

COMMUNITY NEWS

- RECORD -

\$190.7 MILLION CAPITAL WORKS SPEND IN DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN & BUDGET 2024/25

With a record \$190.7 million anticipated spending on an extensive capital works program over the next four years, Wollondilly Shire Council's next draft Operational Plan and Budget continues to place a massive investment into roads and priority infrastructure assets across the Shire as Council prepares for the growth ahead.

The program includes a significant \$57.3 million investment in 2024/25 for infrastructure delivery all across the Shire, from Warragamba to Yanderra, Oakdale to Menangle and Appin to Thirlmere.

A proposed budget of \$30.9 million for roads in 2024/25 will build on the massive investment in recent years, with an emphasis on road renewal. The upcoming year will also see the creation of a new civil road crew, as well as additional road surveillance and inspection resources.

Along with another record investment in roads and infrastructure projects, in the year ahead Council will continue to place a strong focus on continuous improvement, enhanced service delivery and organisational performance.

When it comes to planning for the future, more resources will be focussed on rural and employment planning and growth area management, supporting the viability of agriculture and affordable farming across the Shire and creating jobs and sustainable outcomes in our growth areas.

Council will also concentrate on improving the customer experience, with the Customer Experience Enhancement Plan driving delivery of excellent customer service through all Council's interactions, projects and initiatives for the coming year.

Head to Council's Your Say page to provide your feedback.

SEE WHAT'S PLANNED FOR YOUR AREA!

Council has been busy developing the ten-year Capital Works Program for 2024-2034. This involves determining which roads, footpaths, car parks, bridges, kerb and gutter, bus shelters, open spaces, guardrails, township signs, public buildings and stormwater infrastructure will be renewed, replaced or built over the next ten years.

Each financial year, the program is updated to make sure we are addressing the work that is needed the most. A new tool is now available to help you to find out what is happening near you for the next four years.



SCAN TO SEE THE
DRAFT MAP & FIND OUT
WHAT IS PLANNED
AROUND THE SHIRE

WOLLONDILLY CHILDREN'S SERVICES

OUR COMMITMENT

Wollondilly Children's Services has a commitment to the children of Wollondilly and their families. We understand that families need high quality and affordable education and care for their children. Council offers four services throughout the Shire; Preschool, Before & After School Care, School Holiday Care and Family Day Care.

Our services provide trusted care through innovative, flexible, caring and inclusive practices. We offer highly competitive and all-inclusive fees within our services through the assistance of the Federal and State Governments. Start Strong and Child Care Subsidy are available to all eligible families.

OUR SERVICES

Wollondilly Preschool (3 - 5 years of age)

- Phone: 02 4677 8383
- Email: preschool@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

Family Day Care (6 weeks - 12 years of age)

- Phone: 02 4677 8200
- Email: fdc@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

Before & After School Care (5 - 13 years of age)

- Phone: 02 4677 8202
- Email: childrensservices@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au

School Holiday Care (5 - 12 years of age)

- Phone: 02 4677 8202
- Email: childrensservices@wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



WOOD CHIPPING SERVICE

new
TRIAL

Wollondilly Council is **trials a new free wood chipping service** in four key locations around the Shire: **Appin, Bargo, Picton and Warragamba.**

Running from April until December 2024, this free service is available to those with a current domestic waste service.

If you have off-cuts from larger vegetation such as tree branches and large shrubs this service is for you.

USING THE SERVICE

WE WILL ACCEPT:

- ✓ Tree branches, trunks and large shrubs
- ✓ Length: one metre or more
- ✓ Diameter: maximum is 400mm

WE WILL NOT ACCEPT:

- ✗ Tree stumps or root balls
- ✗ Vines and garden weeds (e.g. dandelions, thistles, etc)
- ✗ Woody weed species that are *fruiting or in seed*
- ✗ Grass clippings, hedge trimmings, palm leaves
- ✗ Posts, stakes, sleepers, wire and ropes
- ✗ Material that is tied up or in bags
- ✗ Material with dirt or soil
- ✗ Metal, concrete, building materials or general waste

LOCATIONS & BOOKINGS



Scan the QR CODE:

- for location times at Appin, Bargo, Picton and Warragamba
- for more information
- to make a booking

Alternatively call 4677 1100 or visit wollondilly.nsw.gov.au



WOLLONDILLY SHIRE COUNCIL'S

CULTURAL Connections

MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL

TIME

10am - 4pm

WHERE

Hannaford Oval, Wilton

DATE

Sat 15 June

Come and experience
a world of the
exotic and spicy.

AMUSEMENT RIDES

CULTURAL
PERFORMANCES

FOOD TRUCKS FROM
AROUND THE GLOBE

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WOLLONDILLY.NSW.GOV.AU



DILLY DoggY Day Out



Enjoy a fun day out
with your furry
family members!

