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maitland city council news



Garden organics bin adds to waste services

Over the last seven weeks lime green lidded bins have been rolling up the driveways of households across Maitland in readiness for the start of the new garden organics kerbside collection service. Fortnightly kerbside pickup of the bins officially begins this month and to mark the occasion this edition has all the information you need to know about this new service.

Working together with Cessnock and Singleton Councils, as well as a \$2.2 million grant from the NSW Environment Protection Authority has made the roll out of 60,000 bins and the introduction of the service possible. For Maitland it means that we will save 6,500 tonnes of garden organics waste from going to landfill each year.

The garden organics bins add to the kerbside waste management services already available here in Maitland. The three bins, general waste (red or dark green lid), recycling (yellow lid) and garden organics (lime green lid) will all be serviced on your normal collection day, however the recycling and garden organics bins will rotate their collection on an alternate fortnightly basis. This means you only ever need to place out two bins at any one time.

For more information about all the waste services currently available visit maitland.nsw.gov.au

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Waste is an important issue for our community and the introduction of the garden organics collection service has sparked the interest of people across our city. I'm particularly looking forward to seeing the lime green bins lining our streets over the coming weeks when the service begins.

This is just one of the ways Council has been working to improve waste services, but also take an active approach to protecting our natural environment. We are blessed to be surrounded by a landscape and river that offers picturesque views, adds to our local lifestyle and provides a wonderful habitat for native flora and fauna. It is our responsibility to look after all this for future generations to also enjoy.

In February we also heard the state government's decision not to go ahead with the merger of Maitland and Dungog Councils. I was pleased with the announcement, which gives our community more stability and shows Council is fit for the future.

Until next time,

Mayor Peter Blackmore





The garden organics service starts on 6 March

WHAT ELSE YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT GARDEN ORGANICS

In the past around 24% of Maitland's general waste has been made up of garden organics. Now, with the roll out of the new garden organics service, things are about to change as the vegetation will now go to a processing facility where it will be turned into a variety of beneficial products such as compost to be used on parks and gardens across the region.

Collecting garden organics is a very cost effective way to reduce waste to landfill. It is a great way for residents to properly manage their garden organics and ultimately, it makes Maitland more environmentally responsible.

If you're yet to receive a garden organics bin then get in touch with Solo Resource Recovery on 1800 870 250. For more information and to find out when your garden organics bin will be serviced go to yourorganicsbin.com.au

GREEN, RED OR YELLOW?

Council's roll out of the garden organics service represents a positive step forward for the waste disposal process in Maitland and will mean residents will now have three bins. Below is a table explaining what you need to know about kerbside collection. Remember when putting your bin out, make sure the lid is closed, it's not too heavy and that they are spaced a metre apart.

BIN TYPE	WHAT COLOUR IS THE LID?	WHAT GOES IN THIS BIN?	WHEN IS THIS BIN EMPTIED?	WHO EMPTIES THIS BIN?	WHERE DOES THE WASTE GO?
General Waste	Red, however older bins may have a dark green lid. (240L)	General waste that cannot be recycled or put into your garden organics bin.	Weekly	Maitland City Council	General waste is picked up by Maitland City Council staff and taken to landfill.
Recyclables	Yellow (240L)	Plastic bottles, glass bottles, cans, foil, cardboard and paper.	Fortnightly	Hunter Resource Recovery hrr.com.au	Recycling is picked up by HRR and sent to a facility which sorts the material before the recycling process continues.
Garden Organics	Lime green (240L)	Grass clippings, prunings, weeds, leaves, flowers, bark, sticks and small branches.	Fortnightly	Solo Resource Recovery yourorganicsbin.com.au	Your garden organics will go to a composting facility where it will be processed into mulch that can be used on local parks and gardens.

DROP OFF SOME ITEMS FREE AT THE WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

You might be surprised to know that Maitland's Mt Vincent Waste Management Centre accepts a large number of items free of charge.

These include up to 17 items of electronic waste, as well as lead acid batteries, whitegoods, scrap metal, cardboard, recyclables that did not fit into the recycling bin, empty gas bottles and engine oil.

If you have any of these items you can drop them off at the Waste Management Centre between the hours of 8.15am and 4.00pm. Go to maitland.nsw.gov.au to find out more.

RECYCLE RIGHT IN MAITLAND

Recycling right in Maitland is essential. A recent audit indicated that on average, a whopping 20% of people's general waste could actually have been recycled.

Hunter Resource Recovery manages the maintenance and collection of all the residential recycling bins in Maitland. They are collected fortnightly and once picked up, recycling is taken to a material recovery facility where they are sorted into paper, plastic, glass, aluminium or steel.

For all recycling bin repairs, replacements and missed services call the Hunter Resource Recovery hotline on 1800 838 884.



Mt Vincent Rd Waste Centre will reach capacity in the near future

THE FUTURE OF WASTE IN MAITLAND

A new Community Recycling Centre at Mount Vincent Rd Waste Management Centre is currently under construction and when operational will improve recycling services. The Recycling Centre will include an undercover area where visitors can drive through and dispose of potentially hazardous items effectively. The centre will mean it's much easier for waste like batteries, engine oil, fluorescent lights, smoke detectors, paints and gas bottles to be diverted from landfill and instead recycled.

