

Works Update

On any given day, Wollongong City Council staff are working to ensure this city is a great place to live, work and socialise. A key part of what we do is looking after the assets that people use every

day like roads, shared paths, playgrounds and rock pools, and building new ones.

As we wrap up 2023, this Works Update looks at some of the projects we've recently

finished, and others that are underway.

We're sure you'll agree – there's a lot happening.

Highlights: Recently completed works

- Otford Road Causeway
- In a little over nine months, we reconstructed and reopened the causeway after it was destroyed during a declared natural disaster in February 2023.
- Koala Food Forest – together with Symbio Wildlife Park we're developing a Koala Food Forest at Koonawarra to help feed the growing population of koalas at Symbio, and offer an emergency food source for koalas in care.



Otford Rd Causeway, Otford

Acknowledgement of Country

Wollongong City Council would like to show their respect and acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of Dharawal Country, Elders past and present, and extend that respect to other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Construction works planned & underway

Footpaths, shared paths and CBD refurbishment:

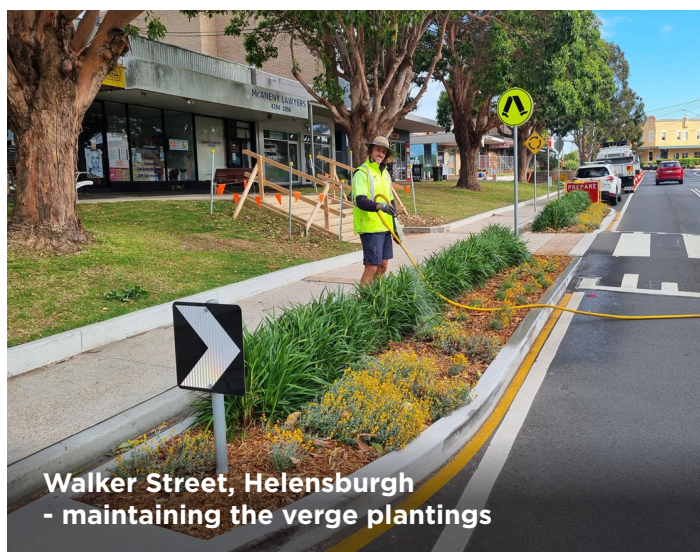
- Bulli, Trinity Way – northern shared path
- Cringila, Five Islands Rd – Waynote Pl to Springhill Rd
- Gwynneville, Murphys Ave – footpath repairs
- Helensburgh, The Ridge
- Helensburgh, Village Centre



Bulli, Trinity Way shared path



Gwynneville, Murphys Ave - footpath repairs



Walker Street, Helensburgh
- maintaining the verge plantings



Wollongong, Stuart Park - All Ages,
All Abilities Playground, Rocky Gorge

Recreation and playgrounds

- Balgownie, Judy Masters Oval
– Sports field drainage and irrigation
- Gwynneville, Beaton Park Tennis Courts - construction
- Helensburgh, Helensburgh Park Sports field lighting
- Russell Vale, Cawley Park
– Sports field drainage and irrigation
- Wollongong, Stuart Park – All Ages, All Abilities Playground, Rocky Gorge

Other works

- Bellambi, Bellambi Boat Ramp
 - new amenities
- Koonawarra, Koonawarra Community Centre roof replacement
- North Wollongong, seawall bleaches
- Port Kembla, Hill 60 Accessible Viewing Platform construction



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Stormwater and drainage:

