

COMMUNITY News



WOLLONDILLY PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

PREPARING TO OPEN WITH A **BIG BANG!**

Situated in the heart of Picton and part of the Wollondilly Cultural Precinct, the Wollondilly Performing Arts Centre is an elegant, state-of-the-art, flexible format venue with a striking contemporary design that references the lyrebird and water dragon totems of the Dharawal and Gundungurra people.

The auditorium can be configured in different layouts for live performances, corporate events and functions and will host an annual program of high-quality professional performances – everything from orchestras to contemporary dance and music, circus, drama, puppetry and seniors and children’s programming. Commercial hirers are already lining up to book in popular comedy, cabaret, music concerts and tribute shows, and the venue will also host local community theatre groups, school presentations, civic events and dance school concerts.

With construction complete, the Performing Arts Centre is now being fitted out with world-class audio, lighting and AV equipment, and commissioning operational systems ready for public access. With some special taster events this year, a full program of performances, workshops and events will be unleashed in 2025. Hire bookings are now open for next year. Keep an eye on our socials for updates and tickets on sale.

THE BIG BANG STREET PARTY!

The Big Bang Street Party will launch the Performing Arts Centre to the community and rock the Dilly on **16 November**.

The Big Bang Street Party, held outside the Centre on Menangle Street, will feature workshops, art exhibitions, food trucks and high energy performances from African drummers, Samba dancers and local bands. Guided tours of the Performing Arts Centre will also be offered. Stay tuned for more details!

The Big Bang Street Party is proudly funded by the NSW Government. This building is funded by the Western Parkland City Liveability Program, Create NSW, Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants, and Council developer contributions and building renewal funds.





ILLUMINATE WOLLONDILLY FESTIVAL OF ART & LIGHT



20 - 22
SEPTEMBER 2024

Picton Main Street &
Picton Botanic Gardens

ILLUMINATE IS BACK FOR 2024

Illuminate Entertainment Zone

Lantern & Sculpture Display

Sensory Carnival Sessions

Sensory & Quiet Space

Entertainment Stage

Long Table Dinner

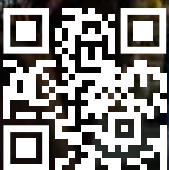
Light Projections

Art Exhibitions

Market Stalls

Food Court

Fireworks



SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE

illuminatewollondilly.com.au | (02) 4677 1100



Owloween

AT THE AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE SANCTUARY

TIME

6pm - 9pm

DATE

25 & 26 October

TICKETS

\$29 each



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TICKETS &
FIND OUT MORE

Come and enjoy
a night of Owloween
activities!

ANIMAL ENCOUNTERS

BEST COSTUME PRIZES

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT

JUMPING CASTLES

FACE PAINTING

HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES



DO YOUR PART AND
FIRES WON'T START



Not all household waste can be disposed of in
kerbside bins and Council clean ups.

Some items are considered hazardous and can cause
fires in our garbage trucks, putting our community and
workers at risk. Don't put these items in your kerbside
bins or in your Council clean up. Store them away in
a safe place until you can take advantage of one of
Council's free hazardous waste collection events. Visit
our website for more information.



SCAN FOR MORE WASTE INFORMATION

GET BUSHFIRE READY WITH OUR

WOOD
CHIPPING
SERVICE

FREE

Need to get Bush Fire ready? Take advantage of our free
Wood Chipping trial service! Wollondilly residents can
book a time slot at any of the following locations:

BARGO / 8am - 3pm
Bargo Sportsground, 96 Radnor Road
Sat 19 Oct

PICTON / 8am - 3pm
Picton Sportsground, 30 Fairleys Road
Sat 28 Sept & Thurs 12 Dec

WARRAGAMBA / 8am - 3pm
Old Warragamba Waste Management
Site, 9 Production Avenue
Fri 27 Sept & Sat 16 Nov



For further information
and to book a spot head
to **Council's website**
or contact Council on
(02) 4677 1100

update

FLOOD MANAGEMENT

Council is required by the NSW Government to conduct flood risk studies and plans under the NSW Flood Risk Management Manual.

