

Centennial Park Update

Works to transform Centennial Park began at the end of 2022 with the first stage of the project seeing the installation of concrete paths, an irrigation system, an avenue of trees, new lighting and seating.

Construction of the second stage of the Centennial Park landscape is currently underway. Works include the installation of a new all-abilities playground, picnic shelters, picnic seating, bench seating, a barbecue, lighting, irrigated garden and lawn areas and concrete footpath access. This stage of the project is expected to be completed by the end of April. The cost is \$1.2 million with \$900,000 from the NSW Government's round 5 of the Stronger Country Communities Fund and a \$300,000 contribution from Council.

Andrew Speed from Speed's Landscaping and Mayor Jess Jennings

Photography Competition

The Bathurst Visitor Information Centre (BVIC) is celebrating the natural beauty of our region this autumn with a photography competition to get the community out and capturing the ever-changing mood of the city and surrounds throughout the season.

The competition is open to everyone and runs until Saturday, 24 May. Entries will go in the running with two \$250 Buy Local Gift Cards up for grabs. Two winners will be selected, one by the BVIC team and the other by a public vote from a shortlist compiled by BVIC from all submissions received. Public voting will be open in the final week of Autumn from 24 to 31 May, the winners will be announced on Saturday, I June.

To be eligible, photos must be taken within the Bathurst region and feature some element of the autumn season. There is no limit on the number of submissions per individual.

Photos can be submitted and viewed at www.bathurstregion.com.au with additional information and terms and conditions also available on this page or from the staff of the Bathurst Visitor Information Centre.

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Celebrating the re-use and recycling of waste across the Bathurst Region through arts and crafts.

Waste 2 Art is a free waste inspired art competition and exhibition that celebrates the reuse and recycling of waste. There's a category for every member of the community, and group and individual artworks can be entered. The focus of Waste 2 Art is to challenge the way we look at waste.

The theme for this year is packaging. To create your artwork, you could use packaging waste from around the home such as soft plastic wrappers, plastic trays, foil, cereal boxes and more. Entries close on 6 May.

For more information and the entry form visit: bathurst.nsw.gov.au/waste2art

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

Rural Road Upgrades

I recently visited some work sites with the Federal Member for Calare to inspect almost \$1 million in road and infrastructure updates thanks to the Federal Government's Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund and Roads to Recover Program.

Duramana Road

Works commenced in late February to fully replace the road pavement on Duramana Road from Fraser Street heading north 2km. Works also involve a new bitumen seal and drainage improvements. The project is expected to be completed in early April. Funding for the projects totals \$468,000 with \$248,000 from the Roads to Recovery Program and \$220,000 from Phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund.

Freemantle Road

The project includes the removal and reconstruction of the existing pipe culvert structure, installation of a retaining wall/scour protection system, and reinstating the roadway. Work is now focussed on importing large rocks and placement by machinery and will involve some additional minor concrete structures to assist guidance of stormwater. The project is expected to be completed in March and the cost is \$500,000 through phase 4 of the Local Roads and Community Infrastructure Fund.

I would like to thank Andrew Gee and the Federal Government for their support for maintaining rural roads. It is an important investment in our region.



Jess Jennings

Mayor of Bathurst

Infrastructure works underway around the region

Road repairs and upgrades are underway around the region to improve access and safety for the community. Works include significant upgrades on the following roads:

- Windemere Road
- Cherry Lane
- Ecrates Place
- Swanbrooke Street

Works have occurred on Kellosheil Creek Bridge with the completion of a 5-month project on Kellosheil Creek with the reconstruction of the bridge and a concrete barrier to protect the bridge against future flood events.

Works are also nearing completion on the Tarana Road at Stony Creek and Eusdale bridges. New road approaches have been worked on the recently constructed concrete bridge across the Stony Creek. The construction of the bridge at Eusdale Creek is progressing to completion with the new bridge deck being poured with concrete. It is anticipated both new bridges will be opened to traffic in early May.



Kellosheil Creek

WHAT'S ON

NRL Telstra Premiership Round 7: Penrith Panthers v Wests Tigers

Bathurst is the second home for the three-time back to back NRL Premiers, Penrith Panthers, who return each year for a home game round at Carrington Park. This year the Penrith Panthers will go head-tohead with Wests Tigers in a Round 7 battle for the Royce Simmons Cup.



When: Saturday, April 20 Gates Open: 12.15pm Group 10 Kick-off: 12.40pm NRL Kick-off: 3pm

Proclamation Day

Proclamation Day acknowledges the shared history of Bathurst, with the Wiradjuri people and wider community.

The event is held at Bicentennial Park in the location Governor Lachlan Macquarie raised the flag marking Bathurst, Australia's first inland European settlement in 1815. The community is invited to explore the rich history of Bathurst, with a self-guided tour of The Delightful Spot Trail.

The ceremony will be held at 10am, Sunday 5 May

Winter Festival

Get set to have fun at this year's Winter Festival. We will see the return of illuminations, winter playground, ice skating and feature festival events.



When: July 6 – 21 during the winter school holidays



Save the date 2024 NSW Local Government elections

Saturday, 14 September

Voting is compulsory

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

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