

Wingecarribee TODAY

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CLASSIC CARS DRIVE NEW PICNIC SHELTER

Regular visitors to Mittagong's Lake Alexandra will have noticed that new picnic furniture has been installed in time for this year's springtime blooms.

The new facilities were built following an approach by the *Berrima District Historical Vehicle Club*.

Members of the club regularly meet on the foreshores of the lake and following a recent get-together, decided to contact Council with the idea of building an amenities shelter at their favourite park.

Discussions with Council staff soon led to an agreement to co-fund new picnic benches, tables and a covered shelter.

Shortly thereafter a local contractor was engaged to fabricate and construct the purpose-built amenities.

The finished shelter, complete with plaque acknowledging the efforts of the Berrima District Historical Vehicle Club, was unveiled on Friday 27 July.

To learn more about the Berrima District



Mayor Halstead (second from right) joins members of the Berrima District Historical Vehicle Club at Lake Alexandra

Historical Vehicle Club and share in their passion of classic cars, visit their website at www.berrimadistricthistoricvehicleclub.org.au.

Or why not join the members for a cuppa onsite at Lake Alexandra from 10am on the last Friday of each month.

You'll find them under their brand new shelter.

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18 SEPTEMBER TO 1 OCTOBER 2018



For full festival information:

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PREPARING FOR FUTURE FLOODS AND STORMS

Severe storms and floods remain an all too common occurrence in Australia including the Southern Highlands. However a new Council initiative aims to better prepare residents for the next deluge.

"Storms and floods remain one of our country's most destructive and costly of natural disasters," said Dominic Lucas, Group Manager of Infrastructure Services at Wingecarribee Shire Council.

"Our Shire isn't immune to these natural disasters and previous storms to hit have resulted in major damage to property, livestock and public infrastructure," Mr Lucas said. "The worst ones have sadly even led to lives being lost."

In a bid to minimise damage and loss from future heavy rainfall events, Council is rolling out a series of flood depth markers and flood warning signs. These signs will be erected at locations known to experience excessive over-road stormwater.

"These new signs and markers are part of Council's broader flood mitigation and education program," Mr Lucas said.

"They're designed to prompt residents and motorists of the dangers of high water and highlight the hazard to those unfamiliar to the area of the potential of localised floodwaters."



The first of the new flood depth markers and flood warning signs were erected in June in Victoria and Rose Streets and Mittagong Road in Bowral. Further signs will be installed at known problem areas across Bowral over the next 12 months.

"Following the initial roll out we anticipate that the program will be expanded across the Shire," Mr Lucas added.

"And while these signs serve as a warning of the dangers of flood waters, it's up to all of us to heed the advice."

"Never ever enter floodwaters," reminded Mr Lucas. "If it's flooded - forget it!"

For emergency help in floods call the **NSW SES** on **132 500**. In life threatening situations always call **000 (triple zero)**.

For more information regarding Council's Flood Marker Program visit www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/road-closures.

Community Assistance Scheme handover

Council recently hosted a special presentation to thank some of the Shire's hardest working community groups.

Held during Local Government Week, the *Wingecarribee Community Assistance Scheme* presentation is an annual event recognising the important role that not-for-profit organisations play across our Shire.

Each year Council invites local community and service groups to apply for funding via the scheme to help fund projects that may otherwise struggle to get off the ground.

This year \$129,200 in funding was shared between 58 community, volunteer, welfare, education, environmental and sporting groups.

Some of this year's successful recipients included *Bridges for*

Learning, Southern Highlands Suicide Prevention, Mittagong Girl Guides, Robertson Men's Shed, Challenge Southern Highlands, Argyle Housing and the Canyonleigh and Colo Vale Community Associations.

A full list of beneficiaries and their respective projects is available at www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/wingecarribee-community-assistance-scheme.

Applications for the *Wingecarribee Community Assistance Scheme* open early each year with successful recipients presented with certificates and cheques during August's Local Government Week celebrations.

On behalf of Council we thank all of our wonderful community and volunteer groups for the invaluable role they play across the Southern Highlands.

FREE GREEN BAGS

Do you need some re-usable bags to help with your shopping?

Council has loads of environmentally-friendly hessian bags available from our Moss Vale Civic Centre, Bowral Library and Resource Recovery Centre gatehouse.

Pick them up for **free** until stocks are gone.

Limit two per customer.



HOW ROADS ARE BUILT

Much like the tip of an iceberg, there's a lot more going on underneath the surface of a road than meets the eye!

Roads are made up of three layers - the surface layer, middle or aggregate base and subgrade.