STONEQUARRY CREEK FLOOD RISK MANAGEMENT

We are working through the Stonequarry Creek Flood Risk Management actions. The latest work involves:

- Updating relevant planning controls to better manage the risks from development in the floodplain
- Investigation of detention basins in the western catchment to see if we can find a way to reduce flooding with this method
- Investigation of a scheme for the voluntary purchase of properties as well as the benefits of removing buildings in the floodway
- Looking at evacuation along Menangle Street and Picton Road during a flood event and what needs to be done to make the route more flood resilient
- Improving flood warning information availability. We already have a system to monitor flood levels that is reflected on the BOM website for public access. We are also installing a live flood camera (a Live Traffic camera where you can see the creek water levels) on Argyle Street to give another source of remote flood information.

WOLLONDILLY FLOOD STUDY

We collected a large amount of feedback from the recent consultation on draft flood mapping through the Your Say Wollondilly feedback form and interactive map, phone calls, emails, and conversations at our drop-in sessions. We will continue to work through this information and will let you know more later in the year.

LIVE FLOOD CAMERAS ACROSS THE WOLLONDILLY SHIRE

In addition to the Live Flood Camera accessed through NSW Live Traffic on Argyle Street for Stonequarry Creek, we are installing similar cameras in other locations. A camera is being installed on Silverdale Road at Wallacia to monitor flood levels for the Nepean River.



SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT FLOOD MANAGEMENT



ESTABLISHING A COMMUNITY RECOVERY HUB

Are you a local community group? Would you like to better understand community recovery and learn how to establish a community-led recovery hub following a disaster? Get involved with our Community Recovery Hub Training!



SCAN FOR MORE INFO, REGISTER FOR TRAINING OR CALL THE COMMUNITY RECOVERY & RESILIENCE OFFICER ON (02) 4677 1100



SUPPORTING FARMERS WITH NEW



Agriculture is part of the fabric of Wollondilly, and we want to help our farmers to continue to flourish into the future.

To support our farming community, we have developed the AgriHub – a virtual information and resource centre for all things agriculture.

If you are an existing farmer, rural landowner or looking to invest in the Wollondilly Shire, please take a look at the AgriHub online.



SCAN TO TAKE A LOOK AT THE AGRI HUB & FIND OUT HOW IT CAN HELP YOU



WOLLONDILLY LIBRARY

UNLEASH YOUR VOICE WITH WOLLONDILLY LIBRARY'S NEW PODCAST KIT

Whether you're a budding storyteller, a curious expert, collector of histories or an avid content creator, this kit has everything you need to bring your ideas to life and share them with the world.

To borrow, just present your Library card to one of our team members at Wollondilly Library, Picton and request the Kit. The kit can only be used at Wollondilly Library, Picton.



SCAN TO FIND OUT MORE & BORROW THE PODCAST KIT



MASSIVE ROADS INVESTMENT CONTINUES IN 2024/25

Roads improvements and repairs remain on top of Council's agenda with a massive roads budget of \$31.5 million for 2024/25, building on the enormous investment in recent years. Our road crews are already out and about working across the Shire this Spring.

On top of this, we will soon be creating a new civil road crew and adding new road surveillance and inspection resources to help us meet the challenge. Road reconstruction, heavy patching and drainage work will continue to be a focus throughout Wollondilly over the next financial year and in the years ahead.



With well over 200 road locations across the Wollondilly Shire set for investment over the next Financial Year. Scan QR CODE to see what is planned for your area.

WILTON COMMUNITY UPDATES...

Do you live in Wilton? Do you want to be involved in your community? Sign up to the Wilton Updates to be first to know about Wilton community programs, events and openings.

Wilton residents can get involved in local events and activities such as 'Meet Your Neighbours' events to help build a great community with a strong sense of identity, inclusion and interaction.



SCAN TO SIGN UP & FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN WILTON

- DRAFT - COMMUNITY SPORT & RECREATION NEEDS STRATEGY PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

Wollondilly's rapidly growing population is creating both opportunities and challenges for Council when it comes to managing the sport and recreation needs of our community.

Through a comprehensive consultation process, we have developed a Draft Community Sport and Recreation Needs Strategy that addresses the challenges of our changing community profile, urbanisation, and the growing pressures on our existing community sport and recreation infrastructure.

