

COMMUNITY News

Welcome Back!

REOPENING FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

2021 has been another challenging and unusual year for Wollondilly, with an extended Covid lockdown due to the rapid spread of the Delta strain, the unplanned closure of businesses and schools, and yet another natural disaster in the form of a ferocious hailstorm in part of the Shire.

There is no doubt it has been a difficult time - we have struggled with homeschooling, mask wearing, not being able to see friends and family, and the cancellation of our favourite events and holidays. On top of that, residents of Thirlmere, Tahmoor, Picton and surrounds are now cleaning up after the devastation of the October storm. This comes after the bushfires, floods and spread of the pandemic in 2020.

However, it hasn't been all bad. We live in a beautiful part of the world, and during lockdown many locals have been out exploring everything this amazing Shire has to offer. Our local walking tracks, parks, trails and rivers have been full of hikers and families enjoying the fresh air.

As we move into the festive season there is a sense of optimism for what is ahead. More freedoms are being introduced each week, our local cafes and pubs are starting to buzz again, and international travel is back on the agenda.

Our Council services have continued to be delivered through the Covid lockdown, with a range of safety measures in place. Some face to face services have had to move online or close to the public, but now we are welcoming community members back into our offices, the library, the nursery and many of our other services and we are even planning some holiday events, such as the Twilight Christmas Markets!

We are looking forward to seeing you all in person again and hope the festive season is filled with lots of joy and happiness for you all.

Wollondilly Shire Council would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



Silverdale Road

YOU ASKED WE LISTENED

Thanks to your feedback, safety upgrades to Silverdale Road near Bents Basin Road in Wallacia are well under way. Over \$1,280,000 will be spent on Silverdale Road, which is being funded by Council and the Australian Government Heavy Vehicle Safety and Productivity Program.

The upgrades will include asphalt road works, reconstruction of the heavy vehicle layby area as well as drainage works and new guardrails to improve road safety. We know this road is heavily used by many of you across the Shire so making sure it is safe is our top priority!

This is just one of many upgrades planned for Silverdale Road in our Capital Works Program. To find out what else we have in the works visit wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



ROADWORKS AT SILVERDALE RD AND WEROMBI RD

WE NEED THE PICTON BYPASS

The recent traffic in Picton while Victoria Bridge is closed once again highlights the need for the Picton bypass! Council, along with Nathaniel Smith MP, Member for Wollondilly has continuously called on the NSW State Government to commit to fund and deliver a road bypass for Picton.

The latest news is that Transport for NSW is currently investigating a future bypass to ease congestion and provide an alternate route for traffic and freight, which would also provide alternate access for evacuation during emergency events such as bushfires and floods.

Further design work is currently underway by Transport for NSW but we need a bypass now! Council will continue to advocate for this important infrastructure but we also encourage all residents to contact Transport for NSW to make your concerns heard! If you have questions, contact pictonbypass@transport.nsw.gov.au

Thank you everyone!

Thank you to everyone who completed Wollondilly's annual community survey via the MARKYT Community Scorecard. We received over 800 responses and really appreciate the time and effort you took to provide honest and thoughtful feedback.

Your feedback will be used to shape the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) which outlines Wollondilly's vision for the next 10 years.

What are the next steps?

Council will use the survey responses to draft the key concepts for the CSP and the supporting programs and strategies. Early next year, we want to talk with you again so we can work together on refining the CSP to make sure we are on the right track to make Wollondilly an even better place to live, work and play.

If you'd like to know more, we invite you to sign up to receive updates to your email inbox about how the strategy is progressing. Please visit our online engagement platform Your Say Wollondilly at www.yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

The Local Government Elections will be held Saturday 4 December 2021.

Voting is compulsory, so don't forget to vote!

To make things easier, you have some options on how you can vote at this election.

Head to the NSW Electoral Commission website www.elections.nsw.gov.au to find out more.

What's On IN WOLLONDILLY?

10 DECEMBER
TWILIGHT
CHRISTMAS MARKETS

6, 13, 20 & 27 JANUARY
BEACH BUS

26 JANUARY
AUSTRALIA DAY 2022

11, 12, & 13 MARCH
THIRLMERE
FESTIVAL OF STEAM

Visit wollondilly.nsw.gov.au for the latest updates & news on events in Wollondilly

MERRY RECYCLABLE Christmas!

OUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOU!
WEEKLY RECYCLING COLLECTION DURING THE FESTIVE SEASON!

One of the things you told us in our Waste Survey is you enjoy recycling and want to be able to do it more. So this festive season, Council will be trialing a weekly collection service of the yellow lid recycling bin to help with all the excess recycling materials we all seem to produce over Christmas.

