

PENRITH CITY COMMUNITY NEWS

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The official newsletter of Penrith City Council December 2018 edition

26 January 2019 AUSTRALIA DAY

JAMISON PARK | 3PM - 8PM

Grab the kids and enjoy the free family fun day on 26 January

Help us celebrate our diverse heritage and traditions with free fun for all the family, including lamington making, games, face painting, inflatable volleyball, scooter and skateboard demonstrations, music and a performance by Peter Rabbit.

(1300 736 836

FREE EVENT

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

My fourth term as Mayor of Penrith is proving busy but full of variety, wonderful people and proud moments. As we approach the end of 2018, it is a good time to reflect on the many highlights the year has brought for our City, community and Council.

It is great to see so many shoppers and diners enjoying Penrith's recently upgraded High Street and Triangle Park. I also particularly enjoyed this year's REAL Festival which attracted 25,000 people with a range of unique, free activities for all ages.

I continue to be amazed at all the different services, projects and facilities Council manages. My calendar is often filled with celebrations. Whether it is to celebrate a new playground or facility, a special milestone, or the achievements of an individual or community group, these occasions constantly remind me of how lucky I am to be part of both a community and an organisation that are full of innovative, caring, passionate and hardworking people. The pages of this newsletter reflect this too.

The new Penrith Community Profile, available at penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/ communityprofile, is a useful resource for anyone wanting to find out more about the people of Penrith. It includes data about where we live and work, our education, health and lifestyle, the strengths of our communities and the challenges we face as **Penrith City Mayor**



they grow and change.

Council continues to encourage everyone in our community to get involved and help us shape our City's future. In recent months we have talked with residents about a range of issues and projects including community safety, tree planting, playground and park upgrades and flood management. I encourage you to register at yoursaypenrith.com.au to stay up to date and make sure you do not miss out on opportunities to have your say in the City's future.

I wish everyone a safe and happy festive season. I hope to see you at our Australia Day celebrations at Jamison Park in January and our many other community events throughout the year.

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to 7 January 2019





Delve into our past with historical notes that provide an enlightening, colourful commentary of the city's past. In February 1919, all outdoor

EXTRA BJN **COLLECTIONS** FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS 25 December 2018





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

PENRITH HISTORY CALENDAR OUT NOW

This photo of Penrith's Riley St in 1963 is one of the gems in the 2019 history calendar.

Penrith Library's Research Services team have once again unearthed treasures in the archives of Penrith's rich history to put together the 2019 Penrith history calendar.

The calendar captures key moments as Penrith grew from an outpost to a city, bringing together 'then and now' pictures to show who we were and how we've grown. A modest Henry Street shot, which was first established in 1879, is contrasted with today's very different streetscape.

gatherings were prohibited and all hotels closed due to the outbreak of pneumonic influenza. Ten years later, a cat was the subject of controversy at a Council meeting.

The Library's photographic collection and the Research Services team play an important role in preserving our history. In early 2019, our refurbished Research Room will open, making it even easier to get hands on with history through the local and specialist collections.

Calendars are available at the Library and the Nepean Family History Society for \$10. You can contact our Research Services staff on 4732 7777.



Enjoy free 24/7 access to over 100 digital magazines with your library card.

To access Penrith City Library's eMagazines, all you need to do is download the **free** RBDigital app to your iPad, iPhone or Android device.

- Then follow these 5 simple steps:
- Go to the Library catalogue at library.penrith.city and click on eResources.



account (you'll need an email address to do this).

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- Browse the collection, select a magazine and click checkout.
- Sit back, read and enjoy.

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REIMAGINE ଦ୍ର **AGEING FESTIVAL**

'OLD' IS JUST A STATE OF MIND!

Save the date!

Seniors Festival 2019 will be on in February, and we'll be celebrating with "Reimagine Ageing" - a free event with workshops, entertainment, fun and food:

- Saturday 16 February 2019
- 5 8pm at Thornton Community Centre and Ron Mulock Oval a three minute walk from Penrith train station

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FREE EVENT

KEEP YOUR COOL THIS SUMMER WITHOUT THE BILL SHOCK



This summer promises to be another hot one for our area. Here are some tips to keep cool without blowing out your energy bills.

