

COMMUNITY REPORT



A YEAR IN REVIEW JULY 2022



HAWKESBURY FEST

CELEBRATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK



Hawkesbury Fest is back!

For more information

See page 4

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www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



Welcome to your 2022 Community Report. At the time of publication, we are in a flood emergency once again and facing severe weather warnings, and I know how heart breaking it is for our community to be going through this again. I hope by the time you are reading this report that we are in recovery and that you know we are here for you. Please see pages 4-5 about our recovery support and Community Hubs.

Inside you will find updates on Council's financial position, our plans for the coming 12 months, and updates on important projects, flood repair works and events.

Four of Council's most important community plans – the Community Strategic Plan 2022-2042, the Delivery Program 2022-2026, Operational Plan 2022-2023 and the Long Term Financial Plan 2022-2032 have now been adopted by Council. You can see these plans on our website www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Council will deliver operational programs as outlined in the adopted Operational Plan. Council spends its operating budgets on maintaining infrastructure in the Hawkesbury such as parks, recreational facilities, roads, bridges, community buildings and community facilities.

We also use these funds to deliver essential services to the community, including waste, sewerage, storm water services, community services and cultural services. Other services provided include city planning and corporate services. Apart from direct service delivery, Council also supports other bodies, including emergency services and recreational services by way of contributions.

Council recently held a thank you event for all of our emergency services who have helped us during bushfires, floods, storms, the pandemic, disasters and emergencies over the past three challenging years. During the event, we played a thank you video which showed emergency services working together. To see the video visit Council's Youtube channel www.youtube.com/HawkesburyCityCouncil

We are also establishing a new infrastructure recovery team to prioritise the repair of roads damaged by floods using extra funding announced under the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements from the NSW and Australian Governments.

The new team will be tasked with repairing the estimated \$50 million to \$70 million in required road repairs stemming from the 2021 and 2022 floods. This will be a focused approach to flood related road repairs without affecting the delivery of other important budgeted projects.

I fought for this funding over months, so it's a relief to know that they have heard and understood the need for urgent action following two years of floods. Funding has been guaranteed for up to two years to ensure that essential repairs are seen through to completion. See page 6.

I'm delighted to announce that Council will receive \$3.3 million from the NSW Government for a Multi-Sport Community Facility at Fernadell Park, Pitt Town. Council will contribute an additional \$1.68 million, which will enable Council to build Stage 1 of the approximately \$11 million project. Our community will hear more about this project in coming months.

Council will also have plenty of exciting news coming up about more successful grant applications that will benefit the Hawkesbury, so stay tuned!

Mayor of Hawkesbury
Councillor Patrick Conolly

Hawkesbury PLACE PLANS

Have Your Say

TREE INSPIRATION

National Tree Day is Sunday, 31 July and Council is inviting you to get inspired by nature and plant a tree for National Tree Day. Trees help to take care of our environment by absorbing and capturing carbon from our atmosphere, so every tree you plant will make a difference. Native trees and plants are available at Council's Hawkesbury Community Nursery.

The Hawkesbury Community Nursery is predominantly a volunteer-run nursery that propagates and sells Hawkesbury native plants. The Nursery is located at 10 Mulgrave Road, Mulgrave, next door to the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter.

It is open to the public Wednesdays from 9am to 1pm or by appointment, and on the 1st Saturday of the month 9am to midday (excluding December and January).

If you're inspired to go beyond National Tree Day and want to explore the idea of Bushcare then our Bushcare groups would love to meet you and welcome you as a volunteer.

Find out more about our Bushcare groups, and see the Bushcare calendars at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/link/bushcare or contact our Community Bushcare Officer Martin Gauci: **4560 4525** mgauci@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

For more information about the Hawkesbury Community Nursery see www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/for-residents/community/nursery

Bilpin



Kurmond



Kurrajong



What do you love most about Bilpin, Kurmond or Kurrajong? What would you like to change and what would you like to stay the same? Community members are being encouraged to complete a survey at www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au as part of Council's place plans for Bilpin, Kurmond and Kurrajong.

