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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

There's a lot going on in Penrith and it is a really exciting time for us all. Our City is growing, our cultural landscape is expanding and we have an increasingly healthy visitor economy.

By 2031 our population is projected to reach 250,000 and our economic catchment will double to one million in the same time. Our challenge is how we'll manage this growth and what the City will look like in the future.

Already we're seeing opportunities that a growing city can deliver for its community. The 'big weekend' was a great example, with an estimated \$5 million spent in Penrith by visitors who stayed in the region, ate at our restaurants and shopped locally. The Matildas game against Brazil was viewed nationwide and internationally, with the Fox Sports coverage showcasing Penrith.

Equally, residents enjoy the many and varied opportunities that living in Penrith offers, whether that be rural, suburban or inner city living. Penrith has one of the lowest resident departure rates in the Sydney metro area – we love living in Penrith!

Our growth means we are able to offer unique living opportunities to accommodate greater housing diversity and affordability. The proposed Union Road development is an exciting project



for our City and one that realises a positive vision for the future of Penrith.

Council has agreed to enter into negotiations with Frasers, the preferred proponent for the proposed development. This is a significant first step in a lengthy and rigorous process for a quality development with the potential to shape the City's future.

We're working hand-in-hand with the community towards a vision of our City that provides access and opportunity to jobs, affordable housing, green spaces and diverse lifestyle options.

We want to ensure tomorrow's generations will look back on Penrith as a flourishing City which seized the positive opportunities of the day.

Cr John Thain

Penrith City Mayor

WESTERN SYDNEY COMMUNITIES UNITE TO FIGHT FOR NORTH-SOUTH RAIL

John Thain

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Penrith Council is a proud member of the Western Sydney Rail Alliance, a group committed to securing transformative infrastructure for Western Sydney in the form of a new North-South rail line.

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The Alliance is a unique collaboration between the private sector and local government, coming together under a shared commitment to a better region.

Alliance members will work jointly and independently to advocate for North-South rail, improved transport networks, significant jobs and economic growth as well as improved liveability and amenity across Western Sydney. Find out more at wsrail.com.au.



TELL US WHAT YOU THINK

Have you discovered the Your Say Penrith website? Visit yoursaypenrith. com.au to find out more about a range of Council projects and plans, and opportunities to share with us your thoughts, feelings and ideas.



WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT UPDATE



In August, the Federal government advised that WSA Co, the new company responsible for constructing Western Sydney Airport, was officially up and running, an independent board has been established, and the first four directors have been appointed.

It's also been announced that the WSA Co head office will be located in Liverpool and is set to be open by the end of the year. The central location will help the company work closely with key stakeholders such as local Councils and community groups as well as important NSW Government agencies.

In his role representing the Penrith community on the Forum on Western Sydney Airport, Penrith Mayor John Thain attended a tour of Sydney Airport as part of the Forum's second meeting, on 29 August. Council continues to advocate for our community to minimise impacts and maximise benefits of the Western Sydney Airport.

PENRITH WELCOMES WORLD CLASS EVENTS

Still riding high from the success of the recent sell-out match between the Westfield Matildas and Brazil in Penrith, residents can look forward to an actionpacked spring/summer season with Council securing sponsorship deals to bring even more world class events to Penrith.

The Australian Ballet's free outdoor event Ballet under the Stars returns to the Sydney International Regatta Centre on Saturday 4 November with a special performance of The Sleeping Beauty.

In a sign this event is really hitting the mark with locals, ticket registrations reached capacity within 24hrs of opening. There will be additional tickets released in the lead-up to the event, so keep your eye on the Australian Ballet and Visit Penrith's Facebook pages for news.

For golf enthusiasts, Penrith will host the NSW Golf Open Championship over four-days from 16-19 November at Twin Creeks Golf & Country Club. This is the first time this event has been held in Penrith, and is part of a three-year sponsorship deal with NSW Golf.

This is your chance to see golf at its best with all the stars of the PGA Tour of Australasia set to compete. In addition to all the thrilling golf action, there will be fun activities for all ages to enjoy. Register now for free tickets to this event; an Early Bird Season Pass secures your free entry to the event on all four days.

In the lead-up to Christmas Penrith will once

again host a game the Women's Big

Bash League. If you're a die-hard cricket fan, head to Howell Oval on Saturday 16 December to catch all the action as the Sydney Thunder take on the Melbourne Stars. It's free to watch, so get there early to secure a good vantage spot.

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PENRITH Talks Innovation

DESIGN, ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

Driverless cars, robotics, advanced renewable energy and storage, virtual reality, mind-control and other disruptive technologies are on the cusp of transforming our lives. Will today's science-fiction be tomorrow's science-fact?

