

COMMUNITY News

WILTON

...A GREAT NEW TOWN OR NO TOWN AT ALL

What we're advocating for



1. Public Transport



2. Local Jobs



3. Health Care Precinct



4. Protection of koalas



5. Infrastructure Delivery

#SaveOurKoalas

COUNCIL WITHDRAWS SUPPORT FOR WILTON NEW TOWN

At a packed Wilton Community Centre on Monday 30 April, Wollondilly Councillors unanimously voted to withdraw their 'in principle' support for Wilton New Town and reconsider their position only when vital planning matters are addressed by the NSW Government.

The meeting was held in response to the NSW Government's premature action to rezone the South East Precinct of Wilton New Town despite ongoing uncertainty over issues such as public transport, a health precinct, local jobs, as well as the protection of our valuable koala habitat.

Council is continuing its "Wilton... a GREAT new town or NO town at all" campaign and is calling on the NSW Government to defer any further release of land within the Wilton Priority Growth Area until these issues are addressed. A key focus of the campaign is the protection of vital koala habitat at Wilton, home to the only disease-free koala colony in NSW. Council is calling for the Minister of Planning to reverse part of the recently rezoned South East precinct that forms part of the Allen's Creek primary koala corridor, and for protection of Wollondilly's unique koala population under the Federal Environmental Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999.

Check out www.engage.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au and register to stay up to date with our campaign

We are asking for your help!

You can help save our koalas by encouraging your family and friends to sign the [petition](#) on our engage website. Just download, print, sign and send... no need for a stamp! Reply paid details are listed on the bottom of the petition #SaveOurKoalas

**SIGN OUR
PETITION**
Save our Koalas



What's happening IN WOLLONDILLY

ART OF AGEING VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Wollondilly Shire Council are proud to be partnering with Family and Community Services to present 'The Art of Ageing Exhibition' from 28 August through to 21 September at Wollondilly Shire Hall Art Space, Picton.

The Art of Ageing is an initiative under the NSW Ageing Strategy 2016-2020 to demonstrate the diversity of older people in NSW. The Art of Ageing is a photographic exhibition that celebrates the value, experience and contribution older people bring, and reminds us that older people are not all the same. Council is looking for volunteers that would like to support this free exhibition in Picton.

For more information on volunteering please contact Vickie Tierney, Community Projects Officer 4677 9550 or vickie.tierney@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



TALKING NEWSPAPER

Did you know Council has a free Talking Newspaper Service for Wollondilly residents who may have a visual impairment, dementia or a disability?

Every week a volunteer sits down with a copy of the Wollondilly Advertiser and records themselves reading the newspaper out loud. This recording is then put onto disk and sent out to subscribers of the service.

If you are interested or know someone who may benefit from this free service please get in contact with Vickie Tierney, Community Projects Officer on 4677 9550 or vickie.tierney@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

WOLLONDILLY COMMUNITY MEN'S SHEDS

(WOLCOMS) is a community group that aims to establish and support a network of Men's Sheds across the Wollondilly Shire.

WOLCOMS Men's Sheds:

- Promote men's health and wellbeing
- Connect men with other men in their community
- Provide a safe, comfortable, welcoming and equitable meeting place
- Provide best practice support for running a Men's Shed
- Provide accessible facilities and support for wheelchair users or individuals with mobility limitations.

WOLCOMS is supported by representatives from Tahmoor, Appin and Warradale Men's Sheds as well as representatives from NSW Health and Wollondilly Shire Council.

To connect with a Men's Shed in your area contact:

- **Tahmoor Uniting Men's Shed Inc.**
Contact Alan on 4681 8442
- **Warradale Men's Shed Inc.**
Contact Graeme on 0468 450 269
- **Appin Men's Shed Inc.**
Contact Ray on 0417 485 037

If you are a part of a new Men's Shed within the Wollondilly, and would like to get involved in WOLCOMS please contact Vickie Tierney, Community Projects Officer 4677 9550 or vickie.tierney@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

The Mayoral SCAVENGER HUNT AND CHARITY DINNER

Saturday 28 July 2018

Have your team **RACE** around Wollondilly Shire solving **CLUES**, completing **CHALLENGES** and gathering **EVIDENCE** of your journey!

2 PM

SCAVENGER HUNT

- > Tickets \$50 (teams of 2-4 people)
- > Own transportation and camera/smart device essential for participation
- > \$500 cash prize for 1st place

6 PM

CHARITY DINNER

- > Warragamba Town Hall
- > Tickets \$99 per person/\$900 table of 10
- > Raffles, silent auctions and local entertainment



FOR REGISTRATION AND TICKET SALES

4677 1100
events@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

All funds raised to support the Wollondilly Prostate Cancer Support Group and Warragamba Anzac Community Fund.

WOLLONDILLY DIABETES PROGRAMME

Did you know that the rate of diabetes in the Shire is on the increase? Current estimates suggest that 2505 people or 5.1% of the Wollondilly population have the disease.

While rates for Wollondilly are still below the South Western Sydney and NSW rates (6.3% and 5.3% respectively) there is still lots we can do to prevent developing this disease and the Wollondilly Diabetes Programme is here to help!

