

PENRITH CITY COMMUNITY NEWS

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WINDOWS ON QUEEN: CELEBRATING THE STORIES OF ST MARYS

Council has joined with local residents, artists and researchers from the St Marys & District Historical Society to celebrate the rich character and history of St Marys. This year's Queen Street Riches & Textures (QSRT) project, *Windows on Queen*, tells the story of 12 sites along the main street through posters in shops, a book and website content.

QSRT is an annual art mentorship and community engagement project produced

through St Marys Corner Community and Cultural Precinct. This year, historical photographs, research and personal stories have been combined to bring Queen Street's past to life. Thanks to everyone involved in this great project, including the Creative Team of Lorrina Alkhouri, Nathaniel Morrison and Stephanie Peters.

Visit culturecreativity.com.au for details, or wander along Queen St from 25 July to enjoy *Windows on Queen*.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Council recently launched its Advocacy Strategy, identifying the key priority projects where advocacy to all levels of government can complement our Community Plan.

Enhancing our beautiful river space is one of the things you told us was important in the Community Plan. The Advocacy Strategy supports this and looks at ways we can collectively transform Regatta Park into the vision in the Our River Masterplan that was developed with community input in 2013. With the green bridge due to connect Regatta Park to our city centre in coming months, a real focus in this space is unfolding.

You can read Council's Advocacy Strategy and find how you can help us secure a better future for Penrith at **penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/advocacy**

Other focus areas of the Community Plan include the development and delivery of local jobs. We welcome the 160 professionals of the National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS) Quality and Safeguards Commission headquarters to the Penrith CBD as another show of confidence in what our community has to offer and another step towards our target of 55,000 local jobs by 2031.

Recently, Council formalised its strong relationship with the Deerubbin Local Aboriginal Land Council through the Working Together Agreement. The agreement enables deeper collaboration between the two organisations and provides a structured framework for dialogue and action on a number of matters of mutual interest.

The agreement builds on a long history of working together on projects including annual NAIDOC Week activities, National Apology Day and initiatives that recognise and promote Aboriginal cultural heritage in our City.

And finally, I acknowledge my newest Councillor colleagues Robin Cook and Brian Cartwright and wish them well as Council continues to advocate for the community and businesses of Penrith.



Cr John Thain Penrith City Mayor

GENERAL MANAGER HANDOVER

Penrith Council will be entering an exciting new chapter with the announcement of a new General Manager, Warwick Winn, due to start in late August.

Recruitment for a new GM started earlier this year when Alan Stoneham announced his retirement after 43 years at Council, including 10 years as the General Manager.

As a Planner, Planning Director and GM, Alan has helped shape the Penrith of today and the future City that will continue to lead our region.

In the decade he has led the organisation, Alan has worked with Councillors and staff to expand and improve services across the board.

During his tenure, Penrith City Children's Services has grown from two centres to 26, all of which meet or exceed National Quality Standards.

Under his leadership, Penrith was the first NSW council to establish a Sustainability Team and the first Sydney Metropolitan council to introduce a 3-bin waste system.

Alan said he was proud of Council's ongoing work to improve, protect and maximise the potential of the Nepean River precinct. This includes securing the first Greenspace Grant and subsequent ongoing grants from state and federal governments.



Retiring GM Alan Stoneham has achieved much for Penrith.

Penrith has grown and changed a great deal since he first joined Penrith Council in 1972.

"I started working for Council when the City had a population of only 60,000," he said. "The suburbs of South Penrith, Glenmore Park, Claremont Meadows, Werrington County, Werrington Downs, Jordan Springs and Thornton (among others) hadn't been developed."

As Planning Director and GM, Alan was involved in much of this development. He also helped secure the Whitewater Stadium as a Sydney 2000 Olympic venue and oversaw the approval of the Penrith



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Lakes Scheme and the Erskine Park employment area.

Alan said local jobs growth continues to be one of Council's key priorities. He cites Penrith's rise as a venue for a wide range of national and international events as just one of the ways Council is striving to create jobs, boost the local economy and expand tourism to the region.

"Penrith Council's strength lies in the fact that it thinks and acts strategically to secure the best future for the City and the region," he said.

"We take our responsibility as a leader

of the region very seriously, and the work currently underway with a number of cross regional projects, including the Western City Deal, really gives us the chance to share our knowledge and expertise."

Alan describes his 10 years as General Manager as "challenging at times, but also enjoyable and rewarding".

"I'd like to thank the Councillors, our staff and the community for their support over the past 10 years," he said. "I'm confident this organisation will continue to work hard to deliver great services for our community."

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WESTERN SYDNEY CITY DEAL UNLOCKS OPPORTUNITIES

In March this year, Penrith Council joined the State and Federal governments alongside seven other local councils, to sign the Western Sydney City Deal. The Deal will unlock exciting opportunities for our City.

