

GARDENER GREEN

CAPTAIN RECYCLE



GENERAL WASTE

The Bin Bunch is here to help save the Hawkesbury from waste! There are many creative ways you can help reduce waste at home, and we want you to show your creativity with The Bin Bunch colouring competition! The competition is open for students up to Year 6, in five categories – Preschool, Kindy, Year 1 to Year 2, Year 3 and 4, and Year 5 and 6. The winner in each category will win a Lego Duplo, Friends, City or Technic recycling/garbage truck. Simply colour in your entry and either place it in the entry boxes at Hawkesbury Central Library, Richmond Library or Council's Administration Building, or post it to **Bin Bunch Colouring Competition, Hawkesbury City Council, PO Box 146, Windsor NSW 2756**. Entries close Friday, 24 May 2024.

Visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/for-residents/waste-and-recycling for terms and conditions.

NAME OF ENTRANT: _____

SCHOOL YEAR OF ENTRANT: _____ **SUBURB:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THOMAS JAMES BRIDGE



The reinstatement of the historic Thomas James Bridge is well underway. Council is taking great care to ensure the heritage value of the bridge is retained despite the significant program of works that are needed to ensure the bridge will be flood resilient. It is hoped this bridge will serve the Macdonald Valley community for generations to come.



The sandstone block wall has been carefully disassembled. Each block, hand cut by convicts, has been numbered and removed for safe storage, to be reassembled once the bridge is complete. Excavation and pouring for the new bridge footings is also continuing.



Debris from the adjacent landslide is being removed, and stabilisation of the rock face on the Wisemans Ferry approach is underway.

Council is targeting a January 2025 completion, weather and ground conditions permitting.

The approaches on Settlers Road and the adjacent rock face of Thomas James Bridge were seriously damaged during the March 2022 flood, and again during the July 2022 flood.

The road serves as a critical link for residents of the Macdonald Valley south to the rest of Sydney. It is also the oldest in-use convict-built bridge, circa 1830s, and as such is an important heritage item that is worth preserving.



RENEWING HAWKESBURY'S ROADS

Your source of truth for road repairs and projects in the Hawkesbury



To see our latest projects visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/emergency/renewing-hawkesburys-roads



Saunders Road, Oakville



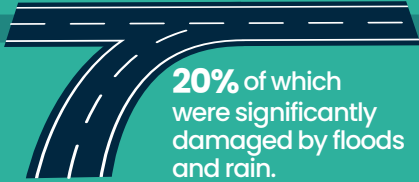
Grose Vale Road, North Richmond



Cornwells Lane, Richmond Lowlands

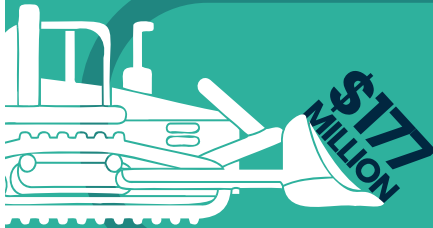
OUR ROAD REPAIRS THE JOURNEY SO FAR

Hawkesbury LGA has
1063km of roads



20% of which were significantly damaged by floods and rain.

Just over 18 months since the last major flood, Council's commitment to repair our weather-damaged roads remains **resolute**.



Since the July 2022 flood, our infrastructure repair teams have made significant progress into the **\$177 million** backlog of roads damaged by floodwaters, landslides and wet weather.



A significant majority of this money has come from state and federal funding programs – the rest from Council's annual budget.

Since the July 2022 flood, Council has spent in total **\$66.965 million** on road repairs, maintenance and upgrades as of January 2024.



As of January, the total annual spend on roads has risen from **\$8.07 million** in 2017/2018 to **\$41.01 million** so far this financial year.



Many of the damaged roads are in regions and communities far away from the urban centres around Windsor and Richmond. For these regional residents, their roads are often the only way in or out. These regional roads often have higher speed limits in more difficult terrain which increases risks to motorists. Council is prioritising the repair of roads in regional areas before roads in urban centres, which have many alternative road routes.



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Introducing Hawkesbury Bite Size! Your quarterly Council newsletter in a digital at-a-glance format!

Hawkesbury Bite-Size transforms all the quarterly Council Newsletter articles into small, informative snippets. See something you like? Click on the snippet to read the full article.

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Hawkesbury City Council is inviting residents to view and comment on Council's Draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan, which is on public exhibition until Tuesday, 7 May 2024 at yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au

The Draft 2024/2025 Operational Plan has been developed to outline the proposed projects, programs and activities for 2024/2025. It also includes information about rates, fees and charges and estimated income and expenditure.

Some of the highlights of the Draft Operational Plan include:

\$107.6 million
on improving local roads and drainage

\$39.8 million
on upgrading public spaces, parks, sports and recreation facilities

\$45.6 million
on community and culture including community buildings, events, Libraries, Gallery and Museum

\$39.1 million
to be spent on waste collection, landfill, and sewer

HAVE YOUR SAY

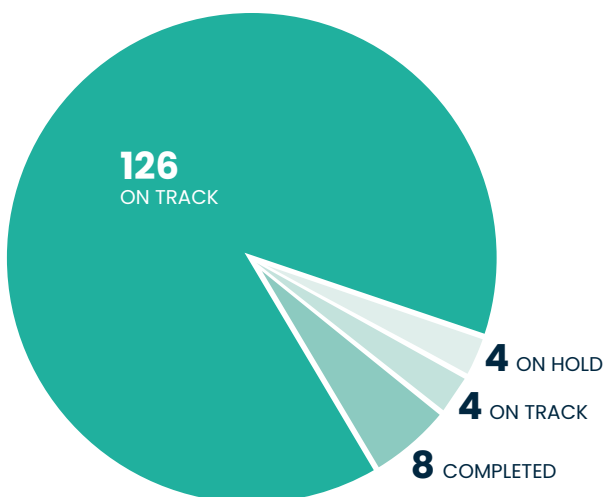
DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024/2025



UPDATES ON THE CURRENT OPERATIONAL PLAN

This year's Operational Plan contains 142 actions that Council seeks to achieve by 30 June 2024. As at 31 December 2023, 134 of these actions were either completed or on track for completion.

