

BARC nearing completion



BARC
BATHURST ANIMAL REHOMING CENTRE



The pet adoption pavilion.

Mayor Robert Taylor

The Bathurst Animal Rehoming Centre (BARC) will be the start of a new era for the management of companion animals in the Bathurst region. BARC will provide a modern, large-capacity centre which provides a welcoming customer environment and exceeds expectations for animal welfare outcomes.

BARC features an adoption pavilion and companion animal education space - a first in regional NSW incorporating a purpose-built facility aimed at maximising opportunities for animals to find their forever home.

Construction of the facility is nearing completion with works expected to finish by August. The project has received funding through the Federal Government's Building Better Regions Fund and the State Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund.

YOUTH COUNCIL

The Bathurst Regional Youth Council empowers young people to represent the voice of youth in the Bathurst region and to develop their skills to build engaged citizens and progressive leadership. Recruitment for the next Youth Council has recently been conducted, with the new Youth Councillors commencing their one-year term from July.

Some operational changes have been implemented for the Youth Council which is now made up of up to 22 members aged between 12 and 24 years and they will meet monthly to discuss youth and community matters and initiatives.

Central Tablelands Collections Facility wins multiple awards

Opened in September 2022, the Central Tablelands Collections Facility is a large-scale 2,500 square metre repository and learning space. This facility provides state of the art collection storage with climate control, specialised racking, equipment, pest management and security for regional collections.

The facility is the first of its kind in regional NSW and is a model for other local government authorities for best practice collection storage. Reflecting this, it has been successful in the following national and state awards:

NSW National Trust Heritage Award

The facility was awarded a Highly Commended in the Conservation – Interiors and Objects Category on 12 May. These awards acknowledge the full spectrum of heritage excellence with projects demonstrating excellence in the conservation, protection, and interpretation of Aboriginal, built, natural and cultural heritage.

Australian Museums and Galleries Association MAGNA Award

The MAGNA award for sustainability was awarded to the Central Tablelands Collections Facility at the AMAGA conference on 16 May. These National Awards recognise the excellent work undertaken by museums and galleries across Australia in the categories of exhibitions, public programs, and sustainability projects.

Local Government Professionals Australia Award

The Central Tablelands Collections Facility won the Special Project Initiative on 1 June. This award recognises leadership where an individual, team or Council has developed a concept or practice that significantly improves the business in which they work through the development of processes or practices that has had a major impact on the organisation or its customers; demonstrates responsiveness to community, workplace or industry needs; and presents an aspirational model for NSW local government.





MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Gazettal of Amendment for BIMC

Plans to amend Council's Local Environmental Plan to increase the permissible height and floor space ratio to facilitate the Bathurst Integrated Medical Centre (BIMC) and associated car parking have been approved by the State Government.

Amendment 21 to the Bathurst Regional Local Environmental Plan (LEP) 2014, relating to the proposed BIMC and George St car park sites, was gazetted on 2 June 2023. The amended controls will permit, with consent, the future development of a six-storey building and four-storey car park for these purposes only under the NSW Government's Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979.

Now that planning controls enabling a new height and floor space ratio have been approved, the next step in the process would be for the developers to lodge a development application. The development application would be classified as being of state significance which would mean it will be assessed and determined by the State Government.

Importantly, there will be further opportunity for the community to comment on the development application when it is placed on public exhibition by the NSW Department of Planning and Environment.

Robert Taylor
Mayor of Bathurst



Flying-Fox Habitat Restoration in full flight

The Macquarie Wambuul River Bathurst Flying-Fox Habitat Restoration Project is making great progress with a successful information evening held in March and extensive weed control already undertaken along the Macquarie Wambuul River for revegetation works due to commence in October.

The revegetation works will include the planting of 3,500 riparian dominant and roosting specific species including She-oak and Ribbon Gum by community and school volunteers, and environmental conservation contractors.

The Macquarie Wambuul River Bathurst Flying-Fox Camp Habitat Restoration Project is part of the Flying-Fox Habitat Restoration Program assisted by the New South Wales Government through its Environmental Trust in association with Local Government NSW and Council.

Completion of rehabilitation project

After three years of environmental rehabilitation, the Queen Charlottes Vale Creek Royal Rehabilitation Project has come to a close. The NSW Environmental Trust-funded project has seen the installation of over 900m of wildlife friendly rural fencing along the South Bathurst and Gormans Hill sides of Queen Charlottes Vale Creek, and significant weed control across 1.5 hectares.

Over 2,500 native trees, shrubs and groundcovers were planted by environmental contractors and over 320 community and school volunteers. Follow-up works will continue including weed control, additional revegetation works and maintenance with Council committed to ensuring the success of the project into the future.

The Queen Charlottes Vale Creek Royal Rehabilitation Treatment Project was proudly supported by the NSW Government's Environment Trust and Council.



Tree planting days

Council holds tree planting days and is encouraging the community and local schools to get involved to help plant native trees, shrubs and ground covers. No experience is needed and all plants and equipment are provided. For dates, times and more information visit www.bathurst.nsw.gov.au



WHAT'S ON

BRAG

West of Central, 1 July – 27 August

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) presents West of Central, 1 July – 27 August. West of Central presents the work of 17 regionally based artists, many of whom make work on Wiradjuri Country in the Central Tablelands of NSW. Among the emergent concerns in this earth-centric first iteration are the impacts of human intervention on our surrounding ecologies, and the ongoing colonial legacy.

From the Blue Mountains to Mudgee, Bathurst to Hill End and their surrounds, West of Central features artists **Aleshia Lonsdale, Anne Graham, Bill Moseley, Blak Douglas, Caitlin Graham, Georgina Pollard, Genevieve Carroll, Dan Kojta, Jason Wing, Joyce Hinterding and David Haines, June Golland, Karla Dickens, Leo Cremonese, Maddison Gibbs, Nicole Welch, and Vicky Browne.**

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