When constructing a road, Council engineers must first investigate the existing ground conditions to determine the strength of the subgrade. At the same time the existing sub-surface drainage conditions are also inspected to determine if they require improvement as poor drainage can affect the long-term life expectancy of a road.

Council Engineers then determine how much traffic and load the finished road will carry. Combined with the existing subgrade strength this determines the type and amount of materials that will be needed to construct the road and how thick each layer will need to be.

Sometimes it's necessary to include additives like cement, lime or rocks into the sub-layers of the road if the pre-existing materials are of poor quality.

Once the subgrade and base aggregate layers are rolled and compacted it's time to lay the top coat. The top coat is vitally important as this is the part of the road in contact with your car's tyres. A smooth and crack-free top coat creates an even driving surface, reduces the chance of skidding and prevents water from leaching beneath the road surface.



Bitumen or concrete asphalt top surfaces are most commonly used in the Southern Highlands.

A bitumen seal is laid in two stages several months apart to ensure the road remains as strong and durable as possible.

In the Highlands we must also factor in the weather when laying the final top coat because bitumen can't be laid when it's too cold or wet. This is why the majority of our roads are built in the warmer months.

The whole process of building a road is very labour intensive and from initial design through to it being traffic ready can take several months.

Focus on community



Former President of Volwing Inc. Mr Thomas-Andrew Baxter at the 2016 Expo

The *Wingecarribee Community Services Expo* is an annual event designed to connect people with local service providers and community groups.

Over 50 exhibitors will fill Bowral Memorial Hall on Thursday 11 October to answer questions and provide information on the variety of services available to our community.

www.wsc.nsw.gov.au

Council's Coordinator Community Development, Cath Brennan said the Expo offers organisations and community groups the opportunity to showcase their services.

"The Expo provides a unique opportunity for residents to discover the wide range of services and groups that contribute to our Shire," she said.

Featured services include housing, health, volunteering, legal, disability, aged care, transport, mental health and education.

Coinciding with the Expo is *Mental Health Month* and to celebrate, a range of family-friendly activities focusing on health and wellbeing will take place next door in the Henrietta Rose Room.

"The *Five Ways to Wellbeing* seminar will focus on feeling good and functioning well," said Cath. "Bring the family along and discover simple tips and tricks to help you live each day well!"

The 2018 *Wingecarribee Community Services Expo* and *Five Ways to Wellbeing* seminar are both free to attend and will take place between 10am and 1pm on 11 October 2018.

Bowral Memorial Hall is located at 24 Bendooley Street in Bowral.

For more information, contact Council's Coordinator Community Development on phone **4868 0888** or email at cath.brennan@wsc.nsw.gov.au.

AUSTRALIA DAY NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN



Ema Kobayakawa and William Koek celebrate their 2017 Australia Day nominations

Wingecarribee Shire Mayor Councillor Ken Halstead is calling on residents to nominate a fellow Highlander for next year's Australia Day Awards.

Nominations are now open for both the 2019 Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year awards.

"The Australia Day Awards are one of the most prestigious honours which can be bestowed upon a member of our community," the Mayor said.

"They're a fantastic opportunity to recognise the efforts of our residents who contribute to making the Southern Highlands such a wonderful place to live."

Mayor Halstead said the awards shone a spotlight on our Shire's unsung heroes.

"Just being nominated is a great privilege and all nominees will be acknowledged for their efforts at our January 26 Australia Day service in Berrima," he said.

"Even if you think someone is well known for their achievements, it's best not to assume they've already been nominated," the Mayor added. "I encourage all residents to give some thought as to a worthy recipient and submit a nomination of their own."

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 21 December 2018.

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/council/australia-day.

Art Studio Trail set to impress!

The Southern Highlands Art Studio Trail is once again shaping up to be the biggest event on the Shire's arts calendar.

Council's Cultural Development Officer Jenny Kena said the 2018 trail features works from over 50 artists and 40 studios from across the Highlands.

"We're absolutely thrilled to welcome 10 new studios to this year's trail," she said.

Held over the first two weekends of November, the trail offers visitors a rare opportunity to go behind the studio doors of some of our Shire's most talented artists.

Mediums on display will include traditional and contemporary painting, printmaking, etching, ceramics, woodwork, textiles, bookbinding, photography, sculpture, printmaking and jewellery.

"The Highlands has long been home to many wonderful artists," said Jenny. "The beauty of the area provides the perfect conditions for inspiration and creativity."

The Southern Highlands Art Studio Trail is the feature event of the month-long Southern Highlands Arts Festival and will be held over the weekend of 3 - 4 November and 10 - 11 November from 10am to 5pm.

"This is a rare opportunity to watch artists at work and buy direct from the maker," said Jenny. "All studios will be free to visit but be prepared to be tempted and make some special purchases along the way."