- On hot days, keep your blinds and curtains closed. On those nights where it cools down, open up windows on both sides of your house to encourage a cooling breeze through.
- If you're worried about your energy bills, try reducing how much you use your air conditioner. Ceiling fans and standing fans help you feel cooler, with far less energy use. For even better results, try moistening your skin with a damp cloth.
- When you do use your air conditioner, the temperature you have it set on makes a big difference to how much energy you use. Setting it to 23°C or higher is ideal. Each degree lower can add 10% to the running cost.
- Close off some of the house. It doesn't make sense to cool that spare

bedroom no one is using

- Draught proof your home. Weather strips and door snakes are cheap and easy to install, and help seal gaps under doors where hot air can get in.
- Compare your energy retailer. The Federal Government has a great resource called Energy Made Easy, so grab some of your old energy bills and head to energymadeeasy.gov.au to see if another company might be cheaper. Even if you would like to stay with the same energy retailer, it's worth calling them to see if they can do you a better deal
- Borrow a Power Mate Meter from a Council Library. The meters are simple to use, and allow you to check how much energy any plugin appliance such as the fridge and TV in your home uses. Many appliances use 'standby' power even when switched off. If you find an appliance using lots of standby power, it might be worth switching the powerpoint off.
- Consider visiting a cool place on those really hot days like a local library, pool or shopping centre.

Don't forget to check on any elderly or sick family members and neighbours during periods of extreme heat. People like these are more vulnerable to this heat, so we need to make sure they're doing okay when the temperatures rise.



KEEP YOUR PETS SAFE THIS SUMMER

Most of us look forward to the holidays and long summer days... but how does your pet feel about them?

It's a risky time of year for furry friends. Heat, storms, being left alone, perhaps the sound of fireworks, and even eating festive foods can be harmful or fatal.

Preparation is the key. Make sure your pets have access to a cool retreat, shady areas and cool fresh water at all times. Make sure dogs and cats are microchipped, and your details are up to date on the NSW Pet Registry visit the Office of Local Government

website for details.

going away.

Remember animals need companionship and exercise, not just food. Arrange a pet sitter or book your pet into a boarding kennel if you're

Never leave an animal in a hot car - if you see an animal in distress, you can contact the NSW Police, RSPCA 9770 7555 or Animal Welfare League (AWL) 8899 3333.

If you lose or find a pet, contact the Hawkesbury Companion Animal Shelter on 4560 4644.

LIVING PLACES ST MARYS **PROJECT LAUNCHED**



Living Places is an exciting new project that will see around 400 beautiful street trees planted on nature strips across the southern section of St Marys. The tree planting project will improve the look of these streets, making them nicer places to live, walk and ride. Importantly the trees will also provide much needed shade and cooling in summer, creating a cooler place to live.

Mature street trees provide a wide range of benefits for suburban streets. Trees have been shown to improve the value of local homes, while also making it cheaper to keep them cool in summer. The local environment also benefits through the capture of air pollution and stormwater runoff, and local birdlife will appreciate the new habitat. Trees have also been shown to improve mental wellbeing by increasing people's connection with

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nature and improving the health of the

outside and be more active.

The trees will be planted in March to April 2019, after the heat of summer. The project is a pilot, and Council hopes to continue this work in other suburbs across the Penrith region. For more information visit yoursaypenrith.com.au/ livingplacesstmarys.

community by encouraging people to get

The Living Places St Marys project is in line with Council's Cooling the City Strategy. Taking action to cool the city is very important given consistent projections of increasing heatwaves and extreme heat days for the Western Sydney region. Tree planting and landscaping has been shown to be one of the most effective ways to cool our suburbs.



VOLUNTEER TODAY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW!

WANT TO HAVE SOME FUN, WHILE HELPING TO PROTECT YOUR LOCAL ENVIRONMENT?

