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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE



With the coming of spring, Penrith is heading into its busiest time for events, which means there is plenty to see and do in your home town.

Earlier this month, I was honoured to officially open the Gifting exhibition at the Penrith Regional Gallery and Lewers Bequest. Staged to celebrate the Gallery's 40th anniversary, Gifting highlights the importance of donations to the art sector and includes works from galleries in Penrith, Bathurst, Wollongong and Mosman.

In Penrith, we are in debt to the Lewers family, who not only gifted a wonderful collection of works by Gerald and Margot Lewers and their contemporaries to our community, but also their property, house and gardens. I encourage you to visit the gallery to enjoy Gifting.

On the first weekend in November, Council will once again stage Real Festival. With innovative performances, interactive entertainment, spectacular food and a range of market stalls, Real turns a spotlight on our City and offers something for everyone.

In other news, Council recently launched a new self-service portal. The portal gives you a faster, more convenient way to request Council services relating to waste, roads and paths, graffiti removal and parks.

Once you register as a user, you can book a service at any time, day or night, on your PC or mobile device and keep track of its progress.

I am proud to say the self-service portal is bringing our Customer Promise to life – being proactive, keeping it simple, building respectful relationships, listening and responding.

I love spring in our City. It's a wonderful time to enjoy the walk along the Nepean River, or any of the great parks or sporting fields across our City.

Cr Ross Fowler OAM  
Penrith City Mayor

Council consults extensively with the community on a range of projects and work in development. We are currently inviting residents to provide input on flood mitigation and our next Community Engagement Strategy.

## HAVE YOUR SAY

### FEEDBACK

#### Flood Plan Consultations

If you live in Werrington, Werrington County, Cambridge Park, Kingswood, Caddens, Colyton, Oxley Park, St Marys and North St Marys, Council wants to hear from you about local flooding.

We are preparing floodplain management studies and developing plans for these areas and need to hear from local residents about their experiences with flooding or their knowledge about how stormwater behaves in their streets.

It is important the floodplain risk management study includes local information, so we can prepare the best possible plans and policies.

The study will inform the creation of flood management measures and help us plan for and manage known flood risks. Sound flood management is important to ensure community safety, reduce flood damage, enhance resilience and improve social and economic opportunities.

Your local knowledge will help Council create the best possible measures that could be implemented to reduce the risk and cost of flooding to the



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community, assist with emergency management and guide future development planning.

Want to know more? Go to the "Flood Management" page at [www.penrith.city](http://www.penrith.city)

#### TELL US

How do you want to be involved in the decisions Council makes?

Check out the draft Community Engagement Strategy to understand how Council makes decisions and tell us how you want to be involved, so

you can influence your local and wider community. Feedback is open until Monday 4 November.

For more information, visit:

- [yoursaypenrith.com.au/influence](http://yoursaypenrith.com.au/influence)
- Any Penrith City Library branch
- Penrith or St Marys office

# REAL FESTIVAL RETURNS

Real Festival returns to the Nepean River 1-2 November bringing internationally celebrated performers and Australia's best artists, musicians and creative minds together in one stunning outdoor location for residents to enjoy for free.

This year's event takes entertainment to dazzling new heights with spellbinding stage shows, breathtaking art installations, live music and pop-up performances at every corner; and immersive experiences on the riverbank day and night.

Kick up your heels and carve up the dance floor at the Silent DisGlow and keep little hands busy painting a UV mural, shadow puppet making, live comic book sketching and playing musical plants!



Once the sun goes down, the riverbank transforms into a wonderland of colour and sound as interactive and illuminated art

installations shine, move, twinkle, twist, glow and even make noise. Be sure to check out String Symphony; a giant illuminated puppet, standing four-metres tall who only comes to life with help from festival attendees.



Red Air is a touring exhibition of Aboriginal artworks in bold prints and colours which illuminate after dark, capturing the spirit of the land in a beautiful and contemporary way. And you can't miss Bilby – literally! – this giant, ten-metre tall inflatable native animal is sure to be a hit with kids.

