

# COMMUNITY *News*

Wollondilly Shire Council is investing more than ever before in fixing our 870km road network, with a big focus on our major roads.

But these major roads really should be managed by the NSW Government like they are for other Council areas all over the state, giving us more resources to invest in our local roads.

That's why we're seeking support from the NSW State Government to review and reclassify 116km of our roads as state roads.

There are three different categories of roads - state, regional and local. The type of road determines who is responsible to fund and carry out maintenance and repairs.

By definition, state roads are maintained by the NSW Government and link commuters to major centres. Regional roads provide connections between smaller towns and districts and are the responsibility of councils, with limited funding received from the State Government. The maintenance costs for these regional roads means there is less money left over to spend on local roads.

In comparison with our neighbouring council areas, we have a disproportionately higher amount of regional versus state roads.

Wollondilly has several regional roads that fit the definition of a state road, and are even considered a state road beyond the Shire border. For instance, Menangle Road is a state road in Campbelltown but a regional road in Wollondilly. Remembrance Driveway is a state road in Camden, but regional in Wollondilly. The roads we believe need reclassification are: Menangle Road, Wilton Road & Macarthur Drive, Remembrance Driveway, Finns Road, Silverdale Road, Avon Dam Road and Woodbridge Road.

The pressure on our road network is only expected to intensify as Wollondilly continues to grow and traffic through our Shire to other major growth centres escalates. You can help us advocate and support our local MP's efforts to get these roads reclassified. Head to Council's website to get involved!



STATE  
ROADS =  
*more funds*  
FOR LOCAL ROADS



# OUR ROAD RECOVERY PLAN

We know that roads are the top priority for a majority of our Wollondilly residents and that our road network has not been in great shape, particularly after the recent storm event. We are now investing more money than ever to address the backlog and bring our roads up to scratch.

In addition to our record investment of \$18 million on road upgrades and renewal in the 2020/21 budget, Council has agreed to an additional \$5.2m due to the widespread impact of storms and flooding in March to address the immediate issues of roads across Wollondilly.

## SO, WHAT WILL COUNCIL BE SPENDING THE \$5.2M ON?

A major priority is major surface patching and asphalt reconstruction works on key access routes such as Werombi Road, Cobbitty Road, Remembrance Driveway, Woodbridge Road, Montpelier Road and Thirlmere Way.

You can also expect to see additional road reconstruction works on Finns Road, Cawdor and Remembrance Driveway, Bargo in partnership with the Australian Government Local Roads & Community Infrastructure Program.

Ultimately, the additional funding will help our teams get on with the job of the planned 2020/21 Road Works Program, which is on track to being delivered.



FINNS ROAD & REMEMBRANCE DRIVEWAY - ROUNDABOUT PROGRESSING ON TRACK

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## ON THE ROAD *Completed Road Projects*

HERE ARE A FEW HIGHLIGHTS OF WHAT OUR TEAMS HAVE DONE IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS



ROADWORKS AT SILVERDALE RD AND WEROMBI RD



SURFACE SEALING ON BINALONG ROAD TO PREVENT ROAD DETERIORATION



ROADWORKS AT THIRLMERE WAY



WORKS COMPLETED AT BARKERS LODGE ROAD AND ARGYLE STREET

# LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE SHIRE

When it comes to growth in the Shire, Council has a plan. A plan that is focused on protecting what makes Wollondilly great – our historic townships and natural landscape – while also promoting opportunities for more jobs, a strong agricultural industry and tourism.

**Council's Planning team has been working on:**

- Sustainable development across the road from Bingara Gorge, guaranteeing lush greenery and parks for all
- A collaborative Water Symposium
- Community engagement on the Picton Place Plan

To get involved and learn more, visit our website [wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)

## GET THE SITE RIGHT



We all need to help protect our local waterways and prevent our creeks from clogging up!

During May, Wollondilly Council teamed up with the Georges Riverkeeper organisation and the Environmental Protection Authority for a month-long education and compliance campaign called Get the Site Right. The campaign advises builders on the best practice erosion and sediment controls for their worksites.

