

## The Smith Family ‘Work Inspiration Day’

As part of The Smith Family’s *Growing Careers* project, Council hosted an engaging *Work Inspiration Day* in late 2024.

In partnership with The Smith Family Central West NSW and Denison College of Secondary Education – Kelso High Campus, 20 students from Year 9 through to Year 11 attended Council’s Civic Centre and Depot for an interactive, activity-packed morning, introducing them to the diverse work opportunities we have here at Council.

The Smith Family is a national children’s education charity that works with children and young people to overcome educational inequality caused by poverty. One way The Smith Family does this is through their *Work Inspiration Reach Out* program – a multi-employer initiative that ensures young Australians’ first experience of the world of work is positive, meaningful and inspiring.

Through this program, students attend multiple company worksites and complete a range of career activities, in addition to spending time with staff and touring the premises – all to inspire and equip the next generation for an exciting future.

Council was gratified to participate in such a rewarding program and provide local students an opportunity to be inspired, broaden their perspectives and develop aspirations for their future.



## 2025 Toyo Japanese Student Visit

We’re excited to announce that Bathurst will be hosting Japanese students early this year, with visits scheduled for February/March. This means we are once again looking for host families to accommodate this group of students.

This year will be bigger than ever! 114 students will be visiting for 3 nights from Friday 28 February – Monday 4 March. Families will be compensated with \$405 per student housed for this tour.

If you have friends and family who might be interested in participating, please let them know as we are looking for extra hosts this year. Being a short 3-night stay, this year is an excellent chance to give it a go!

The rewards from hosting an overseas student in your home can be many; like the student, you will learn and be enriched by the addition to your family. Hosting a student encourages your family to see your country through another perspective and creates an opportunity to visit new places or revisit old favourites, to teach our local customs and language, to have lots of fun and, most importantly, gain a new family member and friend for life.

Experiencing a foreign language and culture in your own home can be the next best thing to travelling overseas.

For more information or to register as a 2025 home host, please contact Bec at the Bathurst Visitors Centre by email [visitors@bathurst.nsw.gov.au](mailto:visitors@bathurst.nsw.gov.au) or phone 1800 681 000.





# MAYOR'S MESSAGE



Here's to welcoming our city to a great 2025. I hope a restful and enjoyable holiday period was had by all.

Leading up to this new year were some busy final months of 2024.

From the fastest Bathurst 1000 taking place, Bathurst Library's inaugural Local Writer's Showcase, Halloween and Christmas adoption appeals at BARC, to our exceptional results at the annual Tidy Towns and NSW Tourism Awards, our city was certainly putting on a show – as it does best!

Witnessing the passion that Bathurst residents have for our city and the level of engagement across the events we host throughout the year instills such pride in all of us here at Council.

At Bathurst Regional Council, we are dedicated to delivering on the needs of our city's residents, our local businesses and services, as well as the visitors to our region. We may each have different perspectives or priorities, however what we share is a fundamental commitment to making our city an even better place, for all.

I am looking forward to this new year ahead of us.