The critically acclaimed production Splash Test Dummies is a must-see show for kids and families. The comedy circus troupe behind this show have performed around the



world, including at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival, and will have everyone crying with laughter.

Make sure you catch the headline performance All That We Are; a breathtaking aerial spectacular performed over land and water. The Spanish/Australian production has been created especially for Real Festival and will have its world-premiere on the Friday night, with a repeat performance for audiences on Saturday night. Don't miss it.

When you need to catch your breath, enjoy a leisurely stroll through the artisan markets and pick up a gift or buy yourself something unique. Then when it's time to eat, 30 of Sydney's best food trucks will be there serving delicious food and you can also relax with a beverage in the riverside bar.



From 2pm on Saturday 2 November you'll get the best of Friday plus so much more. Escape into nature with on-water activities including kayaking, stand up paddle boarding, St Mary's Leagues dragon boat races and cruises on the Nepean Belle.

Australia's favourite gardener Costa Georgiadis is also back for a fourth year and he's bringing his all-consuming passion for plants and people with him. Find out everything you need to know to make your garden grow and find out how to live more sustainably from the man himself.



The soundtrack to this year's event is brought to you by an exciting range of musical talents. Don't miss Canadian singer-songwriter Alysha Brilla performing her unique blend of Indian and East African sounds as part of her Australian tour; one-man band Uptown Brown, Australian indie-folk band Tipsy Scholars plus so many more!



There's also a large range of workshops for all ages where you can learn to build, create and make. Some workshops require payment and pre-registration is essential to secure your spot. Details and times for workshops are available on the website.

Head to [realfestival.com.au](http://realfestival.com.au) to view the full program, book workshops and plan your travel to the event. Keep up to date with news and information at [facebook.com/realfestival](https://facebook.com/realfestival).

#RealFestival  

## PLAN YOUR TRIP

- Festival parking is available in the Festival car park adjacent to the Nepean River restaurants accessed from Tench Avenue.
- Shuttle buses operate on a continuous loop across Friday and Saturday. Pick up and drop off locations include Penrith Train Station and Jamison Park.
- Tench Avenue is closed to northbound traffic Friday 1 November to Saturday 2 November.

Friday 1 November 5pm-10pm  
Saturday 2 November 2pm-10pm  
Tench Reserve, Nepean River



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# WHAT'S ON IN PENRITH

## Judy Nunn returns to Penrith Library

Judy Nunn's new bestseller is a breathtaking historical novel set in Queensland during World War II. Khaki Town is inspired by a true wartime story that has remained a well-kept secret for over seventy years. Mixing historical facts and figures with well-drawn characters, Judy delivers a meticulously researched page-turner tour de force. Judy's books will be available for purchase and signing after the event.

**Monday 14 October**  
 Penrith Library Lower Lounge  
 6.30pm  
 Tickets \$5. Bookings essential via [penrith-city-library.eventbrite.com.au](http://penrith-city-library.eventbrite.com.au)

## Gifting at Penrith Regional Gallery

Gifting is drawn from the Gallery's extensive and historic collection, beginning with the Lewers family gift of the property and surrounding buildings, heritage garden and key artworks. Also included are the stories of the other significant donations to regional galleries including Mosman Art Gallery, Wollongong's Regional Gallery and Bathurst Regional Art Gallery.

Open now until 17 November  
 Penrith Regional Gallery  
 Open 9am-5pm, seven days a week  
 Entry to the gallery is free

## Thinking Of Going Solar?

Are you thinking about going solar but don't want to hear a sales pitch?

Penrith Council is organising a free night time workshop for local residents looking to reduce their energy bills. As well as providing information about installations, it is a great opportunity to learn how to reduce household energy use and save money. You will hear from an independent expert about solar and batteries and learn about what to consider without the 'sales pitch' from a salesman.