/our local Bushcare group needs you

Bushcare is open to all ages. No experience is required nd it takes just a few hours of your time each month. r more information contact the Bushlanc anagement Coordinator on 4732 8088

BUSHCARE GROUPS IN PENRITH CITY

1 Bellbird Reserve Bushcare

Cnr Barina Crescent & Kaloona Drive, Emu Plains Justine Vella 4732 8088

Cnr Wedmore Road & Litton Street. Emu Heights Second Saturday of the month 8am - 12pm (even numbered months)

3 Mountain View Reserve

Nepean Street, near Camelot Drive, Cranebrook Steve Norman 0431 524 833 Last Saturday of each month – various locations

4 Friends of Ropes Creek

Cnr Sycamore St & Boronia Rd, North St Marys www.friendsofropescreek.org/our-wor Third Saturday of the month

5 Kanangra Reserve Bushcare

Glebe Place. Kingswood Justine Vella 4732 8088 Third Sunday of the month (April – September) 8am - 12pm

⁶ Mulgoa Valley Last Saturday of the month - 9am - 12pm Lisa Harrold 0411 487 512 First Wednesday of the month - 9am - 12pm Gow Park, Littlefields Road, Mulgoa Justine Vella 4732 8088

Peppermint Reserve Bushcare

Bringelly Road, Kingswood Justine Vella 4732 8088 iustine.vella@penrith.citv Third Sunday of the month (October – March) 8am – 12pm

School House Creek Bushcare

NE End of Martin Street Regentville Justine Vella 4732 8088 Second Sunday of the month

Bass Sydney Fishing Club

Russell Street. Emu Plains Alan Izzard - alan.izzard.2159@gma First Saturday of the month 8 30am - 12nm

10 Wianamatta Bushcare

Far eastern end of Samuel Marsden Road. Orchard Hills Peter Mobbs 0414 512 884 First Saturday of each month 9am- 12pm







ustine.vella@penrith.city Second Saturday of the month 8am - 12pm

² Clissold Reserve Bushcare

Justine Vella 4732 8088 ustine vella@penrith city

2019 AT THE JOAN

Our 2019 line-up of theatre, music and Annual subscriptions are again comedy has something for everyone.

From symphonies to circus, puppetry to stand-up comedy to charismatic stories and fire, The Joan's 2019 Season explores the finest in music, both contemporary and classical, and features some of the greatest new theatre works in Australia. Featuring a cracking bunch of talented artists. including Sydney Symphony Orchestra, Kenny Broberg, Naomi Price, Lisa Crouch and an entirely new solo show by Jonathan Biggins, The Joan's 2019 Season is not-to-be-missed!

available in three sizes with respective discounts on pricing for shows for those who subscribe: a four pack saves you 10%, six pack 12% and an eight pack 15%. Bigger packs are available by contacting The Joan's Box Office. Subscriptions are on sale now at thejoan.com.au or by phoning 4723 7600.

The Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre is located at 597 High Street, Penrith. Nearby parking and public transport is available.



Places available - enrol now

t 4732 7844 penrithcity.nsw.gov.au



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DISCOVER AFFORDABLE, **QUALITY CHILDCARE** WITH COUNCIL



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

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.

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WOULD YOU LIKE US TO EMAIL **YOUR RATES NOTICES?**

Receiving your rates notices by email instead of paper means you'll have faster and easier access to them with less impact on the environment.

To register, visit penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/rates and provide some details from a recent rates notice.

More than 8,000 property owners have already opted to get their notices electronically, saving more than 30,000 sheets of paper and envelopes each year.

For more information about why you pay rates or how they are calculated, visit penrithcity.nsw.gov.au/rates or call us on 4732 7676.

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Children, young people, seniors, people with a disability and residents from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds are just some of the groups to benefit from Council's 2018-19 Community Assistance Program (CAP). For 24 years this program has provided assistance to community groups to run activities and projects that benefit local residents.

Penrith Mayor, Ross Fowler OAM presented grants worth over \$30,000 for 37 separate projects at a special presentation on 30 November, with each project chosen because of the positive contribution it would make to the social and cultural life of our City.

The funded projects include:

• Community Junction – reactivate neighbourhood centre space for gathering and reconciliation through knowledge sharing and Aboriginal artwork creation

Empowerability Inc – co-design and create a safe space for people with a disability to explore their sensory needs, with Men's Shed support

- Nepean Community & Neighbourhood Services equipment for women's group to give back to the community
- Paying It Forward Homeless Services – emergency relief for homeless community members in extreme summer weather
- Platform Youth Services free accredited first aid training for individuals who have previously experienced barriers to training and education
- St Marys North Public School facilitator and Christmas excursion costs for group supporting young people with autism to develop social skills
- Thornton Community Group establish a community garden with a strong commitment to social interaction and community connectedness.

Council is pleased to be able to recognise and support the valuable work of local organisations like these.