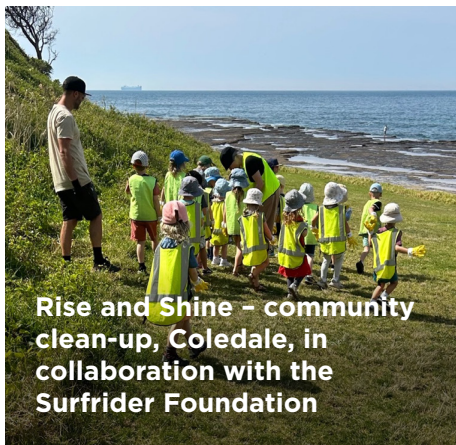
- Balgownie, Balgownie Rd – Alexander St to Tobruk Ave – subsoil drainage, kerb and guttering
- Bellambi, Bellambi Gully Flood Mitigation Scheme
- Brownsville, Prince Edward Drv – stormwater drainage works
- Figtree, Alandale Ave – O'Donnel Rd – subsoil drainage installation
- Figtree, Jaylang Ave – stormwater drainage construction
- North Wollongong, Virginia St – stormwater pipe reconstruction
- Thirroul, Thirroul Beach Reserve – headwall replacement
- Woonona, Haddon Ln – Russell St to Campbell St – kerb and guttering



Figtree, Alandale Ave – O'Donnel Rd to end – subsoil drainage installation



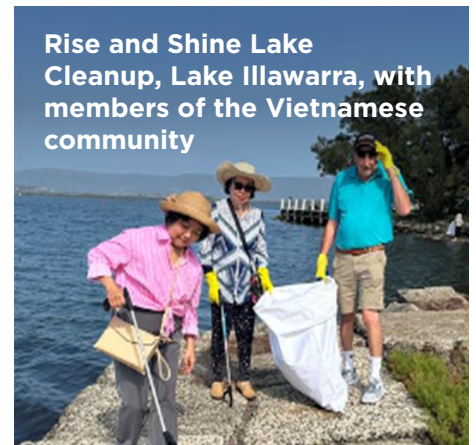
North Wollongong, Virginia St – stormwater pipe reconstruction



Rise and Shine - community clean-up, Coledale, in collaboration with the Surfrider Foundation



Rise and Shine - community clean-up, Woonona Beach, with local scouts



Rise and Shine Lake Cleanup, Lake Illawarra, with members of the Vietnamese community



Environmental Works

We're not just about roads and rubbish. Looking after the local environment is also key to Council's service delivery. Here's a snapshot of a few environmental projects we've recently delivered.

Poem Forest plantings, Brownsville - This year, Red Room received more than 6,400 poem entries from students and teachers across Australia. This resulted in more

than 6,400 trees being planted across Wollongong, with a focus on low-canopy areas. Read all the winning nature-inspired poems at redroompoetry.org/projects/poem-forest/.

Hooka Point - Councillor Vicky King Memorial Planting - We recognised the late Cr Vicky King with a commemorative ceremony and tree planting in Berkeley. The event recognised her 19 years of service and was attended by Cr King's family

and local community members. In addition to a plaque unveiling, some 1,000 trees were planted in her memory.

Koonawarra, Eleebana Reserve - It was many hands on deck as Lakelands Primary School students helped to plant some 700 specially selected eucalyptus tree species. In 18-24 months, the trees' leaves will be sustainably harvested as a food source for koalas in protection at Symbio.

Fire trail maintenance

We're responsible for the management of 14 fire trails across the city. After significant

rainfall in 2022 and early 2023, we've repaired 11 damaged fire trails. This work has included drainage improvements, signage upgrades to meet current RFS

standards, and installed gates in Dapto, Figtree, Mt Kembla, Thirroul, and Otford to reduce access by unauthorised vehicles outside Bushfire Season.



Recently completed works



Clifton, Grand Pacific Walk

Road reconstruction:

- Mangerton, Payne St
- North Wollongong, Pleasant Ave (including kerb and guttering)
- Otford, Otford Rd causeway

Road stabilisation:

- Austinmer, Hill St
- Kembla Grange, Princes Hwy
- Lake Heights, Lake Heights Rd
- Towradgi, Towradgi Rd
- Unanderra, Tresnan Ave

Asphalt resurfacing and heavy patching:

- Balgownie, Chalmers Rd
- Berkeley Harbour car park
- Berkeley, Berkeley Rd and George St
- Dapto Pool car park
- Dombarton, Sheaffes Rd

