

# Help Shape the Future of the Bathurst Region

Council is reviewing its Community Strategic Plan. The Community Strategic Plan is the long-term roadmap that outlines the goals, priorities, and vision for the Bathurst Region, guiding decision-making of Council on areas like economic development, sustainability, and social well-being. Your voice is important in shaping our future. This plan sets the vision for our community's growth, sustainability, and development.

## What do you want to see in the next 10 years?

- Better parks and green spaces?
- Improved local services?
- More opportunities for businesses?
- Enhanced asset management?
- Better roads & traffic management?
- Better bridges?

Now's your chance to share your ideas and help guide our future decisions. Whether it's big changes or small improvements, your input makes a difference.

## How to get involved:

- Attend a community consultation event
- Fill out our online survey
- Submit feedback directly

Let's work together to create a brighter, stronger future for everyone. Get involved today.

## Learn more and have your say:

<https://yoursay.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/csp>





## Youth Council

The Bathurst Regional Youth Council has commenced their term for 2024/2025. The Youth Council represents the voice of youth in the Bathurst region and aims to promote a positive community environment.

The Youth Council for 2024/2025 is made up of 13 members aged between 12 and 24 years. They will meet monthly to discuss youth and community matters.

Leadership positions have been finalised with Aston Hornery elected as Youth Mayor, Zac Belmonte elected as Deputy Youth Mayor and Jessie Nunan elected as Youth Media Officer.

The Youth Council has been distributing information for young people through the Bathurst Youth Instagram page. They will continue to utilise this media network throughout their term to educate young people and promote their upcoming initiatives and events.

The Youth Council will be continuing their intergenerational program with a local aged care facility, as well as continuing their monthly radio segment on 2MCE.

*Youth Mayor Aston Hornery and Deputy Youth Mayor Zac Belmonte*

## Heritage Plan update

Council's Strategic Planning Section is preparing the next update to the Bathurst Region Heritage Plan. The Plan aims to guide heritage management within the Bathurst Regional Local Government Area (LGA) and establishes the key strategic priorities and associated actions for heritage management over a period of 4 years.

Heritage management includes the protection and promotion of heritage across Council's departments. Importantly, for Council to operate its Heritage Advisory services and for that service to be supported by a grant provided by Heritage NSW, Council must have an adopted Heritage Plan in place.

The current plan covers the 2021-2025 period and is due to be updated in 2025.

Council is seeking to survey a wide range of community members aiming to:

- Gauge the community's understanding of Council's heritage management practices,
- Gauge the community's current values as they relate to heritage matters,
- Understand the community's opinion on heritage related challenges, and
- Discover how achievements of the Heritage Plan can be better shared with interested parties.

If you would like to complete the survey visit:

<https://yoursay.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/bathurst-region-heritage-plan-2021-2025/surveys/heritage-plan-update311>

The survey will close on 4th November 2024.



## Community Directory

Looking for information about our local community?

**The Bathurst Community Information Directory contains comprehensive information about local community services, organisations and groups.**

**The Community Directory provides a quick and easy way to share and search information beyond the Bathurst LGA. This service is in partnership with over 20 local councils, state government departments and community organisations”.**

Visit the Bathurst Library website for more information

<https://library.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/Services/Bathurst-Community-Information>

## Mind Alive

Bathurst Library has launched its new 'Mind Alive Dementia Friendly Collection', a new loanable collection aimed at enhancing access, reminiscence and engagement for individuals living with dementia and their caregivers.

This new collection includes a curated selection of photo boards, puzzles, games, DVDs, and books designed to offer mental stimulation, enjoyment, and relaxation.

More information on the collection can be found on the library website. <https://library.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/Services/Dementia-Resources/Mind-Alive-Dementia-Friendly-Collection>

Victims of domestic and family violence have access to a mobile phone App designed to discreetly document abuse.

Victims can use 'Empower You' to obtain contact details of support services in the area they live, to send messages with your location to trusted friends, or to gather information about your experiences in an admissible form.

'Empower You' allows victims to document abuse, which is often difficult to recall when in distress or when it occurs over long periods of time, including photos of injuries and property damage, and screenshots of emails or messages – and document an incident when it happens, no matter how minor or whether they report it to police at that time.

Call 000 if you're in danger.



# Pet-oween comes to BARC

The Bathurst Animal Rehoming Centre (BARC) is located at 58 Hampden Park Road Kelso. The state of the art facility provides care for lost, stray and surrendered animals until they can be adopted to new forever homes.

Throughout the year, the BARC team have been active at community events to help promote the facility and to find new homes for animals in their care. Earlier this year a total of 17 cats and kittens were rehomed after being cared for by Bathurst High School students as part of the Royal Bathurst Show Animal Nursery.

In July, the team successfully rehomed 13 dogs and 15 cats after attending the Bathurst Winter Festival with a display featuring animals available for adoption.

The team will hold two more events this year to promote pet adoptions. There's 'Pet-oween' on 26 and 27 October 2024 and 'Pet-xmas' on 14 and 15 December 2024.

Following community feedback, these two events will see BARC open on the weekend, catering for those people keen to adopt who can't make a midweek appointment. Coming up for BARC:

Pet-oween Adoption weekend 26 and 27 October. Open from 10am to 1pm Saturday and Sunday.

Pet-xmas Adoption weekend 14 and 15 December. Open from 10am to 1pm Saturday and Sunday.

All animals available for adoption can be viewed on the Council website <https://www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/Services/Animals-Pets/Adopt-a-Pet> To make an appointment to meet your new fur-ever friend call 6333 6211.



