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maitland city council news

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# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We're already halfway through 2024 and the year is flying by. Our new Operational Plan 2024-25 has been adopted and outlines how we will invest \$216 million into our city over the next financial year. This includes a \$60 million infrastructure spend which will go towards the replacement of Melville Ford Bridge with work set to begin later this year, the design and construction of a sportsground in Chisholm, upgrades to Max McMahon Oval in Rutherford and ongoing upgrades to Maitland roads.

Over the last few months, we've delivered several major infrastructure projects around town including a \$1 million upgrade to extend the training pitch at Cooks Square Park, building the brand new Largs Skate Park and improvements to Maitland Park's outer field amenities block. We're putting the finishing touches on the new play tower at Harold Gregson Park, with the events lawn and amphitheatre set to open in the coming weeks.

Our biggest flagship event, Hunter Valley Steamfest, also took place in April with thousands of people turning out across the weekend, while The Levee was packed with visitors and vendors alike for Maitland Taste in May. Events like these are a great opportunity for you to get out and



support our city and we look forward to seeing you at our next big event: Maitland Riverlights in October. We're proud to be delivering for our community so we can grow our city for the future.

Philip

## MEET YOUR COUNCILLORS

Get to know who is representing you by scanning the QR code.



# OPERATING HOURS AT MAITLAND ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

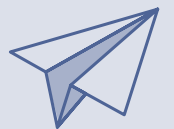
We've adjusted our face to face opening hours at the Maitland Administration Centre to better meet the needs of our community. The Maitland Administration Centre's front desk now operates from 8.30am to 4.30pm. Phone and online chat channels remain unchanged and are open from 8.00am to 6.00pm.



# MOMENTUM IS COMING TO YOUR INBOX

Momentum has gone digital! Subscribe to the Momentum eNewsletter to receive the latest Maitland City Council news direct to your inbox each and every month.

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## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

*We acknowledge the Wonnarua People as the Traditional Owners and Custodians of the land within the Maitland Local Government Area. Council pays respect to all Aboriginal Elders, past, present and future, with a spiritual connection to these lands.*

# HAVE YOUR SAY

## HELP SHAPE MAITLAND'S FUTURE

From more parks and playspaces to better traffic management, your voice is coming through loud and clear in our ongoing conversation around Maitland's future.

We want to know what you love about Maitland and the city you want to see in the future. Your input is key to preparing our shared long term vision for Maitland.

### WHAT WE'VE HEARD SO FAR:



**2589** contributions  
from **23** activities,  
with ages **35 to 44**  
the biggest contributors

### SUBURBS WITH MOST CONTRIBUTORS:



- 1 East Maitland
- 2 Rutherford
- 3 Maitland

### TOP THREE TOPICS:



- 1 Traffic management
- 2 Greener, more open spaces
- 3 Affordable housing

Join the conversation and have your say before 30 June at [yoursay.maitland.nsw.gov.au](https://yoursay.maitland.nsw.gov.au)

## PROPOSED ROAD SAFETY CHANGES

Last month, we asked our community to have their say on proposed road safety changes along High Street, Maitland and Belmore Road, Lorn. Both roads have been earmarked for pedestrian safety improvements due to high foot traffic and vehicle volumes in the area. These improvements include the implementation of a 40km/h speed limit, traffic calming measures and additional signage. We are now reviewing your feedback and will present the final plan to Council later this year.

## OUR OPERATIONAL PLAN 2024-25

Our Operational Plan for the next financial year has now been finalised. It details how we plan to invest \$216 million into our city to bring our community's vision for Maitland to life.



We have budgeted \$155.8 million for the delivery of services and \$60 million for a comprehensive Infrastructure Program, including major recreational facility, road and bridge upgrades. This includes:

- the design and construction of a new sportsground in Chisholm
- improvements to Maitland Vale Road
- continued upgrades to Raymond Terrace Road
- the replacement of Melville Ford Bridge.

Scan the QR code to read the plan or visit [mait.city/OperationalPlan](https://mait.city/OperationalPlan)



## WHAT CAN I DROP AT MAITLAND WASTE FACILITY FOR FREE?

Did you know there are many items that can be dropped off at the Maitland Resource Recovery Facility for free?



