

COMMUNITY *News*



BUILDING A BETTER SHIRE

The 2018/19 year is proving to be another massive year for infrastructure works across the Shire. \$17,116,288 has been allocated to asset renewal and construction of additional infrastructure for our community, including \$9,029,000 which has come directly from the Special Rate Variation.

Some of the works we have completed so far in the first quarter of the 2018/19 financial year include:

- Road reconstruction and improvements to:
 - Westbourne Avenue, Thirlmere
 - Mayfarm Road, Mount Hunter
 - Finns Road, Cawdor
 - Ruddocks Road, Lakesland
- Bridge bearing replacement works at Blaxland Crossing, Wallacia
- Kerb and gutter works to:
 - York Road, Tahmoor
 - Leiha Place, Tahmoor
- Embankment works on Moreton Park Road, Menangle

There is still a lot more to come later this year including:

- Completion of works at Warragamba Civic Park to create the new inclusive play space with the first stage due to be opened by Christmas 2018
- Completion of a multi-purpose facility at Willis Park in Oakdale
- Installation of a new amenities building at Emmett Park, Tahmoor
- Creation of new playing fields at Wilton Recreation Reserve
- As well as road reconstruction at:
 - Menangle Road
 - Thirlmere Way
 - Silverdale Road
 - Remembrance Drive

All these works form part of Council's 6 year Capital Transport Works Program. If you would like to find more about what infrastructure works we have been up to head to www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

Welcome TO WOLLONDILLY

Whether you are new to the Shire or thinking of relocating, why not check out the New Resident's Page on Council's website www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/newresidents You will find a range of information about Council, local services, facilities and events in our Shire.

What's happening IN WOLLONDILLY

2018 GARDEN COMPETITION

The time is coming for gardeners to put their green thumbs forward for the annual Wollondilly Garden Competition which runs from 27 August - 20 September.

Categories include:

- Best native garden
- Best edible garden
- Best large or small residential garden
- Best cottage garden (new category)

Why not enter your garden and be in the running to win some great prizes!

Entry forms can be found on Council's website www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au in the 'Lifestyle' section, or contact Council's Events Officer on **4677 9656** or events@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



#SaveOurKoalas SUMMIT

Protecting an Australian Icon • 11 September 2018 • 10am - 2pm

Come along to our #SaveOurKoalas Summit to hear from leading experts and koala advocates about the threats to the unique disease free colony in South Western Sydney. Find out how we can work together to protect an Australian icon.

Date: 11 September **Venue:** Appin Community Hall, 40 Sportsground Parade, Appin

Time: 10am - 2pm **RSVP:** community.engagement@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



Have you wanted to de-clutter your home, teach your kids how to set up and operate a stall, help to reuse items, make some extra money, look for treasure, meet your neighbours and have fun? Then the Garage Sale Trail is for you!

The Garage Sale Trail is a weekend of garage sales held across Australia on Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 October 2018. Everyone can get involved and it's FREE to register. Get on board and be part of the first Wollondilly Shire Garage Sale Trail as we join the biggest community and sustainability program in the country!

Register on **9052 0827** or at www.garagesaletrail.com.au

WOLLONDILLY LIBRARY GIANT BOOK SALE

Wollondilly Library Service is supporting the Garage Sale Trail by selling pre-loved books at bargain prices in our giant book sale.

Pick up a bargain at Picton Library on Saturday 20 October. Doors open at 9am and the sale will continue until the library closes at 12 noon.

The library is proud to be participating in the Garage Sale Trail for the first time and invites all book lovers to come along. The sale will be held in the View Room on the first floor of the Library where books will be 50 cents each or bring along a shopping bag and you can fill it for only \$5. There will be something for everyone, from picture books and children's books to adult novels, cooking books, travel books and a range of other non-fiction topics.

Put the date in your diary now so you don't miss out!

If there is any stock left the sale will continue on Monday 22 October.

