

# Wingecarribee Today

*Keeping the Southern Highlands in touch with Council*

## Kirkham Road's new lease of life

Bowral's Kirkham Road has undergone a major transformation.

Since March Council has been busy upgrading over one kilometre of the road from Sherwood Avenue north to Mittagong Road.

We've done this because Kirkham Road is an integral part of Bowral's transport network. Not only does it link commuters to the train station but it also provides residential access to the western side of town and nearby Berrima. It's also an important transport route for trucks accessing Bowral's industrial area which in turn helps to keep our local economy moving.

Over the past few months Council crews have dug up the old road, installed a new sub-surface and laid a new bitumen top coat. At the

same time we've widened the road, improved the drainage, installed guard rails and realigned the curves to provide safer driving.

The next stage of the project will involve reconstructing the southern section of the road from Sherwood Avenue to Oxleys Hill Road. To ensure a uniform high standard, we've expanded upon our initial scope of works to include construction of a new road pavement and forming of car spaces. We'll also be building a footpath to the train station and installing new lighting and pedestrian islands for safer commuter access.



A Road Profiler in action on Kirkham Road

These works will start in June. Until then we'd like to thank motorists, residents and businesses of Kirkham Road for the patience they've shown as we go about improving Bowral's critical infrastructure.

The *Kirkham Road Industrial Access Road Reconstruction Project* is proudly funded by the NSW Government's *Restart Fixing Country Roads* program and Wingecarribee Shire Council.

# PIE TIME *Full Program Inside!*

*30 days & 100's of ways to enjoy pies!* 1 - 30 JUNE 2019



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# Building for our Shire

Last year Council received more than 4,900 Applications.



In three years the number of applications we've processed has risen by 53% and this year we're expecting more than 5,000!

The majority of these relate to new residential developments, alterations and additions to existing dwellings. Development Applications for subdivisions, tourist-related developments and commercial and industrial projects are also popular.

Despite the increase in applications, between November 2018 and March this year we've lowered our average processing time by 21 per cent.

To bring these processing times down even further we've introduced a range of new planning and development initiatives. This includes the creation of a dedicated planning team specialising in residential applications and changes to the roster at our Civic Centre front counter. This will ensure that key

planning staff are available to discuss your planning queries.

To see the full list of current Development Applications received and determined by Council, view the first Business Paper of each month online at [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/council-meeting-agendas-minutes](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/council-meeting-agendas-minutes).

Remember, if you're considering building, renovating, demolishing, subdividing land, installing a pool, occupying premises or using land within the Shire, you may need to submit a Development Application or Complying Development Certificate.

For more information including how to lodge a DA, visit [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/development-applications](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/development-applications).

## Water Wise Initiatives and you

NSW is experiencing one of the most severe droughts on record with the continuing dry spell having a significant impact on dam storage levels across the State.

The Southern Highlands is fortunate to have above average storage capacity compared to many of our neighbouring regions. At the current usage rate we've got considerable water capacity for some time, however, that doesn't mean we should waste this important resource.

It also means that we may need to consider future water restrictions should conditions continue to deteriorate and significant rainfall isn't recorded.

Regardless of the drought conditions, there are a few simple steps you can take to help conserve water around your home.

Council's *Water Wise* Initiatives include:

- *Sprinklers and irrigation systems* – Avoid watering in the heat of the day and only use sprinklers or irrigation systems before 10am and after 4pm.
- *Hoses* – Hand held hoses should have a trigger nozzle and watering should be avoided between 10am and 4pm.
- *Clean-up* – Instead of hosing hard surfaces like driveways, use a broom to clean up leaves, grass clippings, dirt or dust.
- *Washing vehicles* – Wash your car on the lawn wherever possible. This helps to water your lawn and avoids adding to stormwater pollution.

For more information on Council's *Water Wise* Initiatives visit [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/water-wise-initiatives](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/water-wise-initiatives).