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST

9AM - 1PM

PICTON SPORTSGROUND

DR KATRINA &
THE WONDER DOGS

DOGGY FASHION
PARADE

PET PRODUCT &
TREAT STALLS

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GROUND TRUTHING

OUR FLOOD MAPPING

YOU CAN HELP

We are continuing work on the draft Wollondilly Flood Study, including broad scale mapping of the Shire plus detailed mapping of nine specific areas. Up-to-date flood mapping is important because it helps us to understand and manage flood risk, and plan for reducing the worst impacts of flooding.

Find out what our updated draft flood mapping says about where you live, and let us know if it matches what you've seen.

You can help by sharing:

- Photos or video
- Recorded high water marks
- Where water flows in your neighbourhood during storms
- Your feedback about our draft mapping.

Join us at a drop-in session around the Shire in May and June, call us at 4677 1100, or visit **Your Say Wollondilly** to find out more and share your thoughts.



SCAN TO SIGN UP,
STAY CONNECTED
& HAVE YOUR SAY!



WOLLONDILLY LIBRARY

BOOK LAUNCH

at Wollondilly Library

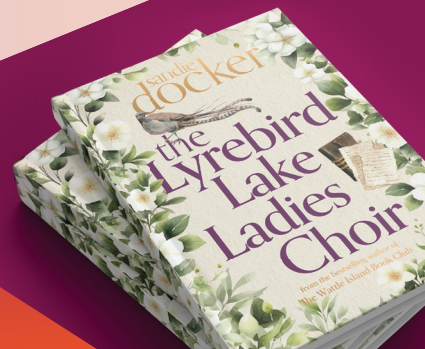
On 10 July 2024, Wollondilly Library will be hosting author **Sandie Docker** to celebrate the release of her latest book, **The Lyrebird Lake Ladies Choir**. The author will be sharing insights into her storytelling journey.

The Lyrebird Lake Ladies Choir is a moving story about the power of discovering your voice. Set between 1973 and the present day, Sandie Docker expertly weaves the stories of three women to confront the very real issues faced by many Australians - from homelessness to the unhealed scars of historic forced adoption.

- Wednesday 10 July
- 3pm – 4pm
- Light refreshments available
- Books will be available for purchase from the author



SCAN TO MAKE A
BOOKING & FIND
OUT MORE



HERITAGE

in Wollondilly

The Wollondilly Shire is home to 286 Local Significant Heritage items and 20 State Significant Heritage items.

Wollondilly also contains a significant section of the Blue Mountains, which is a World Heritage listed area as well as being on Australia's National Heritage list, and includes the stunning Thirlmere Lakes land.

Council is currently updating its local heritage list which recognises a property's heritage value.



HEAD TO THE YOUR SAY PAGE TO
FIND OUT MORE & STAY CONNECTED

THE WOLLONDILLY PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE

The new Wollondilly Performing Arts Centre is really taking shape. This facility will provide a state-of-the-art local venue for music, theatre, exhibitions and civic events. It will be a major injection into the cultural life of Picton and the wider Wollondilly area. It will be a game changer for Wollondilly!

We are continuing to invest in our cultural and civic centre in Picton as the Shire grows. The Performing Arts Centre will help Picton thrive, alongside the new Government Services Building, Library and Village Green.

This project is funded by grants including the Western Parkland City Liveability Program, Create NSW & Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program, developer contributions and building renewal funds.



WOLLONDILLY PERFORMING
ARTS CENTRE

PROJECTS AROUND THE SHIRE

Our record investment into projects is on show all over the Wollondilly Shire!

DUE FOR COMPLETION SOON

Picton to Tahmoor Shareway:

2.4 km of shared pathway.

Old Menangle School Recreation Area:

Includes the renewal of the old school building, playground and nature play areas, community kitchen and garden, BBQ and shelter facilities and new amenities building.

Picton Botanic Gardens Playspace and Amenities:

Includes an all abilities toddler and children's playspace with sensory elements and water play.

Barrallier Park Water Play, The Oaks:

This play facility will be completed soon and will be open for community use in Spring 2024.

OTHER PROJECTS ON THE GO:

Wollondilly Performing Arts Centre:

External works are nearly complete with the focus now on the internal works.

Sportsgrounds at The Oaks, Tahmoor and Picton:

Includes a new multi-purpose building at Dudley Chesham Sportsground, a field upgrade at the Tahmoor Sporting Complex and a building extension at Picton Sportsground.



ROADWORKS AROUND THE SHIRE

Our road teams and contractors are fixing, repairing and maintaining Wollondilly roads every weekday.

