

# CITY OF PENRITH

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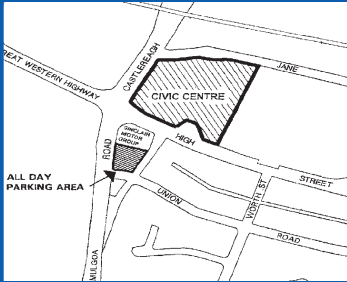
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## DISABLED AND SHORT-TERM PARKING

Penrith City Council provides disabled parking, one hour and two hour parking only in the Civic Centre Car Park.

## FOR MEETINGS OVER TWO HOURS

All day parking is provided within a three minute walk of the Civic Centre in the All Day Parking Area located behind the Sinclair Motor Group.



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- Abandoned vehicles
- Advertising signs
- Aged Care services
- Agendas and minutes
- Air pollution monitoring
- Approvals
- Building applications/inspections
- Bus shelters
- Bush Fire Control
- Cemeteries
- Certificates (149, 149D, 317A & 603)
- Children's Services
- Citizenship ceremonies
- Civic functions/community events
- Clean-up bookings
- Compost bins
- Council carparks
- Council meetings
- Crossover inspections
- Customer service
- Development control
- Disability services
- Disease prevention
- Dog Catcher/registration/dead dogs & cats on roads
- Drainage
- Elections
- Environmental health
- Environmental planning
- Food handling
- Footpaths
- Garbage - new services
- Graffiti Control
- Hall bookings
- Home library services
- Immunisation
- Library Services
- Local History
- Media relations
- Neighbourhood Centres
- Noise complaints
- Park bookings
- Parking control
- Pest control
- Planning approvals
- Policy matters
- Public buildings
- Public relations & marketing
- Publications
- Rates
- Recycling
- RID squad
- Road construction & maintenance
- Senior citizens centres
- Septic tanks
- Signs
- Street cleaning
- Street lighting
- Street numbers
- Sub-division enquiries
- Swimming pool fences
- Tourism
- Tree planting/removal
- Youth services
- Zoning

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## DON'T FORGET

Members of the public are welcome to attend Council meetings which are held at the Civic Centre. Ordinary meetings of Council are held on a Monday night on a three week cycle where practicable. Policy Review Committee meetings are also held on a three week cycle where practicable. These meetings commence at 7.30pm. For a range of information on Council services visit our website: [www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au](http://www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au)

## Enhanced Environmental Program

### CAMBRIDGE PARK HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS JOIN IN WERRINGTON CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

Cambridge Park High School is joining forces with Penrith City Council in their efforts to restore Werrington Creek.

Ecology students from Year 7 will be investigating weeds and producing management reports for a section of the creek that runs near the Penrith Sports Stadium. The reports will be entered into the "Lord of the Weeds Competition". This is a national competition run by the Cooperative Research Centre for Australian Weed Management. The initiative was established to help students develop a sense of ownership and pride in their local area by working on solutions to identified environmental problems.

Council will provide professional staff to assist the students on a weekly basis and together they will identify problem weeds and look at solutions. Upon completion of the reports the students will do practical work to remove the weeds.

Council's Stormwater Management Officer, Sam Innes said, "This is a fantastic opportunity for the students of Cambridge Park High to get to know the beautiful bush just behind their school and help to return it to its former glory. It is really rewarding to be a part of a project where these students will be challenged to apply their education to practical real world problems.

The Werrington Creek Restoration Project is an extension of the work already being carried out by Penrith City Council and Greening Australia to restore Werrington



Creek from Victoria Road to the mouth of Werrington Lake. It is funded by a \$119,700 grant from the Hawkesbury-Nepean Catchment Management Authority along with further funding from Council's Enhanced Environmental Program.

## Big Events Coming To Penrith

### WITNESS A SHOWCASE OF MUSICAL TALENT

The annual Mayoral Musicale provides a great opportunity for talented local performers to display their musical talents to the local community and it's on again on the 20th and 21st July at the City's premier musical venue, the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre. Celebrating its 9th year, the Musicale continues to grow in stature with the quality, number and diversity of performances providing exceptional shows with a theme this year, that focuses on music from the stage and screen.

Penrith is certainly lucky to have this talent in its local community so mark the dates down in your calendar to come and enjoy these free performances by young talent that we may hear a lot more of in the future.