# Australia's HOME OF PIES PIE TIME

## PROGRAM

*30 days & 100's of ways to enjoy pies!*

**1 - 30 JUNE | SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS NSW**



Farm Tour & Pie Picnic  
Farm Club Australia, Weraï

The Southern Highlands, Australia's Home of Pies with over 50 local pie makers is celebrating the great Aussie pie with a mouth-watering calendar of events, tours and incentives throughout June.

Destination Southern Highlands (Council's tourism body) and Wingecarribee Shire Council invite you, your friends and relatives to participate and enjoy the many activities on offer during June when the region becomes the Southern Pie-lands.

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# WHAT'S ON

## DAILY EVENTS



### SWEETIE PIE & BUBBLES TRAIL

Not all pies are meat pies! Treat yourself to a special Sweetie Pie & Bubbles experience this June and you'll discover a whole world of pies you would never have expected.



### PIE & PINOT TRAIL

A match made in Heaven. The Southern Highlands signature cool climate wine Pinot has been married up with the regions signature Pies.



### DINE WITH A PIE TRAIL

Over 50 local cafes, restaurants, pubs, hotels, bakeries and cellar doors will present signature pies on their menus with most including value-added extras.



**PIE TRAIL** Why not eat your way around the Southern Highlands Pie Trail and sample some of the 30 plus bakeries crafting a range of locally made hero pies. Download the Pie Trail map at [www.pietime.com.au](http://www.pietime.com.au).

## SPECIAL EVENTS

\*Disclaimer: Terms & conditions of events are available on [www.pietime.com.au](http://www.pietime.com.au). Bookings essential.

### NSW/ACT BEST PIE COMP AWARDS & GALA PIE TIME DINNER

Sat 1 June - 6:30pm - Mittagong RSL Club, Bessemer St, Mittagong  
Join us for a great night of awards, announcements and fun. Be the first to find out who will take out the honour of winning the title of the 'Best Pie in NSW/ACT' and the 'Best Pie in the Southern Highlands'. Bookings Essential.

### ON THE PLATE PIE COOKING CLASS - Sat 8 June - 10:30am

Berrima Public School, Oxley St, Berrima  
Hands on cooking class where we will prepare a delicious lunch of pies and tarts. Everyone will make homemade pastry, lunch will be enjoyed together with a glass of local wine.

### HISTORY OF THE MEAT PIE EXHIBITION - Sat 1 - Sun 30 June

Southern Highlands Welcome Centre, 62-70 Main St, Mittagong  
Learn about Australia's history with the humble meat pie which hit Australian shores at the same time as the First Fleet.

### PIE COOKING CLASSES - Sat 8 & 22 June - 6pm

Heatherbrae's Pies, 24 Sally's Corner Rd, Exeter  
Learn to bake from the best pie makers in the business!  
The classes will be a social evening where you learn to make and bake pies based on Heatherbrae's Pies methods. Bookings Essential.

### FLY HIGH WITH A PIE - Sat 1 - Sun 30 June

Illawarra Fly Treetop Adventures, 182 Knights Hill Rd, Knights Hill  
Elevate your PIE TIME activities and see breathtaking coastal views from the Southern Highlands escarpment. Climb 106 steps to the top of Knight's Hill Tower, an incredible 45 metres above the forest floor.

### PEGGY'S PIE, PINOT & PINT NIGHT - Sat 15 June

Robertson Bowling Club, Yarranga St, Robertson  
All you can eat pies and a drink voucher to select your pint or pinot. Bar open to purchase more drinks. Live lite entertainment.

### PAST TIMES & PIES AT FAIRGROUND FOLLIES

Sat 1 & 15 June - 10:30am-12pm - Fairground Follies, Bowral  
The Happiest Music On Earth - Tours of Fairground Follies complete with a delicious Apple Pie and hot beverage. Bookings Essential.

### PIES IN THE SKY - Sat 15 June - 5:30pm-9:30pm

Cuttaway Hill Wines, 212 Sally's Corner Rd, Exeter  
A night of star gazing with pinot, pies & fire pit for all the family. You don't need a telescope to join in the fun, the Macarthur Astronomical Society will have telescopes available. Bookings Essential.

