

COMMUNITY News

COUNCIL SETS OUT -VISION FOR- *Wollondilly's Future* **TO DELIVER FOR RESIDENTS**

Wollondilly Shire Council has refreshed its vision for the future with a set of plans encompassing the community's long-term aspirations and priorities; building on the significant progress made over the last term and presenting a strategic response to the opportunities and challenges ahead.

Following a period of community consultation, Council has adopted the high-level Community Strategic Plan – Wollondilly 2040, along with supporting documents that outline resourcing and implementation including the Delivery Program, Operational Plan and Budget.

With community priorities in mind, Council has committed to an ongoing massive investment into roads and infrastructure assets across the Shire, including a record \$217.6 million Capital Works Program over the next four years.

We look forward to delivering significant road projects such as asphalt reconstruction works on Montpelier Drive at Mowbray Park and Menangle Road at Douglas Park, a new bridge at Brownlow Hill Loop Road and extensive heavy patching and resurfacing work throughout our 900km+ road network.

Major infrastructure projects will include the implementation of the Bargo Sportsground Master Plan and exciting upgrades to Thirlmere Memorial Park; while new and improved public amenities, footpaths and cycleways will be appearing right across the Shire.

We are already working towards the delivery of new and upgraded community halls at Thirlmere, Oakdale and The Oaks, a new playground at Redbank Reserve, south of Picton and

improvements at Telopea Park, Buxton. We have just opened some exciting new park facilities for families at Appin.

Council is dedicated to high quality service delivery and the responsible and sustainable management of our assets. As we deliver important services and facilities to support our growing community, a total annual operating expenditure of \$99.4 million will deliver outcomes across 39 different services over the next four years.

We remain committed to protecting, enhancing and responsibly managing Wollondilly's beautiful natural environment as we play our part for future generations.

With growth already upon us, we are stepping up our advocacy for the things our community needs to thrive, such as essential infrastructure including integrated water and wastewater management, critical transport links, access to jobs, public transport, health care facilities and schools.

Day to day, delivering excellent customer service is a core objective for Wollondilly Shire Council and we will remain focussed on improving the customer experience for everyone who engages with us and does business with us. We look forward to continuing to serve our community as we build an even better Wollondilly, together.



ARTS



ALIVE

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY,
IGNITING CREATIVITY
& BRINGING THE ARTS TO LIFE!

SAT 11 OCT

12PM-9PM

MENANGLE ST, PICTON

LIVE PERFORMANCES • WORKSHOPS
FOOD • MARKET STALLS • & MORE



FIND OUT MORE AT WOLLONDILLY.NSW.GOV.AU

Arts Alive is proudly funded by the NSW Government's Open Streets Program in association with Wollondilly Shire Council.

Chemical CleanOut

AT

BARGO

Due to the continued growth of the event, this year it will be held at: 25 Government Road Bargo (next to the former Bargo Waste Management Centre site).

Come and dispose your unwanted household chemicals for free! This event is open to all NSW residents.



25 Government
Road Bargo



9.00am to
3.30pm



Sunday 21
September 2025



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ABOUT WOLLONDILLY'S CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

ITEMS YOU CAN DROP OFF FOR FREE



Garden
chemicals



Motor oils,
fluids
and fuels



Household
cleaners



Poisons



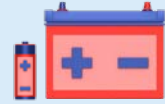
Hobby
chemicals



Gas
bottles



Paint



Batteries



Vapes



Fluoro
lights



Fire
extinguishers



Pool
chemicals

Household quantities only (max 20L or 20kg), except paint where up to 100L (in 20L containers) is accepted.

WOLLONDILLY GARDEN EXPO AND PLANT FAIR

BLOOM

Sunday 9 November 2025

8am - 2pm, Picton Botanic Gardens

SPECIALTY MARKET STALLS

GARDENING TALKS & DEMONSTRATIONS

LIVE MUSIC & KID'S ACTIVITIES



THE WOLLONDILLY EMERGENCY DASHBOARD

Stay informed and prepared with Council's Emergency Dashboard, designed to help keep you safe. This Dashboard provides real-time updates on weather warnings, fire danger levels, road closures, and emergency alerts specific to our area.

