

PENRITH CITY COMMUNITY NEWS

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

As Mayor of Penrith I always feel great pride in our City and our people and as we slowly edge closer towards the end of 2017, it is with a sense of achievement that I look back over the year.

Our parks and playgrounds across the City are looking great and the recently installed water parks are going to be in demand throughout summer. Council's Children's Services and the dedicated staff who deliver them continue to be recognised as exceptional.

Amid a background of major infrastructure programs including the Western Sydney Airport, upgrades to major roads, the delivery of the Greater Sydney Commission District Plan and negotiations on the Western City Deal, Council's voice in these projects will shape our City's future.

We continue to advocate for better commuter connections via a North South rail line and I'm pleased the message is being heard loud and clear by both State and Federal Governments. There is a lot more to do to make it a reality, but we remain committed to speaking up for the people of Penrith to improve employment opportunities as well as work/life balance.

Our tourism numbers are rapidly growing and we've become a destination for a wide range of major events. This year's REAL Festival was



attended by more than 22,000 people and injected \$2.5 million into the Penrith economy, and now has a permanent place on our annual events calendar.

I wish everyone a safe and happy festive season, and look forward to 2018. I hope to see you at our Australia Day celebrations at Jamison Park in January and our other community events right across the year.



Cr John Thain **Penrith City Mayor**



PENRITH WINNING THE WAR ON WASTE

In the last 12 months alone, residents in the Penrith community have:

- composted 29,267 tonnes of food scraps, garden clippings and organic material
- recycled 18,331 tonnes of bottles, containers, cans, paper, cardboard, glass and cartons
- reduced the amount of waste going to
- landfill, keeping costs low • collected 97 tonnes of hazardous household waste for responsible reuse
- recycled 80 tonnes of electronic waste

We've also opened our brand new Community Recycling Centre in Dunheved Circuit, St Marys, which makes it easier to recycle problem household waste that can't go in vour bin.

or safe disposal, and

One of the most universal experiences we share as a community is putting our bins out on the nature strip each week, ready to be collected. But there is so much more to 'waste services' than organising the regular collections.

Council's Waste Services team works hard every day to improve services to residents, while balancing the rising cost of waste management and trying to reduce the amount of landfill Penrith

Reducing the amount of waste we send to landfill is important. Reducing waste can save money, conserve resources, save energy and water, and reduce pollution.

That's what our 3 bin system aims to

swimming pools). The contents of the average household bin is 35% food waste.

By having and correctly using our FOGO bins, we help reduce landfill, which in turn helps keep the cost of waste services lower, and contributes on a national level to the economy and environment.

The statistics are speaking for themselves and we're so proud of Council's waste strategy, our community and the team that supports them.

We know from the most recent audit of contamination rates (that's when we check to see if the right waste is in the right bin), that 9.5 out of 10 residents recycle correctly.

So here's to you, Penrith, for supporting us and supporting our environment you really do have it sorted.





YOUR 2018 BIN COLLECTION **CALENDAR IS** NOW AVAILABLE

This year it's easier than ever to stay up to date with your bin collection days, with our eCalendars.

Download Council's waste app and get your bin collection day plus real-time notifications in the palm of your hand. You can also download a copy of the calendar penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/bincalendars

to be sent to you on 4732 7777 or council@penrith.city

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FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS

25 December 2017 to 5 January 2018

Council is providing extra bin collections for two weeks to help with the additional waste and recycling produced over the Christmas and New Year period.

in Sydney, as they can take food

environment.

organics as well as garden organics

(affectionately known as FOGO). This

we're doing to save money and help the

The Australian Government estimates

\$20 billion every year, with 4 million

tonnes of food ending up as landfill

(enough to fill 8,400 Olympic sized

food waste costs the national economy

is one of the most important things

During the weeks highlighted, place all bins at the kerbside the night before your normal collection day.

Collections will run late into the night, so please do not bring your bins in until they have been emptied.

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EXTRA COLLECTIONS - All bins



RECYCLE YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE!

free on Saturday 13 Jan. Bring your tree to Jamison Park from 10am - 2pm and we'll turn it into mulch to be used to care for local parks and gardens.





