

# COMMUNITY News



Create Wollondilly 2033 Art Competition winners presentation at the Wollondilly Australia Day event 2017

## COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN REVIEW

Recently, Council has been talking with the community about their aspirations for Wollondilly's future. You may have seen us at various community events or perhaps you participated in our art competition, telephone survey, online survey or one of our focus groups.

These conversations have helped to inform our long term planning and the development of our draft Community Strategic Plan to ensure it reflects the community's wants and needs for Wollondilly into the future. The draft Community Strategic Plan will be on public exhibition from late April, so please take the opportunity to review the draft document and let us know if we have got it 'right'.

Head to [engage.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://engage.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au) to view the draft Community Strategic Plan and find out how you can give feedback.

On Australia Day we were proud to announce the winners of the Create Wollondilly 2033 Art Competition. We received a number of high calibre entries in the competition and got a great insight into what people would like Wollondilly to look like in 2033.

### ART COMPETITION WINNING ENTRIES:

#### 16 years and older - Age Category

1st Place: Karen Burgess  
*for her artwork titled 'Balance.'*

2nd Place: Els Dirickx  
*for her artwork titled 'Rural Retreat.'*

#### 15 years and under - Age Category

1st Place: Chloe Spanos  
*for her artwork 'Branching Out.'*

2nd Place: Brodie Spanos  
*for his artwork 'The Trees of Wollondilly.'*

Highly Commended: Ha Eun Jung  
*for his 'Untitled' art work.*

Welcome to the first edition of Community News. Our aim is to provide you with an easy-to-read quarterly update to help keep you connected and informed about things that are happening across Wollondilly.

Through Community News you'll hear about what Council has been doing, such as updates on projects, road works or business improvements we have introduced. You'll also hear about what's ahead. These might be projects and initiatives we aim to pursue, or upcoming community events. We also want to let you know about opportunities for getting involved and having a say through public exhibitions and other community engagement activities.

We hope you enjoy this first edition of Community News, that it helps to keep you in the loop, and provides you with a useful snapshot of the important work Council is doing for the community.

**IN THIS ISSUE:** What's Happening in Wollondilly, Engagement Opportunities, SRV Update, Council Information and Broughton Pass Update.

  
Judith Hannan,  
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Welcome  
to your  
community  
newsletter

Let us know your thoughts on our  
newsletter at [wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)

# What's happening IN WOLLONDILLY

## YOUTH WEEK 31 MARCH-9 APRIL

Youth Week is held in early April each year and is organised by young people for young people, in communities across the state.

Each year Council supports local organisations to deliver events that:

- Provide an opportunity for the community to listen, acknowledge and celebrate the positive contributions and successes of young people
- Promote a community focus on issues of concern to young people
- Reflect the Youth Week Theme "Get Involved, Be Heard, Make a Difference"

For details on the program of events for Youth Week 2017 visit [Council's website](#) or call the Community Projects and Events Team on **4677 9613** or [youth@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youth@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)

## CALL OUT TO LOCAL TALENT

Are you a local musician looking for paid work, or a venue looking to host local talent?

Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest from local musicians or bands of any genre to perform at future events including IlluminARTE and RevitaLIVE. Council is also looking for venues to host these performances.

Paid gigs are generally for one set only at local venues across the Wollondilly Shire.

For more information call **4677 9611** or [events@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:events@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)

## DATES

### FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Friday 3 March to Sunday 12 March**  
Seniors Week
- **Friday 31 March to Sunday 9 April**  
Youth Week
- **Saturday 1 April 9am-3.30pm**  
Household Chemical Clean Out.  
*Colden St Car Park Picton.*  
For a full list of what can be disposed of please go to [epa.nsw.gov.au/managewaste/house-chemicals.htm](http://epa.nsw.gov.au/managewaste/house-chemicals.htm)
- **Sunday 23 April**  
Appin Massacre Ceremony  
*Cataract Dam Appin*
- **Tuesday 25 April**  
Anzac Day
- **Thursday 27 April to Sunday 30 April**  
IlluminARTE Art Exhibition  
*Picton*
- **Saturday 29 April**  
IlluminARTE Wollondilly Festival
- **Monday 15 May to Sunday 21 May**  
National Families Week
- **Thursday 25 May to Saturday 27 May**  
Together Arts Exhibition

For information on any of these events please visit [wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://wollondilly.nsw.gov.au) and go to the 'What's On' link or call Council on **4677 1100**

## FREE E-WASTE RECYCLING

E-Waste Recycling at Bargo Waste Management Centre is now FREE.

Items include computers, computer accessories, printers and fax machines, LCD and plasma televisions, keyboards and modems.

Small appliances, analogue televisions, DVD and CD players are not accepted.

Bargo Waste Management Centre is located at Anthony Rd, Bargo. Open 8.30am-4.15pm, 7 days (excl Christmas Day and Easter Sunday).