Respondents can also rank their priorities on aspects such as tourism and hospitality, supporting the local economy, parking, parks, history, housing and community services.

A place plan is a long-term plan that provides a road map to guide future planning in local centres. The plans will aim to improve the sense of place, ensure local business has the conditions to thrive, and to create a place that instills pride in the community. Council will exhibit the plans for the community feedback in the second half of 2022.



Bright Ideas to Build Resilience

Connect | Belong | Be involved

We are looking for bright ideas!

Hawkesbury Community Learning Hub

Free 12 month subscription for volunteers and committee members to upskill your group on grants, fundraising, events, committees and roles via webinars, courses and FAQs.

Contact us for your free subscription.

Email: brightideas@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au or call **4560 4444** or Tracey **0428 212 948**

COME ALONG AND CELEBRATE *Hawkesbury Fest*

SUNDAY, 7 AUGUST FROM 10AM TO 3PM AT GOVERNOR PHILLIP PARK, WINDSOR

Bring your family and friends to the Hawkesbury riverside for exciting woodchopping demonstrations by the Metropolitan Axemen's Association NSW plus a special new attraction to the event – Circusworks, an interactive circus workshop where you can learn juggling, diabolas, devil sticks, hula hooping, walking beams, plate spinning and more. There will also be free rides, market stalls, food trucks, sausage sizzle, power boat races, local live music, kids' activities, free face painting and more!

Families will also enjoy the upgraded playground at Governor Phillip Park with equipment that includes a double flying fox, a climbing structure for older children and a picnic shelter.

To be held during Local Government Week, this free community event will showcase the many ways that Council is engaging with our community. Visit Council's website www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au and Hawkesbury Events Facebook www.facebook.com/hawkesburyevents for more details.



RECOVERY SERVICES AND SUPPORT

Council has a dedicated recovery page on our website: www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

Click on the blue All Flood Related Information banner to access the latest information on flood recovery including financial and other support:

- Local recovery support services
- Business recovery information
- Food support services
- Flood waste information.

RECOVERY INFORMATION

www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/emergency/flood-emergency

ONLINE YOU CAN VISIT

- Hawkesbury Community Hubs
www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hch
- Flood Recovery Information
www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/emergency/flood-emergency
- Hawkesbury City Council's Disaster and Emergency Dashboard
disaster.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au

If you cannot access the internet and require assistance, please call **4560 4444** and speak to one of our friendly staff.

Hawkesbury CommunityHubs

The Hawkesbury Community Hubs provide a friendly and welcoming place for residents to meet people of all ages, learn new skills and be active and creative. The Hubs are located at Bilpin Hall, Wilberforce School of Arts, Colo Heights Hall and the St Albans School of Arts and offer a range of FREE activities and services to the community.

These include exercise classes, art workshops, playgroups, free books for all ages, IT support and access to equipment, and access to support services and resources.

A certification service allowing your important documents to be certified, scanned and stored on a USB so you are prepared in the event of a disaster is also available.

You can also find a range of helpful resources and information available at www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hch

For further information on Hub program schedules, services and events, please see hawkesburycommunityhubs.eventcalendarapp.com or call **4560 4444**.



GRANT WORKSHOP VIDEOS NOW ONLINE

Grant workshop videos are now available in the Community Grants section of www.yourhawkesbury-yoursay.com.au/hch

- How to write a good grant application
- How to prepare when there isn't a grant available yet
- What to do when your application succeeds!



BUILDING HAWKESBURY

NEW INFRASTRUCTURE RECOVERY TEAM

Council is establishing a new infrastructure recovery team to prioritise the repair of roads damaged by floods, using Disaster Recovery Funding from the NSW and Australian Governments.

The new team will be tasked with repairing the estimated \$50 million to \$70 million in required road repairs stemming from the 2021 and 2022 floods. This team will allow for a focused approach to flood repairs without affecting the delivery of other important budgeted projects.