The Wollondilly Diabetes Programme works closely with general practices across Wollondilly and was set up under the Wollondilly Health Alliance to start addressing diabetes in the Shire.

On Saturday 7 April the Wollondilly Diabetes Programme Team hit the road and held a Diabetes Roadshow Awareness Session at Tahmoor Town Centre.

The roadshow was designed to promote the Wollondilly Diabetes Programme (WDP) and to create awareness of diabetes and its related complications. As part of the roadshow, the team wanted to inform residents of the specialist services freely available through the WDP such as the Peer Support Program and free Diabetes Risk Assessment.

The day was a great success with the team engaging with 150 people, offering free on-site consultations with their Dietitian, Diabetes Educator and Endocrinologist, and completing a number

of Diabetes Risk Assessment surveys. The majority of the people assessed were at risk (81.3%) for developing type 2 diabetes, with 37% reporting a positive family history of diabetes.

The WDP would like to thank Tahmoor Centre Management for allowing them to conduct their roadshow at the Tahmoor Town Centre; Woolworths Tahmoor for the donation of fruit and Peer Support Team Volunteers Neville Hockey and Gareth McSweeney for their help on the day.

For more information on the Wollondilly Diabetes Programme, contact us on **4683 6000** or **4634 4988**, via email WDP@westernsydney.edu.au and don't forget to like us on facebook 'Wollondilly Diabetes Programme'.



SENIORS FESTIVAL WRAP

Seniors Festival 2018 was a huge success across the Wollondilly Shire again this year.

Council partnered with local Community Organisations to hold a series of free and low-cost events/open days designed to celebrate the valuable contribution our seniors make in the Shire.

Community Links Wollondilly kicked off the festivities at the beautiful Avon Dam with 'Trivia Be Dammed'. Over 60 participants enjoyed a healthy BBQ lunch followed by a hula hoop demonstration and many laughs were had when some participants joined in! Local Legend Jack Wilton entertained everyone as quiz master extraordinaire.

Council followed on the next day with our 'Mad Hatter's Tea Party' where 160 'Mad Hatters' made their way down the rabbit hole to 'Wonderdilly'. Seniors enjoyed a live music sing a long, high tea and were invited to go back in time by playing life size games on the front lawn.

Wollondilly Heritage Centre opened its doors to seniors free of charge during Seniors Festival 2018. Warragamba/Silverdale Neighbourhood Centre facilitated a 'Day @ the Club' enjoying music from the past, lunch, tai chi and outdoor games, as well as a presentation from the local Rural Fire Service.

St Mark's Picton also opened its doors to 52 attendees who enjoyed a history talk, tour of the cemetery and recently completed works since the 2016 storm event. St Mark's were pleased to see some familiar local faces as well as visitors from Liverpool, Wollongong, Bowral and Cobbity.

Did you know that Wollondilly Council have a Seniors Mailing List? If you are interested in receiving ongoing information about Seniors Events across the Wollondilly please get in contact with Vickie Tierney, Community Projects Officer **4677 1100** or vickie.tierney@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



COUNCIL WORKS PROGRAM ON TRACK

It's been a massive year for Council's works team. By the end of the financial year we'll have delivered around \$20m worth of infrastructure works, with \$6.3m worth of Special Rate Variation (SRV) funds contributing to that total.

Some of the significant road reconstruction jobs over this current financial year:

- Silverdale Road at Silverdale
- Montpelier Drive, between The Oaks and Mowbray Park
- Remembrance Drive at Tahmoor and Picton
- Finns Road at Cawdor

For more information on what we've been doing and what's ahead, head to the detailed Capital Works Program on Council's website.

WOLLONDILLY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GUIDE

Wollondilly Shire Council and the Wollondilly Community Resilience Committee have developed an Emergency Management Guide to assist residents in preparation for a natural disaster or emergency.

The guide is the latest initiative of the 'Activate Wollondilly' project funded by the Office of Emergency Management following the June 2016 Storm Event.

The Wollondilly Emergency Management Guide helps residents be prepared, including where to source information and what to do in a crisis situation.

The guide has been developed with information from the SES, RFS and Emergency combat agencies. It's a great resource to have on hand and provides hints and tips to prepare for an emergency.

Pick up your copy of the Emergency Management Guide from Council's Administration Building, Picton Library, The Dilly Wanderer or the Mobile Library Service or call the Community Projects and Events team on **4677 9611** to request a copy.

YOUR NEW WASTE MANAGEMENT CALENDAR COMING SOON!

Keep an eye on your letterbox for the 2018/2019 Waste Management Booklet which contains your waste calendar and free native plant giveaway vouchers.

Delivery commences mid-June, if your property does not receive a booklet by early July please contact Council on **4677 1100** or email council@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



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

Council Forums and Meetings

Each month Council hosts a Community Forum one week prior to the Council meeting. You can apply to speak at the community forum, find out how on the [Council website](#).

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.

Upcoming Community Forum Dates:

- Tuesday, 12 June 2018
- Monday, 9 July 2018
- Monday, 13 August 2018

Upcoming Council Meeting Dates:

- Monday, 18 June 2018
- Monday, 16 July 2018
- Monday, 20 August 2018

Council Meeting Live Streaming:

- [Now available via the Council website](#)

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