It's about planning first and building second, providing a bold new approach for how our region is designed and delivered in the coming years. It aligns all three levels of government around regional and major infrastructure projects to transform the lives of people living in our City. Working across eight local government areas will ensure the power of these projects is realised, as roads, rail and major transformation don't always stop and start at the boundaries of our cities.

These region shaping initiatives, like the transformative North South Rail Link and the new Western Sydney Airport, will deliver local jobs and accessible employment hubs; increased opportunities for education and training; greater focus on our region's environment and liveability; and the delivery of smart housing development to cater for our growing population.

Council welcomed the Deal as it strengthens the delivery of our Community Plan, a framework that outlines what you, the community, have told us you want to see in the City as it grows over the next 20 years. More local jobs; better transport and access around the City; safe and vibrant centres and neighbourhoods; and a healthy environment are long term goals Council is working to deliver – goals that with State and Federal backing can bring businesses, other organisations and our community together to realise these shared outcomes.

We'll continue to work hard on behalf of residents to maximise the exceptional opportunities that the City Deal provides for Penrith.

Find out more about the Western Sydney City Deal at penrith.city/citydeal/.



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Expressions of interest now open:

- » Art installations » Food vendors
- » Market stalls
- Hood vendorsMusicians and
 - Musicians and performers
- » Sponsors

» Volunteers

Real Festival returns to Tench Reserve at the Nepean River with another spectacular program of free entertainment, activities and experiences. The event is set to transform the riverbank with theatrical stage performances, interactive workshops, live music from Australia's best musicians, river activities, captivating artworks, artisan markets, gourmet food and wine experiences and so much more. Mark it in your calendar. You don't want to miss a moment of Real Festival.

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There's lots of fun events and activities in Penrith to keep kids of all ages entertained, interested and occupied during the July school holidays. The Visit Penrith website is your one-stop-shop for ideas and information on where to go and what to do.

From pizza making classes to creative art workshops; kids bingo, magic shows and live concerts at the Joan - there is something for everyone to enjoy in Penrith. Head to visitpenrith.com.au to find out more and to start planning your school holiday adventures.



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BE PART OF THE EXCITING **Dig Space PROGRAM**

Round 2 runs from 3 Sept to 21 Dec 2018. Apply now!

Are you a creative professional just starting your career? Now is your chance to be part of the exciting and innovative DiG (Digital) Space Program.

This unique 16-week residency and mentorship gives selected creative professionals the opportunity to work with a professional mentor who will guide, support and inspire them to deliver a specified project.

Expressions of Interest for mentors and mentored creatives are open until 6pm Sunday 15 July.

Find out more and apply at penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/Culture-Creativity

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HALLS GALORE **AVAILABLE FOR HIRE**



Are you looking for somewhere to celebrate a birthday or other special occasion, or to hold a workshop or meeting?

Did you know Council has 40 community centres and halls available for hire across the City, catering for anything from small meetings to events for up to 380 people?

In 2016-17 our community facilities were used by approximately 474,000 people for 14,871 regular activities, 1,075 private functions, and 425 oneoff meetings for community groups and local businesses.

Visit Council's website for a list of halls and centres to find one that suits your needs, and check potential availability on our Online Facilities Calendar.

You can use this calendar to express your interest in hiring a facility or call 4732 8021 during business hours. Our website has photos of venues, frequently asked questions, and details of fees and charges. The cost will depend on the venue you hire and the type of event you're holding. Most buildings are air conditioned and fully accessible.

Each hall or centre has tables and chairs and a kitchen (equipped with a stove, oven, microwave, fridge, pie warmer and sink). Some buildings also have a dishwasher, stainless steel bench tops, bar fridge and induction cook tops. You just need to bring your own dishes, cutlery, table covers, pots, cups, soap, tea towels and garbage bags.

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DON'T LET THE CONSTRUCTION **FOOL YOU** HIGH STREET IS OPEN **FOR BUSINESS!**

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HIGH STREET IS GETTING A FACE LIFT!

It's a busy time for High Street with works to renew Penrith's City Centre well underway.

The much anticipated Triangle Park (located at the end of High Street, between Riley and Henry streets) is now open to the public. The completion of Triangle Park marks the first phase of High Street's transformation. After some unforeseen delays caused by outdated Sydney Water infrastructure running through the middle of the site, Triangle Park is open for all to enjoy. There's entertainment scheduled in the park over the coming weeks and months so go down and enjoy this new space.

Other works along High Street began in April, between Woodriff and Station streets. This work is expected to take 12 months to complete.

Why is this extensive work needed? Running underneath Triangle Park and along High Street is outdated stormwater infrastructure.

This infrastructure was not up to current standards and is not capable of handling the capacity of water that it needs to, to prevent flash flooding in the event of a heavy downpour of rain in the Penrith City Centre.

It is essential that this outdated infrastructure is replaced to protect High Street and businesses from flash flooding for years to come

The works are well underway and progressing according to schedule.

We are building a city of the future and to do that, we need to ensure our City Centre has the best possible infrastructure that will last the test of

In addition to the work we're doing underground, we have also been updating the spaces above ground to create a City Centre that's more attractive and inviting, much easier for people to access, and provides more opportunities for businesses to thrive in a 24-hour economy.