HIGHLIGHTS



- Completed the draft Disability Inclusion Action Plan and placed it on public exhibition.
- Held a Christmas Party to thank our loyal volunteers from the Gallery, Museum, Library, Bushcare and Nursery.
- Finalised key plans including the Environmental Sustainability Strategy, Climate Change Risk Assessment and Adaptation Action Plan and Customer Service Experience Policy and Charter.
- Held two signature events: Savour the Flavour in October and Light Up Windsor in December, activating town centres and bringing people together.

AROUND THE... HAWKESBURY

Council is delivering programs and infrastructure to make the Hawkesbury a great place to live. Here is a quick snapshot of Council's work.



Congratulations to our Hawkesbury City Council Australia Day Award winners for 2024.



Eighty students from across the Hawkesbury attended the Student Leadership Program.



The Young Archies opened at Hawkesbury Central Library at Windsor.



New kayak launch at Cattai, including a new car park, funded by the NSW Recreational Fishing Trust.



New shelter for Pound Paddock off-leash area at Richmond.



New wayfinding signage unveiled at Richmond and South Windsor.



Sam Mac from Sunrise visited Windsor and stayed for an apple pie eating competition with Windsor High School students.



The Archibald Prize Regional Tour opened at Hawkesbury Regional Gallery.



The Mileham Street Netball Courts were resurfaced, thanks to a NSW Government Grant.



The upgraded Peel Park at North Richmond was officially opened in February.



We held our biggest ever Australia Day on the Hawkesbury, with more than 10,000 people attending.



We held two Citizenship Ceremonies, welcoming 44 citizens on Australia Day and 11 citizens in March.

WHAT'S ON!

AUTUMN HOLIDAY FUN

Council is presenting a range of fun programs to keep the kids entertained during the autumn school holidays. See the Eventbrite link for all holiday activities.



LIBRARY

4560 4460

Richmond Branch Library
29 West Market Street, Richmond

Hawkesbury Central Library
300 George Street, Windsor

SCHOOL HOLIDAY EVENT MR BAMBOOZLE'S MAGICAL GAME SHOW

WEDNESDAY, 24 APRIL 2024 10:30AM - 11:30AM

This show blends storytelling with baffling magic and crazy game show fun that will challenge your thinking and imagination. Suitable for 5-12 year olds. Children under 10 must be accompanied by an adult. All children's tickets \$5, accompanying adults receive one free ticket.

Bookings essential at hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS TUESDAY MOVIE

TUE, 23 APR 2024 2PM - 3:30PM

Watch a new release DVD in a relaxed setting. Bring your own snacks and drinks. At Hawkesbury Central Library.

Bookings essential at hawkesburylibrary.eventbrite.com



GALLERY

4560 4441

Deerubbin Centre (top floor)
300 George Street, Windsor

THE ARCHIBALD PRIZE 2023 REGIONAL TOUR

DON'T MISS OUT! OPEN UNTIL SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024

An Art Gallery of New South Wales touring exhibition.

Image cropped: oil on linen 122.5 x 91.7 cm by Marie Mansfield of Ronni Kahn AO (founder OzHarvest)



THE NEW QUILT - 3 MAY 2024 - 23 JUNE 2024

QuiltNSW is excited that The New Quilt is returning to Hawkesbury Regional Gallery, Windsor, NSW from 3 May to 23 June 2024. This juried survey exhibition, showcasing the art of quilting in a gallery setting, is open to any textile artist resident in Australia whether or not they are QuiltNSW members. Toured throughout Australia by the Art Gallery of NSW.

SYDNEY PRINTMAKERS

28 JUNE 2024 - 18 AUGUST 2024

This exhibition pays homage to traditional printmaking practices using etching, woodblock and lithography while also extending an investigation into contemporary hybrid forms of printmaking with monoprints, unique state prints, photopolymer and new digital technologies. Image below: Tuckfield Carrano Madeleine Tuckfield-Carrano Threadbare 2022



See the Eventbrite link for Gallery events: hawkesburygallery.eventbrite.com



MUSEUM

4560 4655

Hawkesbury Regional Museum
8 Baker Street, Windsor



CURATOR'S TALK: STARRY NIGHT - SATURDAY, 8 JUNE 11AM - MIDDAY

Join museum curator, Kelsey McMorrow who will highlight the little-known assistants who supported the work of Hawkesbury's preeminent 19th Century astronomer, John Tebbutt. FREE - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. Includes light refreshments.



TALK AND PRESENTATION: CABBAGE TREE HATS - HISTORY AND CONSTRUCTION

SATURDAY 20 JULY, 11AM - 12.30PM

Join expert Sue Brian to hear about the history of the cabbage tree hat, the distinctively Australian headwear of the 19th century. During the presentation, Sue will demonstrate the art of cabbage tree hat making while her husband, Don accompanies her with song. For all ages (free for under 18s) \$10 - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. Light refreshments provided.

See the Eventbrite link for Museum events: hawkesburymuseum.eventbrite.com

HAWKESBURY LIVING SUSTAINABLY WORKSHOP SERIES

Upcoming workshops can be found on the Living Sustainably section of the Council website www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/for-residents/living-sustainably/sustainability-workshops



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living sustainably

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



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