The Draft Strategy proposes investment in new and upgraded facilities across the Shire, from Warragamba through to Yanderra, with a key focus on the growth areas which will house the majority of the Shire's population in the years to come.

For example, the Draft Strategy identifies the need for a Regional Indoor Recreation Centre (with sports courts and an aquatic centre) to be delivered in the Wilton growth area within the next seven years, as well as planning for the future delivery of a District Indoor Recreation Centre in Appin. The implementation plan also includes deliverables such as new sportsgrounds, regional, district and local playgrounds, multi-purpose courts, youth precincts and parks.

The Draft Strategy is now on public exhibition. Head to Council's Your Say page and social media pages to find out how to provide your feedback.



DIGITAL INTEGRATION TO THE NSW PLANNING PORTAL

As part of our continuous improvement at Wollondilly, Council's Development Services team has introduced a new digital integration process with the NSW Planning Portal for the recording of Certificate information issued by Private Certifiers. These certificates include Complying Development Certificates, Construction Certificates and Occupation Certificates.

Private Certifiers lodge their Certificates on the NSW Planning Portal for work they have determined within the Wollondilly Shire Council area. Historically, staff have been manually recording the information into Council's systems as required by legislation - a very time-consuming task.

The new API (Application Programming Interface) installed in conjunction with CIBIS International creates the Certificate data record in Council's existing Information Management platforms and automatically saves all the documentation. Staff just need to do some minor checking of data to ensure all the information is recorded correctly.

Since 27 May 2024 over 200 certificates have been processed this way. The time saving of at least two hours per day gives our teams time to work on more in-depth matters - a great outcome for everybody.

WHAT'S ON IN WOLLONDILLY?

ILLUMINATE WOLLONDILLY
20-22 September 2024

OWLOWEEN
25-26 October 2024

SUSTAINADILLY WORKSHOPS
From September to December 2024

NURSERY OPEN DAY
7 September 2024

**CAFÉ CONNECT
GET READY WORKSHOP**
26 September 2024

**CAFÉ CONNECT SUCCULENT
PLANTER WORKSHOP**
24 October 2024

**CAFÉ CONNECT
CHRISTMAS CRAFT**
21 November 2024

**BLOOM: WOLLONDILLY
GARDEN EXPO & PLANT FAIR**
3 November 2024

CHRISTMAS IN THE GARDENS
6 December 2024



SCAN TO FIND OUT THE
LATEST UPDATES & NEWS
ON WOLLONDILLY EVENTS!

WOLLONDILLY HEALTHY LIFESTYLE GUIDE

The Wollondilly Healthy Lifestyle Guide has been developed by Council to provide information to Wollondilly residents about the services and resources available to support their health and wellbeing.

The Guide is inclusive of all ages, abilities, and identities. It is available in both hard copy and digital formats.

HOW TO GET YOUR HEALTHY LIFESTYLE GUIDE:

- Pick up a hard copy from the Wollondilly Library, Wollondilly Mobile Library, Dilly Wanderer, Wollondilly Council Administration Building, or the Resilient Wollondilly Van.
- Order a hard copy through the ordering form on Council's website.



SCAN THE QR CODE TO
ACCESS THE HEALTHY
LIFESTYLE GUIDE ONLINE!



Promote YOUR EVENT

WOLLONDILLY BUSINESSES & EVENT ORGANISERS

Attention Wollondilly Businesses and Event Organisers!

Did you know that you can promote your business or event for **FREE** on **Visit Wollondilly's website?**

You can reach thousands of residents and visitors each month by listing your local business or event on **Visit Wollondilly's platform**. It's a fantastic opportunity to showcase what you have to offer and attract more customers and attendees.

Let's work together to highlight the vibrant offerings of our community and support our local economy!



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SAY**
Wollondilly

IS COUNCIL'S
ONLINE COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT PLATFORM

Your Say Wollondilly is Wollondilly Council's online community engagement platform. It's one of the ways you can provide input to Council on projects, policies and plans. Community feedback helps us make informed decisions, so that everybody benefits. Register today and stay tuned for opportunities to have your say.



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MORE & HAVE YOUR SAY!