**Robert Taylor**

Mayor of Bathurst

# YOUTH MAYOR



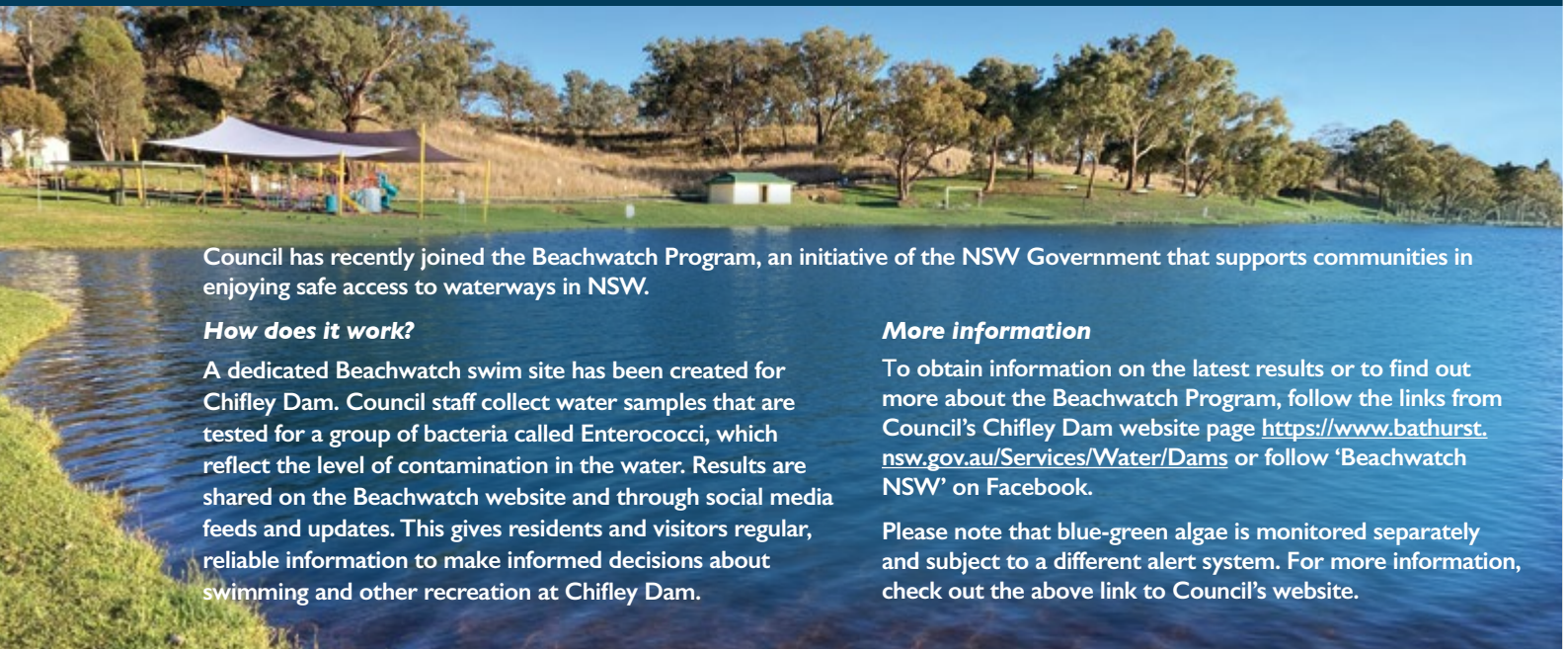
The Bathurst Regional Youth Council has been very busy of late, giving youth insight into Council operations such as BARC (Bathurst Animal Rehoming Centre) and the Bathurst Heritage Plan. We've attended events such as the Bathurst 1000,

Bathurst International and the Bathurst Library's International Games Day, as well as external activities such as holiday visits to Whiddon, our monthly radio segment 'BRYC Connect' with 2MCE and a tour through PCYC Bathurst. The Youth Council has also been keenly working on projects for our newest initiatives, and Youth Week from 9 to 17 April 2025, with more information coming soon. Make sure to join us or follow our Instagram @bathurst\_youth to keep updated with all things Bathurst Youth.

**Aston Horner**

Youth Mayor

## Beachwatch - A New Partnership Program at Chifley Dam



Council has recently joined the Beachwatch Program, an initiative of the NSW Government that supports communities in enjoying safe access to waterways in NSW.

### How does it work?

A dedicated Beachwatch swim site has been created for Chifley Dam. Council staff collect water samples that are tested for a group of bacteria called Enterococci, which reflect the level of contamination in the water. Results are shared on the Beachwatch website and through social media feeds and updates. This gives residents and visitors regular, reliable information to make informed decisions about swimming and other recreation at Chifley Dam.

### More information

To obtain information on the latest results or to find out more about the Beachwatch Program, follow the links from Council's Chifley Dam website page <https://www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/Services/Water/Dams> or follow 'Beachwatch NSW' on Facebook.

Please note that blue-green algae is monitored separately and subject to a different alert system. For more information, check out the above link to Council's website.

## Heritage Plan 2025-2029

On 19 November 2024, Council held its Heritage Plan 2025-2029 workshop. The purpose of the workshop was to hear from the community about:

- The key challenges facing heritage management in the Bathurst Region
- How the 2025-2029 Heritage Plan could best respond to those challenges
- How Council might measure and communicate our progress

In attendance were 55 community members and several Council staff members, representing a good cross section of the community.

Following collation of the feedback from the night and assessment of the 100 survey results, a Draft Heritage Plan will be developed with an aim to be available for comment in March 2025.

Council would like to thank all attendees and all those who completed the Heritage Plan survey.

To stay informed on this project, please register your interest at:

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







Council is pleased to present *The Reserve, Windradyne*, the first stage in an exclusive land release in the sought after Windradyne area of Bathurst.

Facing picturesque gently rolling hills to the west and bordered by the new Sawpit Creek nature walk, residents will enjoy convenient proximity to local services including

restaurants, a pharmacy and a childcare centre.

Already a perfect family location with nature right at your door, a children's park and play area is planned to soon be constructed, making this an ideal destination for first home buyers, school-age families and investors alike.

Block sizes range from 550.4 to 1,155.8 square metres, with prices beginning at \$315,000.00 through to \$400,000.00.

To express your interest in a lot, please contact Council's Property Department on 6333 6235.