This is an important issue all year round, so if you'd like more information head to [georgesriver.org.au/get-the-site-right](http://georgesriver.org.au/get-the-site-right)

## HELP US ADVOCATE FOR

### Better Digital Infrastructure

As a peri-urban Shire on the fringe of Greater Sydney, Wollondilly connects to the internet through a mix of technologies. Some of us access fixed line connections, while others use fixed wireless, satellite, or mobile broadband. Many of us have relied heavily on internet connectivity this past year, and Council has received anecdotal reports about poor internet and mobile connectivity.

We want to better understand any connectivity issues you've experienced, and how well your internet and mobile services meet your needs. Help us advocate for better connectivity in Wollondilly Shire – take our survey.

Visit [www.yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au) or call 4677 1100.

Ultimately the aim is for the Shire to have fast, reliable digital connectivity. In order for Council to advocate effectively, we need data from residents and businesses about their experience with connectivity. This information can then be used to advocate for upgrades to digital infrastructure.

*In the meantime, for individual assistance with issues, please contact your service provider.*



## What's happening IN WOLLONDILLY?

7 JULY  
NAIDOC  
FLAG RAISING

31 JULY  
MAYORAL  
CHARITY EVENT

2-8 AUGUST  
LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT WEEK

21 AUGUST  
DOGGY  
DAY OUT

17-19 SEPTEMBER  
ILLUMINATE  
WOLLONDILLY

27 SEPTEMBER  
SPRING GARDEN  
COMP BEGINS

**HAVE  
YOUR  
SAY!**

'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](http://yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)

## TRY OUR CUSTOMER PORTAL TO REPORT AN ISSUE

When you spot an issue on the roads or see something that needs attention, the quickest way to let Council know is through our online Customer Portal.

Accessible through our website, when you login to our Customer Portal you will be able to select what the issue or request is, exactly where attention is required and it even gives you the ability to upload photos.

Once submitted, your request progress can be tracked and you are updated as our teams get on with doing the job.





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## YOUR NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT BOOKLET IS COMING SOON!

Keep an eye on your letterbox for the 2021/22 Waste Management Booklet which contains your waste calendar and free native plant giveaway vouchers.

Delivery starts in mid-June, but if your property does not receive a booklet by early July please contact Council on **4677 1100** or email [council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au)

## SEPTEMBER 2021 LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

The Local Government Election is fast approaching, so now is a good time to become familiar with the voting process. We encourage you to visit the NSW Electoral Commission website to look up your ward, discover polling venues and ensure your enrolment details are up-to-date.

If you're interested in becoming a Councillor, Wollondilly Shire Council will be coordinating candidate information sessions in June 2021. Registration is required, with attendance available in person or online. Sessions are free and will be held at Council's Administration Building at 62-64 Menangle Street, Picton. Childcare is available - bookings required.

*Women in Local Government Forum • Saturday 5 June • 9am - 12pm*

*General Candidate Information Session • Wednesday 30 June • 6.30 - 8.30pm*

*To attend the sessions, visit [wollondilly.nsw.gov.au](http://wollondilly.nsw.gov.au) to register your details and to find out more!*

### 2021/22 WASTE BOOKLET

A guide for all your waste and recycling needs

**IMPORTANT SERVICE NOTICE**  
Please park cars away from the turning areas of a cul-de-sac or road on collection day.

**WASTE HOTLINE 1800 805 305**

**RUN 1 - Recycling and Garden Organics Collection Calendar**

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■ Garden Organics
 ■ Recycling

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EAST WARD

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

### 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 8 June
- Tuesday 13 July
- Tuesday 10 August

#### Council Meetings - 6.30pm

- Tuesday 15 June
- Tuesday 20 July
- Tuesday 17 August

#### Local Planning Meetings - Time TBA

- Thursday 24 June
- Thursday 29 July
- Thursday 26 August

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

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