

# COMMUNITY News

# ROADWORK BLITZ

## THANKS TO NEW FUNDING!

Wollondilly Shire Council is part way through a massive roadworks blitz, thanks to \$9.5M road repair funding from the State Government's Regional and Local Roads Repair Program to help address the flood damage across the Shire's 870km road network.

While Wollondilly was excluded from the first round of pothole repair funding, Mayor Matt Gould alongside other Mayors from the fringes of Greater Sydney have successfully advocated for additional support to help with the backlog of storm damage.

In response to a series of extreme weather events and the wettest year on record for our Shire in 2022, Wollondilly Council has been working hard to get on top of approximately \$140m of significant damage to our roads.

There is still a long way to go to fully repair all the damage, but an additional \$9.5M will provide a significant boost to our road repair budget on top of the record amount of funding that is already committed.

The funds will be directed to targeted reconstruction/heavy patching and repair works all over the Shire, from Bargo to Warragamba, Buxton to Menangle, Appin to Oakdale, Tahmoor to Douglas Park. Every corner of the Shire will see substantial works on the ground in the next phase of our massive road repair program.

Mayor Gould has worked closely with other councils as well as Member for Wollondilly Nathaniel Smith MP to make sure the NSW Government is aware of the critical road issues that we are facing in the Shire.

The Mayor met with several key ministers late last year to push for additional support for Wollondilly. It is great to see that Council's strong advocacy on this issue was listened to and we are now getting some much-needed help.

Scan the QR code to view our Capital Works Program including scheduled roadworks.



## WOLLONDILLY PRESCHOOL

**DUE TO OPEN IN APRIL**

We are now taking Expressions of Interest for our Council run Preschool service, located in the new Children's Services building behind the library in Picton.

**SCAN QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE!**





# YOUTH STORIES

Wollondilly Shire Council has received a \$50,000 grant from the Regional Office of Youth, Children and Young People Wellbeing Recovery Initiative in response to the floods and storms which significantly impacted the Shire in 2022.

The grant will fund the Youth Stories project, which will be delivered to the young people of the Shire through a partnership between Council and River Road Creative Academy. The project will support Wollondilly's young people to tell their stories through the creative arts.

As part of the project, mentors from the River Road Creative Academy will receive Youth Mental Health First Aid training. The Academy will also be working alongside local psychologists from Wildflower Holistic Services to provide additional support to the young people taking part in the program.

Young people are invited to attend a series of creative workshops, which will include music, film, drama, visual arts, street art and photography where they will be supported to create their own artistic works.

For more information contact Council's Community Project Officer on 4677 9541 or Patrick from River Road on 0408 617 143 or scan QR code to register!



## It's time for Wollondilly's Chemical CleanOut

You can drop off for free:



Only household quantities accepted (20L or 20kg), except paint & household batteries. Up to 100L (in 20L containers) of paint & up to 10kg of household batteries accepted.

Your next local event:

Sunday 26 March 2023, 9:00am – 3:30pm

Wollondilly Shire Council Administration Building Carpark,  
Colden Street, Picton

[www.cleanout.com.au](http://www.cleanout.com.au)

## PLANNING A Clean Up?

To make sure your pre-loved goods have a second life, only donate good quality items to charity stores during opening hours. If they're closed or the donation bins are full, please don't leave them outside. Instead, try rehoming or selling goods via local community platforms and online marketplaces.

Otherwise, place them out during your next bulky waste clean up. Scan the QR code to find the date of your next bulky waste clean up collection.



SCAN TO  
FIND THE  
DATE OF  
YOUR NEXT  
BULKY WASTE  
CLEAN UP



## YOUTH WEEK

20-30 APRIL 2023

SCAN FOR FULL DETAILS



## RATES & LAND VALUES

Are you wondering how your land valuation affects your rates?

Scan to find out more information.



YOU CAN NOW

# HIRE A FACILITY

VIA OUR CUSTOMER PORTAL



SIGN UP OR LOG IN TO OUR CUSTOMER PORTAL TO SECURE A SPORTSGROUND OR HALL FOR YOUR NEXT BIRTHDAY, SPORTING GAME OR FAMILY CATCH UP.

BOOK NOW!





# WOLLONDILLY CULTURAL PRECINCT

## *is coming to life*

Work on the Performing Arts Centre in Picton has officially begun, thanks to funding from grants and developer contributions. This is an exciting next step in Stage One of the Wollondilly Cultural Precinct project.

Council is now in the process of demolishing the RFS building, Masonic Hall and old Children's Services Cottage so building of the Performing Arts Centre can begin. Demolition is now under way with construction scheduled to start in March.

The multi-format Performing Arts Centre will provide a state-of-the-art local venue for music, theatre, exhibitions and civic events, and will be a major injection into the cultural life of Picton and the wider Wollondilly area.

Other parts of the project are also taking shape, with construction teams now putting the finishing touches on the new Children's Services Building and the Library renovations, which are expected to be ready for use in April.

The new Children's Services Building will facilitate the relocation of Council's existing 30 place before and after school care and

school holiday care services and will accommodate a 30-place preschool in a modern and fit for purpose building.

