

COMMUNITY *News*

Meet THE CEO



On 23 September 2019 Wollondilly Council welcomed its new Chief Executive Officer, Ben Taylor.

Ben joins Wollondilly with a focus on enhancing our great Shire. He explained, *"I applied for the CEO position with Wollondilly as I was keen to be part of building a great organisation in a beautiful part of the world, recognising that the area has some great challenges and opportunities ahead."*

"One thing I love about local government is the opportunity to create communities, enhance lifestyles, and make things better for the people who live in and are connected to the area," he said.

A father of three and keen surfer, Ben joined Wollondilly after a period at Northern Beaches Council where he was General Manager Environment & Infrastructure, looking after around 750 staff with an annual budget of \$320M. He also spent time as Acting CEO.

Prior to this, he held positions including the CEO of SHOROC

(Shore Regional Organisation of Councils), various roles with the NSW Government including Director Metro Water, and other local government and non-government roles.

Ben has some key areas he wants to work on at Wollondilly Council. These are:

- Building trust in the organisation and the community
- Focusing the business on the customer experience at all levels, in line with the vision of the ratepayers
- Being innovative in everything Council does, trying new things and not being afraid to fail
- Being a leader in local government

Ben is looking forward to meeting community members and getting to know more about the Wollondilly Shire.

COUNCIL ROADSHOW COMING TO TAHMOOR!

Council is going on tour! We are hitting the road and holding a Community Information Session in Tahmoor. Come along to chat with staff and Councillors, find out about different projects and services happening in your area, or report an issue directly to Council. There will be something for everyone, so feel free to bring your little ones

along too and they can get involved with the mobile library and Dilly Wanderer.

Date: Wednesday 4 December 2019

Time: 5:30-7:30pm

Venue: Tahmoor CWA Hall



What's happening IN WOLLONDILLY?

CHRISTMAS IN THE GARDENS

Christmas is coming and we want to celebrate with you!

Join us at Picton Botanic Gardens on Friday 13 December for **Christmas in the Gardens**. It's a great chance to get in the Christmas spirit and enjoy all the activities that will be on offer. We are sure you and the kids will love the Christmas markets, jumping castle, and face painting, as well as a visit from Santa!

'How the Grinch Stole Christmas' will also be screening from 8:30pm, so bring along your picnic blankets and chairs and settle in to watch the movie with your family and friends.

Date: Friday 13 December 2019

Time: Festivities start at 4pm

Venue: Picton Botanic Gardens



WATCH YOUR LETTERBOX

YOUR 2020 WASTE CLEAN UP FLYER COMING SOON!

Keep an eye out for your next clean up flyer. The flyer lists the two scheduled clean up dates for your property in 2020, so hold on to it (or put it on your fridge!)

If you happen to misplace your flyer, you can also look up your scheduled clean up dates online:

- Go to maps.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/waste
- At the bottom left of the screen below the main map, click HOUSE ADDRESS. Type in your street address (eg, 170 Smith Street) and click SEARCH
- You will see all the details of your waste services listed to the right of the map.



JOIN US IN PICTON FOR AUSTRALIA DAY 2020!

Mark your calendars! We are celebrating **Australia Day in Wollondilly on Sunday 26 January 2020 at the Picton Botanic Gardens.**

From 8am there will be free bacon and egg rolls for breakfast along with plenty of activities, including face painting, a jumping castle and inflatable soccer, Thomas the Tank Engine train rides, giant games, a giant water slide, reptile display, live music and community stalls.

The formal celebrations will commence at 9am with the popular Veteran's Flag Parade, Citizenship Ceremony, raising of the flags and the presentation of the Australia Day Awards.

There will also be a draw to win 1 of 2 \$250 vouchers from IGA.



2020 NSW SENIORS' FESTIVAL DATES

The NSW Seniors' Festival is on in February 2020 with lots of exciting events on offer for Wollondilly residents. Keep an eye out for the Wollondilly Seniors' Festival Calendar of Events early next year!

CAFÉ CONNECT

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

Keep an eye out for Café Connect in your area in 2020!



VISIT OUR TOURISM INSTAGRAM PAGE!

Are you following us?

@visitwollondilly is now social!

Head to Instagram, follow us and use the hashtag #visitwollondilly to have your snaps of our beautiful Shire shared.



the 2020 Wollondilly BEACH BUS

This summer is set to be another scorching, and Wollondilly Council and SIMEC Mining proudly announce that the Wollondilly Beach Bus is back in 2020.

The Beach Bus provides Wollondilly residents with a free hop on, hop off bus service to the beach which continues to get used by more & more residents each year.

This summer there will be two buses travelling on two separate routes;

Bus One stops at Bargo, Tahmoor, Thirlmere, Picton Redbank, Picton Shire Hall, Wilton, Wollongong North Beach.

Bus Two stops at Warragamba, The Oaks, Oakdale, Douglas Park, and Wollongong North Beach.

For the full bus timetables or more information head to wollondilly.nsw.gov.au or contact Council directly on 4677 1100 or youth@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

Running on:
Fri 3, 10, 17
& 24 Jan
& Wed 22 Jan



WOLLONDILLY 2040

Wollondilly 2040 is our draft Local Strategic Planning Statement. It outlines our land use planning vision for the next 20 years; how we will manage the opportunities that arise as our Shire changes and how we will preserve the features that make our area unique and special. Thanks to everyone who gave us feedback!