Members of the drought-stricken Lachlan Shire community accepted the donation from Penrith Mayor, Ross Fowler OAM.

Penrith Councillors and Council staff recently joined together to raise \$8,400 for drought affected farmers in Lachlan Shire, in the NSW Central West.

Penrith and Lachlan signed a Friendship City Agreement in 2006 and have enjoyed 12 years of partnership including community programs, events and exchanges between Council staff, local schools and sporting groups.

Penrith Mayor, Ross Fowler OAM said supporting Lachlan Shire during the drought was an easy decision given the close bond between the two communities.

"Penrith has an incredibly fruitful relationship with Lachlan Shire. Hearing the stories of hardship first hand from Lachlan Shire Mayor Cr John Medcalf inspired us to come together and raise

funds for our rural friends.

"Lachlan Shire Council is touched by the generosity and support," Cr Medcalf said.

"The funds will be donated to drought stricken community members by way of vouchers that can be used to purchase goods at local stores".

"The longstanding friendship between Lachlan and Penrith is incredibly valuable, there have been many highlights and good times over the past 12 years. On behalf of my fellow Councillors I thank Penrith Council for being there for us in these challenging times," he said.

Cr Fowler has pledged Penrith's ongoing support for the Lachlan community as it continues to face drought conditions.











THINKING OF LEVELLING YOUR LAND OR FILLING IN DRAINAGE LINES ON YOUR PROPERTY?

PHONE BEFORE YOU FILL!

Property owners are responsible for any fill they accept onto their land.

Illegal fill can contain contaminants like asbestos or chemicals, which can be harmful to your health and the environment.

Illegal landfilling could also permanently devalue your land, and you could end up facing hefty fines and clean-up costs.

Contact Council to check what you can and can't do and make sure you get approval for any earthworks.

For more information, call Council on 4732 7777 or visit penrith.city/cleanfill

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MAKE THE MOST **OF SUMMER IN PENRITH**



With school holidays fast approaching there is only one place you need to look for fun things to do with the family. The Visit Penrith website is full of great ideas for your next family day out; you'll find the best places to eat across the city as well as upcoming events for all ages to enjoy.

Christmas is covered too with unique gift ideas, festive events across the region and suggestions for a delicious Christmas lunch – no cooking required! And if you're looking for something to do on New Year's Eve, the Visit Penrith website has all the details of where to go for the best local fireworks.

Sign up to the Visit Penrith enewsletter to be the first to know about what's happening across Penrith. 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 that easy.

DOWN YOUR WAY

SAFER, BETTER ROADS

We have built a new roundabout at the intersection of York Rd and Ikin St, Jamisontown to improve safety as part of Council's Traffic and Transport facilities program.

We recently reconstructed a total of 3.2km of road in Mulgoa, Llandilo, St Clair, Londonderry and Orchard Hills as part of the Road Reconstruction

and Roads to Recovery Program. Another 5.3km of road in Colvton. Glenmore Park, Jamisontown, Mt Vernon, Mulgoa, Orchard Hills, Penrith, South Penrith, Werrington and Werrington Downs was resurfaced as part of our annual Road Resealing program.





We recently added a total of 1.5km of footpath to our City's path network - in Millstream Rd, Werrington Downs; Regentville Rd, Jamisontown; Newmoon Pl, St Clair and Victoria St, Werrington. We also completed 500m of shared path in Coombes Drive, Penrith

BETTER DRAINAGE

We recently completed drainage improvement works in Fairlight Rd, Mulgoa and Monfarville St, St Marys as part of the annual Drainage Construction program.

NEW BUS SHELTER

We recently installed a new bus shelter in Tench Ave, Jamisontown.

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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

WE CAN HELP WITH:

- Advertising signs
- Air pollution monitoring
- Approvals
- Building applications or inspections
- Bus shelters
- Cemeteries
- Certificates

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QUEEN STREET CUSTOMER

207-209 Queen Street, St Marys

SERVICE CENTRE

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- /penrithcouncil

HAVE YOUR SAY

PENSIONERS

- Aged care services

- (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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If you do not understand the information in this document, please come to Council and ask staff to arrange interpreter services.

- If you do not understand this, please contact the Telephone Interpreting Service on 131 450 and ask them to contact Penrith City Council on your behalf on (02) 4732 7777. Or come to the Council offices and ask for an
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