

# PENRITH CITY COMMUNITY NEWS

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# **MAYOR'S MESSAGE**

It is an honour to be Mayor of Penrith for the next two years. This is my fourth term as Mayor and I look forward to working closely with Cr Greg Davies as Deputy

I also take this opportunity to thank former Mayor John Thain and former Deputy Mayor Tricia Hitchen for their tireless work for our City over the last two years.

It is an exciting time to be a decision maker in Western Sydney. In March, Penrith was one of eight councils to sign the Western Sydney City Deal. This agreement brings together three tiers of government to unlock opportunities in education, business and employment and deliver important infrastructure such as the North South Rail link.

One of the most exciting aspects of the City Deal is the Liveability Fund. The fund will support a major project to foster a healthy community and enhance liveability. The initiative fits with Council's vision for Penrith as a connected, vibrant city that meets the wants and needs of our residents now and in the future.

With an airport on our border and government housing targets to meet, we know growth is inevitable. But how we grow is up to us.

As Mayor, I will continue to support growth that protects what we most love



about Penrith. I will continue to foster strategic alliances and partnerships to provide more local jobs, better connected town centres and access to world-leading educational institutions and health services.

Recent examples include our alliance with key stakeholders in The Quarter a health and education precinct that will create 6,000 knowledge jobs, and our support of the Sydney Science Park which will generate 12,000 jobs and position Penrith as a hub of innovation and excellence.

This newsletter highlights many of our City's strengths. I hope to see you at some of the great events that are coming up, like Spicy Penrith and Real Festival.





West Fest is a two-week festival being held in multiple locations from 6-21 October to celebrate the cultural diversity and heritage of Western Sydney. Here in Penrith you can attend three events, all held in Penrith Library: Date: Wednesday 10 October 2018

Code Club for Kids Learn how to build fun games and animations using block coding, while learning more about the diverse heritage of Western Sydney.

This free workshop for 8-12 year olds teaches beginner coding skills over a 60 minute lesson where kids will explore the culture and heritage of Western Sydney while learning how to build games and animations.

Date: Wednesday 10 October 2018 Times: 10am, 11:30am, 2pm, 3:30pm

# Heritage advice for real estate

Do you work in real estate in Western Sydney? This one hour session will teach you how to find information about heritage properties and what a heritage listing might mean for a new owner. Bring your own laptop or tablet to get some hands-on practice during

Time: 3:30 - 4:30pm

#### **Everyday management of your** heritage item

Want to know how to care for your heritage item, when you need approval to make changes or where to find more information about your heritage item?

This seminar is designed for people who own heritage items and want to know more about cost-effective and practical ways of looking after them. Learn how to diagnose common heritage building issues and how to access information and support.

Date: Wednesday 10 October 2018 Time: 6 - 7:30pm

All bookings can be made online at environment.nsw.gov.au/westfest



Applications are open for Penrith Council's Annual Traineeship Program until Sunday 28 October.

The 2019 Traineeship Program is recruiting for up to 60 traineeship positions across different departments within Council. The main areas for placement include: Children's Services. Business Administration and Information Technology.

Successful applicants will have an opportunity to fast track their career by building skills and gaining experience.

Council is one of the region's largest employers, with more than 1200 staff across a huge range of roles. Our Annual Traineeship Program began in 2000 and has employed over 500 trainees, many of them still employed with us.

Talented and motivated individuals

are encouraged to apply online at penrithcity.nsw.gov.au or call 4732 7596 for more information.

Council practices EEO and WHS principles and supports the employment of people with disability.

If you would like to find out more about our Traineeship Program, come along to one of our

- Tuesday 9 October 2018, 1:00-2:00pm
- Thursday 25 October 2018, 6:00-7:30pm

All sessions will be held in the Nepean Room, Penrith Civic Centre, 601 High St Penrith. Please call Robyn Fox to RSVP to an information session on 4732 7596.



The importance of South Creek's unique waterways and natural landscape has been recognised by the NSW Government in a new land use plan for the areas surrounding Western Sydney Airport.

The release of the first stage of the Government's Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan supports Council's vision for South Creek and commits to the care. preservation and development of the

Council has long held the view that the health of our waterways, green spaces and pristine natural assets are imperative to the future of our City.

South Creek will act as a 'green spine' for the lands around the airport, giving our community access to more green

spaces and recreational opportunities, and ensure that the biodiversity of our region is cared for and nurtured.