Council is continuing to work closely with State and Federal agencies to accelerate road repairs in the Hawkesbury. It is anticipated that the costs of road repairs arising from the floods will also be covered by Disaster Recovery Funding.



Thomas James Bridge, Settlers Road damage



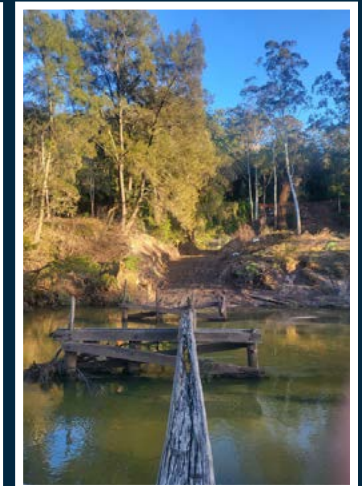
Cornwallis flood mitigation repair earthworks

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

Work is well underway on repairs to Greens Road at Lower Portland and the replacement of Upper Colo Bridge, which were severely damaged during the March 2021 flood.

Both projects are anticipated to be completed by the end of 2022, weather permitting.

Council has been in consultation with Upper Colo residents regarding the reuse of the old bridge timbers to recognise the historical significance of the old bridge.



Upper right and lower left: Upper Colo Bridge currently under construction.

Centre and upper left: Greens Road currently under construction.

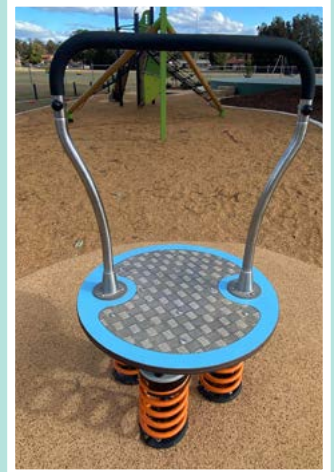
URY'S FUTURE

NEW COLONIAL RESERVE PLAYGROUND

Council has funded and built a new \$200,000 playground at Colonial Reserve, Colonial Drive, Bligh Park.

The design was chosen by the community and it includes climbing equipment, early childhood play zone, an accessible carousel, a metal hammock swing, a springer and rotating and swinging play equipment. The new playground has also been designed with a perimeter fence to increase safety by limiting access to Colonial Drive.

Council recently installed a recycled water system for irrigation purposes, which includes a large water tank. A new retaining wall was also built as part of the improvements.



Revitalising Our Town Centres

Liveability Projects are now underway at Richmond and South Windsor. Follow us on Facebook and check Council's website for regular updates.