We are working on evaluating, collating and incorporating your input into the document. We expect to have this finalised by early 2020. If you would like to keep up to date with how Wollondilly 2040 is progressing you can sign up for updates on Your Say Wollondilly at yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au.

ELECTRONIC RATES NOTICES

Did you know you can have your rates sent to you electronically?

Council is able to issue rate notices to ratepayers by email instead of by post, but we can only do this when requested by you. If you'd like to receive electronic rates notices, please fill out the application form located on the Council website.

TAHMOOR MEN'S SHED CELEBRATES 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Tahmoor Uniting Men's Shed celebrated its 10 year anniversary and opening of the shed extension on Saturday 31 August. Council was proud to be included in such a significant day for the shed and its members. Approximately 100 people attended the festivities with tours, displays and a presentation to the foundation members of the shed.

Mateship is such an important part of our community and Men's Sheds play a vital role in supporting this. Wollondilly has five sheds located throughout the Shire, so get in touch with Council on **4677 1100** to find out about a Men's Shed located near you!

SWIMMING POOL BARRIERS

Research by Royal Life Saving Australia shows that swimming pools are the leading location for drowning deaths among young children in Australia, accounting for 52% of all drowning deaths. Accidental falls were the main activity leading to drowning among children under five, accounting for 77% of all drowning deaths.

Wollondilly Shire Council is currently actively auditing all approved pool constructions that have not had an occupation certificate issued. If your pool has not been finalised – now is the time to call Council for help in ensuring that it complies.

Council offers a Pool Compliance Certification and Inspection service to help anyone who requires a Swimming Pool Certificate of Compliance. Contact us on **4677 1100** or **visit our website** for more information.

How can you ensure your pool barrier is safe?

To make sure your swimming pool barrier is safe you can also download a checklist from the NSW Government Swimming Pool Register and do a self-assessment at www.swimmingpoolregister.nsw.gov.au



DRAFT TREE MANAGEMENT POLICY

Our community tells us they love trees, so we want to protect them as the area grows and changes.

We recognise there is a need within our townships and new growth areas to manage development, to protect remnant native trees and vegetation and to develop the amenity and liveability of our urban areas. Trees are very much symbolic of a 'rural living' lifestyle.

Council has created a comprehensive draft Tree Management Policy, which covers activities on private and public land.

The objectives of the new policy include:

- Promoting and recognising the value of trees and significant vegetation as essential assets for current and future generations
- Maximising the preservation, protection, maintenance and management of trees, especially those with environmental, heritage, social and cultural significance
- Protecting and conserving important biodiversity and wildlife corridors
- Recognising the importance of tree canopy and the need to increase the extent of tree canopy throughout the Shire on streets, public open spaces and private land.

If you would like to view the policy and provide feedback, head to yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

The close off date for written submissions is 3 December 2019.





Wollondilly Shire Council would like to wish all our residents a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Please stay safe during the festive season and enjoy your holidays.

We look forward to working with you in 2020 to continue to make Wollondilly the best place that it can be.

With the festive season approaching, we encourage everyone to enjoy the celebrations, however we ask that you think about your community when it comes to noise. There are regulations that apply during certain times. Please go to Council's website to see the time restrictions that are in place.

If there is a noise issue in your area, try to talk to your neighbour in the first instance. If this is unsuccessful and the noise problem persists, contact the Local Police or Council. Breaches of noise restrictions could result in the issue of fines.

CHECK OUT THE NEW DILLY WANDERER!

The Dilly Wanderer has a new look and a new monthly schedule!

The new look Dilly Wanderer was launched with a 'Party in the Park' in September. The Dilly Wanderer crew was joined by about 100 locals at Picton RSL Park to celebrate the launch, where families and children experienced a taste of all the fun they can have if they meet the Dilly Wanderer at one of its regular stops.

If you would like to join in on the fun, see Council's website for the new Dilly Wanderer monthly schedule at www.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/dilly-wanderer

Child Development Sessions

Do you need some tips on helping your family eat healthy foods? Why not come along to our next Child Development Information Session at Buxton Hall on **11 December 2019 from 9am-11am**. The topic will be 'Healthy Eating for Families'. If you are interested, call the Wollondilly Health Alliance on **0429 439 504** or email dillywanderer@wollondilly.nsw.gov.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 in Council's Foyer and on Council's website seven (7) days prior to the Community Forum. There are no meetings in January.

Community Forums - 6.30pm

- Monday 2 December 2019
- Monday 10 February 2020
- Monday 9 March 2020
- Tuesday 14 April 2020

Council Meetings - 6.30pm

- Monday 9 December 2019
- Monday 17 February 2020
- Monday 16 March 2020
- Monday 20 April 2020

Local Planning Panel Dates - 5.30pm

- Thursday 12 December 2019
- Thursday 27 February 2020
- Thursday 26 March 2020
- Thursday 30 April 2020

Council Meeting Live Streaming is available via the Council website

Dates can change, please see Council's website

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