

Celebrating 30 years of dedication



Family Day Care Educator Jo Elms

This year marks a major milestone in the world of Family Day Care (FDC) as Jo Elms of Bathurst FDC celebrates an incredible 30 years as a dedicated Educator.

Reflecting on her journey, Jo fondly recalls her very first enrolment, a young boy named James. Remarkably, Jo and James have maintained their connection through the years, a testament to the lasting impact of her care. Jo's heartwarming story includes one of her former FDC children becoming a parent herself, entrusting Jo to care for the next generation.

Jo's extraordinary 30-year journey in FDC embodies dedication, passion, and an unwavering commitment to nurturing the growth and development of countless children.

For more information on Family Day Care visit childcarebrc.com.au



New bridges on Tarana Road

Works have commenced on construction of two new bridges on Tarana Road at Eusdale Creek and Stony Creek.

Eusdale Creek Bridge will be replaced under the Fixing Country Bridges program with \$950,000 in funding from the State Government.

A second bridge will be built to replace the bridge at Stony Creek jointly funded with \$523 425 from the Federal Government and \$523 425 from Council.

The upgrades and replacement of these bridges enhance safety and access for the community and facilitate a higher volume of vehicle access.

Access along Tarana Road will be maintained throughout the projects with tracks operating as one way traffic with give-way.

Elm leaf beetle control

Council has commenced elm tree injection work within the Bathurst region as part of a program to protect elm trees from the elm leaf beetle.

Target areas include Robin Hill, West Bathurst, South Bathurst, Bicentennial Park and Berry Park, Perthville, Rockley, Trunkey Creek, Wattle Flat, Sofala, Evans Plains and Hill End. The works will occur until Friday 10 November.

A total of 345 elms will be stem injected with pesticide by an experienced local contractor which will protect the elm trees against attack for 2-3 years.

Council encourages property owners with elm trees to control the beetle to limit future infestations. Further information including control measures can be found by visiting www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au.



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Flying-fox campaign

As the warmer weather sets in and the flying-foxes return to Machattie Park, a public awareness campaign has commenced aimed at highlighting the critical role these native mammals have in the survival of Australian bush.

The 'Little Aussie Battlers' campaign was first initiated by the Hunter Joint Organisation Councils in 2019 to boost understanding of the migratory habits of the flying-fox, as they increasingly roost in residential areas. The 'Little Aussie Battlers' campaign is drawing attention to two species of flying-fox in the Bathurst region: the vulnerable grey-headed flying-fox, and the little-red flying-fox, which are protected by the NSW National Parks and Wildlife Act.

Council is working closely with the NSW Department of Planning & Environment and WIRES Central West to deliver the Little Aussie Battlers campaign.

Throughout the year, flying-foxes migrate up and down eastern Australia, to wherever their feed plants are flowering, meaning local camp numbers fluctuate from season to season, year to year. Like FIFO workers – flying-foxes fly in and fly out, working the night shift and leaving their camps at dusk to feed on flowering or fruiting plants and trees, then spreading these seeds across a 50km stretch of land every night before heading back to camp to sleep through the day.

For more information, visit www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au or the Sustainable Bathurst Facebook page.



MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Governance, communications & engagement

Firstly, thank you to Cr Robert 'Stumpy' Taylor for his efforts as Mayor of our great city, and congratulations to Cr Ben Fry on his renewed term as Deputy Mayor.

We have a lot to like about Bathurst, including the recent scrapping of the proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV) which Council voted down in my first meeting as Mayor.

Three aspects of Council that I aim to improve by Christmas (this year), are:

- 1) governance, including financial,
- 2) communications, and
- 3) community engagement.

Starting with governance, I am currently working on ways to improve Council's public meeting structure. Any changes to Council meetings must increase transparency and accountability to you the ratepayers of Bathurst. During the SRV debate, I heard people say they felt left out of Council decisions and disconnected from Council's thinking.

People were shocked, confused, and then angry (usually in that order), but ultimately wanted to know: how on earth did we get to this point with such an extreme SRV proposal? Fair call.

Council must do better when connecting with everyone who is affected by Council decisions, whether they are big or small. I have several ideas plus I'm actively consulting my councillor team and senior staff to deliver these governance improvements, and soon.

With better governance in place, Council can then get on with the task of better communications, and ultimately better engagement with you – the community of Bathurst.

Jess Jennings

Mayor of Bathurst



@ the Library

The Bathurst Library hosts regular author talks throughout the year supporting both local authors and best-selling authors from across the country. Each event provides an opportunity to meet the author and hear about unique writing styles, inspirations and experiences with publishers and publishing. To keep up to date with all the upcoming events, register for the library's Special Events Newsletter on the website library.bathurst.nsw.gov.au

Upcoming talks

Richard Glover - In conversation with Simon Marnie - Monday 23 October, 6pm

Amanda Hampson - The Tea Ladies – Saturday 11 November, 12.30pm

Amanda Hampson – Smash out your novel writing workshop - Saturday 11 November, 3pm-6pm

Dino Day at the Fossil and Mineral Museum

26 November 9am – 4.30pm

Celebrate Dinovember with a day full of Jurassic fun.

Meet Ranger Jurassic Jack and his Jurassic jeep, with its interactive fossil zone, which includes a mix of real and replica fossils such as a cave bear bone from the Ice Age, dino eggs, raptor and allosaurus claws. Meet baby dinosaurs and explore the dinozone in this great family fun day. For more information visit museumbathurst.com.au



Special Rate Variation

Council resolved to cease consultation on the proposed Special Rate Variation (SRV) at the ordinary meeting on 20 September. This ended the consultation period and Council will not pursue an application to the Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal (IPART) for the SRV. Council will continue to explore new revenue opportunities and review its costs to ensure a balanced budget. Council's challenge is to find savings of approximately \$16 million per year. This is likely to mean changes to the services provided.

Council will keep the community updated as we continue with our financial sustainability journey.

For more information visit YourSay Bathurst.

WHAT'S ON

Welcome to Bathurst Lunch

A welcome lunch will be held at Morse Park on Sunday 22 October at 11.30am at the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre. The event aims to welcome new residents to the region and is a chance to meet other community members. Anyone who is new to Bathurst over the past two years is welcome to join.

To RSVP visit bathurstliveinvest.com

COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY

Macquarie Wambuul River

10AM - 12PM SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2023

FLYING-FOX HABITAT RESTORATION SITE

Between Morrisset Street & Zante Lane,
Bathurst NSW 2795

WWW.BATHURST.NSW.GOV.AU



Supercheap Auto Bathurst International

10 - 12 November

Showcasing true international motorsport including the World Touring Car competition for the first time since 1987 and featuring incredible access for fans, a packed on-track program and plenty to see and do off it, the 2023 Supercheap Auto Bathurst International will be the best yet.

Challenge Bathurst

24 - 26 November

Challenge Bathurst returns to Mount Panorama with three action-packed days of racing. Drive your own street or track racing car and conquer the mountain as you feel the adrenaline through all the heart-stopping moments and breath-taking views on the most iconic motor racing track.

Rail Christmas Markets

26 November 9am - 1pm at the Bathurst Rail Museum

A wonderful opportunity to get some Christmas shopping done while supporting local producers.

New Year's Eve Party in the Park

Saturday 31 December

The annual event will be a night to remember as Bathurst comes together to celebrate the New Year. Come along and join the fun from 5.00pm -9.00pm.



For more information on any of these events visit www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au

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