Penrith Talks: Innovation returns to answer that question on 18 October, 5.30pm – 8.00pm, at the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre, with a panel of expert guest speakers discussing the transformative role of innovation in design, engineering and technology, both now and into the future.

Bernie Hobbs, judge on ABC TVs The New Inventors and presenter of the Dear Science Podcast, returns to moderate a dynamic conversation between:

- Jay Manley, Engineering Project Manager, Tesla Motors
- Dr Jordan Nguyen, Engineer

 Professor Jonathon Allen, Head, The Academy, Western Sydney University

Guests will also have the opportunity to meet the winners of Council's Young Innovator's initiative – a bold new program inviting the brightest young minds in Penrith to put their thinking caps on and come up with innovative ideas to create social change and a more sustainable future. The three best entries as judged by Penrith Mayor John Thain will be recognised at the event.

With design, engineering and technology changing the world from one minute to the next, join our guest speakers and a likeminded audience to discuss what's just over the horizon for Western Sydney and beyond.

Register for this FREE event at penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/PenrithTalks.



There will be plenty of hands-on activities for all ages

REAL FESTIVAL NOT TO BE MISSED

Real Festival returns to the Nepean River in November with an expanded program of free river, environment, arts and lifestyle activities and experiences making it even bigger and better.

Now held over three days and two nights, there are even more opportunities for you to create, explore, learn, and indulge and most of all have fun with your family and friends in a beautiful natural setting.



It all kicks off on Friday at dusk. This is your time to wander around and soak up the atmosphere with live music, entertainment and roaming performers at every corner. Make sure you catch the breathtaking fusion of theatre, dance and circus that is Strange Fruit.

The large-scale illuminated and interactive artworks in the outdoor art gallery will stimulate your senses, provoke your thoughts and blow your mind. This year's highlight piece Nebulous is a towering kinetic structure designed to encourage a moment of quiet reflection in a dynamic public space.

If the art installations get your creative juices flowing there's also art, craft and painting activities for all ages to enjoy. The hands-on activities continue with



interactive science shows and even a planetarium so you can explore the night sky. Learning has never been so much fun!

Pick up a gift or buy yourself something unique at the artisan markets. When you need to catch your breath, sit back and relax with a beverage in the pop-up bar or tantalise your tastebuds with something delicious from the food vendors.



There's also jaw-dropping on-water action to get your heart racing including a jet packing display and dragon boat races plus a spectacular water fire jet display to end the night with a bang!

Sunday is when you can follow your passion, learn a new skill or discover your hidden talent with free workshops in art, photography, music and fitness along the riverbank, as well as wildlife and bush tucker tours. The workshops require preregistration, head to realfestival.com.au to secure your spot.



There's so much to see and do across the weekend, we don't want you to miss a moment of the action. Head to realfestival. com.au to keep up to date with event news and information and to check out the full program.

PLAN YOUR TRIP AHEAD OF TIME

- To minimise traffic and keep everyone safe, Tench Avenue will be closed to northbound traffic from Friday 3 November to Sunday 5 November.
- There is parking available at the event. A carpark has been created for festival-goers next to the Coffee Club and is accessed from Tench Avenue.
- Be sustainable and catch a shuttle bus. The shuttle buses will operate on a continuous loop across Friday and Saturday. Pick up and drop off locations include Jamison Park and Penrith Paceway.
- For venue maps and transport times and options head to realfestival.com.au

EVENT DETAILS WHEN:

Friday 3 November 5pm -10pm Saturday 4 November 2pm-10pm *Sunday 5 November 8am-12noon

WHERE: Tench Reserve, Nepean River. *Pre-booked workshops only.



On Saturday you'll get all the best bits from Friday plus much more! Unlock your adventurous side with free on-water activities including kayaking and boat cruises and hands-on activities where you can build, climb, cook, create and grow.



"Small things" – by Tracy Middleton, 2016 Open category third place winner.

PICTURE THIS

Are you a talented local amateur photographer? Council wants you to get snapping in our annual Penrith Environmental Photography Competition. Held every year to celebrate Biodiversity Month and National Water Week, the competition highlights the importance of protecting our precious natural environment. This year's theme is 'Water – the heart of our community'.

Get outdoors, discover our beautiful

local waterways and unique biodiversity, and submit your image capturing what this year's theme means to you. Entries are open from 13 September until 18 October 2017. The competition is open to all Penrith City residents across three categories: Kids (under 12), Youth (12-18 years) and Open (over 18 years). There's \$1300 in prizes to be won.

And if you want to brush up on your photography skills attend our special free photography workshop on Saturday 14 October. Register early at photocomp@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au as places are limited.