## See the Legendary Cars of the Brock Era

The National Motor Racing Museum's current exhibition, *Group C Touring Cars 1973-1984*, coincides with the 40 year anniversary of the end of Group C regulations in Australian Touring Car racing.

This special exhibition celebrates the Group C era of touring car racing, and looks back at an era fondly remembered by Australian race fans as one of the greatest in our sport's history, featuring the likes of Peter Brock, Allan Moffatt, Dick Johnson and Larry Perkins.

The Group C regulations was an era that boasted some of the most legendary, memorable cars and drivers take to Australian circuits, with the Bathurst 1000 at the forefront. This is when the race at Mount Panorama first ran to 1000 kilometres, and saw the remarkable domination of Peter Brock, who won seven of the twelve Bathurst 1000s run in the Group C period.

It was also the time that saw the leap to colour broadcast in the mid-1970s, and, in 1979, Channel 7's world-leading in-car camera, Racecam, which allowed the fans at home to experience the challenge of the race. This really cemented the Great Race in becoming an Australian institution.

"We have assembled an incredible display of cars from the period, with loans from private collectors taking pride of place alongside vehicles from the museum's collection," said Brad Owen, Coordinator of the National Motor Racing Museum.

Some of the cars that have come in for the exhibition are the 1975 Ford Capri driven by Bo Seton in the 1975 Bathurst 1000; the 1979 Holden LX Torana SS A9X and one of the most controversial cars of the Group C era, the 1983 Mazda RX-7, driven by Murray Carter in Bathurst in 1983. The stars of the show are the two 1984 VK Commodores from the Holden Dealer Team that finished 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 1984 James Hardie 1000, together for the very first time since 1985.

**The exhibition "Group C Touring Cars 1973-1984" is on at the National Motor Racing Museum, 400 Panorama Avenue, Mount Panorama. Open: 9am-4.30pm daily, closed Tuesdays. Open seven days per week during NSW school holidays. [www.museumbathurst.com.au](http://www.museumbathurst.com.au)**



## Building foundational Early Literacy Skills

Kickstart your child's literacy skills!

Bathurst Library runs a '1000 Books Before School' program, available to start at any time in the year.

This program is designed to build important literacy skills prior to children starting school. Any book a child reads, or listens to, or a parent reads to a child, can count towards this goal.

Participating children will receive a very special children's library bag when registering, with little prizes as rewards for milestones along the way. Members of the community can sign up for the program via the free online Beanstack Tracker app. The challenge ends once a child starts Kindergarten or reaches the 1000 books read goal.

With thousands of free books, the library can help you and your family with all your reading goals.

Talk to our library staff on Keppel Street or call us on 6333 6281 to find out more.

## Autumn Colours Heritage Festival

March 13 – May 18. A celebration of Bathurst's heritage during its most spectacular season.

Autumn is a magical time in the Bathurst Region when residents and visitors alike enjoy the explosion of colour that accompanies the change of season, the cooler temperatures that are perfect for exploring, and the delicious local produce that the harvest brings. The signature Autumn Heritage Festival program of events celebrates the town's rich history with a series of guided tours by local experts through some of the region's most significant historical sites, along with events that preserve the people, traditions, and stories that have shaped Bathurst into the beautifully thriving, modern regional centre it is today.

Program available early 2025. For more information, visit [www.visitbathurst.com.au](http://www.visitbathurst.com.au).

# WHAT'S ON

## Australia Day

26 January 2025

## Meguiar's Bathurst 12 Hour

31 January – 2 February 2025

## Welcome to Bathurst Lunch

23 March 2025

Are you a new resident of Bathurst? To help you settle in, we'd love to shout you lunch and introduce ourselves. Join us for the 'Welcome to Bathurst Lunch' at 11.30am, Sunday 23 March 2025 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-march-2025/>



### NEW TO BATHURST?

We would like to shout you lunch!

Sunday 23rd March 2025 at 11:30am - 1:30pm  
Morse Park,  
near the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre -  
1 Kendall Ave Bathurst

## Grant Writing Workshop

9 April 2025

The Economic Development team at Bathurst Regional Council is pleased to present a FREE grant writing workshop. It is open to local businesses, individuals and community groups interested in learning more about the grant writing process.

The workshop will cover the key tips on how to prepare and submit funding applications as well as learning how to utilise the Bathurst Grants Hub.

**Time:** 3.00pm-5.00pm

**Date:** Wednesday 9 April 2025

**Where:** Bathurst Panthers,  
132 Piper Street Bathurst

**Cost:** FREE



To register, visit:

<https://bathurstliveinvest.com.au/event/grant-writing-workshop-7/>

## Hi-Tech Oils Bathurst 6 Hour

18 – 20 April 2025

## NRL Telstra Premiership: Penrith Panthers V Newcastle Knights

24 May 2025

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