Mayor’s Message

With the coming of spring, Penrith is heading into its busiest time for events, which means there is a plenty to see and do in your home town.

Earlier this month, I was honoured to officially open the Diwing exhibition at the Penrith Regional Gallery and Lewers Bequest. Stopped to celebrate the Gallery’s 20th anniversary, the exhibition explored the importance of donations to the arts and the role of gift giving to create iconic public places. Such as, Penrith, Bathurst and Milton.

In Penrith, we are do a debt to the Lewers family, who not only gifted wonderful collection of works by Gerald and Margot Lewers and their contemporaries to our community, but also their property, house and gardens. I encourage you to visit the gallery as you enjoy Diwing.

On the first weekend in November, Council will once again stage Real Festival. With innovative performances, interactive installations and public art, Real Festival fills a range of market stalls. Real turns a spotlight on our City and offers something for everyone.

In other news, Council recently launched a new self-service portal. The portal gives you a faster, more convenient way to request Council services online for waste, roads and parks, graffiti removal and parks.

Council consults extensively with the community on a range of projects and work in development. We are currently inviting residents to provide input on flood mitigation and our next Community Engagement Strategy.

Tell Us

How do you want to be involved in the decisions Council makes?

Check out the draft Community Engagement Strategy on our website. We want to know how you want to be involved, to you can influence your local and wider community. Feedback is open until Monday 4 November.

For more information, visit: 
• yoursaypenrith.com.au/influence
• Any Penrith City Library branch
• Penrith or St Marys office

Real Festival returns to the Nepean River 1-2 November bringing internationally celebrated performers and Australia’s best artists, musicians and creative minds together in a stunning outdoor location for residents to enjoy for free.

This year’s event takes entertainment to dazzling new heights with spellbinding stage shows, breathtaking art installations, live music and pop-up performances at every corner, and immersive experiences on the riverbank day and night.

Kick up your heels and dance floor at the Silent DiGlow and keep little hands bouncing at a YW murl, shadow puppet making, live comic book storytelling and playing musical plants!

Once you register as a user, you can book a service anytime, day or night, on your PC or mobile device and keep track of its progress.

I am proud to say the self-service portal is bringing our Customer Promise to life – being proactive, keeping it simple, building respectful relationships, listening and responding.

I love spring in our City. It’s a wonderful time to enjoy along the Nepean River, or any of the great parks or sporting fields across our City.

Once the sun goes down, the magic of Riverlife transforms into a breathtaking art installations, live music and pop-up performances at every corner, and immersive experiences on the riverbank day and night.

Red Air is a touring exhibition of Aboriginal artwork in bold prints and colours which illustrate after a 30 year journey, it is being re-installed in a beautiful and contemporary way. And you can even fly a glider – this gig, ten meter stall inflatable canoe is sure to be a hit with kids.

The critically acclaimed production Splish Test Dynamics is a must-see show for kids and families. The comedy circus troupe behind the show have performed around the world, including at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and have won everyone crying with laughter.

Make sure you catch the headline performance All That We Are, a breathtaking and visually stunning performance. The textile and fibre piece, Australian production has been translated into a stage show. Real Festival will have its world première on the Friday night, with a repeat performance on the Saturday night. Don’t miss out.

When you need to catch your breath, enjoy a leisurely stroll through the artisan markets and pick up a gift or buy yourself something unique. Then when it’s time to eat, 30 of Sydney’s best food trucks will be there serving delicious food and drinks, plus much more with a birthday in the November.

Firesay on Saturday 2 November you’ll get the best fireworks you’ve ever seen. Escape into nature with on water activities including dragon boat races and cruises on the Nepean Belle. Austrail’s favourite gardener Costa Georgiadis is also back for a fourth year and will be bringing his all-consuming passion for plants and people with him. Find out everything you need to know to make your own green thumb turn into a garden of joy and fun.

Festival parking is available in the festival car park adjacent to the Nepean River restaurants accessed from Tench Avenue.

Head to Realfestival.com.au to view the full program, book workshops and plan your travel to the event. Keep up to date with news and information at facebook.com/realfestival.

There’s also a large range of workshops for all ages where you can learn to build, create and make. Some workshops require payment and pre-registration is essential to secure your spot. Details and times for workshops are available on the website.

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Shuttle buses operate on a continuous loop across Friday and Saturday. Pick up and drop off locations include Penrith Train Station and Jamison Park.

Tench Reserve is closed to northbound traffic Friday 1 November to Saturday 2 November.

THE WESTERN WEEKENDER
LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE, QUALITY CHILDCARE CLOSE TO HOME?

WHAT’S ON IN PENRITH

Thinking Of Going Solar?

Are you thinking about going solar but don’t want to hear a sales pitch?