It features:

- Live updates on emergency news
- Links to real-time river levels
- Road and weather conditions, including access to bridge cameras
- Information on evacuation and recovery centres once activated
- Helpful preparedness resources and information



**STAY INFORMED.
STAY PREPARED.
STAY SAFE.**



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EMERGENCY DASHBOARD



ROADS & FOOTPATHS

CONNECTING THE SHIRE

Wollondilly Shire Council is continuing our commitment to stronger, safer and more connected communities through the 2025/26 Capital Works Program, with a major focus on road improvements and footpath construction. This year's program also includes road resurfacing, drainage, and kerb and gutter works right across the Shire.

Key projects include road reconstruction at Remembrance Driveway, Bargo (recently completed), Montpelier Drive, Mowbray Park and Menangle Road, Douglas Park, plus footpath and drainage works in Yanderra, Buxton, Thirlmere, and Silverdale. Railside Avenue in Bargo will also be revitalised with formalised parking, drainage and pathways.



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PROJECTS HAPPENING NEAR YOU

coming
SOON

REDBANK RESERVE

The reserve located at the corner of Bridge Street and Argyle Street in South Picton is set to be transformed into a vibrant, multi-use recreation space as part of the Redbank Reserve Master Plan. The project is due to commence in the coming months.

The upgraded Redbank Reserve will feature:

- An accessible amenities building
- A new play space
- Two designated off-leash dog areas
- A carpark
- Outdoor fitness equipment
- Connecting footpaths
- Enhanced landscaping
- Open space seating areas

This exciting project is proudly funded by the NSW Government's Western Sydney Infrastructure Grants Program and is part of our ongoing commitment to delivering quality open spaces for the Wollondilly community.



Artist Impression

spring THE INTO THE PAC

There's something for everyone this spring at Wollondilly Performing Arts Centre - live shows, Shakespeare in the Gardens, creative workshops, family fun, and special events like Gardener's Apprentice, a beautiful, immersive experience for grandparents and their grandkids.

We're creating space for everyone to connect, create and celebrate.

Don't miss out! Follow us on socials, join our eNewsletter, and visit our website to see what's on and be the first to hear about new events, offers, and behind-the-scenes sneak peeks.



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PAC ENEWSLETTER

CROP & CLOTHES SWAP SWAP / SHARE / SUSTAIN

Get ready to connect, exchange, and celebrate sustainability at our inaugural Crop & Clothes Swap! This exciting community event is all about sharing - bring along your excess homegrown produce and gently used clothing to swap with others.

Whether you're looking to refresh your wardrobe, reduce waste, or simply meet your neighbours, this is a fantastic opportunity to promote sustainable living and strengthen community bonds.

No money needed, just bring what you can and take what you need.

Let's make sustainability social.
We can't wait to see you there!

WHEN

5pm - 8pm, Friday 10 October

WHERE

Wollondilly Shire Hall,
52 Menangle St, Picton



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OUT MORE



SHIRE *signage*

ROLLING OUT

The multi-year rollout of Wollondilly's updated Shire entry and town/village signage has begun, with the fresh new signs now in place at Thirlmere, Buxton, Warragamba, Wallacia, and Douglas Park.

You will soon see the signs on some of the main entry roads into the Shire, such as Picton Road and at either end of Appin Road.

After extensive community consultation and a trial of the design, last year Council resolved to adopt the style and preferred wording of the new signage to replace a range of ageing and mismatched historical signs. The new signs aim to better reflect Wollondilly's identity and cultural heritage and improve clarity and consistency across the Shire with the inclusion of Council's current logo, colours and branding.

We'll be rolling out the new signage over the coming years. We're also pleased to now have new sets of bright matching banners hanging in the main streets of many of our local towns and villages.