In addition, a development application has been lodged to construct a waste transfer facility at Mt Vincent Waste Management Centre to ensure residents of Maitland will continue to have access to a waste management centre when the landfill space is fully exhausted. This will allow waste to be collected and transported to other waste centres in the Hunter and is particularly important as our current facility will reach capacity in the near future.

For more information about waste and recycling in Maitland go to maitland.nsw.gov.au

REPORT ILLEGAL DUMPING

Illegal dumping continues to occur across Maitland. Along with the significant impact it has on the environment, it can also be a hazard to humans, cost Council and the community money and is simply an eyesore.

Council continues to work very closely with our neighbours and the Environmental Protection Authority to protect our bushland, parks and urban areas from illegal dumping.

If you see someone dumping items illegally in and around Maitland, report it by going to ridonline.epa.nsw.gov.au or calling 131 555.

GREEN COMMUNITIES PROGRAM BACK IN 2017

If you're keen to live a more sustainable and environmentally friendly lifestyle, get on board Council's Green Communities Program and you'll be able participate in workshops in your very own street.

As a part of each workshop, which will run for around an hour, you will be provided with information to assist in making sustainable choices. You will also receive free resources to help put what you learn into practice.

You can download an expression of interest form from Council's website by visiting maitland.nsw.gov.au/green-communities

GET RID OF YOUR OLD FRIDGE AND SAVE ON YOUR ENERGY BILL

Old fridges and freezers can add hundreds of dollars to your energy bills every year so if you've got a second fridge running at your place, you might want to consider the Fridge Buyback scheme.

As part of the scheme, professional removalists will collect, degas and recycle your energy guzzling second fridge or freezer. You'll even get a \$25.00 rebate if the removal doesn't involve going up or down more than six stairs.

To participate, your fridge must be in working order, in regular use and the internal volume must be 200 litres or more.

For more information or to book a collection call 1800 708 401. Collection of fridges will be on a campaign basis and be undertaken when sufficient numbers are booked.

E-COLLECTION GROWS AT MAITLAND CITY LIBRARY

Environment and sustainability is top of mind at Maitland City Library and the team has developed a stack of electronic collections of downloadable books, music and magazines, which help provide an alternative to traditional paper and print. It also means you can take the library with you wherever you want to be.

If you're looking to find out more about living sustainably, the popular Look Who's Talking program will this year feature one of the world's leading environmentalists Dr Tim Flannery, as well as prize winning writers Bruce Pascoe and Don Watson.

Find out more about these and other interesting programs by visiting maitland.nsw.gov.au/library.

GREEN STEAM INITIATIVE

Last year, Burton Automotive Hunter Valley Steamfest donated over \$5,000 to Earthcare Park Landcare as part of the Green Steam initiative, a program run to offset the environmental impact of the popular event. The Green Steam initiative, which is running again this year, means that festival goers can pay a little extra for their ticket and know that a local environmental group will benefit.



Steamfest will be held on 8 and 9 April

Earthcare Park Landcare continues to reap the rewards of the initiative, recently completing a 200 metre pipe which is now being used for the irrigation of new plants at their Tenambit site. This year, event organisers are calling for expressions of interest (EOI) from local groups with a green project who could benefit from the green steam initiative. Download an EOI form at steamfest.com.au

Steamfest, scheduled for 8 and 9 April, is a fun event that offers a look into days gone by and includes historic steam train trips, vintage machinery displays and a range of demonstrations, market stalls, food stalls, kids activities and live music. Go to steamfest.com.au for more information.

PADDOCK TO PLATE AT TASTE

The philosophy of Maitland Taste is based around sustainability and environmentally conscious food practices, from paddock to plate.

Don't miss an opportunity to explore the delights of delicious, healthy food at Maitland Taste on Saturday 11 and Sunday 12 March at The Levee Shared Zone. There will be a range of experts in food production and cooking, including the host of 'River Cottage Australia' Paul West, on hand to give live demonstrations on the Kitchen and Garden Stages.

Maitland Taste will also feature upcycled craft activities for kids, live music, art, great street food and stylish dining spaces. Go to maitlandtaste.com.au for more.



Fresh produce at Maitland Taste

SUSTAINABILITY IN MAITLAND

WORLD WATER DAY - Wednesday 22 March

World Water Day focuses on the importance of fresh water and advocates for its sustainable management. It's a timely reminder to think about our water use and health of our waterways, especially given our close relationship with the Hunter River.

EARTH HOUR - 8.30pm to 9.30pm on Saturday 25 March

Earth Hour, which was launched in Sydney and aims to drastically reduce electricity use around the world for 60 minutes, will be held from 8.30pm to 9.30pm on Saturday 25 March.