**Wednesday 20 November**  
 Penrith Library  
 6.15pm for a prompt 6.30pm start, finishing at 8pm

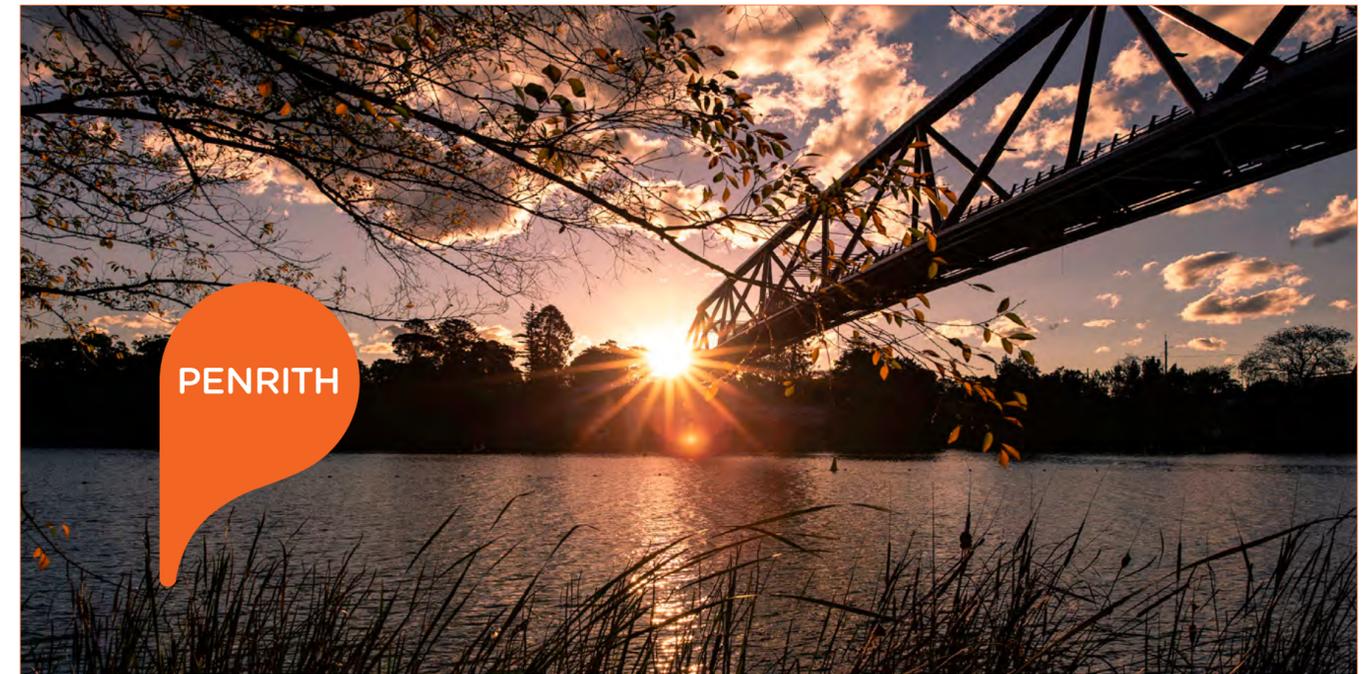
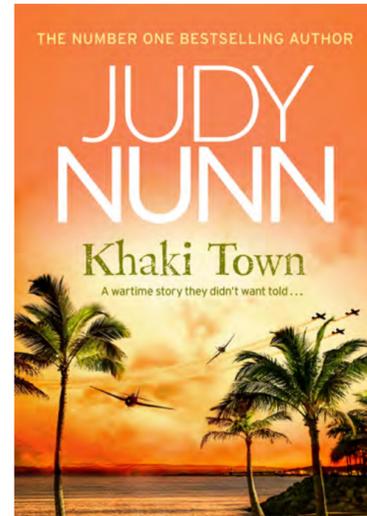
## Lunchtime Tunes

Bring your lunch or grab a bite to eat from High Street and enjoy the live music at lunchtime on Fridays in Triangle Park. Relax with friends and let the local performers entertain you, while you catch up with friends.

12-2pm every Friday until 20 December  
 Triangle Park, High Street Penrith  
 (with the exception of 18 October)



Judy Nunn



# HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF PENRITH CITY!

**Council's draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) will be on public exhibition from Monday 30 September.**

Building on our Community Plan, and extensive community consultation, the LSPS will describe the vision and priorities for land use across Penrith City for the next 20 years.