Penrith's unique location offers a combination of stunning landscapes and sophisticated urban amenities that make it one of the most appealing cities in Western Sydney. Council is committed to preserving our natural environment and supporting the active, healthy lifestyle that Penrith is renowned for.

The NSW Government is currently calling on the community to have its say on the first stage of the Western Sydney Aerotropolis Land Use and Infrastructure Implementation Plan, which is on exhibition until 12 October 2018. To find out more visit: planning.nsw.gov.au.

# **NEW WASTE CONTRACT SIGNED**

Penrith Council signed the new Waste Management contract recently. The new 10-year contract was awarded to Suez after a long and competitive tender process, and will commence from July

Council is committed to providing a great quality service to residents, and continuing to reduce waste going to landfill with our award winning 3-bin Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) system.

This new contract allows us to continue and expand the delivery of the 3-bin system and implement service improvements that benefit residents and the environment.

#### Some of the improvements included in the new contract are:

- Relatively stable pricing for the next 10 years – while other waste practices are set to have price increases, the 3-bin FOGO system means Council is able to protect residents from the bulk of rising landfill taxes.
- Cutting-edge technology fitted in all trucks that track collections in realtime, which means we can respond to queries faster, and use that information to improve performance and reduce missed collections over
- Enquiries will be brought in-house at Council, which means residents will have a one-stop-shop for all waste questions and bookings, making it a lot easier for them to access our

services and get assistance when they need it.

• Residents will also continue to have access to existing services including 4 free bulky waste collections each year, extra collections over Christmas, specialised collection events throughout the year, and the free Community Recycling Centre.

Being able to expand the 3-bin system to more homes is an outstanding outcome and benefit of the new contract. Reducing the amount of waste we send to landfill saves money, conserves resources, saves energy and water, and reduces pollution. That's exactly what our 3-bin system does and why it's

Penrith's green-lidded bins are almost unique in NSW, as they can take food organics and garden organics. These organic materials are then turned into high quality compost that is used to enrich local gardens, playgrounds and open spaces. It's a continuous cycle that keeps waste out of landfill, keeps costs down, and protects the environment.

Under the new contract, Suez has also committed to ensuring Council exceeds our set targets for diverting waste from landfill. Additionally, our organic waste will be processed by Australian Native Landscapes, which will improve the quality of the compost made from organic waste collected from the areen-lidded bins





597 High Street, Penrith

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A spectacular night of dance, food

Markets and food for sale on the

Mondo greenspace from 4pm.

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For tickets call 4723 7600 or email

















Council owns and operates 26 childcare centres and preschools across the Penrith

Our centres offer affordable, quality care and a safe environment for all children.

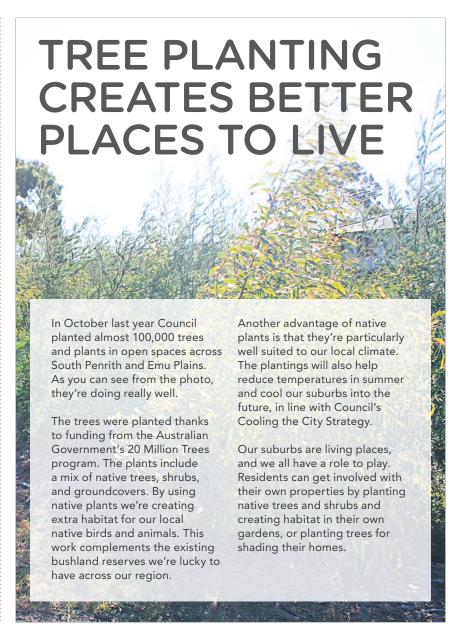
Our staff are highly qualified, and all of our centres meet or exceed the standards set by the National Quality Framework.

We have competitive prices and most of our centres offer an all-inclusive fee,

meaning there are no additional or hidden costs.

And because our centres are owned and run by Council, they're not-forprofit, which means all we care about is providing the absolute best care and education for your child.

Find out more about our services and secure your child's place now at penrithcity.nsw.gov.au.





#### Tickets on sale now matildas.footballaustralia.com.au/tickets

The Westfield Matildas return to Penrith to take on the highly competitive South American team, Chile, following last year's SOLD OUT clash against Brazil.