DRUMMUSTER - Friday 26 May

DrumMUSTER allows for the safe recycling of empty agricultural and veterinary containers for farmers and producers. It's on at the Council Depot on Metford Road, East Maitland on Friday 26 May. To book a dropoff contact the Council depot on 4934 9611. For further information on presentation of containers visit drummuster.com.au



CHEMICAL CLEANOUT - Saturday 3 June

The next Chemical CleanOut is on at the Cleanaway Depot on Kyle Street in Rutherford on Saturday 3 June. To find a full list of accepted materials and times visit cleanout.com.au

Major Projects

SPORTSGROUND VISION BECOMING A REALITY

Over the last month Council has heard from many people across the community to help develop a brief for the redevelopment of Smyth Field and No 2. Sportsground.

The feedback will help ensure the redevelopment is best structured to meet the future needs of the facility and its users. Council will now develop detailed designs for the site, including documentation for approvals, which will be required before construction begins in late 2018.

The new sub regional athletics facility is funded by Maitland City Council and the NSW Government's Restart NSW Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund.

TURF LAID ON HISTORIC FIELD

Over the northern fence of Smyth Field, work on No.1 Sportsground has also taken a leap forward with the turf on the historic ground now laid. The grandstand itself is mostly complete, with seating installed, internal fitout operational and the forecourt getting some final touches. By the middle of this year it is hoped the facility and field will see its first action.



Maitland No.1 Sportsground



Progress on the new indoor pool

LAPPING UP A BRAND NEW POOL

If you have travelled along the New England Highway over the last six months you would have noticed work progressing on the indoor heated pool in Maitland Aquatic Centre. The roof has been installed, the concrete pool shell is complete, and the installation of the pool infrastructure and plant is now the focus. The plan is to have the first people paddling in the pool by the start of winter.

IMPROVEMENTS ON THE WAY FOR BOURKE STREET LINK AT THE LEVEE

Included as part of the work on The Levee Development Component Two are upgrades to the Bourke Street link, its connection to the Riverside Walk, and the refurbishment of part of the Riverside Walk. Work in these areas is expected to commence in the second quarter of this year, which includes the reconfiguring of the pedestrian ramp and stairway, laying stone, installation of new furniture and planting trees to provide shade. The upgrades are planned to be completed by late 2017.

The Riverlink Building is also progressing, with the next part of works focused on completion of the ground floor concrete slabs.

COUNCIL MEETING TARGETS AT BUS SHELTERS

By the end of 2017, Council will be on track to achieving the nationwide target of successfully constructing concrete boarding pads at 90% of complying bus stops.

The ambitious target was set down by the Federal Government in 2011 to promote access to public transport services.

Council has worked very hard to meet the demand for public infrastructure and it is very pleasing to see the results across the city.

The next target is the provision of a bus stop slab at regular intervals on every bus route by 2022.



New bus stop concrete pad

Making food mobile in Maitland

This year Maitland has opened its doors to street food with a three month feast of food truck fare we're calling Street Eats. Food trucks and vans have been popping up at places across Maitland, Morpeth, East Maitland, Rutherford and Thornton since the start of February.

Food trucks will be coming from all across the Hunter, as well as local vans such as 'Eat Food Trailer' who are based in East Maitland. The diversity of trucks brings a mix of authentic and simple food, along with some special gourmet delights.

From Mexican tacos to Italian pizza, as well as fancy appetizers like soft shell crab salad and duck croquettes, there really is something for everyone, so why not get outside and enjoy it while it lasts. There are still around 30 more dates and locations to choose from so head to mymaitland.com.au/streeteats to see where a truck might be pulling up near you.



Street Eats runs until 30 April

INFRASTRUCTURE AND WORKS UPDATE

Here are some of the major capital works that are happening in your area:

DIAMOND CIRCUIT DETENTION BASIN

Works involve the reconstruction and upgrade of the dam wall as well as converting the basin from a wet basin to a dry basin. Works are due for completion in March 2017.

MAITLAND VALE ROAD S-BENDS, WEST OF DICKENSON ROAD

Works involve the widening of pavement, advanced warning signage and alignment adjustment of the curves through this area. Works are due for completion in March 2017.

FIELDSEND STREET, EAST MAITLAND PAVEMENT RECONSTRUCTION AND SHARED PATHWAY

Works involve the reconstruction of pavement in Fieldsend Street between Metford Road and Turton Street and a shared pathway along Fieldsend Street from Metford Road to Brunswick Street. Works are due to commence in March 2017.

BRISBANE STREET, EAST MAITLAND

Pavement reconstruction between George Street and High Street and associated pathway adjustment and installation works to Victoria Street. Works are due to commence in April 2017.

TOTAL ROAD AND MAITLAND VALE ROAD INTERSECTION

Reconstruction and realignment of the intersection, with the addition of turning lanes. Works are due for completion in May 2017.

LAWES STREET AND BANKS STREET, EAST MAITLAND PAVEMENT UPGRADES

Work involves pavement upgrade of Banks Street between the New England Highway and Lawes Street, and pavement upgrades of Lawes Street between Banks Street and Melbourne Street. Works are due to commence in May 2017.



Maitland Vale Road/Total Road intersection



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