Proof of residence will need to be provided. Call **0419 490 599** for further info.

## TOGETHER ARTS EXHIBITION

Now in its 11th year, the Together Arts Exhibition provides the opportunity for local primary and high school students to celebrate unity and reconciliation with the local Aboriginal community, through visual arts.

This year's exhibition will be held in the Picton Shire Hall Art Spaces, Menangle St Picton:

- **Thursday 25 May 9am-3pm**
- **Friday 26 May 9am-3pm**
- **Saturday 27 May 9am-12 noon**

For more information and to register your school, visit [Council's website](#) or contact the Community Projects & Events team on **4677 9611** or [events@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:events@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)

## CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Council has established a Continuous Improvement Program that is reviewing our systems, processes and procedures to improve our efficiency and effectiveness.

We are very fortunate to have a professional and dedicated workforce who have embraced this program and a range of other initiatives. We look forward to implementing a range of improvements and will report on these throughout 2017.

## LIBRARY EVENTS

### Author Talk

Author Kim Hodges will visit Picton to talk about her new book called "Flying in the Sky to Drowning in the Sea - Living with Severe Mental Illness."

- **Wednesday 5 April, 2pm**  
*The View Room, Wollondilly Library,  
42 Menangle St Picton*

This is a free event but bookings are essential. Call the Library on **4677 8300** to reserve your spot.

Check out Kim's website for info on her other work [kimhodges.id.au/book](http://kimhodges.id.au/book)

### School Holiday Activity

- **Tuesday 11 April, 2.30pm-4pm**  
Easter 'Crafternoon'
- **Friday 21 April, 10.30am**  
The Vegetable Plot  
(see [thevegetableplot.com.au](http://thevegetableplot.com.au) for more info)
- **Thursday 11 May, 4pm-5.30pm**  
Mother's Day Crafternoon
- **Wednesday 24 May, 10.30am**  
National Simultaneous Storytime  
(see [alia.org.au/nss](http://alia.org.au/nss) for more info)

### Regular Events

- **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month 4pm-5.30pm**  
RamPAGE

A monthly after-school program for young people aged 8+ which includes a variety of activities such as console gaming, board games, trivia and crafts. Participants eat, play, create and have an opportunity to be the first to borrow newly purchased library items.

For more information on these events and more please visit the 'Library' link on [wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://wollondilly.nsw.gov.au) or call **4677 8300**





## SPECIAL RATE VARIATION (SRV) UPDATE

### Did you know that it can cost \$1m to reconstruct a 1 kilometre section of significant road such as Silverdale Road or Remembrance Driveway?

Council is responsible for maintaining over \$580m worth of infrastructure including over 830 km of roads, 106 bridges, 160 buildings and 113 parks and reserves. That's why our Special Rate Variation was so important to ensure we can fund the repair and renewal of our community infrastructure. We want to take this opportunity to let you know about how our works programme is progressing and the difference that the Special Rate Variation funding is starting to make.

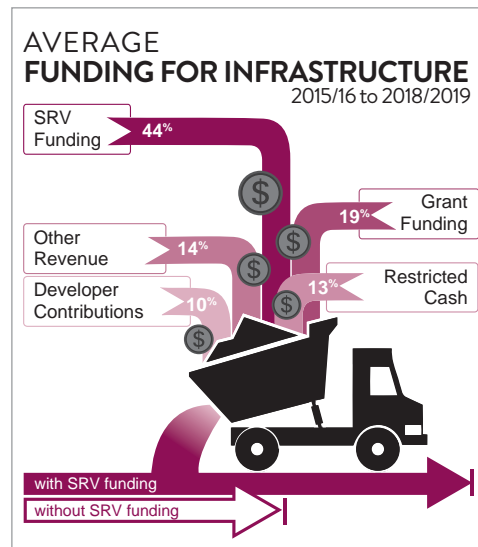
The Special Rate Variation (which runs for 4 years from 2015/16 – 2018/19) is greatly boosting our capacity to maintain our infrastructure. The "trickle-in" nature of the SRV income means it slowly increases over the 4 year period, so each year the amount of work that the SRV can fund will increase. In the first year of additional SRV funding (2015/16), \$1.269m worth of extra road reconstruction was undertaken plus an additional \$690k of other infrastructure works. Further details of this can be found in Council's 2015/2016 Annual Report on our website.

Some of the key works projects delivered over the last 18 months:

- *Silverdale Road at Silverdale, The Oaks and Orangeville - reconstruction of 3 sections of road*
- *Bridge Street, Picton - road reconstruction*
- *Remembrance Driveway, Cawdor from Finns Road to Bridgewater roundabout - asphalt works*
- *Castlereagh St, Tahmoor - kerb and gutter reconstruction*

The illustration below shows how the SRV enables us to do more with the funding we have, but also that no roads or assets are solely funded by the SRV. For example, each repaired section of road is funded through a 'mix' of funding sources. In other words the length of road we can fix is increased with the help of SRV funding. This is important to remember when we hear concerns from the community about the condition of a particular road, or questions about which particular roads and works are SRV funded.