### SAUCEY PAINTING, PIES & PINOT - Tue 4 & 18 June - 6pm-8:30pm

The Glass Café, 84 Main St, Mittagong  
Painting classes using sauce instead of paint to create a sunflower on 4 June or Alfie the Alpaca on 18 June. Pie supper & a glass of Artemis pinot included. Bookings Essential.

### FEAST OF THE BEAST - Sat 22 June - 4:30pm-9:30pm

Wildfest, Meryla State Forest, Werai  
Our Winter Solstice Feast is back so get your outfit ready. We weave in Pagan, Celtic and Nordic celebrations into our own local Highland Winter Feast. A three course feast complete with mini pies. Bookings Essential.

### MOO TO YOU TOUR - Wednesdays in June @ 10am

Southern Regional Livestock Exchange, 205 Berrima Rd, Moss Vale  
Ever wondered what happens to our Southern Highlands Beef? Join a tour to learn about the goings on in the Southern Highlands Saleyards & enjoy a pie. Bookings Essential.

### STATE OF ORIGIN PIE, BEER & CIDER NIGHT - Sun 23 June - 6:30pm

Mittagong RSL Club, Bessemer St, Mittagong  
A feast of house made pies carefully matched with beers and cider from the Lion range, served throughout the second State of Origin Rugby League match. Bookings Essential.

### BERRIMA DISTRICT MUSEUM PIE TIME EXHIBITION

Wed-Sun in June - 10am-4pm - 1A Market Pl, Cnr Bryan St, Berrima  
Discover the display of vintage pie cooking equipment and recipe books from the past. Free copies of vintage pie recipes on entry.

### SOUTHERN PIELANDER - Sat 23 June

The Cockatoo Run train will be running all the way to Robertson and Moss Vale for pies, pies, pies. Departing Sydney Central Station and picking up at Hurstville, Sutherland, Thirroul, Wollongong and Unanderra. Bookings Essential.

### FRIDAY PIEDAY - Fridays in June - 10am-10pm - Tractorless

Vineyard & Bowral Brewing Company, 3/11 Pikkat Dr, Braemar  
Enjoy one of our gourmet pies with chips, salad and a glass of Tractorless Vineyard tippie or a Bowral Brewing brew throughout the day or with Friday night football on a large screen.

### PIE & PINOT COOKING DEMONSTRATION & DINNER

Fri 28 June - Southern Highlands Winery, 42 Oldbury Rd, Sutton Forest  
Rabbit Pie and Pinot Cooking Demonstration. Includes: glass of wine on arrival, a 2 course meal and talk and tour with our winemaker. Bookings Essential.

### BONFIRE & PIE NIGHT - Sat 8 June - 6pm-9pm

Farm Club Australia, 1 Werai Rd, Werai  
Family inspired bonfire night at Farm Club Australia. Enjoy our Snake Creek F1 Wagyu pie floater paired with a warm glass of Cattle Company mulled wine. Bookings Essential.

### THE WINE BLUFFS - Fri 28 & Sat 29 June Dinner from 6:30pm & Show at 8pm and Sat 29 June Lunch from 12:30pm & Show at 2:30pm

Southern Highlands Winery, 42 Oldbury Rd, Sutton Forest  
Join the self-styled 'sommeliers of comedy' Damien Callinan and Paul Calleja as they whisk you though a wine tour like no other. Bookings Essential.



# PIE FEST 29 - 30 JUNE

BONG BONG RACE COURSE BOWRAL 10 AM - 3 PM

2 day  
Pie  
Festival

PieFest  
SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS NSW

## PIE TOURS

What better way to experience Pie Time and the Southern Highlands than on an escorted pie theme tour:



On an E-Bike



In a Mini Bus



On a Trike



In a Taxi



In an Army Jeep

Bookings essential. For more info visit [www.pietime.com.au](http://www.pietime.com.au)



Trike

Jeep



E-Bike

Mini Bus

## NSW / ACT BEST PIE COMPETITION

The Best Piemakers in the Southern Highlands will compete against the 'Best of the Best' from around NSW and the ACT from 29-31 May in 5 categories as well as apprentice and community home baker categories. Winners will be announced at the Pie Time Awards Dinner on Saturday 1 June at the Mittagong RSL Club with all the pies on show to the public on Sunday 2 June at the Mittagong RSL Club.



