

Aboriginal Medical Services in place for Kelso Community Hub

In excellent news for community healthcare services, Wahluu Health Aboriginal Corporation Bathurst has formally signed an agreement with Council to lease the Kelso Community Hub as a brick-and-mortar site for their Aboriginal Medical Services.

The Kelso Community Hub was designed to provide a space for community groups, government or nongovernment organisations to deliver their services and programs, and the decision of Wahluu Health to initiate an Aboriginal medical clinic at the hub aligns with the facility's intention.

Aboriginal Medical Services are crucial in addressing the negative impacts on Indigenous health by providing comprehensive, culturally appropriate and community empowering health services. This clinic is the first of its kind in Bathurst and will be beneficial to the entire region, by offering extensive employment opportunities, and the provision of clerical and allied health services to the whole Bathurst community.



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Why not get started with your membership and join online via the library website: <https://library.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/Home>.



THE WASTE 2 ART



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Bathurst's 2025 Waste 2 Art theme is 'The Year of the Toys,' challenging participants to turn their used toys into artistic creations, as a way of preventing them from amassing in landfills.

The Waste 2 Art competition is open to schools, community groups and individuals, with a range of categories catered to different age groups and art types.

If you're searching for toys to use in your 2025 Waste 2 Art creation, head to Bathurst Salvos! A box filled with broken toys is available for you to choose what you need to create your work of art.

To Enter and view the Terms & Conditions, visit:
www.cognitoforms.com/bathurstregionalcouncil2/2025waste2artentryform
Entries close 3pm Monday 5 May 2025.

MAYOR'S MESSAGE



The beginning of 2025 has been nothing short of action packed. From our Australia Day Awards and International Women's Day Celebrations to the commencement of the Autumn Colours Heritage Festival, it has been a brilliant, busy few months.

It was terrific to have such a large cohort of students visiting from Japan in late February. This cultural exchange has been a community fixture since 1999 and the 2025 visitation of 113 students was the largest we have had since

before Covid. It's excellent to see the numbers rise and our relationship with Japan continue to strengthen. Additionally, this year's 12 hour race reached record attendance with a crowd of 51,372 over the three-day event; the second largest crowd in the event's history. The momentum is set to continue next month when Bathurst will once again welcome the Penrith Panthers for Round 12 of the NRL Telstra Premiership against the Newcastle Knights on 24 May. Tickets have been as popular as ever, so I hope you secured a seat! Read on for helpful updates on Council's maintenance projects, the 2025 Careers Expo, and more.

Robert Taylor,
Mayor of Bathurst

What's On at BRAG

Tina Havelock Stevens: Now is a Beginning

12 April – 22 June 2025

FREE ENTRY!

Bathurst Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) presents the major solo exhibition, *Now is a Beginning*, by Tina Havelock Stevens.

Inspired by Bathurst – yet not about Bathurst – *Now is a Beginning* offers a gathering point for reflection on the past, as well as the current state of play of the world, marked by political urgencies and unforeseen events. The exhibition reflects a universal experience of the shifting, contemporary understanding of 'now'.

Havelock Stevens presents a narrative of connections over time, borne from the adrenaline of riding motorbikes as a ten-year-old on her uncle's farm, to the metaphysical experience of packing up her late mother's house. Zoning in the gallery creates atmospheres for exploring light installations, video/film, photography, object-based works, sculpture and sound.

One work, *Orange Alert, 2025*, a bright orange drumkit, references the nearby city of Orange, but also the occurrence of a locust plague in Bathurst that the artist experienced as a child. The artist's family lineage goes back to painter Roy De Maistre who explored the relationship of colour to sound. For Havelock Stevens, drum kits are conduits for loaded spaces. "For me it's about what colour can do: an overt gesture. It's about the vibrations, whether you see them or not."

Alongside the exhibition is a public program including a one-day performance trail, artist talks, and workshops.

For more information, visit the BRAG website:

www.bathurstart.com.au/exhibitions-events/now-is-a-beginning/



Tina Havelock Stevens, High Fashion (still) single-channel-video with stereo sound, 2025. Camera: Jackie Wolf. Image courtesy the artist.

YOUTH MAYOR



Since the new year, Bathurst Regional Youth Council has been hard at work organising our event for Youth Week. NSW Youth Week is a week-long celebration held from 9 - 17 April that is organised by young people, for young people, in communities across the state and we are so pleased to have brought this great event to life

in Bathurst. We have also been liaising with Council staff and contributing to Bathurst's Community Strategic Plan advocating for Youth within key areas such as support, access, entertainment, tourism and community engagement. Make sure to follow our Instagram account @bathurst_youth to stay updated on all things Bathurst Youth.