Council is committed to improving and maintaining the health of our waterways, and this competition is a creative way the community can get involved in raising awareness about waterway health, biodiversity and water conservation. For entry forms and terms and conditions go to: penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/PhotoComp





Penrith City is covered by a Tree Preservation Order, which means you need Council approval to remove or prune any tree over 3 metres.

If trees have been removed with Council consent it is likely that you would have been required to plant a replacement tree. For more information visit penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/trees/



Students from Oxley Park and Cambridge Park public schools joined Penrith Mayor John Thain in the Council Chambers.

Talented students from Cambridge Park and Oxley Park public schools visited Council on Thursday 10 August to share their designs for two new playgrounds with Penrith's Mayor, Cr John Thain.

The schools are participating in the annual Penrith Mayoral Challenge and Deputy Mayor Tricia Hitchen's Parkitects project respectively. Over the past three months, they have consulted with their communities and worked with Council staff to create designs for inclusive play spaces in their neighbourhood.

Cr Thain was enthusiastic about the plans for Lincoln Park, Cambridge Park and a reserve on the corner of Sydney and Brisbane Streets, Oxley Park. "My fellow Councillors and I are very proud of the students," he said. "The designs they've created are fantastic and the leadership they've shown makes me feel even more excited about the future of our City."

Cr Thain said he was particularly impressed that the students had planned play spaces that were accessible and inclusive. "Council is dedicated to providing services and amenities that can be used and enjoyed by all our residents," he said. "It's not always easy to design spaces for everyone, but the students from Cambridge Park and Oxley Park have done a really great job."

Council expects the new playgrounds to be completed by the end of the year.

YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY ONLINE

Penrith City Library offers members a wide range of online resources, from eBooks and audiobooks to complete encyclopedias and tools to help you learn other languages.

The Library's "eBranch" now circulates almost double the number of books than our smallest branch library does, and accounts for over 10% of all loans.

There have been several recent improvements to the eReading experience for our customers. Overdrive, the company that provides Penrith Library members with free access to eBooks and audiobooks (we pay Overdrive so you can get free access to their resources) recently launched their new App, called Libby.

Libby makes the whole process of accessing and enjoying eBooks and audiobooks much easier.

The Library is participating in a unique "eEvent" in September: a digital version of a local book club! 'Together We Read' is an opportunity for Library patrons to read the same digital title at the same time without any wait lists or holds. Participating in this event allows us to offer a new simultaneous use title for community-wide access at no cost.

Meanwhile, big changes are happening with the Library's online tutoring services. YourTutor – which has been providing free tutoring to students with a Penrith City Library card for several years - has



changed its name to Studiosity. It's basically the same service with a different name, a portal where you can get help with your essay or report draft in less than 24 hours, or live, expert assistance with writing, maths, science, economics and more. Subject specialists are available online to help from 3pm to late, Sunday to Friday. The latest addition to our eResources at Penrith Library is Transparent Language Online (TLO), a great way to learn another language. Like Libby, TLO works on a wide variety of devices like smartphones and tablets. Learn a language without taking a complete course or go more indepth and give yourself the most robust program that builds all four core skills of listening, speaking, reading, and writing.

Take a closer look at what Penrith Library has to offer online by clicking on the eResources tab on our online catalogue. You'll be surprised at how many valuable resources are available for free if you have a library card.



CEO Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District, Kay Hyman, Penrith Mayor, John Thain and CEO Blue Mountains Primary Health Network, Lizz Reay

CELEBRATING NAIDOC WEEK 2017

NAIDOC Week 2017 provided an opportunity for Council to demonstrate our commitment to local Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people on an occasion of symbolic and practical importance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In the spirit of working together, Council proudly joined with our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities to celebrate their survival, their continuation of culture and the many contributions they make to our City. The gathering builds relationships and trust, breaks down barriers and strengthens partnerships.

NAIDOC Week 2017 began with Council hosting a NAIDOC Civic Reception on Monday 3 July followed by attending the Penrith Local Area Command Flag Raising Ceremony. The week ended with an action packed Family Gathering at Jamison Park filled with activities, food and information stalls attended by around 5000 people on Friday 7 July.

MULTICULTURAL WORKING PARTY



Our Multicultural Working Party represents diverse backgrounds.

More than 30 languages are spoken in homes across Penrith and about one fifth of our residents were born outside Australia.

Penrith was declared a Refugee Welcome Zone in 2008, reflecting our City and community's compassion and commitment to human rights. Over the years, Penrith has welcomed refugees from Afghanistan, Bhutan, Iraq, Iran, Sri Lanka, South Sudan and many other countries.

In recognition of our City's growing diversity, in November 2016 Council decided to establish a Multicultural Working Party to help make sure we understand the views and needs of the diverse communities we serve, and foster social inclusion and community wellbeing.