For more information on the Southern Highland Arts Festival including a full program of events, participating artists and the Art Studio Trail map, visit www.shaf.com.au or contact Jenny on 4868 0888.



Peter Schmid in his Hillside Pottery Studio at Alpine

E-NEWSLETTERS

To have Council news and information delivered direct to your email inbox, register online at www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/newsletters.

TULIP TIME

18 SEPTEMBER TO 1 OCTOBER 2018
Corbett Gardens, Bowral



WELCOME TO TULIP TIME

Now in its 58th year, Tulip Time welcomes you to enjoy this year's tulip displays in public gardens around the region with the focus on **Corbett Gardens, Bowral**. This year's theme '**Creating Memories**' will be expressed through the Arts: music, painting, sculpture, dance, photography, performance and displays of mass planted tulips.



2018 CHARITY PARTNERS & AMBASSADOR

This year Tulip Time is supporting Dementia Australia and the Wingecarribee Adult Day Care Centres in recognition of the importance of raising awareness of dementia in today's society and the need for seniors to have centres where they can be involved in the community.

Tulip Time is honoured to have long-term resident and award winning actor and comedienne, Noeline Brown, as the 2018 Tulip Time Ambassador. Noeline is an active supporter of the excellent and important work that both Dementia Australia and the Wingecarribee Adult Day Care Centres carry out locally and nationally.

TULIP TIME ARTS

In the Gardens:
Peter Mueller's tulip sculpture "Spring"
Heidi McGeoch's metal sculptures
Portraits of Noeline Brown
Potted art by local school children
Puppet Making Workshops*
Posy Making Workshops*
*Registration & payments required

Around the Gardens:
John Copes Portrait Prize Exhibition: Bowral Art Gallery
Postcards from our Past: Old Town Hall, Bowral
SH Photographic Society Members' Exhibition: Old Town Hall, Bowral
Artisan Craft Expo: Bowral Baptist Church

TIMES AND ENTRY

Sundays to Fridays: 9.00am to 4.00pm
Saturdays: 9.00am to 5.00pm

Wingecarribee Residents	Free
(identification required)	
Adults	\$12pp
Concession/Pensioner	\$7pp
Children: 13-17yrs	\$7pp
Children: 12yrs and under	Free
(accompanied by an adult)	

MARKET STALLS

A huge variety of interesting, unique and creative market stalls from local produce to home made wares.

ENTERTAINMENT

Local schools, choirs, bands, dancers and more will be entertaining visitors daily during Tulip Time. For the full program: tuliptime.net.au

TULIP TIME MILE STREET RACE

Saturday 22 September
Bong Bong Street, Bowral,
1.30-2.30pm

TULIP TIME PARADE

Saturday 22 September
Bong Bong Street, Bowral, 2:30-3:30pm



For more information: [W. TULIPTIME.NET.AU](http://W.TULIPTIME.NET.AU) P. 1300 657 559



TALENTED YOUNGSTERS AWARDED SPORTS SCHOLARSHIPS

Nine of the Shire's brightest young athletes were recently recognised at a special sports scholarship presentation at Council.

Hosted by Wingecarribee Shire Mayor Ken Halstead on behalf of the Illawarra Academy of Sport (IAS), the reception honoured the efforts of the talented Highland youngsters.

Speaking at the function the Mayor praised the skill and dedication of the young sports stars.

"Securing a scholarship with the Illawarra Academy of Sport is a major achievement," Councillor Halstead said. "The IAS was the first regional sporting academy in Australia and is still used as a benchmark for others to emulate."

Established in 1985 the Academy covers the Wollongong, Kiama, Shellharbour, Shoalhaven and Wingecarribee Shire local government areas. Since its inception over 30 years ago more than 5,000 athletes have been mentored through the Academy's development program.



Wingecarribee Shire's 2018 Illawarra Academy of Sport scholarship recipients

"The Academy has a wonderful record with many former graduates having achieved stellar success," the Mayor added. "Some have even represented Australia at the Commonwealth and Olympic Games."

As part of the scholarship the nine junior athletes will receive personalised training and coaching in their respective sports. They'll also learn about diet and nutrition, performance psychology and public speaking.

"On behalf of Council I congratulate all of this year's recipients and wish them and their families, coaches and supporters the very best for the year ahead."

The 2018 Southern Highlands IAS scholarship athletes are Summer Lewis, Bailey Benson, Jordan Lillie, Emily Bow, Eloise Fleming, Olivia Daley, Molly Parkes, Liam Hinchcliffe and Katelyn and Emily Hall.