The purpose of the LSPS is to outline Penrith's economic, social and environmental land use needs, highlighting those characteristics that make our area special and how growth and change will be managed into the future.

We welcome you to view the report and provide your feedback:

**ONLINE:** [penrith.city/LSPS](http://penrith.city/LSPS)

## EXHIBITION DISPLAYS:

- Penrith Civic Centre
- Penrith Library
- St Marys Library and Customer Service Office

## DROP-IN SESSIONS:

**Saturday 5 October:**  
 Penrith Civic Centre,  
 Library Theatre  
 10am-2pm

**Tuesday 8 October:**  
 Glenmore Park Youth  
 and Community Centre  
 6-8pm

**Tuesday 15 October:**  
 St Marys  
 Memorial Hall  
 6-8pm

**Tuesday 22 October:**  
 Berkshire Park Hall  
 6-8pm

**Wednesday 30 October:**  
 Erskine Park  
 Community Centre  
 6-8pm

Comments close  
 11 November, 2019.

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For more information visit [penrith.city/LSPS](http://penrith.city/LSPS) or call 4732 7777.



## LOOKING FOR AFFORDABLE, QUALITY CHILDCARE CLOSE TO HOME?

### DID YOU KNOW COUNCIL OWNS AND OPERATES 26 CHILDCARE CENTRES ACROSS THE PENRITH LGA?

We provide specialised services including:

- Long Day Care
- Out of School Hours Care
- Preschool
- Vacation Care
- Care for children with additional needs

Our Centres are not for profit and we offer:

- No charge for public holidays
- No security deposit or bond charges
- Fees are all inclusive (nappies, food and bedding supplied)
- Two week notice period when exiting the centre

Find out more about our services and secure your child's place now by speaking to the Children's Services Team on: **4732 7844**  
 @ [csclerical@penrith.city](mailto:csclerical@penrith.city)

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[penrith.city/childcare](http://penrith.city/childcare)

# Cinema IN THE PARK

SATURDAY 30 NOVEMBER



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**TIME:** 6pm until late, movie commences at dusk.  
**WHERE:** Regatta Park, River Road, Emu Plains  
**FEATURE FILM:** 'Dumbo'  
 Kids activities & food for sale.  
 For more information phone 1300 736 836.

[penrith.city/events](http://penrith.city/events)

# PET AMBASSADORS OF PENRITH

Council appointed seven dogs and seven cats to represent the Penrith feline and canine communities for 2019 through an extensive search on our Instagram and through the hashtag #penrithpets.

In August, we celebrated International Cat Day and International Dog Day with a search for our Pet Ambassador. This Ambassador would be the idea cat and dog, who could best represent our local community and embody our core values: these pets should be active, adventurous, grounding, positive and uncompromising.

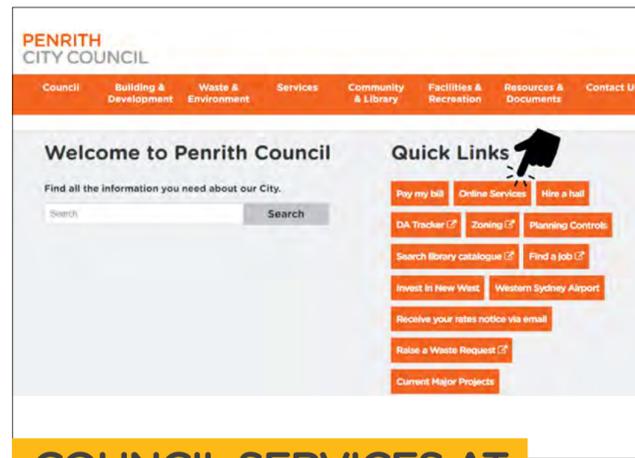
Competition was fierce with many entries and candidates. It was too close to choose just one cat and one dog. Our panel of judges selected 14 Pet Ambassadors in total, with two dogs and two cats appointed to the role of Pet Ambassadors, while both categories had five Deputy Ambassadors.