Apart from great local talent that is featured every year, this year also will feature the



renowned Kun'Qu Youth Performers from Kunshan in the People's Republic of China. Kun'Qu is the oldest form of opera in China with a sound that is different to what you will have ever heard. It is worth attending just to see these young Chinese performers in action.

Further details of the program will be advertised in the local press and information will be distributed throughout the City. For more information contact Council on 4732 8063 or visit [www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au](http://www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au).

## St Marys Spring Festival

The St Marys Spring Festival now in its 32nd year has become an institution in St Marys.

The main feature of the month long festival will take place on Saturday 1st September with more than 100 stalls lining Queen Street in the heart of St Marys along with a great array of entertainment and a grand parade featuring a wide variety of exciting floats.

With something for everyone the festival has become an iconic event for the City of Penrith. Other events during September include the St Marys Spring Festival Ball on Friday 28th September and the Reunion in the Park on 9th September 2007.

For information on how you can become a stall holder or if you just want some more general information on the festival contact 9623 2307.



# Penrith City Community News



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF PENRITH CITY COUNCIL JULY 2007

## Meet Your New Mayor and Your New Council (for the day)

For the last five years one of the most popular initiatives at Open Day has been the Mayor for the Day competition that has given one lucky primary school student the opportunity to become Mayor of the City of Penrith for the day.

That lucky student has accompanied the real Mayor around the Civic Centre on Open Day and got a real taste of what it is like to be the Mayor of the City.

This year for the first time the competition has been extended to include student Councillors as well as the Mayor for the Day and they will participate in a 'mock' Council meeting at the Civic Centre on Open Day.

Brittany Burke from Glenmore Park Public School has been selected as Mayor and she will be escorted around by the real

Mayor, act as MC where required, meet the community, act as Chairperson during the mock Council meeting, and generally get a taste of what it's like to be Mayor while wearing Mayoral robes.

The 14 other students selected to be Councillors for the day will each be teamed up with a Penrith City Councillor, who will guide them as they participate in the Council meeting.

Here is the new Council of the City of Penrith on Saturday 4th August:

- Brittany Burke, Glenmore Park Public School (Mayor)
- Kaidin Ball, Cambridge Gardens Public School (Councillor)
- Conor Bromhead, Bennett Road Public School (Councillor)
- Alastair Corder, Cambridge Gardens Public School (Councillor)
- Kristine Guarin, Nepean Christian School (Councillor)
- Makayla Lambiris, Bennett Road Public School (Councillor)
- Katherine Mead, Blackwell Public School (Councillor)
- Daniel Melville, St Josephs Catholic School (Councillor)
- Jessica Monseigneur, Penrith Public School (Councillor)
- Peter Morian, Blackwell Public School (Councillor)
- Kara Pelizzari, Penrith Public School (Councillor)
- Tarlah Simpson, Glenmore Park Public School (Councillor)
- Kelly Sims, Blackwell Public School (Councillor)
- Mitchell Taylor-de Jonge, Regentville Public School (Councillor)
- Josiane Zaatini, St Marys North Public School (Councillor)

Make sure you say hello to Brittany and her 14 other Councillors on Open Day. They are fine young ambassadors of Penrith City and are no doubt the leaders of tomorrow. Who knows one day in the future one of these fine young students may be the real Mayor of the City of Penrith.



Mayor for the Day Brittany Burke receiving her Mayoral chains from Mayor Pat Sheehy with other junior Councillors in the background - photo by Peter Veith

## A Great Night for a Great Cause

### Mayoral Charity Ball Coming Up



Last year's inaugural Ball raised \$25,000 for the Down Syndrome Association of NSW

The 2007 Mayoral Charity Ball is fast approaching once again. This year, one of the biggest social events on the calendar is being held on Saturday 25th August at Panthers World of Entertainment.

This is the second year that a Mayoral Charity Ball has been held with the aim of the evening to bring together the local community to enjoy an evening of fun and dancing as well as raising much needed funds for the Mayor's nominated charity.

This year the charity is the Nepean Medical Research Foundation.

The evening will be based on all the glitz and glamour of Hollywood and will include musical tributes to the likes of Elvis, Marilyn and Old Blue Eyes! There will be a sumptuous three course dinner and beverage package plus an opportunity to hit the dance floor.