## COME AND SEE US!

- FROM 10 AM TO 1 PM
- BARC STAFF READY TO HELP YOU FIND THAT PAWFECT MATCH
- CARD ONLY
- WALK-INS WELCOME



View our adoptable animals

## HALLOWEN 2024

Come and see what we have to offer. We prefer appointments to reduce potential waiting times for meet and greets but we welcome everyone.



## Celebrating 30 Years of Dedication: Deb's Journey as a Family Day Care Educator

This year we celebrate Deb Mair, who for three decades has been serving the Family Day Care Community.



Looking back, Deb finds the most fulfilling experiences come from seeing children thrive through her child-centred approach. "Building strong partnerships with children allows me to support them in whatever they need," she said. The relationships she's formed over the years, and seeing former children remember their time with her, are particularly meaningful to her.

When asked to share a story that highlights the unique bond she's developed with the children and families she's worked with, Deb finds it impossible to choose just one. "There are too many! Watching them go off to school - it's all about seeing the independence and autonomy that springs from the play-based learning I provide."

More information on our Family Day Care service is available on Council's website <https://www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/Services/Supporting-Our-Community/Childrens-Services>

## Sawpit Creek

Stage 1 of the Sawpit Creek Open Space Reserve is now complete running from the Michell Highway to just north of Munro St adjacent to the suburbs of Llanarth and Windradyne with future stages reaching down to Ophir Road.

Extensive vegetation works have occurred including the planting of more than 30,000 tubestock grasses, acacia and wattles and more than 3,500 eucalypts including Apple Box and Ribbon Gum.

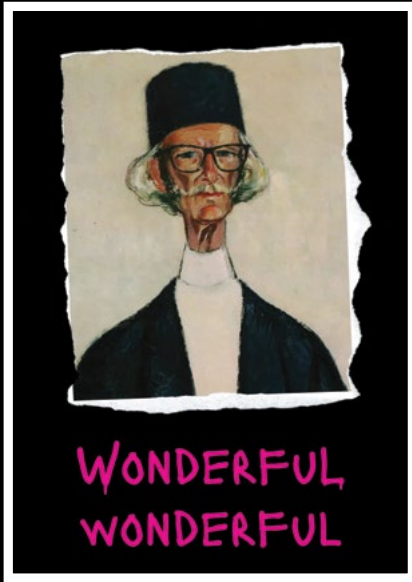
Council received a \$1.27million grant from the Regional Housing Program for these works.



## Sightscreens installed

The finishing touches - new cricket sightscreens - have been installed and complete the redevelopment of Bathurst Sportsground.

The screens can flip from black to white for day or night games and can be moved along rails so they can cover the wicket, depending on where it is located.



## Wonderful Wonderful

**Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) dives deep into the permanent collection to present new exhibition, Wonderful Wonderful: Scenes from the Collection.**

Presenting nearly 200 artworks collected over the last seventy years, *Wonderful Wonderful: Scenes from the Collection* features a rollcall of celebrated Australian artists, including Harold Cazneaux, John Coburn, Peter Cooley, Grace Cossington Smith, Reg Campbell, Karla Dickens, Leonard French, Marea Gazzard, Frank Hinder, Margel Hinder, Locust Jones, Graham Lupp, Francis Lyburner, Roy de Maistre, Mandy Martin, Lloyd Rees, Joan Ross, Eugenie Solonov and Roland Wakelin.

A multisensory experience, the exhibition is animated with music and a series of public programs, talks, and workshops.

Wonderful Wonderful is on exhibition until 17 November

Image: Collage with Herbert Kemble, *Self Portrait at 70*, 1964, oil on composite board, 60.5 x 51 cm. Gift of Mr Phillip Kemble. Collection of Bathurst Regional Art Gallery.

## Changing Places update

Work is progressing well on the construction of the changing places facility at Bicentennial Park.

The new changing places facility will include an accessible toilet/parents room, an accessible 'Changing Places' Design 2.0 adult change facility that includes a toilet, shower, adult changing table and overhead crane to meet special accessibility needs. An accessible footpath will connect the facility to two new accessible parking spaces on William Street and an accessible footpath with a pram ramp is built from Charlotte Street.

There will also be male and female toilets included in the block.

Works are expected to be completed in December.



## WHAT'S ON

Every month the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre publishes the monthly What's On. Your guide to all of the fantastic events in our region. Whether you are looking for the next race on the circuit or trying to find the dates for the next farmers markets or local theatre production, you can find it in the Bathurst Region What's On Guide.

Download the guide online at [bathurstregion.com.au](http://bathurstregion.com.au), join our mailing list by contacting the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre, or drop in and say hi to the team at 1 Kendall Avenue and pick up a printed copy.

If you have an event coming up and want to get the word out, you can register your event for free at [Bathurstregion.com.au/whats-on/add-your-event](http://Bathurstregion.com.au/whats-on/add-your-event)



## Supercheap Auto Bathurst International

8 – 10 November 2024



## Challenge Bathurst

21 – 24 November 2024

## Welcome to Bathurst Lunch

November 2024

Are you a new resident to Bathurst? To help you settle in we'd love to shout you lunch and introduce ourselves. Join us for the Welcome to Bathurst Lunch 11.30am Sunday 3rd November 2024 at Morse Park, near the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre.

We extend this invitation to anyone who has moved to Bathurst in the last two years. Each new resident household will receive a special gift. We look forward to meeting you!

To RSVP visit <https://Bathurstliveinvest.com.au/event/welcome-to-Bathurst-lunch-november-2024/>

## NEW TO BATHURST?

We would love to shout you lunch!

Sunday 3rd November 2024

11:30am - 1:30pm

Morse Park, near the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre

1 Kendall Ave, Bathurst



For more information on these events visit [www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au](http://www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au)

Contact details for the recently elected Councillors are available on the Council website: <https://www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/Council/Councillors>



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