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Penrith's world-class adventure attractions, spectacular natural landscapes and thriving foodie scene are the focus of a new regional tourism campaign running this spring to encourage families and active singles from the Greater Sydney area to visit the region and stay overnight.

The new campaign "Wake up with the Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury and Penrith" is an initiative of the Regional Strategic Alliance between Penrith, Hawkesbury and Blue Mountains councils, in partnership with Destination NSW.

The campaign offers a refreshed view of experiences within the Blue Mountains, Hawkesbury and Penrith. Activities like kayaking, mountain biking, tree top adventures and camping will be showcased in digital media, public relations activity and a partnership with Wotif. The campaign also highlights quirky and unique food picking, dining and cultural

Working cooperatively with our neighbouring areas to grow the local tourism industry was a key opportunity identified in Penrith Council's Destination Management Plan 2015. Council is committed to working with Destination NSW, our neighbouring regions and local tourism operators to promote our dynamic and diverse area and improve the visitor economy

As a local you probably already know about all the great things to see and do in Penrith. But you might be surprised and discover something new that's in Penrith or our neighbouring regions. For more information go to visitnsw.com/wake-up-with.

bestselling author of novels for adults and children, including The Tea Gardens, The

Fiona will appear at Penrith Library to talk about her new book The Pearl Thief on Thursday 15 November at 6.30 pm.

From the snowy woodlands outside Prague to the Tuileries of Paris and the heather-covered moors of Yorkshire comes a confronting and heart-stopping novel that explores whether love and hope can ever overpower atrocity in a time of war and hate.

Tickets are \$5 and on sale from the library Monday 15 October.

# **GRANDPARENTS DAY**

RECOGNISING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF GRANDPARENTS AND OLDER PEOPLE



Penrith Council is again celebrating Grandparents Day with a free familyfriendly day of billy cart racing, Aboriginal kids craft, a jumping castle, crochet lessons, storytelling, sack races, cricket and more. There will also be two billy carts to be won on the day!

This celebration brings together all generations to share some fun and recognise grandparents and older people for their invaluable contributions to our volunteer organisations, community and families.

Celebrations will run from 10am-2pm on Sunday 28 October at Parker Street Reserve and will include a free BBQ lunch with coffee available for purchase.

If children would like to race on the day they will need to wear long pants and sleeves and bring a helmet, knee pads and elbow pads (there may be some spares on the day for those who don't have their own).

For more information visit penrithcity.nsw.gov.au and search 'Grandparents Day'

## PENRITH REGIONAL GALLERY SPRING EXHIBITION SUITE 2018 | NOW TILL 11 NOVEMBER 2018





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# CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITY

nternational Day of People with Disability is once again approaching. It's a day to think, talk about, and acknowledge people with disability and recognise the many and valuable contributions they make to our

Penrith is celebrating this important day with a free community event on Monday 3 December. So come to the Mondo greenspace (between the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre and Westfield) petween 9.30am - 12.30pm to enjoy a range of entertainment and interactive activities!

This event is all about dispelling myths and encouraging support for the rights, dignity and wellbeing of people of all abilities and everyone is welcome to attend.

With one in five Australians having a disability, this event highlights that disability doesn't define a person, rather it's just one part of who they are and it doesn't have to be a barrier to people doing what they always wanted to do.

This is a global event, established by the United Nations that raises awareness.

understanding and acceptance of people with disability around the world. It celebrates the achievements and contributions of people with disability, and how this enriches our community and culture and also aims to break down the barriers of disability, and celebrate abilities

More information about the event will be available at penrithcity.nsw.gov.au or contact our Disability Inclusion Officer on



Erth's acclaimed Dinosaur Zoo show will excite kids on both nights at Real Festival

# **SAVE THE DATE FOR REAL FESTIVAL 2018**

Real Festival takes over the Nepean River from 2-3 November bringing Australia's best theatre performers, artists, entertainers and creative minds together in one stunning outdoor location for residents to enjoy for free.

This year's event promises the best program yet. It's brighter and bolder with dazzling stage shows, captivating artworks and more opportunities than ever before for all ages to get hands on, crafty, creative and inspired.

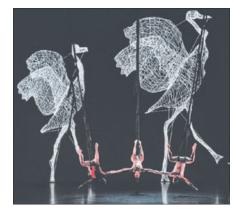


It all kicks off on Friday at dusk. Leave the ordinary behind and immerse yourself in the spectacular artworks along the riverbank. This year's highlight piece is Mirador a towering igloo that illuminates at night and invites you to get completely lost in the moment.