## PIE TIME AMBASSADOR VANESSA O'HANLON

Vanessa O'Hanlon is an Australian television presenter for the Nine Network, anchoring its regional news service for the Southern Highlands, South Coast, Canberra and Southern regions of New South Wales. Vanessa loves a glass of bubbles and a dessert pie and will be doing her bit to promote this year's new Pie Time experience of the 'Sweetie Pie & Bubbles' Trail as well as all the other exciting events & activities of this year's Program with her followers.



## THE GIANT PIE

Have your picture taken with the Southern Highlands newest BIG icon 'The Giant Pie' located at the Southern Highlands Welcome Centre in Mittagong and share your selfie moment.



## AUSTRALIAN TOURISM AWARD

The 2018 Pie Time Destination Marketing Campaign recently won GOLD at this year's Qantas Australian Tourism Awards in Launceston representing the Canberra Region against the best marketing campaign from each state in Australia. Great effort Destination Southern Highlands & the local tourism industry!



Tourism Manager Steve Rosa with Award



# GREAT PIE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

1 - 30 JUNE



BROUGHT TO YOU BY:



Meals on Wheels  
Southern Highlands

Get your school, sporting club, business, association or group together and help fundraise for this year's Pie Time charity Meals on Wheels and your organisation. Order your pies and then enjoy them with friends and relatives during June. For more info visit [www.pietime.com.au](http://www.pietime.com.au)

## LOCALS PIE WEEKEND

SATURDAY 8 - MONDAY 10 JUNE

Celebrate Pie Time with visiting friends & relatives with a pie this long weekend. Purchase or bake a home made pie and share with loved ones. Then share the moment with #PieTime  



## EAT & WIN!

THE ULTIMATE PIE TEA  
SHORT BREAK EXPERIENCE

### WIN A PIE ESCAPE\*



2 NIGHTS ACCOMMODATION  
@ MILTON PARK HOTEL  
+ BREAKFAST



PIE TEA EXPERIENCE

*\*For 2 people*

1. BUY A PIE

2. EAT A PIE

3. TELL US ABOUT IT

ENTER NOW

Scan QR code to enter or visit  
[www.pietime.com.au](http://www.pietime.com.au)



## BECOME A SOUTHERN PIE-LANDER...

Purchase your Pie Time merchandise from the Southern Highlands Welcome Centre, Mittagong.



Beanie



Socks



Apron



Long  
Sleeve  
T-Shirt



Southern  
Pie-lands  
stickers

View items at [www.pietime.com.au](http://www.pietime.com.au)

# Celebrating NAIDOC Week



Fun for everyone at NAIDOC Week

Council is set to celebrate NAIDOC Week this July with an exciting program of community events.

NAIDOC Week provides a unique opportunity to support and celebrate our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander history, culture and achievements.

This year's theme *Voice, Treaty, Truth - Let's work together for a shared future*, acknowledges that Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples seek greater recognition and an enhanced role in decision-making.

NAIDOC Week will be celebrated nationally from 7 to 14 July 2019 with a host of free events and activities.

Stay tuned for NAIDOC Week activities and events by visiting [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/events](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/events) or phoning 4868 0888.

## Free recycling at the CRC

Did you know that Council's Community Recycling Centre (CRC) accepts many of your difficult to dispose of household wastes free of charge?

Household quantities of up to 20 litres or 20 kilograms of unwanted paints, oils, mobile phones, gas bottles and fire extinguishers, fluorescent globes and tubes, televisions, computers and ink cartridges, household and car batteries, polystyrene and cardboard and even old smoke detectors can all be disposed of for free in the dedicated bays of the CRC.