Last year, the inaugural Mayoral Ball raised \$25,000 for the Down Syndrome Association and already to date with the support of our very generous sponsors we will be able to raise much needed funds for the Nepean Medical Research Foundation this year.

A big thanks is due to our generous sponsors, Penrith Lakes Development Corporation (Platinum Sponsor) and Delfin Lend Lease (Gold Sponsor). At the time of printing other organisations are also expressing an interest in sponsoring this event.

Should you require further information or wish to purchase tickets for this great social event contact Council on 4732 7736 or 4732 7645. Tickets are \$110 each. Corporate sponsors who wish to support this worthwhile community event can obtain sponsorship packages by contacting 0431 045 792.

**Come and VISIT YOUR COUNCIL on**

# Penrith City Council OPEN DAY



**DATE:** Saturday 4th August  
**TIME:** 12.00 noon to 4.00 pm  
(entertainment starts at 11.30am and doors open at 12pm)

**WHERE:** Penrith Civic Centre, 601 High Street, Penrith

- FREE rides and entertainment
- Giveaways all afternoon
- Displays on Council services
- Pony rides
- View Council plant and equipment
- Face painting, animal farm and much more

Collect your passport from the ground floor foyer and start collecting your stamps.

You need your passport stamped to collect your free native shrub.

For further information about the day contact 4732 7645.



## A Message from Your Mayor

With Open Day now just a few weeks away I'm sure that this year's 'Mayor for the Day', Brittany Burke of Glenmore Park Public School is getting very excited as she prepares to take the reins for the day and run our City of Penrith on Saturday 4th August.

Brittany is an impressive young lady and along with her other 14 elected Councillors for the day. I am sure they will all do their families and schools proud as they carry out their duties on Open Day. I look forward to working with our 'new Mayor and Councillors' on Open Day and meeting as many residents as possible on this great day of free entertainment where you can learn more about what your Council does for its local community.

Now that the new financial year is upon us, Council has commenced its extensive program of works for the next 12 months that will see \$159 million spent on a wide and diverse range of services and programs. Around \$125 million will be spent on continuing programs and maintaining assets and \$34 million on capital works.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those community groups and individuals who contributed to the development of the 2007-2008 Management Plan through the consultation process. Your feedback helps to ensure that Council's priorities reflect your aspirations.

*Pat Sheehy*

Councillor Pat Sheehy AM  
Mayor, City of Penrith

## Convenient Ways to Pay Your Rates

Your rates contribute to the many services that Council provides and there are a number of options available for you to pay your rates, such as:

- **Payment via the Internet using a credit card.** By logging onto Council's website [www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au](http://www.penrithcity.nsw.gov.au) and following the prompts.
- **Payment by telephone via credit card.** By telephoning 1300 731 181.
- **Payment through Australia Post in person, by Phone or Internet.** Payment can be made in person at any post office or by telephoning 131816. By logging onto the Post Billpay website at [postbillpay.com.au](http://postbillpay.com.au), you can pre-register with Australia Post and pay by direct debit from your savings, cheque or credit card account.
- **Bpay.** Contact your participating financial institution to make payments directly from your savings, cheque or credit card account.
- **Bpay View.** Contact your participating financial institution to register, then you may view and pay your rates online.
- **Pay by Mail.** Please make cheque or money order payable to Penrith City Council. Cheques should be crossed "Not Negotiable".
- **Pay in Person.** Payment can be made at Penrith Council's office at 601 High Street, Penrith or the St Mary's office at 209 Queen Street, St Marys.

Further information on payment methods is available on the reverse side of your rate notice. Should you have any questions regarding your rates please contact Council's rates hotline on 4732 7676.

## Enjoying our Beautiful River



With the recent completion of stage one of the Great River Walk which winds northward from Penrith Weir to Cassola Place, locals and visitors alike now have the opportunity to experience the Nepean River's beauty from a new vantage point.

Families can now come down to the river, have a picnic and enjoy a fantastic walk that includes a pedestrian and cycle path and a boardwalk and bridge that traverse an otherwise inaccessible area. The walk will soon feature educational signs for those who want to know more about the history and significance of the area.

Generous contributions from local businesses, JK Williams and Coffey Engineering and the State Government have made the construction of this part of the walk possible.

