

# Wingecarribee Today

*Keeping the Southern Highlands in touch with Council*

## Increase in water storage for northern villages

Not all of Council's infrastructure is visible to the naked eye.

Much of our water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure for example, is located underground.

Laid out end-to-end our water pipes alone stretch almost 700 kilometres in length, or the same distance as the Highlands to Melbourne!

In addition to water pipes we also manage 29 water reservoirs, 15 water pump stations and three water treatments plants.

Together this complex water network helps Council deliver water to over 18,000 properties across the Shire.

Managing and maintaining this water network is one of our core services and in recent months we've embarked on a major upgrade to the water supply in our northern villages.

The first part of works involved increasing water capacity at the Willow Vale Reservoir.

With the long-term forecast suggesting that the dry weather is set to continue, increased water capacity is extremely important. The major benefits of larger water storage capacity include a more reliable service for more residents and greater security in the event of bush fires.



Installation of a bypass main at the Mount Gibraltar Heritage Reserve Reservoir to improve water storage to our northern villages

Initial work to increase water storage was completed in early October with the remainder of the works scheduled to be completed before Christmas.

To learn more about Council's water and waste water network and the services provided, visit [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/water-sewerage](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/water-sewerage).

## Australia Day nominations closing soon!

Nominations for the Shire's 2020 Australia Day *Citizen* and *Young Citizen of the Year* awards close soon.

The Young Citizen Award is open to people who are aged 25 years or younger.

All nominees must reside in the Wingecarribee Shire and nominations close on Friday 13 December 2019.

For further information about Wingecarribee Shire's Australia Day Citizen Awards contact Council's Australia Day Coordinator on 4868 0719 or visit Council's website at [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/australia-day](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/australia-day).

# Christmas Giving Tree

Christmas is the season for giving, but for many people the festive season can be anything but fun.

Helping to spread some festive cheer, Council has once again set up a Christmas Giving Tree in its Moss Vale Civic Centre.

“Christmas can be a particularly difficult time for many people,” said Wingecarribee Shire Mayor Duncan Gair at the launch of the tree.

“But even a small contribution can help those doing it tough.”

Non-perishable food items and gifts for children are the most sought after items. All donations will be forwarded to

the local branch of the Salvation Army where they will be sorted and distributed for Christmas Day.

“The size and monetary worth of the gift isn’t important,” the Mayor added. “As the old adage goes; it’s the thought that counts.”

Unwrapped gifts can be left by the tree up until and including Tuesday 17 December 2019.

The *Christmas Giving Tree* is located in the foyer of Wingecarribee Shire Council’s Customer Service Centre, located in Elizabeth Street, Moss Vale.

## Public toilet upgrades

Council recently completed a number of major upgrades on some of our Shire’s public toilet facilities.

The amenities blocks in Leighton Gardens in Moss Vale and Winifred West in Mittagong both received a major overhaul while at Burrawang Oval we also refurbished the clubhouse and change rooms.

All three locations now feature new fixtures, tiling, flooring, reconfigured cubicles to meet Australian Standards and a fresh coat of paint.

These improvements were all undertaken as part of Council’s *Investing in Our Future* Special Rate Variation (SRV) improvement program.

Council’s *Public Toilet Strategy* lists the locations of all of our Shire’s public toilets including accessible units and cleaning schedules.

Visit [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/public-toilet-strategy](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/public-toilet-strategy) for more information.



## Water Wise Initiatives and you

With summer here, it’s important we all pitch in and conserve water.



*Water Wise Initiatives* are now in place right across the Shire.

They include only using sprinklers and garden hoses fitted with a trigger nozzle before 10am and after 4pm.

Don’t hose hard surfaces like driveways and paths and only wash your car on the lawn.

Help with our supplies and be *Water Wise!*

To learn more about Council’s *Water Wise Initiatives*, visit [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/water-wise-initiatives](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/water-wise-initiatives).

# Men's Shed trapping the Common (Indian) Myna

The Highlands has some of the most diverse wildlife in the country but some of our native flora and fauna is at threat from introduced pests.

One of our Shire's most destructive pests is the Common Myna bird.

First released in Australia in 1862, the bird has spread to many urban and rural areas including the Southern Highlands.

These aggressive and highly adaptable birds compete with native hollow-nesting birds and animals.

Control of Common Mynas is desirable provided it can be achieved in a safe, humane and cost-effective manner.

Backed by Council's Community Grants Scheme, the Bowral Mens Shed are building and selling Myna bird traps to help eradicate this introduced pest.

For more information contact the Bowral Mens Shed on phone **4862 5285** or visit the lads in person behind the Bowral Uniting Church at 28 Bendooley Street on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8.30am and 3.00pm.

To learn more about



Common Myna birds, including responsible euthanasia methods and how to attract native birds to your garden, visit [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/common-myna-birds](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/common-myna-birds).