If the artworks spark your creative juices there's plenty of art, craft and painting activities for all ages to enjoy. The handson experiences continue with interactive shows such as Erth's acclaimed Dinosaur Zoo, a silent disco globe and an illuminated sensory ball pit.

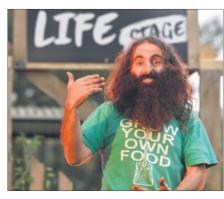
Whatever you do, make sure you catch Real Festival's impressive headline performance by internationally renowned theatre group Stalker. Their fast-paced fusion of circus, aerials, dance and acrobatics will wow the crowd on both nights. You don't want to miss it.



On Saturday, you'll get the best of Friday plus much more. Escape into nature with on-water activities including kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and cruises on the Nepean Belle. There's on-water demonstrations to get your heart racing including jet packing and fast and furious dragon boat races.



Australia's favourite gardener Costa Georgiadis returns with tips and ideas to inspire those with small outdoor spaces. A shipping container with a rooftop cafe allows you to enjoy sweeping views of the river and sustainable coffee in a cone – YUM!



There's also workshops for all ages and interests where you can learn to build, cook, create and grow. Head to realfestival.com.au for details and to preregister to secure your spot.



Pick up a gift or buy yourself something unique at the artisan markets. When you need to catch your breath, relax with a beverage in the riverside bar and grab a bite to eat from Sydney's best food trucks.

Don't miss a moment of Real Festival. Head to realfestival.com.au to view the program, book into workshops and plan your travel.

Make sure you keep up to date with news and information at facebook.com/realfestivalpenrith and Instagram.com/realfestival



## **PLAN YOUR TRIP**

- Tench Avenue is closed to northbound traffic from Friday 2 November to Saturday 3 November.
- Festival parking is available in the car park next to the Coffee Club, accessed from Tench Avenue.
- Shuttle buses operate on a continuous loop across Friday and Saturday. Pick up and drop off locations include Penrith Train Station, Jamison Park and Penrith Paceway.
- For venue maps, transport times and options head to realfestival.com.au

EVENT DETAILS
WHEN:
Friday 2 November 5pm-10pm
Saturday 3 November 2pm-10pm
WHERE

Tench Reserve, Nepean River.





There's so much fun in store for kids in Penrith these October school holidays. The Visit Penrith website is your onestop shop for ideas and information on where to go and what to do. From kid's bingo to creative art workshops; pizza making classes, crazy science shows and live concerts at the Joan – it's all happening in Penrith. Head to visitpenrith.com.au to find out more and to start planning your school holidays adventures.

# **DOWN YOUR WAY**



## NEW FOOTPATHS

770 metres of concrete footpath has been constructed in the reserve at Blackwell Ave, St Clair and Brookfield Ave, Werrington County to maintain the continuity of the paved footpath network. New footpaths are also being constructed in Victoria St, Werrington and Millstream Rd, Werrington Downs and are expected to be completed soon.



### NEW PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

A raised pedestrian crossing has been constructed in Henry St, Penrith to improve safety as part of the NSW Government's Pedestrian Infrastructure Safety Around schools program.



## NEW BUS SHELTERS

Two new bus shelters have been installed in Brisbane St, Oxley Park as part of the Neighbourhood Renewal program.



## ROAD WIDENING

A section of road in Short Street, Emu Plains has been widened as part of the annual Kerb & Drainage Construction program to improve drainage and parking.

#### ROAD RESURFACING WORK

A number of roads in Erskine Park and St Clair have been resurfaced as part of the annual road resealing program. They include Sennar Road, Mohawk Place, Ohio Place, Weaver Street, Snowbird Place, Pollux Clace, Erskine Park and Clyde Avenue, Como Place, Corio Drive, Dakota Place, Iowa Close, Ontario Avenue, Jeffrey Avenue, Lilley Street and Tapi Glen, St Clair. Also, a section of Cook Parade, St Clair between Banks Dr and Clyde Avenue is being reconstructed as part of the Road Reconstruction program and will be completed soon.

#### **PENRITH**

# 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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#### **PENSIONERS**

#### WE CAN HELP WITH:

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

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