CONNECTING WOLLONDILLY EXPO

Showcasing local community groups & services

Tuesday 18 September
2pm - 6pm

Bargo Community Hall, 96 Radnor Rd, Bargo

- ▶ Free skate clinic 3pm-5pm
- ▶ Child, Youth & Family Services
- ▶ Health & Wellbeing Services
- ▶ Giveaways
- ▶ Free Sausage Sizzle
- ▶ Disability, Seniors, Education & Training
- ▶ Legal Support, Housing & Social Services

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Uniting

#SAVE OUR KOALAS PETITION

We are pleased to announce that the #SaveOurKoalas petition has now reached over 13,000 signatures.

The support of the Wollondilly community, as well as from people across the State and the rest of Australia has been overwhelming. We are so grateful for everyone's support in helping us reach our goal of 10,000 signatures needed to ensure this important issue is discussed in Parliament. This amazing outcome clearly demonstrates your commitment to looking after our unique disease free koala population and protecting our koala habitat from development.



On 9 August 2018 we headed into Parliament House with a number of community supporters and strong koala advocates to deliver the #SaveOurKoalas petition signatures to our local Member, Jai Rowell.

Mr Rowell has presented the petition to Parliament on our behalf. Parliamentarians will be debating our request for the State Government to reverse the rezoning of land in the Wilton South East Precinct and stop any further land rezoning in Wilton and Macarthur Priority Growth Areas until a comprehensive South Western Sydney Koala Conservation Strategy is finalised and approved.

Council is committed to taking any necessary action to ensure our vital koala habitat is protected, and as a result we have also lodged an appeal in the Land and Environment Court against the rezoning of the Wilton South East Precinct.

This action follows information obtained under the Government Information (Public Access) Act which has revealed that the NSW Department of Planning and Environment ignored advice from the Office of Environment and Heritage from 27 September 2017 recommending that land identified within the primary koala corridor not be rezoned.

Council sees this as a failure to comply with the appropriate procedure and grounds for a judicial review.

Wollondilly is home to the largest disease free koala population in NSW and it is vital that we do everything in our power to protect them!

STONEQUARRY CREEK FLOOD RISK

What is the process for managing flooding risks in Stonequarry Creek?

Council is working on developing a plan for managing flood risks to Picton from Stonequarry Creek. June 2016 was a clear demonstration of the flood risk and the consequences that may be experienced by the community. Given the importance of this matter Council has engaged WMA Water to assist us in developing a new Floodplain Risk Management Study using the latest methods and technology.

Flood Risk Management cannot completely eliminate the risk, but can help to reduce and find ways to live with the remaining risk.

WMA Water have consulted with the community, Council and other stakeholders and will use feedback received to prepare a draft Floodplain Risk Management Plan. We will then ask the community for further feedback on the draft plan prior to seeking endorsement from Council.

If you would like further information on this project please contact Council's Investigation and Design Engineer on **4677 1100** or via email council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

DID YOU KNOW COUNCIL HAS A FARMER LIAISON OFFICER?

Wollondilly farmers are doing it tough at the moment as an unprecedented drought takes hold across NSW.

Council is committed to doing everything that we can to help our local farmers in this difficult time. With this in mind, Council has established a Farmer Liaison Officer position within the Customer Contact Centre.

Michelle Close will be the "one stop shop" point of contact for farmers. She will be available to answer questions about Council's Hardship Policy, provide information about relevant support services and government agencies such as Sydney Water and the Department of Agriculture and Water Resources.

Farmers can call Michelle on **4677 1100** or email farmerliaison@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

WASTE SERVICE COLLECTION CHANGE

ALL residential properties are now required to ensure that bins are placed out for service the night before their scheduled collection day.

This is to guarantee your bin will be emptied in the most efficient and environmentally friendly manner.

We thank you for your assistance.



**WASTE HOTLINE
1800 805 305**

For information contact The Waste Hotline

COUNCIL'S CANINE CREW

One of Council's favourite employees is retiring! After nearly 10 years of faithful service Dodge the border collie is retiring.

