

COMMUNITY News



ALL SYSTEMS GO FOR LIVEABILITY PROJECTS

Wollondilly Shire Council has received funding for a number of projects to promote healthy living and improve quality of life for our community under Round 1 of the Western Parkland City Liveability Program.

The Wollondilly projects we have received funding for include:

- A district skate facility at Appin;
- Outdoor fitness equipment in eight locations across the shire;
- Planning and consultation for a community, cultural and civic precinct development in Picton; and
- Future planning for a regional sporting complex at Tahmoor.

Council is excited to receive this first round of funding to bring these local projects to life. This community infrastructure will make a positive difference to our residents; promoting healthy lifestyles, supporting cultural activities and making Wollondilly an even better place to live, learn, work and play.

Work is scheduled to commence on the Appin skate facility and the outdoor exercise stations this financial year, while Council will continue to speak to the community about the cultural and civic precinct in Picton and the Tahmoor sporting complex so that the plans for these spaces reflect the community's wishes. A second round of the Liveability Program is expected to take place later in 2019.

We are committed to working with the community on all these projects to ensure these spaces are enjoyed and utilised by everyone. To keep up to date on their progress and make sure your voice is heard, head to yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

 **ILLUMINATE
WOLLONDILLY**
FESTIVAL OF ART & LIGHT

**12 NOON - 9PM
18 MAY 2019**



Wollondilly's biggest Arts and Cultural Festival returns on Saturday 18 May 2019 in Picton. Now in its fifth year, the reinvigorated Illuminate Wollondilly is set to delight like never before, with exciting new activities for the whole family and even more awe-inspiring light projections. New additions include LED Dancers, street performers, a light-up DJ booth, neon putt-putt and a silent disco.

Everything you need to know about Illuminate Wollondilly can be found on our new website illuminatewollondilly.com.au
Put the date in your diary and make sure you don't miss out!

What's happening IN WOLLONDILLY

CHEMICAL CLEAN OUT SUNDAY 31 MARCH

Wollondilly Shire Council in partnership with NSW EPA Waste Less Recycle More Initiative are holding a Household Chemical Clean Out day in March.

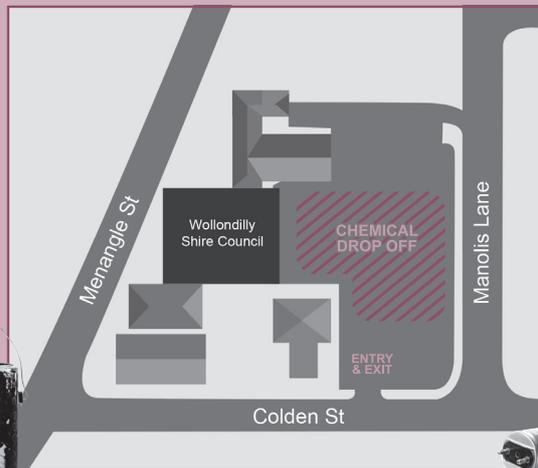
This is a free service for the safe disposal of a range of household chemicals that could cause harm to human health and the environment if they are not disposed of correctly.

What can I drop off?

- From your home: solvents, household cleaners, floor care products, ammonia based cleaners, batteries, fluorescent globes and tubes
- From your vehicle: vehicle batteries, motor oils, fuels and fluids
- From your garage: paint and paint related products, pesticides and herbicides, poisons, gas bottles, fire extinguishers, pool chemicals, hobby chemicals, acids and alkalis.

Where: Colden St carpark, Picton

For more information visit cleanout.com.au



Come along to Buxton Buzz and meet new people, learn about wellbeing, and keep up to date with what's happening in and around your village.

Buxton Buzz is a free event, run fortnightly on Tuesdays from 10am - 12pm at the Buxton School of Arts Hall, West Parade, Buxton.

Some of the things you can expect at Buxton Buzz include:

- Learning a new skill, such as hula hooping
- Finding out what services and programs are available in your area, such as Community Links and the New Access Program
- Learning about the 5 Ways to Wellbeing and how you can improve your mental wellbeing
- Meeting new people over a cup of tea or coffee.

Everyone is welcome!

CHILDREN'S SERVICES ENROLMENTS OPEN

<u>Before School Care</u>	<u>After School Care</u>	<u>Vacation Care</u>
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6:30am - 9am (school days)	3pm - 7pm (school days)	7am - 7pm (school holidays)
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For more information contact Children's Services on (02) 4677 8202.

Wollondilly Neighbourhood Occasional Care

10am - 2:30pm, Monday, Thursday and Friday (School terms only)

For more information contact (02) 4677 8201.

EARN \$\$ CARING FOR KIDS IN YOUR OWN HOME

This is a great opportunity to build a rewarding career from home! Educators need to be willing to work flexible hours; be prepared to obtain or already hold a Certificate 3 in Children's Services and a first aid certificate; be willing to work under Government regulations.

If you are interested in further information on becoming an Educator, please contact Children's Services (02) 4677 8200.