Council's Multicultural Working party includes eight community members from a variety of cultural backgrounds, who were chosen through an expression of interest process. The group has already met twice. They will meet four times a year, and are holding a planning day in November.

For more information please contact Council's Multicultural Liaison Officer on 4732 7777.

RECENT ROADWORKS



Clockwise from top left: roundabout construction, Barlow Street and Hollier Street, Cambridge Park, raised pedestrian crossing in Hindmarsh Street, Cranebrook, road reconstruction in Smith Street, South Penrith and pedestrian refuge island in Swallow Drive, Erskine Park

The following works have recently been completed as part of Council's commitment to improving road safety and upgrading more than 14km of urban roads this financial year – see our 2016-17 Operational Plan on Council's website for details.

• Raised pedestrian crossing in Hindmarsh Street, Cranebrook near Samuel Terry Public School as part of the Pedestrian Safety around Schools program.

- Pedestrian Refuge Island in Swallow
 Drive, Erskine Park near James
 Erskine Public School as part of
 the Pedestrian Safety around
 Schools program.
- Road reconstruction in Smith Street, South Penrith between Butler Crescent and Taloma Street as part of the annual Road Reconstruction program
- New roundabout constructed at the intersection of Barlow Street and Hollier Street, Cambridge Park as part of the Blackspot program.

SOLAR CAR SHOWCASES LOCAL TALENT



Council is once again proud to be a key sponsor of Western Sydney University's solar car team. The team is gearing up to take part in the Bridgestone World Solar Challenge from 8-15 October, competing against the best universities from across the world to show off the talent, drive and imagination we have right here in Western Sydney.

The gruelling 3,000km race sees teams race from Darwin to Adelaide using only the sun for power. Teams get a time 'window' to race in each day, and when it finishes in the afternoon they literally have to stop and camp in the desert on the side of the highway. The challenge is going as fast and as far as they can, but without using too much power and running out of juice before the end of the day.

The race is held every second year, with rules for the cars tweaked each time. This forces teams to go back to the drawing board, eking out every shred of efficiency they can uncover, to get a performance edge over their competitors.

You can keep up to date with the team's progress on their Western Sydney U Solar Car Project facebook page.

SPRING INTO THE JOAN

Spoken Four –Poetry Slam is a cuttingedge event coming to The Joan on Friday 13 October at 7.30pm. It brings together some of the world's best slam poets, with a DJ, to deliver back-to-back sets of powerful verse, inspirational stories, provocation, hip –hop and humour. Featuring Canadian poet, author, artist and musician lan Keteku, along with Melbourne based spoken word artist Sukhjit Khalsa who recently won the hearts of people across Australia with the raw honesty of her performance on Australia's Got talent, current Australian poetry slam champion Arielle Cottingham from coastal Texas and multi-award winning



poet and the 2015 Australian Poetry Slam Champion Philip Wilcox. For more information and to book your tickets, visit: thejoan.com.au/whats-on/ spoken-four-2/

Spring into your Regional Gallery Once the home and studio of artists Margo and Gerald Lewers, the Regional Gallery site was – and is today – a place of lively debate, artistic creation and exhibition. Visit penrithregionalgallery. org/ for details or read on for a taste of what the Spring Exhibition Suite has to offer, including talks, education activities and family fun days.

Emu Island: Modernism in Place Celebrating 75 years of Modernist art and living in the Main Gallery, showcases the work of the Lewers and their immediate contemporaries over the four-decade period of their residence (1942-1978). In this place, artists and friends gathered and were inspired by the energy and experimentation of the Lewers home, and beyond, by a rapidly changing world. The exhibition features work by those at the heart of Sydney Modernism such as: Margo and Gerald Lewers, Frank and Margel Hinder, Judy Cassab, John Olsen, Tony Tuckson, Carl Plate and Robert Klippel among others.

Emu Island - Modernism in Place 15 October - Author and Exhibition Curator floor talks

Modernist Art + Architecture 22 October – onsite and out of site author and interior designer talks on modernist design and living in a modernist house.

Friends of the Gallery with the Cavalcade of Fashion are hosting afternoon tea and a talk looking at the fashions of the *Fabulous Fifties* on 14 October (cost \$25).

Booking is essential for all public programs as numbers are strictly limited. For more information and to reserve your seats call the Gallery on 4735 1100 or email us at gallery@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au



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YOUR COUNCIL

Everyone is welcome at Council meetings, which are held at the Civic Centre. Ordinary meetings of Council and Policy Review Committee meetings are held on Monday nights, usually every three weeks. For meeting times and dates visit our website: penrithcity.nsw.gov.au

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- Citizenship ceremonies
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- Garbage new services
- Hall bookings

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