Our Cat Ambassadors are Caesar, Eddy, Salem, Mozart, Leia, Mr Meowgy and Milo. Our Dog Ambassadors are Zoe, Cordy, Polo, Diedre, Lenny, Star and Lillie.

Check out our Ambassadors on Instagram by searching the hashtag #penrithpets.



Cordy photographed by @\_jaaaybirdd



## COUNCIL SERVICES AT THE CLICK OF A BUTTON

Penrith City Council now offers a number of services online. Visit our website to book services or report issues any time of the day or night – 24/7.

By providing an all day, year-round service, we are showing our commitment to providing the best possible services to our community.

The big advantage is that you can follow your request and be advised once complete!

All you have to do is go to Council's website, click the Online Services button and follow the prompts.

If you create an account you can then keep a record of previous requests, track the progress of requests in action and be advised when your request is completed.

The online request system currently covers a number of Council services, with more to follow!

# UPGRADES IN OUR COMMUNITY

## NEW FOOTPATH

320m in length of new footpath has been constructed in Thurwood Avenue, Jamisontown.



## HIGH PEDESTRIAN ACTIVITY AREA SCHEME

Two raised thresholds have been constructed in Lawson Street and Evan Street in Penrith to enhance the safety of pedestrians.



## ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

A total of 2.4 km length of roads have recently been reconstructed as part of the Roads to Recovery and Road Reconstruction programs.



## CARPARK EXTENSION

An additional 45 parking spaces have been created near Emu Plains Community Centre and Dukes Oval in Lawson Street, Emu Plains.



## CRICKET PRACTICE NETS REPLACEMENT

Glenmore Park Cricket Club applied to upgrade the Cricket Practice Wickets at Ched Towns Reserve. Achieved with funding from NSW Community Building Partnership Program, NSW Cricket and Council.



## SOFTBALL FLOODLIGHT UPGRADE

Diamond 1 at Surveyors Creek Reserve, Glenmore Park was upgraded for night matches with funding from NSW Community Building Partnership Program and Sport Australia CIS program.



## UPGRADED CANTEEN FACILITIES

Council, with additional funding from NSW Community Building Partnership Program, upgraded the canteen used by volunteers of Cambridge Park Junior Rugby League at Allsopp and Patterson Reserve Sportsground.



## MOD AND MINI FIELD EXTENSION

Jamisontown Giants Football Club applied to improve the mini and mod fields at Eileen Cammack Reserve. Achieved with funding from NSW Community Building Partnership Program and Council.



## HAVE YOU MOVED OR CHANGED YOUR PHONE NUMBER?

### YOUR PET'S MICROCHIP DETAILS NEED TO BE UPDATED

This can be done at:

- » Council offices
- » [petregistry.nsw.gov.au](http://petregistry.nsw.gov.au)

85% of animals impounded by Penrith City Council's Animal Services have a microchip with outdated owner information. Update your microchip details and bring your pet home.

ANIMAL SERVICES  
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Update your details if you change one of the following:

- Address, including state
- Telephone numbers
- Ownership change

Please contact Penrith City Council's Animal Services on 4732 7777 for further information.

[penrith.city](http://penrith.city)

## IT'S A DIRE EMERGENCY IF YOU'RE NOT PREPARED



Penrith City Council and the NSW State Emergency Service are calling on all residents to ensure they have up-to-date emergency plans in place.

"Penrith residents need to think about what they would do if there was an emergency," said Penrith Mayor Ross Fowler OAM.

"That's why we have decided to support the Get Prepared App, which is a free, easy to download App that takes people step by step through the creation of an emergency plan."

The Red Cross and its project partner, insurer IAG, developed the app to help

community members prepare for any type of emergency, Cr Fowler said.

NSW SES Penrith Unit Commander Scott Lynch said that if people are prepared for emergencies, then they will be safer and response crews can act more efficiently.

"If you are not prepared for an emergency, then you have to make it up on the run, and that's when disaster can strike," Mr Lynch said.