In Triangle Park we have upgraded the paving, added seating, decking and shade structures, and planted new trees and beautiful gardens. There is also a splash-pad for kids to keep cool during the warmer months.

Along High Street we are increasing outdoor dining and replacing the trees with ones more suited to the area, as well as adding new plants. This will not only make High Street look great. but will also help keep temperatures down in the hotter months. We're also upgrading the paving and lighting, and adding CCTV cameras to improve safetv.





FREE **EVENT**

MUSIC BY THE RIVER

SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER 2018 11am to 4pm | Tench Reserve

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WINTER ENTERTAINMENT



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be joined by dynamic young soloists Joshua Oxley and Anna McDougall for an evening of opera classics and Broadway highlights in an Opera Gala on Saturday 28 July at 8pm. Conducted by Paul Terracini, this concert offers audiences the chance to delight in the energy and wit of favourite excerpts from Mozart's Don Giovanni and Rossini's The Barber of Seville, and the passion and drama of Verdi and uccini

The musical theatre stage is also well represented in this deliciously eclectic PSO program, which includes Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera, Leonard Bernstein's ground-breaking take on Shakespeare in West Side Story, and The Sound of Music.

With winter school holidays fast approaching, why not book in to see some local, live theatre with your favourite young people? On 13 – 14 July The Very Hungry Caterpillar Show brings to life one of the mostread children's books of all time – a magical experience for the whole family. Older kids will love to escape into the treehouse with The 78-Storey Treehouse on 17 - 18 July.

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The Joan has an impressive range of

winter shows on offer so you don't need to venture far from home for great entertainment, fine music or Australian drama.

Letters to Lindy (26 - 27 June 7.30pm) is a heart-felt and beautifully executed production exploring the public's relationship with Lindy Chamberlain one of 20th century Australia's most iconic figures.

For music lovers, Australian-Dutch singer Mirusia, acclaimed as the Angel of Australia and Andre Rieu's star soprano, will perform From the Heart for one night only on Saturday 30 June at 7.30pm.



HAVE YOUR SAY **PENRITH - COMMUNITY** SAFETY AND MORE

Council is working to improve how safe people are - and feel - when they live, work and visit in Penrith City.

We thank the 548 people who took the time to fill in our Community Safety Survey late last year to help us develop a Community Safety Plan for 2018-22.

The plan takes into account the many valuable community comments we received, along with an analysis of crime statistics and other data, including feedback from local businesses and community safety partners such as the

Keep your eyes out for the draft

Community Safety Plan which will be on public exhibition for community feedback in the coming weeks.

YOUR SAY

The best way to keep up to date with this project and all our other is to visit yoursaypenrith.com.au. f you register your email address we will send you a quick email ead time there is a new opportunity for you to have your say about th future of Penrith



PAVING THE WAY

This roundabout in Erskine Park is one recent improvement

THINKING **OF EATING OUT AROUND** PENRITH **TONIGHT?**

With more than 800 food businesses across Penrith, it can be hard to decide where to eat out or get takeaway.

But Council has just helped make the choice a little easier. A free app now means you can see quickly and easily which food businesses Council has rated highly for food safety and hygiene during their latest regular inspection under our Food Safety Program.

By providing our results through the Scores on the Doors app and website, alongside those of several other councils, we're making it even easier to have the information at your fingertips while out



The following works have recently been completed as part of Council's commitment to providing a safe and efficient road and pathway network.

NEW ROUNDABOUTS

We recently constructed two new roundabouts to improve safety at Swallow Dr/ Peppertree Dr, Erskine Park as part of Council's Traffic & Transport facilities program and at Kurrajong Rd/Plasser Cr, St Marys as part of the Federal Black Spot program.

INTERSECTION **IMPROVEMENTS**

We recently completed intersection improvement work at Nutt Rd, Taylor Rd and Smeeton Rd, Londonderry as part of the Federal Black Spot Program.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION

We reconstructed a section of Luddenham Rd, Luddenham and Torkington Rd, Londonderry as part of Council's Road Reconstruction program, and Littlefields Rd, Mulgoa as part of the Roads to Recovery program.

NEW FOOTPATH

We recently constructed 690m of concrete footpath in Witcom St, Cranebrook and Wallan Ave, Glenmore Park. New footpath in First St, Kingswood and Cook Pde, St Clair is almost complete.

NEW SHARED PATH

We recently constructed 250m of shared pathway in Coombes Dr, Penrith, as part of the shared pathways construction program.





The Band Association of NSW, with the support of Besson Buffet Crampon Group, Penrith City Council and the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre is pleased to present the 122nd Annual NSW State Band Championships at the Joan on 25 and 26 August 2018.

Involving over 55 bands and approximately 3000 musicians of all ages from across NSW, this is a great opportunity to hear world class performances from the very best community and school brass and concert bands from across NSW. Save the date so you don't miss this musical extravaganza

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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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