

COMMUNITY *News*



COUNCILS STAND UNITED *Against Warragamba Dam Wall Raising*

Wollondilly Shire Council has joined forces with Blue Mountains Council to continue the campaign against the raising of the Warragamba Dam Wall, in an alliance that aims to protect valuable indigenous sites as well as the natural environment, plant and animal species.

Council has already stated its opposition to the State Government's proposed raising of the dam wall and has been advocating against it for the past year. In July 2018 at the Ordinary Council Meeting, Councillors discussed the potential impacts to indigenous sites and heritage in the Burrangorung Valley if the Warragamba Dam wall was raised.

When Warragamba Dam spills at the present time, areas upstream of the dam are inundated. With the raising of the dam by around 14 metres this flooding will last for longer periods of time and will extend over a much greater area. The State Government has proposed the raising of the wall as a flood mitigation measure in preference to other options such as river diversion channels, dredging the Hawkesbury-Nepean River or voluntary house re-purchase in flood risk areas.

The issue has recently gained international attention with UNESCO's World Heritage Committee finding the proposal to raise the dam wall by

14 metres incompatible with the world heritage status of our iconic Blue Mountains. UNESCO has called on the Australian Government to let it review the project's Environmental Impact Statement before any final decisions are made.

Wollondilly Shire Council is currently working with Blue Mountains Council to make people aware of the significant effects the wall raising will have on important indigenous and European heritage as well as the impact construction will have on our local communities. Wollondilly and Blue Mountains Councils will be organising a public forum at Springwood in November 2019 to raise the profile of these issues and we encourage everyone in the Wollondilly community to come along and get involved if they can make it.

More information about the public forum can be found on our website www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



Garage Sale Trail
19 & 20
October 2019
CHOOSE TO RE-USE

Garage Sale Trail is back in the Wollondilly Shire for 2019!

The Garage Sale Trail is a weekend of garage sales held across Australia on Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 October 2019. Everyone can get involved and it's FREE for sellers and shoppers. Find out more and register your interest on (02) 9052 0827 or at www.garagesaletrail.com.au



What's happening IN WOLLONDILLY?

HEALTHY CHOICES FOR SCHOOL CANTEENS

The Wollondilly Health Alliance (WHA) is supporting Wollondilly's schools to make 'the healthy choice the easy choice' through the NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy. This aims to give students a taste for healthy foods by ensuring at least three quarters of the canteen menu is made up of healthy food and drink.

The WHA aims to make Wollondilly the first local government area to have all schools meet the Strategy goals, so they are partnering with the Wests Tigers Foundation. If a school is meeting the goals by 18 December 2019 they will have the chance to win a prize.

Prize 1: \$800 school voucher + Wests Tigers Football Clinic & merchandise

Prize 2: \$600 school voucher + Wests Tigers 2020 Game Tickets

Prize 3: \$400 school voucher

To find out more contact the WHA on **0429 439 504**.

MAYOR'S CHARITY RACE NIGHT A GALLOPING SUCCESS!

On Saturday 20 July, Council hosted its very successful Mayor's Charity Race Night, raising a total of \$31,000 for the Kids of Macarthur Health Foundation.

180 people attended the event at Club Menangle to enjoy the great food, entertainment and racing, with Josh Webster from C91.3 acting as Master of Ceremonies.

Wollondilly Mayor Matthew Deeth said that the event had well and truly exceeded his expectations. "It is fantastic that all the money raised is going to the children in our region who need it most," he said. "I'd like to thank everyone who came along and supported this important cause, and in particular I'd like to thank our feature race partner Macarthur FC who, with all our other sponsors, helped make the event such a huge success."

Launched in the year 2000, the Kids of Macarthur Health Foundation aims to purchase the most up-to-date paediatric medical equipment available to enhance the level of health care offered for young people locally. The Foundation helps to fund equipment for the paediatric units at Campbelltown and Camden hospitals, including the Children's Ward, Paediatric Ambulatory Care, Paediatric Emergency, Special Care Nursery, Child and Adolescent Mental Health, Maternity, Delivery and Post Natal Units, as well as supporting many children's community health programs.