- Figtree, Bellevue Rd
- Figtree, Jacaranda Ave and Outlook Drv
- Figtree, The Ave
- Helensburgh, Parkes St, Walker St, Cemetery Rd
- Horsley, Huxley Drv
- Koonawarra, Kyeema Way
- Mt Keira, Clive Bissell Drv
- Thirroul, Gum Tree Ln
- Towradgi, Cassell Ave
- Unanderra, Nolan St
- Wollongong, Upper Crown St

Footpaths and shared paths

- Clifton, Grand Pacific Walk
- Gwynnville, Gipps St – Foley to Vickery
- Wollongong, Gilmore St

Stormwater and drainage

- Bellambi, Brompton Road

– debris control structure to reduce risk of blockage in stormwater

- Kanahooka, Tarana Ave – subsoil drainage
- Kembla Grange, West Dapto – swale regrading

Other works

- Corrimal, Tourist Park amenities
- Cringila, Cringila Community Centre – roof replacement
- Mangerton, Mangerton Rd at Howarth Place – bus stop construction
- Towradgi, Towradgi Surf Club – roof replacement
- Wollongong, Smiths Hill High School – bus stop slab construction

Road works planned and underway

Asphalt patching and heavy patching:

- Austinmer, Hill St
- Mt Ousley, Burling Ave
- Mt Ousley, Macarthur Ave

- North Wollongong, Montague St (Bourke St to Puckeys Ave)
- Unanderra, Waples and Blackman Pde
- Woonona, Dorrigio Ave – Railway to Ocean St

- Plus, crews continued to fill potholes across the city.

Road Stabilisation:

- Yallah, Yallah Bay Rd



Before

Tiny Forests

Tiny forests might be small in size, but they make a big impact. By planting to replicate the layers of a forest they can mature in as little as 10 years.

Gwynneville It's been 12 months since the Tiny Forest was planted at the Botanic Garden (Photos - Day 1 and after 12 months) and it has really grown in size.

Plus, we're proud to say the Tiny Forests project was a finalist in this year's Local Government Excellence in the Environment Awards.



After

Food Organics + Garden Organics (FOGO) Education

Over 10 days we visited Bunnings stores and shopping centres to hand out 5,380 rolls of FOGO bag liners and chat with more than 6,000 residents about their FOGO habits.



Grant applications



Towradgi Beach Surf Club, roof replacement

Grant funding from the State and Federal Governments is essential to help Council build and maintain key infrastructure. Since July 2023, we've received more than \$6.9M in funding to contribute to these projects:

- Towradgi Beach Surf Club – roof replacement
- Debris Control Structure - The Avenue, Figtree stormwater culvert
- North Beach Kiosk - Diggies Café Parapet Repairs and Drain Installation
- Bellambi Gully Flood Mitigation Scheme Stage 3 - Construction
- Hill 60 Accessible Viewing Platform, Road Reconstruction Projects
- Otford Road - Causeway Reconstruction
- St James Park, Coledale - Sportsground Drainage

We have also applied for an additional \$28.9M in grants for these projects:

- Southern Suburbs Library and Community Centre at Warrawong
- North Wollongong Seawall Stage 2
- Wollongong Skate Park
- Darkes Road Sporting and Community Hub
- Bellambi Neighbourhood Centre Café and Outdoor Area Refurbishment
- Playground improvements - Stanwell Park Playground, Coreen Park Playground
- Primbee Outdoor Exercise Equipment
- Reed Park, Horsley - Amenity Building Upgrade
- JJ Kelly Park - Sporting Fields Drainage
- Lakelands Oval - Drainage

We're grateful for the support of the NSW and Federal Governments as this funding supports Council's work to maintain, improve and deliver great facilities for the benefit of our community.

Upcoming works

- Helensburgh – We're working through plans for the removal of contaminated soil containing waste tile, brick and asbestos from Helensburgh Off-Road

Cycle Track – as per EPA requirements. Read more about this project on Council's website

- Helensburgh, Proud Park – fenced off-leash dog park

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