All you have to do is follow this link [getprepared.app.link/Penrith\\_City\\_Council](http://getprepared.app.link/Penrith_City_Council) download the app and it will take you through the process



## RIPPLES HITS THE ROAD

In 2019, Ripples Water Safety Roadshow visited almost 4,000 local children, with the aim of reducing the rate of drowning in younger people. Strong water safety knowledge and skills set kids up for life.

Ripples Roadshow is completely free to all participants, which includes preschools, primary schools and high schools, as well as before and after school care. Our hope is that 2020 will see vacation care and groups like Girl Guides and Scouts coming on board.

Our mascot Bruce is a continual hit amongst our younger students, assisting with reading the story of water safety and helping with rescue scenarios. Bruce is always happy to pose for photos and selfies too.

Ripples also runs intensive programs in the school holidays to boost children's swimming skills. Our next school holiday program will run 8-10 October.

For more information on the Ripples Roadshow or our intensive programs, please visit [www.ripplesnsw.com.au](http://www.ripplesnsw.com.au)



## REACH FOR THE STARS WITH COUNCIL'S TRAINEESHIP PROGRAM

Are you looking for an opportunity to kick start your career? Whether you're leaving school, returning to the workforce or looking for a career change, Penrith City Council's Traineeship Program might be for you!

Combining on-the-job experience and study towards a nationally recognised qualification, our trainees experience a wide variety of work opportunities, whilst helping the community at the same time. Applicants can choose from award-winning traineeships in the areas of Business Administration or Child Care.

Council practises Equal Employment Opportunity and supports the employment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders and people with disability.

If you would like to learn more about Penrith City Council's Traineeship Program, visit our website or contact 4732 7777. Information sessions will be held at the Civic Centre:

- Friday, 4 October, 1-2:30pm
- Thursday, 24 October, 6-7:30pm

Applications are open now and will close 11:30pm EST Sunday, 3 November 2019.



# YOUR COUNCIL

Everyone is welcome at Council meetings, which are held at the Civic Centre. Ordinary meetings of Council and Policy Review Committee meetings are held on Monday nights, usually every three weeks. For meeting times and dates visit our website: [penrithcity.nsw.gov.au](http://penrithcity.nsw.gov.au)

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## WE CAN HELP WITH:

- Abandoned vehicles
- Advertising signs
- Air pollution monitoring
- Approvals
- Asbestos
- Building applications or inspections
- Bus shelters
- Bushfire control
- Cemeteries
- Certificates (149, 149D, 317A & 603)
- Children's Services
- Citizenship ceremonies
- Civic functions / community events
- Clean-up bookings
- Compost bins
- Council carparks
- Council meetings
- Crossover inspections
- Development control applications
- Disability services
- Dog catcher / registration / dead dogs & cats on roads
- Drainage
- Environmental health
- Environmental planning
- Food handling
- Footpaths
- Garbage and waste
- Graffiti control
- Hall bookings
- Home Library services
- Library services
- Local elections
- Local history
- Neighbourhood Centres
- Noise complaints
- Park bookings
- Parking control
- Planning approvals
- Policy matters
- Public buildings
- Publications
- Rates
- Recycling
- Report illegal dumping
- Road construction & maintenance
- Senior Citizen centres
- Septic tanks
- Street numbers and street signs
- Street cleaning
- New street lighting
- Street numbers
- Sub-division
- Swimming pool fences
- Tourism
- Tree planting or removal
- Youth services
- Zoning

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### HAVE YOUR SAY

Register online at [yoursaypenrith.com.au](http://yoursaypenrith.com.au) to keep up to date with Council's plans and projects, and opportunities to help us shape the future of Penrith.

### PENSIONERS

If you are a pension card holder, you may be eligible for a pensioner concession on your rates. Please call us on 4732 7676 to discuss.

## Have you got household problem waste? Not a problem.

Drop off these items for free in St Marys:



Gas bottles and fire extinguishers



Paint



Motor and other oils



Other oils



Fluoro globes and tubes



Household batteries



Car batteries



Smoke detectors



More information at [epa.nsw.gov.au/recyclingcentres](http://epa.nsw.gov.au/recyclingcentres)