Aston Hornery,
Youth Mayor

The Search for the Bathurst Grassland Earless Dragon



Here at Bathurst Regional Council, we're passionate about biodiversity and recognise the responsibility we have to protect wildlife and the environment.

The Bathurst Grassland Earless Dragon is one of the most critically endangered reptiles in the world! The last confirmed sighting occurred in the late 1990s, less than 10km south of our Bathurst town centre.

Scientists are hopeful that it can be found, which would unlock emergency intervention funding for conservation to help safeguard it from extinction. If you live in or around Bathurst, Oberon or Blayney, join the Search for the Bathurst Grassland Earless Dragon and help to save it from extinction!

If you think you may have potential habitat for the reptile, the teams at Saving our Species would love to hear from you. And, if they are found on your property, it means that you are doing an excellent job of managing the habitat and you won't need to do anything differently!

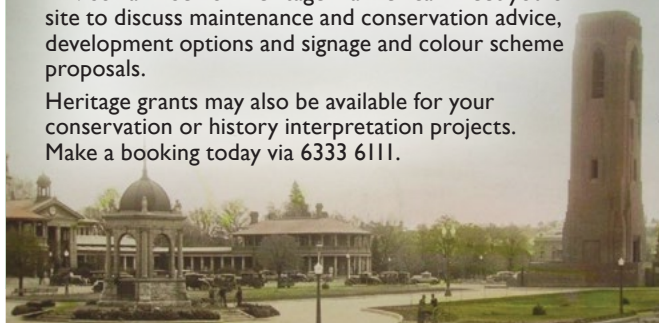
Find out more at the link, here:

<https://tinyurl.com/grasslandearlessdragon>

Free Heritage Advisory Service

Do you have a heritage property that needs repairs, or are you planning an extension? Bathurst Regional Council operates a free Heritage Advisory Service on the first Tuesday of each month whereby Council's Heritage Advisor and Senior Heritage Planner can meet you on site to discuss maintenance and conservation advice, development options and signage and colour scheme proposals.

Heritage grants may also be available for your conservation or history interpretation projects. Make a booking today via 6333 6111.



Central Tablelands Weeds Authority

Bathurst Regional Council, along with the City of Lithgow Council, Blayney Shire Council and Oberon Council make up the Central Tablelands Weeds Authority, formerly known as the Upper Macquarie County Council.

The group's inaugural publication of the 'Central Tablelands Priority Weed Identification Guide' has been collaboratively developed by Central Tablelands Local Land Services and the Central Tablelands Regional Weed Committee. The Regional Weed Committee serves as a local community advisory group that strategically plans and coordinates priority weed management at a regional level.

This guide provides landholders, communities and organisations with a locally relevant field guide for identifying and managing priority weeds for management and control in the Central Tablelands.

Please click the link here to view the guide online:

https://ctwa.nsw.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2025/03/CT-Weed-ID-booklet-2024-0824-FINAL_web.pdf

or visit the team at their offices at 7 Lee Street, Kelso to pick up a handy copy.



COMMUNITY TREE PLANTING DAY

Why not lend a hand on Sunday 25 May to help plant native plants along the banks of Queen Charlotte's Vale Creek!

Commencing at 10am off Alpha Street Levee and Police Paddock, adults and kids alike can help plant native trees, shrubs and grasses that, once mature, will provide habitat for local wildlife and improve the health and ecological function of this important urban waterway.

No experience is needed, and all plants and equipment are provided. Please bring water, sunscreen, and a hat, and wear suitable shoes and clothing for being outdoors. To ensure safe hygiene practices, we ask that you please bring along your own gardening gloves - hand washing facilities will be available. The event will go ahead in light rain, so please also bring a raincoat if required. All children must be accompanied and supervised by an adult carer.

Council will be providing a free BBQ lunch afterwards.

For further information, please contact Bill Josh on
0407 256 791 or email
council@bathurst.nsw.gov.au.

Roadworks Project Updates

1. Turondale Road Safety Signage Project

The work will involve the installation of curve advisory signage for the entire length of Turondale Road. Commencing from the Bridle Track intersection through to the intersection with Hill End Road, a 33.86km stretch of road.

The project involves the installation of 338 signs in total, including both a standard warning advisory sign and corner CAM signs (yellow and black arrow signs).

The total project works are anticipated to cost \$138,400 and are funded as part of the Federal Government's Blackspot Program.

