

# Wollongong News

## Community comes first

Last month, we asked you what you thought of our plans for the next financial year, and the years' ahead.

We put our draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2023-2024 on exhibition and asked for community feedback on the priorities within them.

The draft plans include big dollar projects like the Beaton Park Tennis complex upgrade, improvements to Bellambi

Gully stormwater, the Hill 60 Accessible Viewing Area, the Stuart Park All-Access, All-Abilities Playground and the Southern Suburbs Community Centre and Library at Warrawong.

All up, there are more than 630 projects in the Infrastructure Delivery Program that are focussed on making all our suburbs a better place to live, work and play. They're all part of the more than \$5 billion of assets Council looks after for our community.

While we're investing about \$98.8M on new capital works over the next 12 months, we're also budgeting \$67.8M to go towards operations and maintenance of our existing assets.

What does this mean for you? Read on for a snapshot of some of the things the draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2023-2024 covers.



## 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.



### Delivering for you, every day

Wollongong City Council delivers 33 services for our community every day. Some of these services – building and repairing roads, rubbish collection and the maintenance of public spaces and facilities – are easily recognised as Council’s work, some of the others might not be as well known.

As we prepare our draft Delivery Program 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2023-2024, here are just a few of the things that we do that contribute to making Wollongong a great place to live, work and play.



### 6 sites that provide memorial, burial and funeral service facilities



### 56 Council-owned facilities used as Neighbourhood Centres, Senior Citizens Centres, Childcare Centres, Libraries, Community Centres and Community Halls



### Facilitating access for frail, older people and people with a disability and their carers to social support programs and community transport



### Economic Development initiatives to attract business, support educational and employment opportunities and retain local talent



### Patrols of 17 beaches including North Wollongong year-round



### Care, maintenance and lifeguard service at 2 heated pools and 6 free public swimming pools



### 65 sports fields, 220 playing fields and 9 turf wickets



### Facilitating and supporting a wide range of community arts festivals and activations



### Graffiti prevention initiatives




### Manage and maintain 835km of drainage and associated infrastructure



### Care and maintenance of 9 ocean rock pools



### Conservation, environmental sustainability education programs at Wollongong Botanic Garden



### 7 outdoor fitness stations



### Managing the Creative Wollongong Studios at Wollongong Town Hall and providing workspaces for Wollongong-based artists



### Programs in our libraries including Storytime, Born to Read, craft groups, makerspace and various digital knowledge-building opportunities



### Manage and maintain 1045km network of sealed roads



### Water safety education programs for schools, TAFE and University of Wollongong students




### Bushcare, Dunecare, Urban Greening and Greenplan programs




### 154 playgrounds



### Implementing the Animating Wollongong Public Art Strategy 2022-2032. Artwork: *Reflect* by Col Henry



### Wollongong Youth Centre and the Neighbourhood Youth Work Program in Port Kembla, Berkeley and Dapto and surrounds



### At the Council meeting on Monday 26 June, we will consider community feedback on the draft plans that have been recently on exhibition for comment. If adopted, they will come into effect on 1 July.

If you'd like to know more, visit Council's website

### Keep in touch

We love the city of Wollongong and 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.

There are a range of ways that you can stay in the loop with what's happening. Pick the one that works for you...

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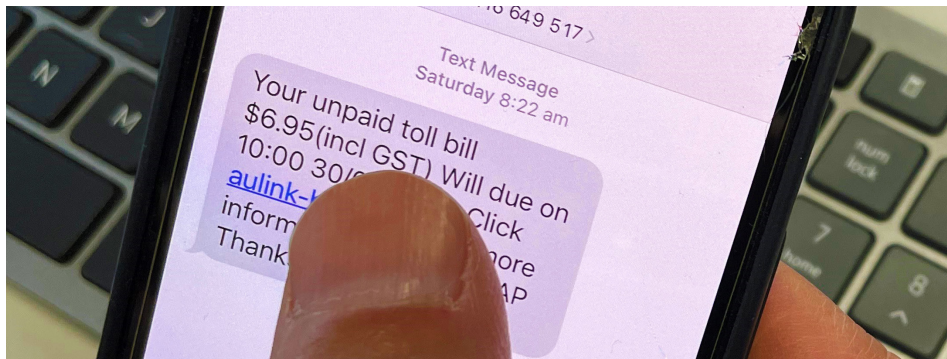
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## Be scam safe

It's getting harder than ever to pick fake calls and texts with scammers using sophisticated measures to trick people.

There has been an increase in scammers using "spoofing" as a way to fool people. Spoofing is where the scammer makes their phone number look like one from a legitimate organisation or authority, such as Wollongong City Council.

There are ways you can protect yourself against scams.

First, always treat suspicious calls or texts with caution. If you're not sure the call is legitimate, hang up and call back on the business's official number.

Second, check out the ACCC's Little Black Book of Scams. It has information on the common

scams to look out for, tools scammers use to trick people and how you can protect yourself.

From time to time, Council does contact customers to discuss important matters and to discuss payments. If you are contacted by someone claiming to represent Council, but you're not 100% sure it's us, we recommend ask the staff member for their name, and a case number if it's regarding a specific matter, and call us back on 02 4227 7111. That way you can be sure you're talking with Council.

If you'd like to know more about protecting yourself against scams, other useful websites include Scamwatch, the eSafety Commissioner, the Australian Cyber Security Centre and the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner.

## Doggie do it right

Winter is coming and that means dogs are permitted on a leash within the orange zone on beaches before 9am and after 4pm. There are no changes to green and red zone beaches. Dogs are allowed off-leash at any time in green zones and are not allowed in red zones at any time.

Regardless of which zoned beach dog owners and their pets are visiting, owners should always pick up after their dogs.

The hours of access will revert back to before 9am and after 6pm at the start of the September school holidays.

If you would like to know more about dog friendly beaches and parks, visit Council's website.

**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](http://wollongong.nsw.gov.au/asbestos) and [epa.nsw.gov.au](http://epa.nsw.gov.au) to help keep you safe while you work.



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