Darcy O'Brien with "Building Nature's Community One Egg at a



Letisha Hopton with "Overflow"



Billy Hutton with "Sunset Over Nepean Bridge"



Giorgia Apap with "Amongst the Ferns



Jessica Kinsella with "Serenity"



PHOTO COMP WINNERS

Each year Council holds an **Environmental Photo Competition** to celebrate Biodiversity Month and National Water Week, and highlight our City's unique and beautiful natural setting.

This year's competition theme was Water: The Heart of our Community. Council received more than 120 entries, and every one captured the natural beauty and wonder of Penrith's

The competition had three categories: kids (under 12 years), youth (12-18 years) and open (over 18 years). The winners in each category showed exceptional

talent behind the lens, and produced some stunning photos which the community enjoyed at the Real Festival

The winners were honoured at an award ceremony on 1 November

Olivia Barrett with "Sunny Saturdays"

YOUR SUMMER GUIDE TO AFFORDABLE **FUN IS ONLINE**



There is only one place you need to look for fun and affordable things to do in Penrith across summer. The Visit Penrith website is full of great ideas, new places to go and upcoming events for all ages and interests including school holiday activities to keep everyone happy on the long hot days of summer.

Christmas is covered too with unique ideas for gifts, festive events and suggestions for a delicious Christmas lunch and dinner. No plans for New

Year's Eve? No worries. The Visit Penrith website has all the details of where to go for the best local

OPEN - 1ST PLACE

aura Payne with "Forest Tunnel"

onna Morgan with "Sunrise"

IDS - 3RD PLACE

PEN - 2ND PLACE

Be the first to know about what's hot and happening across Penrith by signing up to the Visit Penrith e-newsletter. Each month you'll get all the best news and ideas delivered straight to your inbox. To subscribe, just head to visitpenrith.com.au. It's

PRESCHOOLS ENROLLING FOR 2018

Did you know that 90% of a child's brain develops before the age of five? Ensuring our children get the right foundation at this critical age is vital for their future.

Recent studies have shown that children who participate in quality early childhood education are more likely to have the well-developed social, cognitive and emotional skills they need to engage in learning.

That's why Penrith Council's Children's Services is committed to providing the highest quality care and education for children through our preschool services.

Our preschool programs empower children to think, explore, question and learn how to learn. They offer the ideal preparation for schooling and establish a solid platform for life-long learning. They support language development, improve problem solving and reasoning skills, develop social and emotional maturity, help children relate well with others and allow them to gain independence, selfesteem and confidence.

Lucas, at Gumbirra Children's Centre, has benefited greatly from the

preschool program. Over the last two years his mother has seen an immense improvement in his social, mental and emotional development. This is a testament to the exceptional quality and passion of the educators working at the centre. They work closely with Lucas and his classmates to provide a safe, caring and fun learning environment, which also incorporates the children's own interests, allowing them to excel in their personal

Gumbirra is just one of our quality preschool services, and all of them have highly qualified staff, an inclusive and competitive fee, and provide well-rounded, innovative programs of

Our preschools are enrolling now for 2018 and Government subsidies are available to eligible families.

Get the best care and education for your child – call 4732 7844 to secure your spot, or visit penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/childcare to find out more about why you should choose a Council childcare centre.

THE BEST CARE AND RECREATION FOR YOUR CHILD

Enrol your child at the brand new, state of the art Emu Village OSH.

We have highly qualified staff, a competitive and all-inclusive fee, and an innovative program mixing recreation and fun.

CHILDREN'S **SERVICES PENRITH CITY COUNCIL**

CALL 4732 7844 NOW!

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LIBRARY HAS SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE

Your local library offers a great range of events, activities and services to suit different ages and interests. Membership is free if you live, work, go to school or own property in Penrith and members have access to a world of benefits at branches and online. Online services include access to the library's catalogue, online tutoring for students and free eBooks and audio books.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

How many books can you read this Summer? From Monday 4 December, visit any library branch to collect your Summer Reading Club log and get started. Read and record 10 books and return your completed reading log to any library branch for your chance to win a prize. Winners will be drawn at our Special Summer Reading Club celebration at Penrith Library on Tuesday 13 February 2018 at 4pm.