The Wingecarribee CRC is located within Council's Resource Recovery Centre at 177 Berrima Road, Moss Vale and is open seven days a week from 7.30am to 4.30pm (closed public holidays).



For more information on free recycling visit our website at [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/community-recycling-centre](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/community-recycling-centre).

## Your pipes feel the cold too!

Snuggled up in front of a warm fire is how many of us prefer to keep cosy on a chilly winter's evening, but there's one Council asset stuck outside that's particularly vulnerable to frosty nights.



Sub-zero temperatures can play havoc with exposed water meters.

If water freezes in your meter it can expand and burst as a result of the pressure.

Unprotected older style water meters exposed to the elements are the most susceptible to damage.

Covering your water meter over winter can help ensure you wake up to a warm shower.

Purpose-built water meter boxes can be purchased from most plumbing or irrigation stores; otherwise a bucket, plastic tub or old tyre will also do the trick.

To report a faulty Council water meter phone 4868 0888.

## Upcoming Works

**Merrigang Street, Bowral**

Stage 2 reconstruction and water main renewal

**Meryla Road, Meryla and Belmore Falls Road, Robertson**

Bridge track constructions

**Braemar Avenue, Braemar**

Stormwater culvert construction

**Wombeyan Caves Road, Bullio**

Retaining wall repairs

**Ferguson Crescent, Mittagong**

Drainage construction

**Kirkham Road, Bowral**

Continued road rehabilitation, drainage, footpath and car parking works

**Wilson Drive, Hilltop**

Drainage and line-marking works

**Argyle Street, Moss Vale**

Water main works

**Bowral Rugby Club, Burradoo**

Building extensions

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).



# Council's \$57 million dollar infrastructure commitment

In late April Councillors voted to place Council's draft 2019/20 Operational Plan and Budget on public exhibition.



footpath, kerb and guttering works and bridge renewals we'll undertake.

It also details major infrastructure improvement projects we'll be carrying out including multi-million dollar upgrades to our Bowral and Moss Vale Sewage Treatment Plants.

Some of the key figures from this year's Budget include over \$57 million to be spent on Capital Works including \$19.5 million on roads, bridges and footpaths, \$13.1 million on our water supply network and \$11.3 million on our Shire's sewerage infrastructure.

Other key projects detailed include preliminary scoping on

the detailed design of a multi-million dollar Regional Sports Hub in Moss Vale and a funding strategy for a five-year financial commitment to the operation of a Regional Art Gallery in Bowral.

By the time this issue goes to print the draft 2019/20 Operational Plan and Budget, which includes our proposed Fees and Charges, will have gone back to Council for final endorsement following the month-long exhibition period.

To view all of these documents and see when we'll be undertaking works in your town or village, visit [www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/integrated-planning-and-reporting](http://www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/integrated-planning-and-reporting).

This document outlines Council's plan of works for the year ahead and details our immediate funding priorities. It lists all the Capital Works, Environmental Levy jobs and Special Rate Variation projects we'll be tackling across the Shire.

Included are all the road works, building repairs, drainage and stormwater constructions,

## Mittagong library's bright future

Council's Mittagong Library has undergone a green makeover and mini-refurbishment to provide a more comfortable and inviting location for people to meet, read and study.

The *Mittagong Library Energy Efficiency Upgrade* project included the installation of a new air conditioning system, LED lighting upgrade and insulation that will more efficiently light, heat and cool the heritage-listed sandstone building with the goal of significantly reducing the library's overall consumption.

As well as the green makeover, Council has set aside a designated study area for students to make the most of their time at the library.

"Libraries are no longer just places to read or borrow books," said Council's Coordinator of Library Services, Andrew White. "Our libraries

are an essential part of our community and it's important that we provide a comfortable, inviting and accessible environment for everyone."

The Mittagong Library Energy Efficiency Upgrade project was assisted by the NSW Government through the *Heritage Near Me* program.

Mittagong Branch Library is located on Queen Street Mittagong.

For more information visit [www.library.wsc.nsw.gov.au](http://www.library.wsc.nsw.gov.au) or call 1300 266 235.



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