How does it work?

Yellow lid recycling bins will be collected on a weekly basis from **Monday 20 December 2021 until Friday 14 January 2022 inclusive**. During this period you can put out your yellow lid recycling bin with your red lid garbage bin each week on your normal bin day. Your green lid garden organics bin collection will continue as normal on a fortnightly service during this period.



The Festive Season Recycling Schedule is available on your 2021 Festive Season Recycling Flyer.



Scan to read more about the Waste Survey Results

VIEW, MANAGE & PAY Your Rates ONLINE



Did you know Wollondilly is one of the first councils in NSW to offer an online rates service? If you are a property owner in Wollondilly you now have the option to manage and pay your rates online! It's a full, comprehensive service; meaning you can also view all your properties, arrange a direct debit, or request changes to your payment arrangements.

Simply use the information on your latest rates notice & head to wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/rates

SHAPING THE Community STRATEGIC PLAN



VISIT Wollondilly

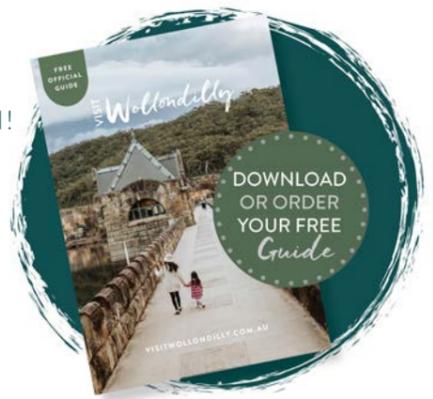
GRAB THE NEW GUIDE & EXPLORE THE DILLY THIS FESTIVE SEASON!

Are you looking for something to do this festive season in Wollondilly?

Why not check out our brand new **Visit Wollondilly Guide**. There are some great ideas for getting out and exploring the Dilly and you might even discover some hidden gems.

Invite your loved ones to join in the fun and support our local businesses at the same time!

Download the guide online, order a copy to be delivered, or pick up a hardcopy at a range of locations and events across the Shire. Head to visitwollondilly.com.au to find out more!



Want to keep up to date on this project? Visit yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



WOLLONDILLY CULTURAL PRECINCT



We have achieved a new project milestone on the Wollondilly Cultural Precinct project, with construction officially kicking off on the brand new Children's Services Building.

The Children's Services Building is a key element of Stage 1 of the Wollondilly Cultural Precinct. It will provide a purpose built, early learning centre that will home our existing 30 place before and after school care service, as well as a new 30 place preschool. Families who live or work in the Shire will be able to access these services from 2023.

In other exciting news, the refurbishment of the Shire Hall is on track to be completed by early next year! We are really looking forward to being able to welcome you all back to the Shire Hall in the New Year.

To keep up to date with all the progress happening at the Wollondilly Cultural Precinct visit wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

This project is funded by Wollondilly Shire Council and the Australian & NSW Governments through the Western Sydney City Deal's Western Parkland City Liveability Fund.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2021 🎄

Council is supporting the **Shining Stars Foundation Christmas Appeal**. You can drop off your donation at the Administration Building by **10 December** to help the homeless and those who are struggling.

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

Council Forums and Meetings

Check out Council's website for the 2022 Council meeting dates at wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

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

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

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YOUR
SAY
Wollondilly

Your voice IS IMPORTANT TO US!

LIVING WITH OR CARING FOR SOMEONE WITH A DISABILITY

We want your input to create a Disability Inclusion Action Plan, which aims to improve the lived experiences of people living with disability.

If you are living with a disability or caring for someone with a disability, your lived experience and suggestions will contribute to creating an Action Plan we can all bring to life.

A more inclusive community is good for everyone - help us ensure we get our Action Plan right! If you would like more information please reach out to our Community Projects Team on (02) 4677 1100 or visit yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

WARRAGAMBA OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

Earlier this year we asked for your feedback which helped us develop a draft Open Space Master Plan for Warragamba. The plan is on public exhibition from 6 December and we would like your feedback again.

This Master Plan would provide direction and guidance for the development of public open space, sport and recreation facilities in the Warragamba township. The plan will be completed in stages over the next 20 years but before we finalise it we want to make sure we have got it right.

Check out the plan and tell us what you think at yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

TELOPEA PARK YOUTH ZONE

In 2019 we adopted a Master Plan for Telopea Park Buxton and since then we have been working to make improvements to the park.

Recently, we consulted with the community about a draft design for a local Youth Zone. We've now made some adjustments we think you will like and we're excited to move forward with design and construction of the Youth Zone, which we hope will be ready to use by mid-2022.

To see the final design visit yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

