

## Local libraries: The heart of the community

For many people, libraries are the heart and soul of the community serving as vital accessible spaces that bring people together.

Here in the Wollongong Local Government Area, there are seven libraries from Helensburgh in the north to Dapto in the south. These facilities serve their community by offering free events and programs, providing access to technology and of course, lending books.

Wollongong City Council is thinking about what actions could be taken to make libraries places where people can discover, learn, and connect. That's why community members are being called to share their feedback on the draft Library Strategy 2024–2028.

Feedback on the draft strategy closes this Sunday. Visit the Our Wollongong website for more information and to complete the online survey.



## Meeting

### Council Meeting (Broadcast Live)

**Monday 28 August 2023, 6pm**  
Administration Building  
Level 10, Council Chambers  
41 Burelli Street, Wollongong

We welcome community members to Council meetings and seats in the Council Chambers' public gallery are available from 5.45pm.

From time-to-time we will ask those in the public gallery to wait outside so an item can be considered in Closed Council.

At this time, we also pause our live webcast, which is available on Council's website for people unable to join in person.

By attending the meeting, you consent to the possibility that your image and voice may be broadcast to the public via webcast.

Community members can apply to address Council by submitting a Public Access Forum application by 12 noon Friday 25 August 2023. The application form and Code of Meeting Practice are available on Council's website or by calling (02) 4227 7111.

The Business Paper is available from Council's website a week prior to the meeting.

## Get involved

### Neighbourhood Forums

Neighbourhood forums are community groups that meet monthly to help solve local issues. Face-to-face meetings have restarted for some Neighbourhood Forums.

Others are meeting online only or have suspended meetings until further notice. Please contact the group convenor for more information about a group or meeting.

Details are on the Wollongong City Council website [wollongong.nsw.gov.au/my-community/get-involved/neighbourhood-forums](https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/my-community/get-involved/neighbourhood-forums).

- **Wollongong – Area 5**  
Wednesday 2 August, 7pm  
Email-based meeting
- **Dapto – Area 8**  
Wednesday 9 August, 7pm  
Dapto Ribbonwood Centre
- **Helensburgh – Area 1**  
Wednesday 9 August, 7pm  
Otford Community Hall
- **Berkeley – Area 7**  
Tuesday 29 August, 6pm  
Illawarra Yacht Club
- **Corrimal – Area 4**  
Tuesday 5 September, 7pm  
Towradgi Community Hall

## Save the date

### Get excited for Culture Mix!

**Saturday 21 October, 12 noon–8pm**  
Wollongong CBD (Lower Crown Street Mall and surrounds)

This one-day celebration is a brand new, contemporary cross-cultural event for the city. Eat, dance, and celebrate as we showcase the many cultural and language backgrounds that make up our community.

We can't reveal all the details just yet, but here's a sneak peek of what to expect.

- **Global Kitchen**  
Learn new recipes and taste your way around the world.
- **Celebration Stage**  
Come and cheer the best of Wollongong's diverse and talented community.
- **Creative Sessions**  
Wollongong Town Hall's music lounge will feature cross-cultural workshops in drumming, dance and more.

Visit [wollongong.nsw.gov.au/culture-mix](https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/culture-mix) or follow Council's social media channels to stay up to date.

## Public notice

### Proposed Road Naming

Exhibition of proposed road naming for subdivision at 57 Shone Avenue, Horsley.

In accordance with Council Policy, the following proposed road naming for the Subdivision of 57 Shone Avenue, Horsley – Lot 100 DP 1240059 – is being placed on exhibition for public comment:

- Hopbush Street
- Irongum Street
- Paroo Street
- Fairview Street
- Sundew Street

An exhibition plan showing the Proposed Road Name locations will be available for inspection at the Ground Floor of Council's Administration Building, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong during business hours.

**The exhibition closes:** 5pm on Thursday 24 August 2023.

## Have your say

These are projects we are currently talking with the community about. For more information, or to join the conversation, visit [our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au](https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au) or come along to one of our libraries or the Wollongong Customer Service Centre. Submissions can be made via website, email, phone or post.

### Draft Library Strategy

We're planning to create a world-class library service for our community. We've developed an exciting draft Strategy that details how we plan to make this happen and would love to hear your thoughts on it.

Check out the plan at [our.wollongong.nsw.gov.au](https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au) or your local library. Hurry!

**Feedback closes:** Sunday 6 August 2023.

### Draft Urban Heat Strategy

We've prepared a draft Urban Heat Strategy that identifies the risks heat and heatwaves pose to our community, our environment and Council's operations.

It outlines goals to reduce those risks and actions we can take. Have your say on the draft strategy and tell us about your experiences with urban heat. Hurry!

**Feedback closes:** Tuesday 8 August 2023.

### Draft Helensburgh Park Crown Reserves Plan of Management

We are seeking feedback from the community on the Draft Plan of Management until Wednesday 30 August 2023. The draft plan includes Charles Harper Park, Rex Jackson Park and Helensburgh Memorial Pool, and proposes that land near the pool would be the potential new site for the Helensburgh Community Centre and Library.

Visit our website to find out more including how to make a submission online, email or letter.

## Stay in the loop

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