The ultimate aim is for the Great River Walk to follow the Hawkesbury Nepean River system south of Goulburn to its mouth at Broken Bay just north of Sydney. The Penrith to Windsor section is the first component of the project along the Nepean River.



Chairman of the GRW Incorporated Hon Kevin Rozzoli, Mayor of Penrith City Pat Sheehy and Minister for Planning Frank Sartor officially open Stage One of the Great River Walk

## Building Excellence

Buildings play an important part in the City's character and Penrith is proud of its growing reputation as a regional city of high quality design with the potential to showcase the very best and latest practices in many areas.

The inaugural Excellence in Building Design Awards that were judged recently recognised and highlighted the best designed buildings and places in our City.

Attracting entries from major developers, architects and designers the awards were open to those individuals or organisations that had completed building or design projects in the City between 2001 and 2006.

There were five categories: Green Buildings, Urban Places, Heritage Places, Urban Living and Business Buildings. The winners were:

- Green Buildings - Western Sydney State Records Building, O'Connell Street, Kingswood - Project Designer: NSW Department of Commerce
- Urban Places - Westfield Penrith Plaza



Winners, highly commended and judges at the 2007 Building Design Awards

Redevelopment, Riley Street, Penrith - Project Designer: Bovis Lend Lease (Designer and Builder)

- Heritage Places - Penrith Regional Gallery, River Road, Emu Plains - Project Designer: PTW Architects
- Urban Living - Waterside at Waterside Boulevard, Penrith - Project Designer; Stockland
- Business Buildings - Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club, Luddenham Road, Luddenham - Project Designer: Twin Creeks Holdings (Australia)Ltd

## International Dragon Boat Championships

The 2007 World Dragon Boat Racing Championship will be held in Penrith, at Sydney International Regatta Centre, from the 19th-23rd September. This will be the first time that the event will be hosted in the Sydney Metropolitan Region and it is anticipated that 2000 athletes from 20 countries will participate.

Dragon boat racing is among the fastest growing of team water sports around the world. The sport is recognised

for the camaraderie, strength and endurance fostered amongst participants, and it has also become a very popular corporate and charitable sport.

The World event will be a genuine spectacle as boats filled with 20 paddlers race up the Regatta Centre Course over 200m, 500m, 1000m and 2000m.

The race schedule for the Championships is available at [www.dragonboat07.com.au](http://www.dragonboat07.com.au) and further details about the event will be published in the local media.

We look forward to providing our international visitors with a warm welcome to the City and would encourage you to attend the event and cheer the Australian team to many gold medals!!

## New Urban Area for Glenmore Park

Penrith will continue to be a dynamic and growing community over the next 20 years. As the demand for new housing continues to grow, a number of new urban release areas are set to come on line. One of those is the Glenmore Park Stage 2 Urban Release Area.

Situated south of the Blue Hills area of Glenmore Park, this proposed development will deliver around 1,700 dwellings, as well as active and passive open space, a biodiversity corridor along Surveyors Creek, and an extension of the Mulgoa Nature Reserve.

Landowners and consultants are currently working with Council Officers in the finalisation of

specific studies that will underpin the new plan for the expansion area. Those studies include a traffic and transport plan, recreation and open space study,

environmental study and employment and housing strategies.

In the near future Council will publicly exhibit a zoning plan, development control plan and development contributions plan for the area. For more information about the Glenmore Park Stage 2 Urban Release Area contact Council's Urban Release Area Unit on 4732 7711.



# Capital Works Program Highlights

MAJOR WORKS UNDERTAKEN OVER THE PAST QUARTER INCLUDE:

Project Location	Project Description	
Beauty Point Crescent, Leonay; Pleasant Place, Leonay; Riverview Parade, Leonay; Hawthorn Road, Penrith.	Road resurfaced	
Brock Avenue, St Marys; Elm Street, North St Marys; George Street, St Marys; King Street, Penrith (Coreen Avenue to Copeland Street); Nash Street, South Penrith; Sainsbury Road, St Marys (Pages Road to end of existing seal); Single Road, South Penrith; Somerset Street, Kingswood; Willow Road, North St Marys.	Road resealed	
Bromley Road, Emu Heights and Parks Avenue, Kingswood.	Kerb and gutter works	
Parks Avenue, Kingswood and Lambridge Estate Road. Dunheved Road/Greenbank Drive West, Cambridge Park.	Drainage construction works Traffic signals installed	

## Major Program of Capital Works

Penrith City Council is continuing to build its community assets through a \$34 million capital works program in 2007-2008.