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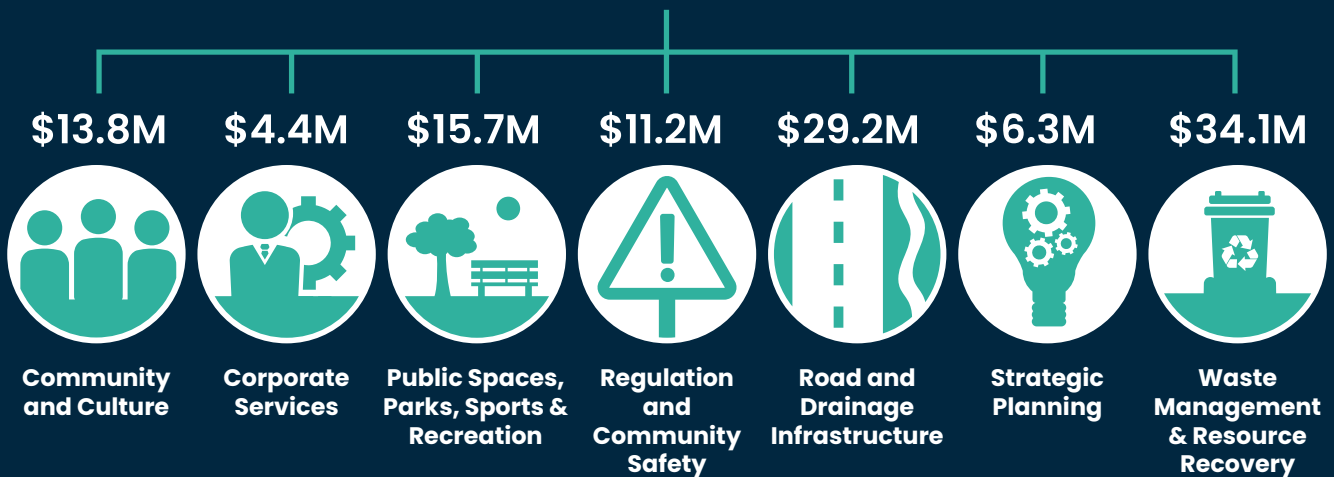
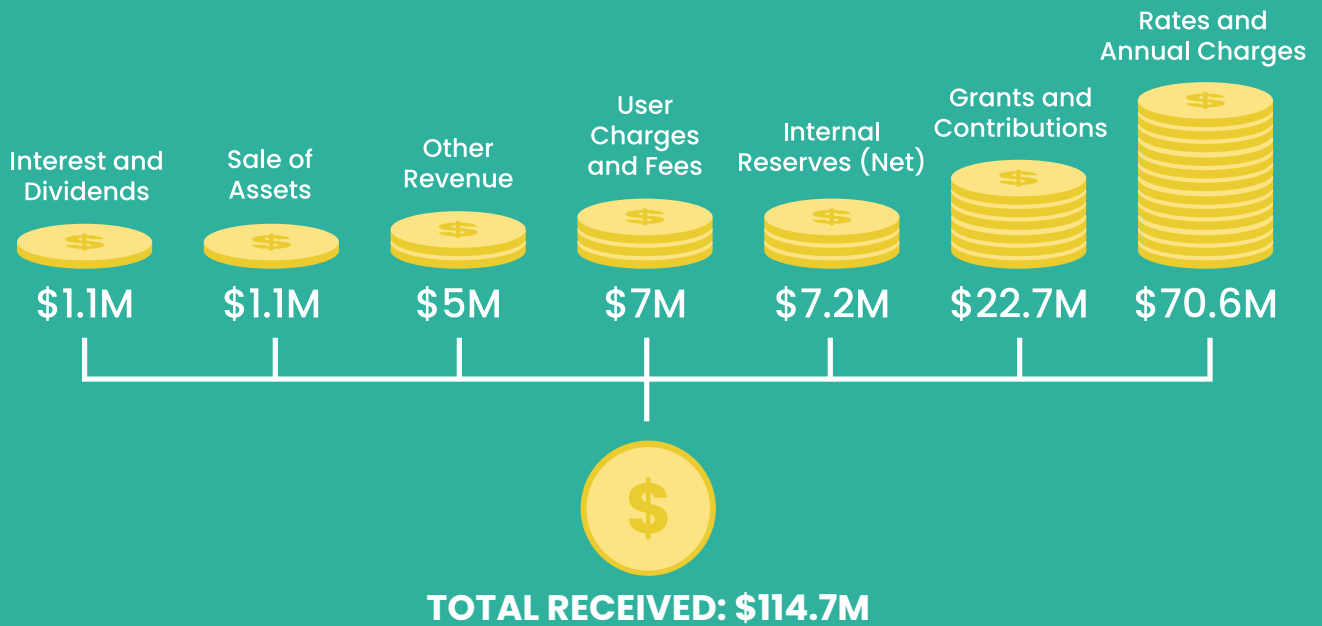
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City Council

OPERATIONAL PLAN

Where does the money come from?