The Summer Reading Club is open to all Library members aged 16 years and

Check out library.penrith.city to find out about upcoming school holiday



Caitlyn Woods and her hula hoop dancing show SpinJoy is one of our great school

workshops, teen workshops and family shows including hula hoop dancing and trash percussion.

WESTERN SYDNEY AIRPORT UPDATE

WSA construction to begin

Western Sydney Airport is preparing for take-off after the Federal Government recently gave the green light for construction work to begin. The move, hailed as a "milestone event" by Urban Infrastructure Minister Paul Fletcher, means work will start on the airport site by February next year.

Tender opportunities for WSA

WSA Co, the company established to deliver and operate the Western Sydney Airport, is looking for the best design and construction expertise the private sector has to offer. Tender opportunities and job vacancies are being advertised on WSA Co's website with tenders for geotechnical investigation and land survey services already released to market and more opportunities expected in the coming months.

Full WSA Co Board confirmed

The Government has appointed three further Directors to the Board of WSA Co, with Mr Vince Graham AM, Ms Anthea Hammon and Mr John Weber to join the Chair Mr Paul O'Sullivan and Directors Mrs Fiona Balfour, Mr Tim Eddy and Ms Christine Spring.



For more information on Western Sydney Airport, visit westernsydneyairport.gov.au.

For more information on WSA Co including employment and business opportunities, visit wsaco.com.au.

Council is committed to maximising the benefits and minimising the impacts of the airport.

VILLAGE CAFÉ CONNECTS OVER-50S IN NORTH ST MARYS



Many residents have reported feeling happier and more active since attending the fortnightly Village Café

The Village Café, held every second Thursday morning at Parklawn Place shops, fosters good health and social connection for local people aged 50 years and over living in North St Marys. It offers an opportunity for older residents to connect with each other and explore new ways of improving their wellbeing as individuals and as a community.

Join us on 21 December, 1 February or every second Thursday after that until 29 March between 9am and 11.30am for a cup of good coffee, a bag of fresh fruit and veg, and a chat with local health services for information and health screening tailored to your needs. Supported by FACS Liveable Communities Grants, the Village Café is a collaboration between local, state and federal governments and local community organisations.

Many residents have reported that since attending Village Café their levels of physical activity and general sense of wellbeing have significantly improved....

"The Village Café was the best thing that happened to us."

⁴⁴I feel happy being with people our own age. We laugh and reminisce a lot.⁷⁷

KEEPING YOUR COOL THIS SUMMER

As another summer arrives, there's one thing on all of our minds – how to stay cool as the mercury rises. At Council, that's something we plan for all year as we implement our City's Cooling the City Strategy to create a more liveable city and region.

Our work in this space is varied, and is designed to provide long-term relief from rising temperatures and scorching summers for everyone in our City, especially the most vulnerable among us.

One of the easiest and most important things we can do is plant more trees.

Trees play a critical role in creating cooler neighbourhoods, and the right trees in the right places also improve property values – so they're a win-win for the community.

Some of the work we've undertaken to improve tree coverage across our City includes:

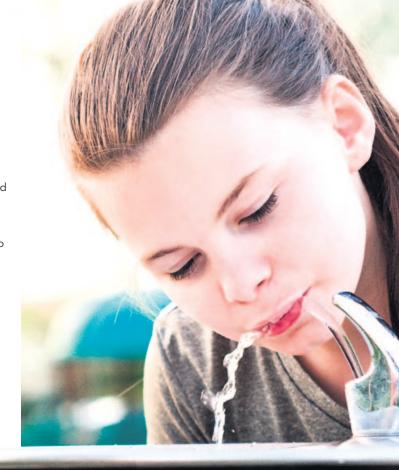
- 96,000 trees and plants planted in South Penrith and 3,000 in Emu Plains
- 55,000 trees and plants planted in Mountain View Reserve in Cranebrook
- 5,300+ plants given away at community events and programs
- semi-mature trees planted at Councilowned childcare centres, and more planned for local sporting fields.