Renovations to the Library building will provide a larger, more functional space for community members to browse collections, work remotely, collaborate and read. The newly created community lounge on the first floor will include large tables for group work, comfortable chairs and access to power for charging personal devices. There will also be two bookable study rooms and assistive technology available in support of people living with disability.

The completion of the Performing Arts Centre will wrap up Stage One of the Wollondilly Cultural Precinct. When completed, the Wollondilly Cultural Precinct will provide the residents of Wollondilly and visitors a fantastic place to enjoy cultural experiences, learn, play, live and work and will highlight Picton's heritage and character.

This project is funded by grants including the Western Parkland City Liveability Program, developer contributions and building renewal funds.

Scan to keep up to date with this project



## SIGN UP TO PARTICIPATE



Community engagement helps Council make decisions that are influenced by community aspirations, needs, knowledge and lived experience.

Your Say Wollondilly is Council's online community engagement platform, and we want you to be part of it. It's just one of the ways you can contribute your input to Council projects, policies, programs and plans. Visit [yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au) to sign up, see what's open for input, and participate.

Not online? No problem. Keep an eye on this newsletter, local newspapers, and flyers for other opportunities to get involved and share your thoughts. Documents on exhibition for feedback are also available to view at Wollondilly Library and at Council's Customer Service Centre on Menangle Street in Picton.

SCAN TO VISIT YOUR SAY WOLLONDILLY



## LOVE THE DILLY

Looking for something different to do in the Dilly? Do you want to show your friends and relatives what makes our Shire so special?

As part of the Love the Dilly Tourism Campaign, a series of free self-drive itineraries and audio guides are available to follow. Subscribe to our seasonal newsletter for great suggestions of what there is to see and do in your own backyard.

Go to [visitwollondilly.com.au](https://visitwollondilly.com.au) to find out more.



### FIND YOUR SOMETHING

Visit [Wollondilly.com.au](https://Wollondilly.com.au)

VISIT Wollondilly



# What's On IN WOLLONDILLY?

THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM 18-19 MARCH	SWSAS MAYORAL RECEPTION 13 APRIL	TOGETHER ARTS EXHIBITION 1-3 JUNE
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Visit [wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/events](http://wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/events) for the latest updates and news on Wollondilly events.

## FREE! SustainaDilly WORKSHOPS & EVENTS

COMMUNITY PLANTING DAY 22 APRIL 2023	INTRO TO PLANT PROPAGATION 22 MARCH 2023
COMPOSTING & WORM FARMING 29 APRIL 2023	NURSERY OPEN DAYS 25 MARCH 2023 3 JUNE 2023
CREATING A NATIVE GARDEN 13 APRIL 2023	WILDLIFE FIRST AID 9 MARCH 2023 11 MAY 2023
GROWING SEASONAL VEGETABLES 11 MARCH 2023	Scan to see full event info or book your spot!

## THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM

18-19 MARCH



### ALL ABOARD FOR THIRLMERE FESTIVAL OF STEAM

Wollondilly Shire Council, Transport Heritage NSW and the NSW Rail Museum are proud to present the 2023 Thirlmere Festival of Steam event on 18 and 19 March.

The township of Thirlmere will come to life with market stalls, delicious food, steam train rides, carnival rides, a street parade, live entertainment and more.

Why not get your family, friends or work colleagues together for the new Huff n' Puff road run?

Visit [thirlmerfestivalofsteam.com.au](http://thirlmerfestivalofsteam.com.au) for bookings and to find out more.

**YOU'RE invited**

Come & celebrate with us at the opening of Wollondilly Library's freshly renovated & extended top floor!

**WOLLONDILLY LIBRARY**

**SATURDAY 29 APRIL**  
10am - 2pm

42 Menangle Street, Picton

FACE painting  
INTERACTIVE ART for kids  
AUTHOR talks  
DESIGN YOUR OWN library bag  
TECHNOLOGY demonstrations  
LIBRARY Tours  
PLUS more!

**LIBRARY**

42 MENANGLE STREET

discover

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## FIND OUT MORE, PARTICIPATE AND GET IN TOUCH

### Council Forums and Meetings

Community Forums and Council Meetings are usually held on the third and fourth Tuesday of each month (excluding January) at 6.30pm. Council Meetings are held in the Council Chambers in the Wollondilly Shire Hall, Picton while our Community Forums are held at various locations across the Shire. The dates and locations for upcoming meetings are:

#### Community Forums - 6.30pm

- Tuesday 21 March 2023  
Warragamba Town Hall
- Tuesday 18 April 2023  
Wollondilly Shire Hall
- Tuesday 16 May 2023  
Bargo Community Centre

#### Council Meetings - 6.30pm

Wollondilly Shire Hall, Picton

- Tuesday 28 March 2023
- Tuesday 26 April 2023
- Tuesday 23 May 2023

#### Local Planning Panel Meetings - 3.30pm

Wollondilly Shire Hall, Picton

- Thursday 6 April 2023
- Thursday 4 May 2023
- Thursday 6 July 2023

These dates are subject to change. Please check Council's website for the latest information.

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