THE ROBIN DAVIES
WOLLONDILLY
COMMUNITY NURSERY

OPEN DAYS

The Robin Davies Community Nursery grows a variety of native plants, from grasses and groundcovers to shrubs, vines and shade trees. **The next Robin Davies Community Nursery open days are 27 September and Saturday 29 November, 8am - 12pm.**

Wollondilly residents are entitled to five free local native plants a quarter from our nursery. An open day is a great opportunity to come and meet the team and stock up on your free plants.

UPCOMING ROAD CLOSURE WOODBIDGE ROAD

TEMPORARILY
CLOSED

Woodbridge Road, Menangle will soon be temporarily closed for approximately 12 weeks while a significant drainage reconstruction project is undertaken. Further details will be available soon and variable message boards will be on site with closure dates as they become available.

THE DILLY WANDERER

The Dilly Wanderer is a free mobile community information service that provides child development activities and interactive learning and play to families as it visits towns and villages across the Shire, funded by the Department of Communities and Justice.

To trial some upcoming changes, the Dilly Wanderer will operate on a month to month schedule until the end of 2025. A brand-new calendar is planned for release in the new year!

During the winter months (June, July, August) activities will run from 10am to 12pm, while for the rest of the year, hours will be 9am to 11am.

We are also trialling changes to some of our stop locations (Oakdale and Menangle) to align with the existing Mobile Library schedule, while locations with consistently low attendance may be swapped out. These changes will help us to explore new areas and visit our most popular sites more often.



NATIVE TREES FOR *newborns*

A living gift to mark new beginnings

Wollondilly Shire Council has initiated the Native Trees for Newborns program to celebrate the birth of new community members while enhancing the local environment.

In partnership with The Robin Davies Community Nursery, the program offers families of newborns the opportunity to collect a native tree for planting at home.



WHAT'S ON IN WOLLONDILLY?

DOGGY DAY OUT

14 September, Bargo

CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

21 September, Bargo

CAFÉ CONNECT DEMENTIA AWARENESS

24 September, Picton

COMMUNITY NURSERY OPEN DAY

27 September, Picton

YOUTH SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

29 September – 10 October, across the Shire

CROP & CLOTHES SWAP

10 October, Picton

ARTS ALIVE

11 October, Picton

BLOOM GARDEN EXPO & PLANT FAIR

9 November, Picton

COMMUNITY NURSERY OPEN DAY

29 November, Picton



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ON WOLLONDILLY EVENTS!



EXPLORE Wollondilly THIS SPRING

From festivals and markets to live music, workshops and family fun, there's plenty happening this spring in Wollondilly! Discover what's on and plan your next local adventure at visitwollondilly.com.au/events

Have you captured a great event moment? Follow Visit Wollondilly on Instagram and Facebook. Don't forget to tag @visitwollondilly or use #visitwollondilly on social media for a chance to be featured!



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ON ACROSS WOLLONDILLY!



IS COUNCIL'S
ONLINE
COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT
PLATFORM.

Your Say Wollondilly is our online community engagement platform. It's one of the ways you can provide input to Council on projects, policies, plans and programs. Register today and stay tuned for opportunities to have your say.



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Daytime Council Meetings

A trial of daytime Council meetings has been extended, with Council meetings commencing at 3.30pm in the Wollondilly Shire Hall until the end of the year. Community Forums will remain in the evenings at 6.30pm.

Community Forums | 6.30pm

Wollondilly Shire Hall, Picton

- Tuesday 16 September
- Tuesday 21 October
- Tuesday 18 November

Council Meetings | 3.30pm

Wollondilly Shire Hall, Picton

- Tuesday 23 September
- Tuesday 28 October
- Tuesday 25 November

Local Planning Panel Meetings | 3.30pm

Wollondilly Shire Hall, Picton

- Thursday 4 September
- Thursday 2 October
- Thursday 6 November

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

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