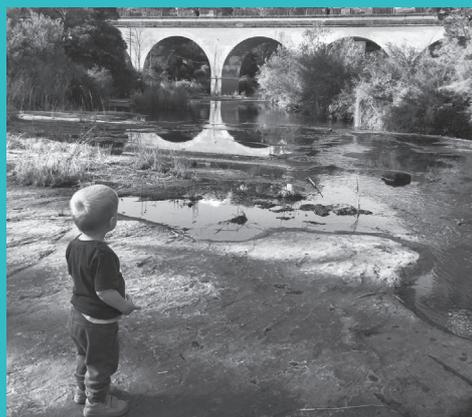


INTEGRATED WATER MANAGEMENT STRATEGY: NEXT STEPS

Wollondilly Shire is rich in natural heritage including pristine creeks and rivers and contains much of Sydney's drinking water catchment. It is important to manage potential impacts on our water resources, especially as Wollondilly Shire has been identified as one of the growth areas for Western Sydney.

During July, Wollondilly residents shared with Council their thoughts on waterways, water supply and water quality. Many thanks go to everyone who completed the questionnaire and spoke to us about Wollondilly's water – including what they are proud of, what they are concerned about and what our priorities should be.

Currently, we are incorporating your input – as well as input from other key stakeholders such as Sydney Water, Environment Protection Authority and the Department of Environment, Planning and Industry – into developing an Integrated Water Management Policy and Strategy. This will help us move towards smarter water management so we can protect our waterways and water supply into the future and have a more resilient Shire.



We hope to have a draft policy and strategy out on public exhibition very soon, and we invite your comments and feedback. In the meantime, if you have any questions or comments, please **contact Council's Sustainability Coordinator on 4677 1100** or visit **yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au**.

CAFÉ CONNECT SENIORS CONNECTING OVER COFFEE

Council is excited to be launching Café Connect, a one stop shop for over 55's to come together, enjoy each other's company and learn new things.

Café Connect Spring Series 2019 will be taking place at a number of locations across the Shire including:

Friday 20 September - Warragamba

Tuesday 8 October - Bargo

Wednesday 6 November - Picton



At Café Connect we will provide you with information and activities covering a variety of subjects including health and wellbeing, aged care services, volunteering and opportunities to increase your social interactions.

The program for the Café Connect Spring Series 2019 is jam packed. We hope you find something you like and come along!

For more information on Café Connect visit our website or contact Council's Community Outcomes Team on 4677 9550.

EXCITING PROJECTS TO MAKE WOLLONDILLY MORE LIVEABLE

Council has been busy over the last couple of months talking with many of you to create a concept for the Wollondilly Community, Cultural & Civic Precinct and a master plan for Tahmoor Sportsground. Thanks to everyone who helped us to develop these plans. We have just submitted an application to the Western City Parkland Liveability Program to seek funding to assist with the delivery of these projects. We will keep you posted on the outcome of our applications and the progression of these projects.

As well as the Wollondilly Community, Cultural & Civic Precinct and the Tahmoor Sportsground projects, we are very excited to have received funding through the Western City Parkland Liveability Program to design and construct a skate facility in Appin. In late September, we will be asking the community of Appin, especially the kids, for their help to design the skate facility. So keep an eye out and make sure you get involved!

We are also planning on installing outdoor exercise equipment in eight locations across the Shire thanks to the Western City Parkland Liveability Program funding. Installation of the equipment is set to commence in January 2020 and will be in the following locations:

- Bargo Sportsground, Bargo
- Old Menangle School Site, Menangle
- Douglas Park Sportsground, Douglas Park
- Dudley Chesham Sportsground, The Oaks
- Wilton Recreation Reserve, Wilton
- Emmett Park, Tahmoor
- Telopea Park, Buxton
- Willis Park, Oakdale

All of these projects will provide the local community with greater opportunities to get out and about, have fun and stay healthy. We can't wait to deliver them!



HAVE YOUR SAY ON STRATEGIC PLANS FOR OUR FUTURE

We have just created Wollondilly's first Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS).

This statement will set out the 20 year vision for land use in Wollondilly and identify what values you think should be preserved and how change should be managed in the future.