Two of the biggest projects that will be substantially progressed over next 12 months are the Penrith Valley Cultural Precinct and the Glenmore Park Child and Family Precinct.

The Penrith Valley Cultural Precinct is the biggest project currently underway and in 2007-2008 \$3.5 million will be spent on this project. When complete the precinct will provide the City, and in particular the people of St Marys, with an active and vibrant community arts and cultural centre that is occupied by many community based arts/cultural groups applying a range of activities and

programs. It is situated at St Marys and bounded by the Great Western Highway, Mamre Road, Swanston and Collins Street.

The Glenmore Park Child and Family Precinct has been allocated \$3.3 million in 2007-2008. Already a masterplan for the precinct has been completed and presented to the community and when complete this site will be dynamic, creating opportunities for people of all ages to come together to meet new friends, learn new skills, have fun and join an interest group. The site will consist of six key elements - a children's centre, community meeting rooms, public domain, adventure play area, coffee shop/store and carparking.

## Local Band To Visit China

As part of Penrith City's international links program, Beijing's Xicheng District hosted members of the Penrith City Band to represent Penrith at the recent Beijing Olympic Cultural Festival and Xicheng District International Tourism Cultural Festival that was held on the shores of Lake Shichahai in Beijing at the end of June. This two day festival was one of the many events being staged in Beijing in the lead-up to the 2008 Olympic Games.

The twelve members of the Band who accepted the invitation had the chance to meet with representatives of other Xicheng District friendship cities, from California, Japan, Spain and South Korea. They performed a broad program of Australian music. Travel costs were met by the band and Xicheng District paid all other costs associated with the visit.

The Penrith City band was first formed in the early 1980's and under its current music director, Roderick Ellem, the band has grown to some twenty-five members including a full running jazz big band. The Band will perform at Penrith City Council's Open Day on 4 August.



## New Look for OOSH at Erskine Park

A new look Erskine Park Out of School Hours Centre was unveiled recently following the completion of refurbishments to the centre.

Around 100 families, and more in the future, will benefit from the better equipped centre that now features a homework area, media room, as well as plenty of play space. Another key feature of the 'state of the art' extensions has seen the inclusion of new soft fall and an all weather shade structure outside.

This centre is further evidence of Council's commitment to quality child care as one of the largest local government

providers of child care services in Australia. Council currently manages nine before and after school care programs, 17 long day care centres, eight pre-schools, an occasional care centre and a mobile play van for new areas.

Some 36,500 children call Penrith City home and during the last year, nearly 6,000 children attended Council services so if you require more information on any of Council's children's services or wish to enrol them at one of Council's centres please contact 4732 7836.



Before and after school care students, Bryce and Tiana hold the ribbon for the Mayor Cr Pat Sheehy at the grand re-opening of the Erskine Park Children's Centre



The Mayor Cr Pat Sheehy and Chairperson of the Penrith City Children's Co-operative, Max Friend cutting the cake to celebrate the re-opening

## Meet Your Councillors

NORTH WARD	SOUTH WARD	EAST WARD
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 Ross Fowler 4722 3066 4774 1372	 Karen McKeown Deputy Mayor 0410 995 945	 Greg Davies 0419 177 259
 John Thain Ph/fax 9623 3246	 Mark Davies 0416 085 597	 Steve Simat Ph/fax 9670 5485
 Kevin Cramer OAM 0401 995 825 4732 8104	 Susan Page 0401 995 865	 Jackie Greenow 9623 2366
 Lexie Cettolin 0401 995 833	 Garry Rumble 0409 311 835	 Kaylene Allison 0401 995 843

## Paving the Way

The importance of good footpaths in a community cannot be overstated and it is one of the important services your Council provides. By their existence alone, footpaths promote walking as a safe and healthy form of exercising, one that also allows residents to better access community services and facilities.

With this in mind, in the 2007-2008 financial year a special effort is being made to accelerate footpath construction to complete the remaining six years of the footpath construction program in just two years. A record \$2 million is proposed to be spent to provide 30 kilometres of footpaths at locations throughout the City. A further \$2 million is planned to be spent in 2008-2009.

