

Wollongong News

Community life in action!

We're sharing an update on the exciting projects that are happening right now in the City of Wollongong.

We're a city that's proud of our diversity and evolving history. In October, the community's multicultural connection to Wollongong will be front and centre at the city's Culture Mix festival. This brand-new event is free and offers something

for everyone. Culture Mix is at heart a celebration of food, dance, music, culture and creativity. Read page three of the newsletter for more details.

Culture Mix isn't the only thing to get excited about. We're working hard to achieve Council's goals of net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2030 for Council operations and net-zero by 2050 for the city. The good news is that work is already underway. Read more on page two.

As always, we're committed to delivering the services, events, and facilities that residents know and love. North Wollongong Beach is patrolled year-round and is perfect for a winter swim. Our libraries are open and offer free programs and activities. You'll also continue to see Council staff out and about in the community working on many great projects.



Luminous Festival 2022, Arts Precinct Wollongong

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.

Three sustainable projects to get excited about

1. Electric buzz cut for Council grounds

The grass really is greener at Wollongong Botanic Garden following the arrival of our first-ever electric mower, an EcoTeq EVO. The mower arrived in June and is already paying dividends with faster cutting, better handling, and reduced greenhouse gas emissions. It's part of our transition toward electric machinery and vehicles mapped out in our Climate Change Mitigation Plan.



2. Help green Wollongong with words

The free Poem Forest writing competition is calling for students from K-12 and accredited teachers to write a nature inspired poem. For every poem submitted from right around Australia, we will plant a tree in Wollongong to grow our urban forest. Grab your pen and visit [wollongong.nsw.gov.au/poem-forest](https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/poem-forest) to enter before Friday 22 September 2023.

This project is presented by Red Room Poetry and Wollongong City Council.



3. Electrify Wollongong

We're committed to reducing community greenhouse gas emissions in Wollongong to net zero by 2050. One of the ways you can help and also save money is by switching to efficient all-electric appliances and vehicles that are powered by renewable energy.

You don't have to do it all in one go! Instead plan to choose, prioritise and upgrade to electric appliances and vehicles when the time is right for you. Start thinking and visit [wollongong.nsw.gov.au/electrify-wollongong](https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/electrify-wollongong) for more information.



Get excited for Culture Mix!

Write a note on the calendar and circle the date in your diary, Culture Mix is coming to Wollongong this October 2023.

The one-day celebration is a brand new, contemporary cross-cultural event for the city. The event will showcase the many cultural and language backgrounds that make up our community. It is about celebrating the wide-ranging and diverse cultural connections we all have to Wollongong by sharing the uniqueness of our community.

When: Saturday 21 October 2023, 12noon-8pm

Where: Wollongong Town Hall, the Arts Precinct, Lower Crown and Mall, Wollongong Library and Wollongong Art Gallery.

There are a range of exciting elements to this event and while we can't reveal all the details just yet, what we can say is that they focus on food, dance, music, and culture.

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.

More details coming soon!

Visit [wollongong.nsw.gov.au/culture-mix](https://www.wollongong.nsw.gov.au/culture-mix) or follow Council's social media channels for more information.



Funding for this project has been provided by the NSW Government.

Keep in touch

We're always keen to share the latest news, events, and other interesting information with those who call this beautiful part of the world home.

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Message for dogs...

Spring is just around the corner and with warmer weather on its way, it's a good time to brush up on the beaches where dogs are permitted.

Council has three zones to clearly show where dogs are, and are not, permitted on beaches. Green-zones beaches allow year-round off-leash access, no dogs are allowed in red zones, and orange zones have timed, on-leash access.

Right now, we're in the winter season meaning dogs are allowed on orange zones before 9am and after 4pm.

Please remember to never let dogs on rock platforms or in rock pools, and to always carry and use dog poo bags.

And for our cats...

It's well-known that indoor cats typically have a longer life expectancy than those who roam outdoors. As well as keeping cats safe from cars, having indoor cats helps reduce the impact felines have on local wildlife including birds, lizards and frogs.

The RSPCA has plenty of advice on its website for owners of indoor-only cats.

Pawfect pets

Are you a dog person or a cat person?

Believe it or not, when it comes to preferred pets in the Wollongong Local Government Area, it's canines that come out on top.

According to our records, there are more than 10,800 registered dogs in the city, while only 4,750 registered cats.

We think the number of family pets is actually much higher.

That's because many people don't realise that they need to not only microchip their pets, but also register pets with Council.

Pets should be registered before they're six months old and this can be done through the NSW Pet Registry website. You should also update your pet's details when;

- You move house
- Your pet dies
- Your pet goes missing for more than three days
- Your pet is sold or given to a new owner.

Planning some DIY? Be sure to brush up on where hazardous substances such as asbestos, roof dust and lead paint might be in your family home before you start. You'll find information at wollongong.nsw.gov.au/asbestos and epa.nsw.gov.au to help keep you safe while you work.



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