TOTAL SPENT: \$114.7M

2022 – 2023

BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Fire Control Centre, Wilberforce North Richmond Community Centre Precinct	\$4,000,000
Accessibility Improvements	\$1,000,000
Maraylya Community Hall	\$180,216
Pitt Town Memorial Park	\$179,150
Amenities Renewal	\$59,950

GUARDRAIL REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

St Albans Road, St Albans	\$290,000
Old Stock Route Road, Oakville	\$50,000
Blaxland Ridge Road, Blaxland Ridge	\$65,000
Diamond Hill Drive, Kurrajong Hills	\$85,000
Mill Road, Kurrajong	\$50,000
Slopes Road, North Richmond	\$35,000

ROAD REHABILITATION AND UPGRADES

Boundary Road, Oakville	\$100,000
Crooked Lane, North Richmond	\$120,000
Grose Vale Road, Kurrajong	\$110,000
Grose Vale Road, North Richmond	\$110,000
Kurmond Road, Freemans Reach	\$350,000
Maddens Road, North Richmond	\$145,000
Mayne Street, Wilberforce	\$130,000
Old Stock Route Road, Oakville	\$300,000
Spinks Road, Glossodia	\$360,000

PUBLIC SPACES, PARKS, SPORTS AND RECREATION

Argyle Bailey Memorial Reserve, Ebenezer	\$781,000
Colbee Park, McGraths Hill	\$643,894
Colonial Reserve, Bligh Park	\$362,000
Deerubbin Park, Windsor	\$305,296
Fernadell Park, , Pitt Town <i>+State Government Multi-Sport Community Facility funding</i>	\$2,000,000 \$3,300,000
Ivy Avenue Reserve, McGraths Hill	\$143,000
Memorial Park, Pitt Town	\$150,000
McQuade Park, Windsor	\$136,534
Wilberforce Town Centre Revitalisation	\$150,000
Woodbury Reserve, Glossodia <i>+State Government Open Spaces Program, Places to Play funding</i>	\$403,200 \$455,000

SEALING OF GRAVEL ROADS

Douglas Street, North Richmond	\$480,000
Packer Road, Blaxland Ridge	\$2,176,000
Design works	\$300,000

OTHER

Road Surface Renewals	\$2,154,534
Contribution to Hawkesbury Sports Council	\$1,297,108
Contribution to Emergency Services, Response and Resilience Building	\$2,509,096
Signage Program	\$950,000

RE: eRates

Receiving rates from Council by email is easy! To receive your rate notices by email, register today.

This means:

- **No more lost rates notices**
- **Easy to forward on to another payee**
- **Go paperless and do your bit for the environment**

Scan the QR code to register.



SEND



FREE CHEMICAL CLEANOUT



Dispose of your household chemicals for FREE at these special collection days:

Chemical CleanOut

Hawkesbury Showground, Racecourse Road, Clarendon, entry via Gate 1.
Sunday, 31 July from 9am to 3.30pm
No bookings required.

Household quantities of chemicals accepted (20L or 20kg), however up to 100L (in 20L containers) of paint will be accepted.

Remote Area Collections

Bilpin Hall, 2596 Bells Line of Road, Bilpin
Saturday, 3 September from 10am to 11am

Bulga Street, St Albans
Saturday, 10 September from 10am to 11am

Colo Heights Rural Fire Service Station Carpark, 3006 Putty Road, Colo Heights
Saturday, 17 September from 10am to 11am

Registration required for the Remote Area Collections and *strictly limited quantities ONLY*. Residents living in these areas can register online at hawklivingsustainably.eventbrite.com or email council@hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au or call Council's Customer Service on **4560 4444**.

Businesses cannot use these services and should contact a waste disposal service directly or visit www.businessrecycling.com.au

Further details www.cleanout.com.au or call the NSW EPA on **131 555**.

WHAT IS ACCEPTED

Household cleaners and solvents, handheld batteries, fluorescent globes and tubes, paint, pesticides, herbicides, poisons, gas bottles, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, pool chemicals, hobby chemicals, acids and alkalis, car batteries, motor oils, fuels and fluids.



SOLAR WORKSHOP

Come along to a free Solar Workshop with Your Energy Friend on Sunday, 18 September, 2pm-4pm at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street, Windsor. Register at hawklivingsustainably.eventbrite.com





Your new best friend is waiting for you



Adopt from the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter today

Are you looking for a great companion? Then look no further because the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter is open every day for you to find your new friend.