## Newsflash!

Moss Vale Branch Library will temporarily close in 2020 for an exciting transformation project that will result in a larger, more accessible, modern and user-friendly library.

Stay tuned for more information!



## Keeping safe in swimming pools

A new Council policy designed to improve swimming pool safety will be in force this summer.

Endorsed by Councillors the *Swimming Pool Barrier Policy and Guidelines* aims to raise awareness of swimming pool safety and reduce the number of drowning and near-drowning incidents.

While the policy primarily focuses on swimming pool facilities operated by tourist and visitor accommodation premises, the objectives apply equally for residential properties.

"Swimming pools are a great way to beat the summer heat," said Council's Group Manager of Planning, Development and Regulatory Services, Nick Wilton.

"However it's imperative that all users, in particular young children, are kept safe around pools and spas."

Drowning is a leading cause of accidental

death in young children with data from the *Royal Life Saving National Drowning Report 2018* revealing that 18 children under the age of four tragically died as a result of drowning last year. Two thirds of these deaths occurred in swimming pools with inadequate pool fencing highlighted as a contributing factor.

Council's *Swimming Pool Barrier Policy and Guidelines* details the responsibility of owners and the requirements for both large-scale and smaller pools including portable pools. The document also covers the types of structures permitted inside a pool enclosure, the role of inspections and proposed enforcement.

"At the end of the day, the most effective pool safety measure is proper adult supervision."

To view *Council's Swimming Pool Barrier Policy and Guidelines* visit [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/council/policies](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/council/policies).

## Upcoming Works

Barrengarry Creek,  
Belmore Falls Road,  
Robertson

Bridge construction

Braemar Avenue,  
Braemar

Stormwater improvement works

Bundaroo and Bendooley  
Streets, Bowral

Roundabout construction

Meryla Road, Bundanoon  
Creek, Bundanoon

Bridge works

Bundanoon Oval

Construction of new  
skate park

Eridge Park, Bowral

Bowral Rugby Clubhouse  
construction

Southern Regional  
Livestock Exchange

Seating upgrade

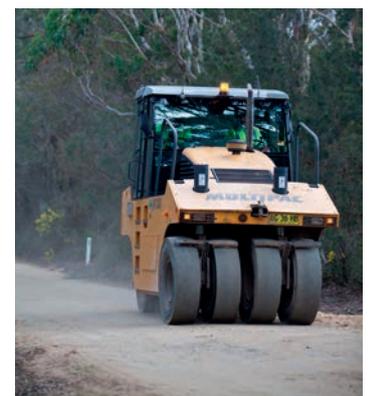
Wattle Lane, Bowral

Building demolition and  
car park construction

Wilson Drive, Hill Top

Road rehabilitation,  
pedestrian and  
drainage works

Find out more about  
Council's current and  
future works including  
water and sewerage  
improvements at  
[www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/road-closures](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/road-closures).



# Dob in a dirt bag

Dodgy dirt dealers offering 'clean free fill' are targeting the Southern Highlands with contaminated construction waste.

To make matters worse, even if you innocently accept the fill, you could be left with a hefty clean-up bill.

Don't trust the dodgy dirt dealer!

Keep an eye out for suspicious or unmarked large multiple truck movements entering our Shire from the motorway.

To dob in a dirt bag, visit [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/stop-the-trucks](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/stop-the-trucks) or phone Council on 4868 0888.



# RRC Christmas hours

Over the holiday period *Council's Resource Recovery Centre (RRC)* will be closed on the following public holidays:

- Wednesday 25 December (Christmas Day)
- Thursday 26 December (Boxing Day)
- Wednesday 1 January (New Year's Day)

On all other days the facility will operate as per normal trading hours of 8.00am to 4:00pm Monday to Saturday and 8.00am to 1.00pm on Sundays.

In addition, from Monday 23 December through until Friday 17 January 2020, Council will carry out additional weekly

recycling pick-ups of yellow-lidded bins.

Customers visiting the RRC are reminded to arrive no later than 20 minutes prior to the close of gates to allow staff to safely secure the facility at the designated time.

For further information visit [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au) or phone 4868 0888.

To contact Council's waste contractor *JR Richards* visit [waste.wsc.nsw.gov.au](http://waste.wsc.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 133 969.

# Celebrate Australia Day

You're invited to join us in Berrima for the Shire's official Australia Day celebrations.

We're planning a huge day of festivities including live music, market stalls, rides, food and much more!

The day will also feature the famous grand parade featuring vintage cars, fire engines and tractors.

Other highlights include a Citizenship Ceremony and announcement of our Shire's Australia Day Citizens.

Wingecarribee Shire's official Australia Day celebrations are proudly brought to you by Council and the historic Berrima Court House.

Celebrations start from 9.30am on Sunday 26 January 2020.

For more information visit Council's website at [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/australia-day](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/australia-day).



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