All of our infrastructure maintenance is scheduled and prioritised based on safety concerns, the useability of the asset and how heavily it is used, as well as the availability of resources.



Some key works projects scheduled ahead:

- *Burns Road, Thirlmere - road reconstruction*
- *Montpelier Dr, The Oaks - road reconstruction*
- *Werombi Road Mount Hunter Rivulet to Brownlow Hill Loop Road - road reconstruction*
- *Reconstruction of the Wilton Rd approach to the Cataract River Bridge at Broughton Pass*

Remember also that we rely on residents to keep us informed about infrastructure failures and issues, as we have over 830 km of roads to monitor and maintain Shire-wide. So if you see an immediate issue that needs repair, please contact us on 4677 1100 or [council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au) to raise a Customer Request so we can look into the issue for you.

You can keep up to date with Council's Works Programme via our website and Facebook and we'll continue to provide updates through these quarterly newsletters, so stay tuned.

## BROUGHTON PASS UPDATE

Council has appointed Pan Civil P/L as the contractors to undertake the repairs to Broughton Pass which has been closed since the retaining wall failure that occurred during the major storm event on 5 June 2016. Pan Civil are experienced contractors who have previously worked for a number of councils as well as NSW Roads & Maritime Services for the reconstruction of failed road embankments.

The works still remain complicated with a number of challenges and Pan Civil are currently preparing a detailed design. We will be able to provide more information on timeframes once this design work is complete. Nevertheless we are still on track for the works to be completed by July 2017.

We aim to hold a community information session on site very soon, so stay tuned.

For more information and to stay up to date click on the 'Broughton Pass' link on [wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)

## DOUGLAS PARK DRIVE MAINTENANCE



### Council will be doing maintenance works on Douglas Park Drive, between Blades Bridge and the Nepean River Causeway, in March – April 2017\*.

These works are required to maintain the useability and condition of the road while Council works on a detailed design for long term rehabilitation of this section of road.

There will be some impacts to road users while drainage and vegetation removal works are completed, with traffic control measures being planned to minimise any disruptions.

A complete road closure is planned for a minimum timeframe while a new drainage pipe line is installed across the road. We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Residents should check Council's alerts page on our website for updates.

We ask that drivers please obey the speed and load restrictions on Douglas Park Drive so that the road condition does not further deteriorate whilst we work on a long term solution for the road.

*\*Dates are weather permitting*

## WORKING AT COUNCIL

Interested in joining a dynamic, supportive and family flexible workplace? Are you seeking a career where you can make a real difference to the community?

We are looking for the right people, with the right values to help us grow and be the best Council in New South Wales. Working with us is your chance to be part of our community's exciting future. Working for a 'Fit for the Future' stand-alone Council, you will have access to excellent employment conditions, learning and development opportunities, health and wellbeing programs and so much more!

We regularly advertise positions so be sure to visit [Council's website](#), [Facebook](#) or [LinkedIn](#) pages.



WORK FOR WOLLONDILLY

Grow with Wollondilly - Come join us today!

## IlluminARTE WOLLONDILLY 2017

This year's much anticipated festival will be held on Saturday 29 April from 12 noon - 9pm.

Attracting more than 25,000 people, illuminARTE Wollondilly is the largest event on Wollondilly's calendar. With something for all ages, spectators can expect a remarkable cultural experience combined with breathtaking performing arts, local music, kids entertainment, market stalls and food vendors.

A range of market stalls and local artisan traders will open from 12 noon and as night falls, the free family event encourages visitors, locals, friends and families to stroll through the picturesque town of Picton.

Light up your life... follow illuminARTE Wollondilly on facebook to keep up to date with all festival activities

Following the lantern parade the fireworks spectacular will be a fitting finale, capping off a night of colour, light and creativity.

For more information visit [Council's website](#) or contact the Community Projects & Events Team on 4677 9611 or [events@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:events@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)



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## FIND OUT MORE, PARTICIPATE AND GET IN TOUCH...

### Council Forums and Meetings

Each month Council hosts a Community Forum one week prior to the Council meeting. You can apply to speak at the community forum, find out how on the [Council website](#).

Community Forums and Council Meetings take place on the second and third Monday of each month (except when public holidays occur) at Council's Administration Building, Menangle Street, Picton at 6:30pm.

Agendas are available from Council's Foyer or on Council's website seven (7) days prior to the Community Forum.

### Upcoming Community Forum Dates:

- 13 March 2017
- 10 April 2017
- 8 May 2017

### Upcoming Council Meeting Dates:

- 20 March 2017
- 18 April 2017 (Tuesday)
- 15 May 2017

### Council Meeting Live Streaming:

- [Now available via the Council website](#)

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