Silverdale Road Safety Improvement Program: Work around the Silverdale Shopping Centre will finalise the project, with timing dependent on the construction of the Centre. We have already completed road reconstruction and widening, kerb and guttering and footpaths, completely changing traffic movements within Silverdale.

Razorback Landslip: Work is continuing on Remembrance Driveway, Razorback to repair a rock fall and historic landslip which has seen a lane closed since 2010. The stabilisation process is progressing well and causing minimal disruption to traffic on the major thoroughfare.

Footpaths: New footpaths have been installed at John Street and Russell Street, The Oaks. They will improve pedestrian safety and increase opportunities for exercise, which is a win-win.

Burragorang Road and Fosters Lane, Mount Hunter: NSW Black Spot Funding has allowed for asphalt reconstruction in Mount Hunter to repair the road at the intersection.

Night Road Work: We have recently completed some night-time road reconstruction on main roads to limit disruptions to traffic. The work on Menangle Road, Menangle and Argyle Street, Picton is now completed.

Kerb and Guttering: Our crews have been replacing some kerb and guttering in Tahmoor, with more to come.

Drainage and Pothole Maintenance: With recent flooding, our Civil Maintenance and Drainage team has been repairing potholes and responding to drainage requests through our Customer Portal.

For updates on our roadworks, check our posts on Facebook and Road Notifications on our website.

LAND FOR JOBS

More local jobs are on the horizon thanks to the recent rezoning of land in Bridge St, Picton.

On 12 April 2024 an amendment to the Wollondilly Local Environmental Plan 2011 was made in relation to the land at 120-140 Bridge Street. This will rezone the land from RU2 Rural Landscape to E4 General Industrial and also provide measures for the protection of environmentally sensitive land on the site. The changes will enable the expansion of an existing business and provide additional employment land.

WATER IN Wollondilly

Did you know that 95% of Sydney's drinking water comes from or through Wollondilly? Council is currently looking at ways of improving stormwater management, with a particular focus on areas within the Sydney Drinking Water Catchment.

We have partnered with WaterNSW to audit the existing stormwater quality improvement devices such as gross pollutant traps and artificial wetlands. The audit will identify the need to carry out additional maintenance, such as cleaning and repairs. Maintaining good water quality in our rivers is important for stock watering, irrigation and recreation, as well as the ecological health of native plants and animals.

We will soon be launching a community survey to find out the general understanding of stormwater management. **Stay tuned - we would love you to take part!**

WHAT'S ON IN WOLLONDILLY?

WASTE TO ART EXHIBITION
4 - 6 July 2024 (entries open 15 May)

TOGETHER ARTS
6 - 8 June 2024

SPRING GARDEN COMP
Entries open July 2024

MAYOR'S CHARITY EVENT
6 July 2024

DILLY DOGGY DAY OUT
18 August 2024

ILLUMINATE WOLLONDILLY
20 -22 September 2024

OWLOWEEN
25 - 26 October 2024

BLOOM GARDEN EXPO & PLANT FAIR
3 November 2024

CHRISTMAS IN THE GARDENS
6 December 2024



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LATEST UPDATES & NEWS
ON WOLLONDILLY EVENTS!

COUNCIL ELECTION NEWS

Council elections will take place on **Saturday 14 September 2024**. If you wish to vote early in person, the Wollondilly Shire Hall in Picton will be the election pre-polling location from Saturday 7 September 2024.

We will be hosting two information sessions for potential candidates:

- Women in Local Government Forum: Saturday 1 June at 9am
- Local Government Candidate Information Session: End of June 2024

Further information & registration details are available on the Election page on our website.



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INFORMATION ABOUT THE
UPCOMING ELECTION



Share your thoughts
on the

NIGHT-TIME economy

We are currently looking at ways we can build a thriving night-time economy in key locations in the Wollondilly Shire.

So, if you are out and about in the Shire between the hours of 6pm and 12am (or would like to be!) please complete the survey and let us know your thoughts.



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Council Forums and Meetings

Meetings are held in the Council Chambers in the Wollondilly Shire Hall, Picton. The dates for upcoming meetings are:

Community Forums - 6.30pm

- Tuesday 18 June 2024
- Tuesday 16 July 2024
- Tuesday 6 August 2024

Council Meetings - 6.00pm

Wollondilly Shire Hall, Picton

- Tuesday 28 May 2024
- Tuesday 25 June 2024
- Tuesday 23 July 2024

Local Planning Panel Meetings - 3.30pm

Wollondilly Shire Hall, Picton

- Thursday 6 June 2024
- Thursday 4 July 2024
- Thursday 1 August 2024

Check Council's website for the latest information as these dates are subject to change.

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