Dodge has been used to assist in stock control, temperament assessment of other dogs and for dog handling educational demonstrations at schools. Dodge is about 12 years old and is slowing down in his old age due to arthritis and deafness. To make sure he enjoys his twilight years he will be moving out of the shelter into more comfortable domestic surroundings. We wish him all the best!

Dodge's big paw prints will be filled by Council's new recruit 'Buck' the Kelpie. Buck was donated to Council from a Bega dairy farm and boxer stud and is approximately two years old. He has been trained by Rachel Racklyeft, who is a member of the Companion Animal Reference Committee and regular volunteer at Council's Animal Shelter. Buck made his debut at Local Government Week activities in July.

(Buck is pictured here with Rachel and Animal Shelter Attendant, Laurie Ashton).



WOLLONDILLY STATE AND FEDERAL ISSUES PAPER

Our State and Federal issues paper has had a facelift and is ready to support Wollondilly's key advocacy issues as we move towards a State and Federal election in 2019.

The Issues Paper advocates for key issues that impact upon the Wollondilly community and are not under the direct control or influence of Council.

Through Advocacy we support and speak out on behalf of our community and aim to:

- Maximise opportunities for our Community
- Explore choices and options
- Have appropriate access to information and services
- Promote rights and responsibilities
- Be responsive and oriented towards outcomes for our community not under the direct control of Council
- Challenge stereotypes and stigma.

We have been advocating for the provision of rail infrastructure through our TRAX to the Future Campaign and our 'Wilton... A Great New Town or No Town at All' campaign. We have also been advocating for the protection of our unique koala population under threat from proposed urban development at Wilton, by collecting over 13,000 #SaveOurKoalas petition signatures which have been presented to Parliament.

Wollondilly Councillors and Staff will continue our hard work advocating on behalf of the Wollondilly Community. Watch this space or like us on Facebook for regular updates on our advocacy work.

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has" Margaret Mead - Cultural Anthropologist 1901-1978

If you'd like to have a look at the Issues Paper head to www.wollondilly2033.com.au

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

Council Forums and Meetings

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.

Community Forum Dates:

- Tuesday, 10 September 2018
- Monday, 8 October 2018
- Monday, 12 November 2018

Council Meeting Dates:

- Monday, 17 September 2018
- Monday, 15 October 2018
- Monday, 19 November 2018

Local Planning Panel Dates:

- Tuesday, 27 September 2018
- Monday, 25 October 2018
- Monday, 29 November 2018

Council Meeting Live Streaming is now available via the [Council website](#)

Dates can change, see [Council's website](#)

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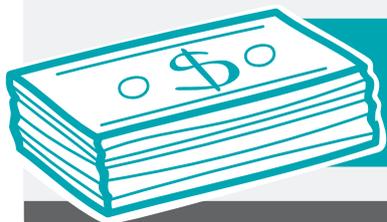
Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5pm

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COUNCIL'S WORKS PROGRAM

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\$9M

Funding raised from the Special Rate Variation

\$17M

Works Budget for 2018/19 financial year

COUNCIL'S WORKS PROGRAM

Council repairs and builds assets through its Works Program. In 2018/19, our works budget will be allocated to the following:

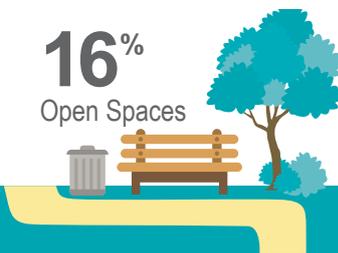
76%
Road Assets



5%
Buildings



16%
Open Spaces



3%
Other



DID YOU KNOW Council looks after...

856 km
of Roads. Total Surface Area of 6,048,835m²

101
Parks & Reserves

35
Playgrounds

45
Bridges

280
Waste Collection Points

19
Community Buildings

WHAT DOES IT ALL COST?

4 items of playground equipment costs on average **\$30 thousand**

10m of new kerb & guttering construction costs **\$20 thousand**

1km of dual carriage road construction costs **\$1 million**

More information

If you want to know more about the works we've done or what's being planned, head to www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au and check out our Capital Transport Works Program.