Penrith Council is organising a free night time workshop for local residents looking to find out more about going solar without the 'sales pitch' from a salesman.

Tuesday 20 November
Penrith Library
6.15pm for a prompt 6.30pm start, finishing at 8pm

Lunchtime Tunes

Bring your lunch or grab a bike to eat from High Street and enjoy the live music at lunchtime on Fridays in Triangle Park. Relax with friends and let the local performers entertain you, while you catch up with friends.

12-2pm every Friday until 20 December
Triangle Park, High Street Penrith (with the exception of 18 October)

HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF PENRITH CITY!

Council’s draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) will be on public exhibition from Monday 30 September.

The purpose of the LSPS is to outline Penrith’s economic, social and environmental land use needs, highlighting those characteristics that make our area special and how growth and change will be managed into the future.

We welcome you to view the report and provide your feedback:

ONLINE: penrith.city/LSPS
EXHIBITION DISPLAYS:
• Penrith Civic Centre
• Penrith Library
• St Marys Library and Customer Service Office

DROP-IN SESSIONS:
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Tuesday 8 October: Glenmore Park Youth and Community Centre 6-8pm
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Comments close 11 November, 2019.

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PET AMBASSADORS OF PENRITH

Cordy, Polo, Diedre, Lenny, Star and Lillie. Our Dog Ambassadors are Zoe, Salem, Mozart, Leia, Mr Meowgy and five Deputy Ambassadors. Ambassadors, while both categories had two cats appointed to the role of Pet Ambassador in total, with two dogs and two cats appointed to the role of Pet Ambassador in 2019. However, this year both categories had five Deputy Ambassadors.

Our Cat Ambassador are Chess, Eddy, Tigger, Mosie and Milo. Our Dog Ambassadors are Zoe, Cordy, Polo, Diedre and Lillie.

Check out our Ambassadors on Instagram by searching the hashtag #penrithpets.

COUNCIL SERVICES AT THE CLICK OF A BUTTON

Penrith City Council now offers a number of services online. Visit our website to look several of request issues any time of the day or night – 24/7.

By providing an all-day, year-round service, we are showing our commitment to providing the best possible services to our community.

The big advantage is that you can follow your request and be advised once complete!

All you have to do is go to Council’s website, click the Online Services button and follow the prompts.

If you create an account you can then keep a record of previous requests, track the progress of requests in action and be advised when your request is completed.

The online request system currently covers a number of Council services, with more to follow.

IT’S A DIRE EMERGENCY IF YOU’RE NOT PREPARED

In 2019, Ripples Water Safety, Roadshow visited almost 4,000 local children, with the aim of reducing the rate of drowning in younger people. Strong water safety knowledge and sticks are key to life.

Ripples Roadshow is completely free to all participants, which includes preschools, primary schools and high schools, as well as before and after school care. Our hope is that 2020 will see vacation care and groups like the Girl Guides and Scouts coming on board.

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Our Community Building Partnership, NSW Cricket and Council. Community Building Partnership

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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:

- Abandoned vehicles
- Advertising signs
- Air pollution monitoring
- Approvals
- Asbestos
- Building applications or inspections
- Bus shelters
- Bushfire control
- Cemeteries
- Certificates (149, 149D, 317A & 603)
- Children’s Services
- Citizenship ceremonies
- Civic functions / community events
- Clean-up bookings
- Compost bins
- Council carparks
- Council meetings
- Crossover inspections
- Development control applications
- Disability services
- Dog catcher / registration / dead dogs & cats on roads
- Drainage
- Environmental health
- Environmental planning
- Food handling
- Footpaths
- Garbage and waste
- Graffiti control
- Hall bookings
- Home Library services
- Library services
- Local elections
- Local history
- Neighbourhood Centres
- Noise complaints
- Park bookings
- Parking control
- Planning approvals
- Policy matters
- Public buildings
- Publications
- Rates
- Recycling
- Report illegal dumping
- Road construction & maintenance
- Senior Citizen centres
- Septic tanks
- Street numbers and street signs
- Street cleaning
- New street lighting
- Street numbers
- Sub-division
- Swimming pool fences
- Tourism
- Tree planting or removal
- Youth services
- Zoning

PENSIONERS

If you are a pension card holder, you may be eligible for a pensioner concession on your rates. Please call us on 4732 7676 to discuss.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Register online at yoursaypenrith.com.au to keep up to date with Council’s plans and projects, and opportunities to help us shape the future of Penrith.

Have you got household problem waste? Not a problem.

Drop off these items for free in St Marys:

- Gas bottles and fire extinguishers
- Paint
- Motor and other oils
- Other oils
- Fluoro globes and tubes
- Household batteries
- Car batteries
- Smoke detectors

More information at epa.nsw.gov.au/recyclingcentres