Our shelter staff are always happy to answer any questions you may have about caring for dogs and cats or what their personalities are like to find the one that suits you.

All dogs and cats are desexed, vaccinated, microchipped and lifetime registered before leaving the shelter. Best of all, you can rescue a pet that's looking for a new home rather than buy one from the pet shop.

The Shelter also offers special pet of the week discounted prices every week – see the adoption photo gallery via the link below.

Hawkesbury City Council receives cats and dogs from the five local government areas of Cumberland, Penrith, Hornsby, the Hills and the Hawkesbury.

The shelter is located at 10 Mulgrave Road, Mulgrave. For shelter opening hours and more information, visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au and click on the animal shelter link or call **4560 4644**.

Like our Facebook [@hawkesburycitycouncil](https://www.facebook.com/hawkesburycitycouncil) or visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/link/adopt for more information.

Hawkesbury AUSTRALIA DAY Awards



WHO'S MISSING? NOMINATE A MATE NOW!

Celebrate a LOCAL HERO

The Hawkesbury Australia Day Awards acknowledge outstanding citizens of the Hawkesbury – including long term commitment and significant one-off contributions to our Community.

Council is inviting nominations for the following awards:

- Citizen of the Year
- Young Citizen of the Year
- Local Hero Award
- Volunteer of the Year
- Sportsperson of the Year
- Junior Sportsperson of the Year
- All Abilities Sportsperson of the Year
- Community Arts Award
- Cultural Heritage Award
- Environmental Award
- Community Organisation of the Year
- Commemorative Plaque

For more information, and to nominate, visit www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/link/nominateyourmate

**Nominations close 5pm Friday
14 October 2022**

**Winners will be announced at a awards ceremony
on Australia Day, 26 January 2023.**



WHAT'S ON IN THE HAWKESBURY

Discover What's On in the Hawkesbury. From free events to art exhibitions, festivals to local markets. See our What's On Guide at www.hawkesbury.nsw.gov.au/your-council/events/whats-on

AUTHOR TALK – CAROLINE BEECHAM

Wednesday, 20 July, 11am-midday
Hawkesbury Central Library
FREE – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

BOOK HERE



LIBRARY AND INFORMATION WEEK

25-29 July, 10am-midday
Drop in for a free refreshment, learn something new each day! Hawkesbury Central Library
FREE – NO BOOKINGS REQUIRED

BOOK HERE



ART ONLINE – CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

Every Tuesday, 26 July-13 September, 4pm-5pm
Online via Zoom – Hawkesbury Regional Gallery
\$100 or NSW Creative Kids Vouchers accepted

PARANORMAL INVESTIGATION – HOWE HOUSE

Saturday, 30 July, 8pm-10:30pm
Join Capture Paranormal in a paranormal investigation of Howe House. Ages 18+
Hawkesbury Regional Museum
\$55 + booking fee – BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

BOOK HERE



FREE EXHIBITION – UNCOVERED

ON DISPLAY NOW
Artefacts showing over 27,000 years of human history.
Hawkesbury Regional Museum

Free Tourism Industry Workshop

Tourism business operators are invited to a free Hawkesbury Tourism Industry Workshop called 'Distribution: How to get more customers to your business' on Monday, 8 August 2022 from 10am to midday at Hawkesbury Central Library, 300 George Street, Windsor.

Presented by business and tourism experts Sparrowly Group on behalf of Council. Registrations essential via www.stickytickets.com.au/BLDED

Savour THE FLAVOUR HAWKESBURY
Saturday 15 October 4pm – 8pm Richmond Park

Australian Government National Recovery and Resilience Agency
Destination Sydney Surrounds North
THE ROYAL RICHMOND HOTEL
CROWNE PLAZA AN IMB HOTEL HAWKESBURY VALLEY
richmond GOOD FOOD MARKET

This project received grant funding from the Australian Government

Events are subject to change, confirm details before attendance.

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