Bathurst Regional Council has a timeline to deliver this work by 30 May 2025.

2. Limekilns Road Safety Signage Project

The work will involve the installation of curve advisory signage for the length of Limekilns Road. Commencing from Kelso's 100km/h zone through to the intersection with Sofala Road, approximately a 36.08km stretch of road.

There are 74 new curve advisory signs to be installed, and 2 new CAM signs (yellow and black arrow signs) in total across this work.

The total project works are anticipated to cost \$121,000 and are funded as part of the State Government's Towards Zero Program.

Bathurst Regional Council has a timeline to deliver this work by 30 August 2025.

3. Limekilns Road 1.2km Road Rehabilitation Project

Bathurst Regional Council will be rehabilitating an approximate 1.2km section of the Limekilns Road located 37km northeast of Bathurst, near Wattle Flat Village.

The works will involve widening the road pavement along the identified segment of road, bringing it to an 'as new' condition.

The final road formation will ideally be an 11m wide carriageway, formed from an 8m wide bitumen pavement, with 1.5m wide shoulders on each side of the road, allowing the segregation of water out from the road into natural v-like table drains.

A maximum of \$430,000 of grant funding is available for this work, as provided through the Regional Emergency Road Repair Fund provided to Council by Transport for NSW. Project completion is anticipated by 30 June.

Shaping Our Future Together: Community Strategic Plan Update

We engaged, we heard, we listened!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Community Strategic Plan (CSP) engagement. This process helped raise awareness and gathered valuable

feedback on the goals and strategies that will shape the future of our region. We heard from a broad cross-section of the community, and your input is now helping to shape the final CSP.

The draft CSP will be presented to Council in April for approval to go on public exhibition.

From early May, it will be on public exhibition for 28 days, giving you another opportunity to have your say on the suite of Integrated Planning & Reporting documents.

Visit the link to learn more, <https://yoursay.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/csp>. Once the CSP is on exhibition, keep an eye on our socials for your chance to have your say.

Bathurst Region Active Transport Strategy - Have Your Say

Council has secured a grant through the Get NSW Active Program (Transport for NSW) to develop the Bathurst Region Active Transport Strategy (BRATS).

What is active transport? Active transport refers to any form of human-powered travel, such as walking, cycling, or using a wheelchair, scooter, or similar modes. The network also supports micro-mobility, which includes electric scooters, wheelchairs, and skateboards.

What is BRATS? BRATS will serve as the key planning document to guide the prioritisation, design, and construction of the Bathurst Region's active transport network. This includes footpaths, shared paths, cycleways, and associated infrastructure.

Have Your Say/Stay informed: We want your ideas to shape the future of active transport in Bathurst. Share your suggestions for improving the current network and expanding it to meet future needs. Register your interest to stay informed as the project proceeds.

To register your interest and to have your say, visit:

<https://yoursay.bathurst.nsw.gov.au/active-transport-strategy>



WHAT'S ON

Autumn Colours Heritage Festival

13 March – 18 May 2025

Bathurst's signature Autumn Colours Heritage Festival celebrates our town's rich history with a series of guided tours by local experts through some of the Bathurst Region's most significant historical sites. Featuring an impressive 51 events, the festival helps to preserve the people, traditions, and stories that have shaped Bathurst into the beautifully thriving, modern regional centre it is today. Explore the program today:

www.bathurstregion.com.au/autumn-colours/

Bathurst Heritage Trades Trail

12-13 April 2025



Hi-Tec Oils Bathurst 6 Hour

18 – 20 April 2025

NRL Telstra Premiership Round 12: Penrith Panthers v Newcastle Knights

24 May 2025

Winter Program of Events

5-20 July 2025

While the Winter Festival is taking a break, we're excited to see the community come together to create a reimagined winter experience. Bathurst Regional Council is excited to support local businesses and the community to bring this different version of the festival to life - including relocation of the popular ice rink, food & night markets and a winter program of events around town.

2025 Bathurst Careers Expo

30 July 2025

The Bathurst Careers Expo is the perfect opportunity for job seekers and school leavers to discover career pathways, connect with industry professionals, and explore further education options. With over 80 exhibitors including universities, training providers, and businesses from across the Central West, there's something for everyone.

Proudly sponsored by Charles Sturt University, Ayme Group, and Loveridge Digital, this year's expo will take place on Wednesday 30 July 2025, from 9am to 3pm at Charles Sturt University Gymnasium, Bathurst.

Entry is FREE. For more details visit <https://bathurstliveinvest.com.au/>.



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