YOUTH WEEK

Branch Out Pool Party

Saturday 13 April, 3pm - 7:30pm
at Wollondilly Leisure Centre

Come along and enjoy:

- Outdoor Movie
- Music
- Bubble Soccer
- Swimming
- Sports



**FREE
EVENT**

KNOW THE CLEAN FILL DRILL!

Council is receiving increasing numbers of reports of fill being delivered to often unsuspecting property owners with false promises that it is clean and harmless, only to find that it is contaminated.

Owners are sometimes told that the fill is clean and is coming from 'West Connex' and validation reports are available.

You may be tricked into accepting contaminated material, sometimes even provided with fake validation reports.

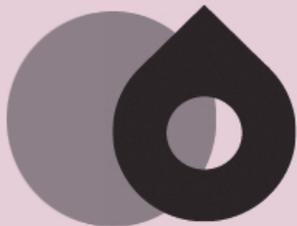
By accepting contaminated waste onto your property, you are breaking the law and can be left holding the bill for any clean-up costs, as well as dealing with any environmental pollution which could put you in a costly and difficult situation. Council may issue on the spot fines of \$4,000 for an individual or \$8,000 for a Corporation for breaches to the Protection of Environment Operations Act (POEO). Don't let yourself become a victim - follow these simple steps...

Know the Clean Fill Drill

1. Get the approvals – Council approval is often required, so check with Council before you accept any fill.
2. Do your research – Use a reputable supplier and, if you have doubts, request that the material is sampled or analysed. Ask Council or ring the EPA for more information.
3. Once approval has been granted or it is confirmed that you can receive fill, record the details - Take down the details of anyone delivering fill to your property, including name, driver's licence, vehicle registration, vehicle signage or any other information you might observe. This can be used to track down dodgy operators in cases where fill is found to be contaminated.
Be there - Be at your property when all the fill is delivered. If you see something odd such as chunks of bricks, tiles, fibrous material or sheeting - ask the transporter to stop and call Council or the EPA Environment Line on **131 555**.
4. Secure your property – Once your job is complete, make sure that you secure entry to your property to prevent dodgy operators from coming back with unclean loads.

Dob in a Dumper

If you see any filling or dumping that you have concerns about you can report it to Council on **4677 1100** or the EPA on **131 555**. Further information is on the EPA's website at epa.nsw.gov.au/illegaldumping/index.htm



Water wise rules help us all save water.

Find our more at www.sydneywater.com.au/waterwiserules

AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD WINNERS

Wollondilly's Australia Day Awards winners for 2019 were announced at a ceremony in the Picton Botanic Gardens on 26 January.

Helen Fenning was named Wollondilly's Citizen of the Year, in recognition of her service to the RFS and the community of Buxton.

Helen is a long-term member of Buxton Rural Fire Service and is currently the Deputy Captain of the unit. She has also held the position of Community Engagement Officer for a number of years, going into schools to teach children about fire safety and awareness. She is a member of the Critical Incident Support Service (CISS), which provides a counselling service for firefighters who need support and runs debriefs after critical incidents. Helen is also a member of the Buxton Community Association and the Buxton Carols team.

Other category winners for 2019 were:

- Young Citizen of the Year – *Dillon Ray*
- Local Hero of the Year (individual) – *Robert Marshall*
- Achiever of the Year – *Paula Zrilic*
- Local Hero Organisation of the Year – *Dilly Drought Drive*
- Sportsperson of the Year – *Garry Robinson*
- Environmental Citizen of the Year – *Nicole Palmer*



Helen Fenning

WHAT MAKES YOUR LOCAL AREA GREAT?

What would you like retained and what would you like to see changed?

Over the coming year we'll be developing Wollondilly's first Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS). This statement will set out the 20-year vision for land use in Wollondilly and identify what values you think should be preserved and how change should be managed in the future.

To help us develop the LSPS, we're asking the community about what's important in your town or village and what you'd like to see there in the future.

There's still time to tell us your thoughts, so head to placescore.org/wollondilly to find out more, or contact Council on (02) 4677 9551.

CHECK OUT COUNCIL'S NEW WEBSITE

Click wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

HAVE YOUR SAY WOLLONDILLY

Council has just launched *Your Say Wollondilly*, a new look online community engagement website.

Your Say Wollondilly allows you to easily access information about Council activities and projects and make sure your voice is heard on the things that matter most to you. Head to yoursay.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au to check it out and sign up for updates.

WATCH YOUR LETTERBOX

Keep an eye out for your next clean up flyer. The flyer lists the two scheduled clean up dates for your property in 2019.

We won't be sending another reminder letter for your second scheduled clean up date in 2019 so please hold on to your flyer.

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

1. Go to maps.wollondilly.nsw.gov.au/waste
2. 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.
3. You will see all the details of your waste services listed to the right of the map.



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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 from Council's Foyer or on Council's website seven (7) days prior to the Community Forum.

Community Forum Dates:

- 11 March
- 8 April
- 13 May
- 11 June

Council Meeting Dates:

- 18 March
- 15 April
- 20 May
- 17 June

Local Planning Panel Dates (5:30pm):

- 28 March
- 2 May
- 30 May

Please note these dates are subject to change, check Council's website to stay updated.

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Opening Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am to 5pm