

COMMUNITY *News*

BUSINESS *and Community*

WE ARE HERE TO HELP

The Wollondilly community has faced countless challenges in recent times due to drought, bushfires, floods and the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Local businesses and individuals are doing it tough right now.

We're here to help and have a range of programs in place to support business and the community.

In response to the current outbreak and extended lockdown, Council has adopted the Business Support Package 2021. This will include a series of additional initiatives to make it easier for our small businesses and strengthen the local economy.

We will be prioritising local businesses when planning Council contracted service delivery, accelerating payment timeframes to help with cash flow, and waiving Council fees for small businesses including development application and assessment fees.

Other ways we are supporting local businesses include:

- Amending our local planning controls to make it easier to celebrate in Wollondilly, particularly for destination weddings, overnight stays, events and markets.
- Employing a new Executive Planner – Business & Investment, responsible for enhancing greater business investment opportunities for the Shire. They will be directly supporting local business growth and job creation through the development application process.

- Continuing and enhancing the Tourism and Small Business Support team's range of programs and resources to support small business through the economic impact of Covid-19 and recovery.

Council has allocated \$50,000 to a special Covid-19 Community Grants Program so that community organisations can support residents and rate payers impacted by the current Covid-19 restrictions. We know personal income has been reduced due to job cutbacks and loss of hours, and we will be working with Wollondilly-based community organisations to make sure everyone is supported during this time.

Ratepayers and businesses who are experiencing financial difficulty can also apply for assistance through Council's hardship policy.

To find out more visit our website wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



Join the Mayor IN THE RACE TO VACCINATE

The key to getting out of this lockdown is a combination of high rates of vaccination and low case numbers.

Wollondilly Mayor Robert Khan is calling on local residents to 'win the race' across Sydney and reach up to 70% and 80% Covid-19 vaccination rates in the Wollondilly Shire. This will enable us to move to a more normal way of life as restrictions start to be eased.

There are increasing opportunities to get vaccinated in our local area. Find out more on Council's website or head to www.nsw.gov.au/covid-19/health-and-wellbeing/covid-19-vaccination-nsw

Council Elections DELAYED

Covid-19 has once again intervened and the Local Government Elections planned for September 2021 have been postponed. They will now be held on **Saturday 4 December 2021**.

Nominations for candidates open on Monday 25 October and close Wednesday 3 November.

Visit olg.nsw.gov.au for more information.

LOVE the Dilly

How can you Shop, Visit & Love the Dilly while in lockdown and beyond? It's easy!

- **SHOP** local
- **VISIT** a local tourist attraction when restrictions ease.
- **LOVE** where you live and spread kindness

Need some inspiration?

Follow [@visitwollondilly](https://www.instagram.com/visitwollondilly) on Instagram

5 Ways to Wellbeing LOOKING AFTER YOUR MENTAL HEALTH DURING LOCKDOWN

CONNECT - Find time each day to share with others via phone, letters, video calls or online meeting platforms

BE ACTIVE - Take a walk, ride your bike, or jump on your scooter. Wollondilly has lots of open spaces for you to get out and enjoy

KEEP LEARNING - Join Wollondilly Library for access to their online e-resources and read those books you have always wanted to

BE AWARE - Practice gratitude

HELP OTHERS - Find a way to be of service every day. Who around you needs a meal delivered, their mailbox checked, their pet walked or a phone call for support?

Visit 5waystowellbeing.org.au for more helpful tips or reach out to our Community Projects Team at Council.



YOUR ROAD PRIORITIES

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Here at Wollondilly Shire Council improving the road network is our number one priority.

Thanks to your input in April, we have finalised our 5 year Capital Works Program for when and how we are going to do work across our large road network. Your feedback reinforced the road condition data we already had and will ensure the program meets not only the community's expectations but also aligns with the condition modelling data too – because YOUR road priorities are OUR road priorities.

Now that the Program has been adopted, we are hard at work and will be investing over \$20 million this year on road maintenance, renewal and upgrades - our biggest road budget yet!

This is all part of our ongoing efforts to invest more of our budget each year into our roads, so we can continue to address the backlog of road repairs and maintenance in the Shire. Our team is excited to deliver a multitude of projects across our road network in Wollondilly this year and beyond.

To find out more visit our website wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



LIBRARY News

Even though you might not be able to visit the Wollondilly Library in person, there are still plenty of ways you can enjoy all the library has to offer.

- All loans due during lockdown have been extended until the library re-opens. So you have a little longer to enjoy the books you borrowed
- If you didn't get a chance to borrow any books before lockdown started, why not head online to our website to access the great range of ebooks and audio books we have available
- Grab the kids and join in with Story Time every Wednesday afternoon on our **Facebook** page - **Search 'Wollondilly Library'**
- Watch our author talks in partnership with NSW Public Libraries Association online

We are here to help so if you need assistance with loans, accessing our online resources or just have a general enquiry give us a call on **4677 8300** or visit our website library.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



What's On IN WOLLONDILLY?

Check out our website for
all the latest updates and
news on events in Wollondilly
wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



Changes to COUNCIL SERVICES

Council has been continually adjusting its operations in line with public health guidelines since the start of the Covid-19 crisis, focusing on its commitment to deliver essential services for the community as well as moving every possible service online.

Over 200 staff have been working remotely, while essential services such as waste management, area maintenance and roadworks continue with increased safety measures in place.

We will gradually return to face to face operations in line with the Public Health Order but in the meantime please see our website to check if services are operating as usual or in a different form as we continue to navigate this health crisis.

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Have you ever wondered how you can have Your Say on Council projects?

Council's digital engagement platform, Your Say Wollondilly, is your one stop shop to access information about various Council projects, plans, proposals & policies, and make sure your voice is heard on the things that matter most to you.

YOUR SAY
Wollondilly



yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



Submitting A DA JUST GOT EASIER

It appears a lot of you are making the most of the down time during lockdown to make improvements to your homes or start the building process; because the number of DAs submitted and determined by Council continues to grow each month.

To ensure you can get your home renovations or building underway as quickly as possible our team is working tirelessly to process your DAs.

Our priority is to make the DA process as simple and straightforward as possible for you. We now have a dedicated Senior Planner available to provide duty planning advice and guidance to residents and small businesses to progress their Development Applications; and despite the Covid-19 lockdown you can still book an appointment online to help you get your DA process underway.

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Council Forums and Meetings

Community Forums and Council Meetings usually take place on the second and third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm. Local Planning Panel meeting times will be advised please check Council's website for updates.

Agendas are available on Council's website seven (7) days prior to the Community Forum and Council Meetings.

Community Forums - 6.30pm

- Tuesday 14 September
- Tuesday 12 October
- Tuesday 9 November

Council Meetings - 6.30pm

- Tuesday 21 September
- Tuesday 19 October
- Tuesday 16 November

Local Planning Meetings - 3.30pm

- Thursday 30 September
- Thursday 28 October
- Thursday 25 November

Council Meeting Live Streaming is available via the Council website / Dates can change, please see Council's website

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