PREPARING FOR BUSHFIRES WITH THE HOTSPOTS FIRE PROJECT

With the warmer months fast approaching, Council recently facilitated a series of bushfire management workshops teaching participants about fire and how to better prepare and protect their properties from its potentially destructive forces.

Delivered in conjunction with the NSW Rural Fire Service and the Nature Conservation Council of NSW, the first Hotspots workshops were held in Canyonleigh.

Overseeing the workshops were Council's Environment Officers, Karen Guymer and Belinda Rowe.

"Wild fires can be both terrifying and destructive and have serious impacts on property, life and our native ecosystems," Karen said.

"Through these workshops we were able to show residents how to reduce their fire risk, increase their fire-fighting capability and explain how to better manage and prepare for future fire events."

With the assistance of the project partners, attendees participated in a number of hands-on demonstrations and learnt how to prepare a Fire Management Plan for their property. Participants also learnt about Bushfire Survival Plans and how to better protect their homes from fire.

"Another key learning was that all residents in remote and bushfire sensitive areas must take some responsibility for their own bushfire risk management," Belinda said.

But the Hotspot Workshops did more than just focus on the potentially destructive elements of fire.

"Participants also learnt how fire behaves," Karen added. "With this information they heard how fire intensity can be managed through careful planning and that fire can be used as an ecological management tool."



'Hotspots' participants receive hands-on training

Following the success of the trial program, further Hotspots Workshops are scheduled to be held at the Wingello Mechanics Institute Hall on Thursday 4 October.

For more information or to register contact Belinda Rowe from Wingecarribee Shire Council on 4868 0888.



Scaling new heights for nature

Check out the new Nest View Polecam our Environment and Sustainability Team recently acquired.

The 'Nest Cam' has an extendable pole that allows staff to check on native fauna like birds and possums living in tree hollows up to 8.5 metres off the ground.

The nifty gadget is also fitted with an infrared camera that enables us to check in dimly lit elevated nooks and recesses.

The images and video are so clear our Arborists are now queuing up to use the equipment to check for signs of internal tree decay.



Reporting crime

Council reminds residents that all non-urgent calls for Police assistance including incidents of lost property, theft or graffiti can be reported via the NSW Police Force Community Portal online at www.police.nsw.gov.au/community_portal/home or phone 131 444.

To report information about crime in confidence call Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000.

To report any emergencies requiring Police, Ambulance or Fire personnel always call 000.

For more information visit www.police.nsw.gov.au.

NSW **bike week**
Proudly supported by NSW Government

Sunday 30 September 2018

BBT Bike Ride

Fitness and fun for the family!

Designed for bike riders of all ages and abilities

A fun 9km return course along the beautiful Bong Bong Track, the Southern Highlands shared pedestrian/cycle path.

<p>Entry: Free</p> <p>Where: Bong Bong Track Southern end of Railway Road, Burradoo (just past Oxley College)</p> <p>When: Register to ride 9.45am for 10am start on Sunday 30 September 2018</p> <p>Sausage sizzle (gold coin donation, proceeds to Bicycles for Change)</p> <p>FREE face painting and bike week merchandise, plus a fun treasure hunt for the kids.</p> <p>For more details and a registration form visit www.wsc.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 4868 0888</p>	<p>What you need to bring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Your own bike in good working order A correctly fitted helmet Covered shoes Sunscreen and water.
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22 - 30 September | Visit transportnsw.info/bikeweek

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Rate support for local farmers

Wingecarribee Shire Councillors have unanimously voted to defer rates for local farmers and donate funds for fodder as the drought tightens its grip across the State and Shire.

The call to assist drought-stricken farmers experiencing financial hardship follows a motion put forward by the Mayor in August.

"We believe that as civic leaders it's important to lead by example and offer a helping hand to our farmers doing it tough during this crisis," Mayor Halstead said.

As per the decision all local farmers who lodge a hardship application will have their current rates deferred until the beginning of the 2019/20 financial year. Rates which are deferred will not be subject to any interest payments.

An additional \$10,000 will be donated from the Mayoral Relief Fund towards a local cattle fodder appeal.

"It may only be a small gesture in the greater scheme of the crisis, but we believe that it's important our community rallies behind our farmers."

Farmers considering taking up the rates deferral are urged to contact Council on phone **4868 0888** or visit www.wsc.nsw.gov.au/drought-rate-relief.

CONNECTING WITH COUNCIL

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PHONE: 4868 0888 **FAX:** 4869 1203

POST: PO Box 141 Moss Vale, NSW 2577

IN PERSON: (8:30am to 4:30pm Mon – Fri) Civic Centre, 68 Elizabeth Street Moss Vale

EMERGENCY AFTER HOURS 4868 0888 (24 hour Contact Centre)