It covers a range of topics including infrastructure, housing, tourism, great places, trees, biodiversity, open spaces and climate change. We would like your feedback on Wollondilly's first LSPS so we can make sure it reflects your wishes for Wollondilly's future.

For more information on the LSPS head to yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au or contact Council's Principal Planner - LEP Review on 4677 9551. **Submissions close 31 October 2019.**

As well as developing Wollondilly's first LSPS, Council is also currently working on a Community Participation Plan. The Community Participation Plan will set out how Council engages with the community in the planning decisions it makes.

We will be asking for your feedback on the Community Participation Plan in the near future. To make sure you don't miss out on the opportunity to have your say head to yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au or contact Council's Sustainable Growth team on 4677 1100.

'Your Say Wollondilly' is our online community engagement platform, where you can easily access information about Council projects and activities and make sure your voice is heard on the things that matter most to you. So go ahead and find out more, get involved and have your say!

yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

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DANGEROUS DOG AUDIT

We have recently seen an increase in dog related complaints and serious dog attacks in Wollondilly. As part of Council's response, we conducted an audit of all declared dangerous, restricted and menacing dogs within the Shire.

The purpose of the audit was to make sure that dog owners are complying with the legislation relating to declared dogs, to continue minimising the risk of these dogs reoffending and to promote responsible pet ownership.

From 1 July 2020 owners of dangerous and restricted dogs will be required by law to hold an annual permit. The permit fee is \$195.00 and an application and payment can be made online on the NSW Pet Registry website www.petregistry.nsw.gov.au. Alternatively, you can make the application and payment at Wollondilly Shire Council from 1 July 2020.

Wollondilly Shire Council strongly encourages and supports responsible pet ownership. If you would like information or advice regarding pet ownership please contact the Compliance Team on 4677 1100.

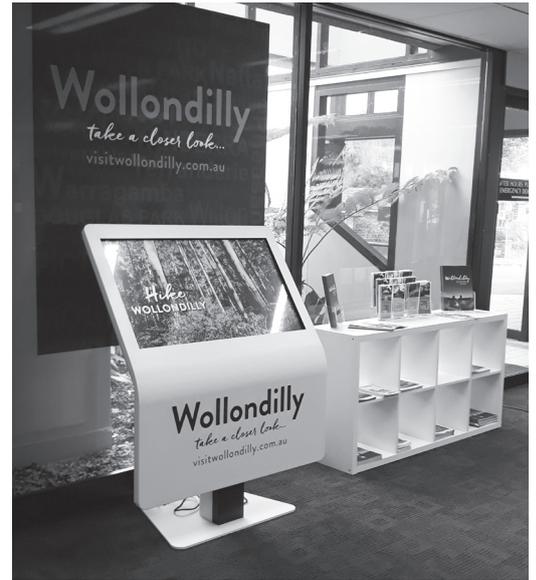
WOLLONDILLY WELCOMES VISITORS

Did you know more than 465,000 visitors travel to Wollondilly each year?

Council is now making it easier for the Shire's visitors to have access to local tourist information. We have recently launched two new contemporary Information Touch Screens; located in the Council Foyer in Picton and at the very popular NSW Rail Museum in Thirlmere. The digital visitor information screens give people the opportunity to find out what there is to see and do in Wollondilly.

With the majority of our visitors searching online to plan their trip, we are also refreshing our tourism website with more images, new content and easy to find information including local events, places to eat and stay, activities and attractions.

If you would like your tourism event listed on the **Visit Wollondilly** website, please email Council's Economic Development and Tourism team on 4677 1100 or contact@visitwollondilly.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 Forums - 6.30pm

- Monday 9 September
- Wednesday 16 October
- Monday 11 November
- Monday 2 December

Council Meetings - 6.30pm

- Monday 16 September
- Monday 21 October
- Monday 18 November
- Monday 9 December

Local Planning Panel Dates - 5.30pm

- Thursday 26 September
- Thursday 31 October
- Thursday 28 November
- Thursday 12 December

Council Meeting Live Streaming is available via the Council website

Dates can change, please see Council's website

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