In addition to greening our city, we're also improving the way we design our urban environments, which includes things like:

- including a splashpad and increased shade cover as part of the upgrades to the Triangle Park in Penrith's CBD.
- adding a splashpad, shade sails, covered outdoor tables and seating, and additional tree planting to the Phoenix Reserve upgrades in Erskine Park
- including cooling features in the soon to be opened Jordan Springs Community Hub, including light coloured surfaces, geothermal heating and cooling, tree planting and smart architecture.

There are a range of things everyone can do at home to help you stay cool in summer, and we're committed to providing information, tips, workshops and opportunities for you to learn what's possible. We'll be promoting ways to stay cool over summer, but you can also get year-round updates on how to reduce your energy consumption

and weatherproof your home with our Sustainability eNewsletter. Email andrew.hewson@ penrith.city to sign up





LAUNCHING 'THE QUARTER'



Left to right: The Hon Peter Collins, A/ Professor Ronald Chin, Penrith Mayor John Thain, The Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Greg Allchin

Penrith Mayor John Thain together with Greg Allchin, Chair of the Penrith Health and Education Precinct Leadership Committee and the Hon Stuart Ayres MP, Member for Penrith, recently launched The Quarter - Penrith's new world-class Health and Education Precinct.

Spanning over 300 hectares between Penrith and St Marys, The Quarter is synonymous with innovative thinking and collaboration. It is set to drive major jobs growth, economic prosperity, educational opportunities and improved health outcomes for a rapidly growing community. To find out more visit thequarter.org.au.

MAJOR EVENTS WORTH MILLIONS TO LOCAL ECONOMY



The Westfield Matildas played to a sellout crowd in September, thrilling local fans with a victory over Brazil

Penrith's busy run of world-class events has boosted the local economy by nearly \$10 million in recent months, benefitting local businesses including hotels, motels, restaurants, cafes and tourist attractions.

Penrith's 'Big Weekend' which included the Matildas vs Brazil match, the Defqon.1 music festival and the Penrith Tennis International attracted nearly **50,000 visitors** to Penrith across the weekend of 16-17 September, contributing **\$5** million to the local economy.

Large numbers of people attending major events across the weekend of 3-5 November bolstered Penrith's local economy by more than \$3 million. The second annual Real Festival attracted 22,000 while 4,000 people attended the Australian Ballet's Ballet under the Stars.

Major sporting events including the Ironman 70.3 Western Sydney and the

NSW Golf Open attracted thousands of competitors from across Australia and the world, and many supporters and spectators to Penrith last month.

Annually these sporting events boost the economy by more than \$1 million dollars. With both events broadcast to millions of viewers on television and online, Penrith is in the spotlight and on the radar for millions of potential domestic and international tourists.



A raised pedestrian crossing in Bennett Rd, St Clair is among recent improvements

PAVING THE WAY

Council is continually working to improve the condition of our roads and paths. Recent projects include:

- raised pedestrian crossing in Bennett Rd, St Clair constructed as part of the RMS Pedestrian Safety around Schools Program
- intersection improvement at Richmond Rd and Cooper St, Penrith completed as part of the RMS Safer Roads Program
- new roundabout at Borrowdale Way and Sherringham Rd, Cranebrook constructed as part of Council's Traffic and Transport Facilities Program
- new footpath constructed in Victoria St and Albert St, Werrington and East Wilchard Rd, Castlereagh (total length 520 m) as part of Council's Footpath Delivery program, and
- new shared path constructed in Braemar Dr, South Penrith (total length 575 m) as part of Council's Special Rate Variation program.

Council is responsible for almost 1,080 km of local and regional roads. To report a problem, including potholes or damaged footpaths, call 4732 7777 or visit our website.



MUSIC BY THE RIVER

SUNDAY 18 MARCH 2018 11am to 4pm | Tench Reserve

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- Aged care services
- Air pollution monitoring
- Approvals
- Building applications or

- Cemeteries
- (149, 149D, 317A & 603)
- Children's Services

- Clean-up bookings

- Development control applications
- dogs & cats on roads
- Drainage

- Garbage new services
- Hall bookings

- Neighbourhood Centres

- Planning approvals

- RID Squad
- Road construction & maintenance

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