Unlimited	Up to 60kg	Up to 20kg
Car batteries	Clothing	Gas bottles
Washing machines, dryers and dishwashers	Recyclables (bottles and cans)	Oil
Scrap metal	Cardboard and paper	Fluorescent globes
Metal furniture	E-waste (computers, printers)	Household batteries
Metal framed bikes	Microwaves	Printer cartridges

Plus, up to 100L of paint and up to 1m<sup>3</sup> of polystyrene.

# MAJOR PROJECTS

## COOKS SQUARE PARK OPENS

In April, we officially unveiled \$1 million worth of upgrades at Cooks Square Park in East Maitland. Fully funded by the Australian Government, the training pitch has been extended into a full sized field with new irrigation, fencing and training standard floodlighting installed. This will ensure Maitland Football Club has a top grade facility at their disposal, now and into the future. We have also identified further improvement opportunities at the site and will continue to work with state and federal governments to explore future funding avenues.



## MELVILLE FORD BRIDGE, MAITLAND VALE/MELVILLE FORD ROADS

An extra \$2.5 million has been confirmed to fund the replacement of Melville Ford Bridge, provided by the NSW and Australian Governments. This brings the project total to \$8.2 million and allows for a wider scope of work. Work will involve the construction of a new dual lane, concrete bridge that's twice as high as the existing bridge. The NSW Government has also committed \$6 million to rebuild two sections of Maitland Vale Road and a section of Melville Ford Road, improving flood resilience and ensuring residents can rely on these routes during emergencies.

## UPDATE ON THORNTON NORTH INTERSECTION UPGRADE

Work on the Raymond Terrace Road and Government Road intersection upgrade at Thornton is continuing, but has been delayed due to supply chain issues and ongoing wet weather. The current high demand from several major infrastructure projects across the Hunter has interrupted the supply of road gravel from local quarries. This means the intersection is now set to be completed by the end of 2024.

## IMPROVED AMENITIES AT MAITLAND PARK

Work is now complete on the new and improved outer field amenities building at Maitland Park. The new building features upgraded changerooms with accessible toilets and private unisex cubicles, while further space has been converted to storage. This will improve accessibility for local clubs and spectators when they visit Maitland Park for local sporting events. The project was proudly funded by the NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund and Council.



## ROBINS OVAL SNAGS MAJOR WICKET

Robins Oval at Maitland Park has won the Cricket NSW Community Facility Project of the Year award at the recent Community Cricket Awards. The facility recently underwent a \$1.9 million upgrade to improve the playing experience for local clubs.

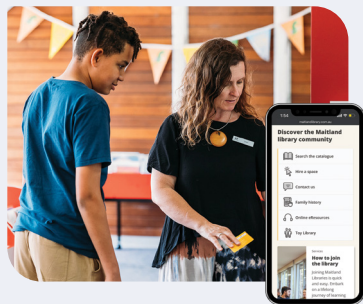


Celebrating the big win at Robins Oval with Cricket NSW



## NEW WEBSITE A BOON FOR BOOKLOVERS

Maitland Libraries have recently launched their new website, designed to make the online experience smoother and more enjoyable for library lovers.



The new look site offers simplified information access, easier navigation and enhanced functionality, making browsing more seamless and inclusive. Developed with input from the community and thorough testing, the refreshed site matches the quality of their in person services. Check out the new website at [maitlandlibrary.com.au](http://maitlandlibrary.com.au)

## MAITLAND'S TOY LIBRARY OPENS AT EAST MAITLAND LIBRARY

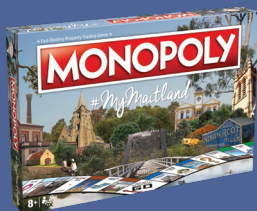
Our popular Toy Library has reopened at its new location, East Maitland Library. Families can now explore and borrow from



a diverse collection of toys, games and puzzles every Monday to Saturday from 11.00am to 2.00pm. This learning initiative aims to support children aged zero to eight, focusing on building resilience, enhancing wellbeing and promoting mental health. For more information about the Toy Library, visit [mait.city/ToyLibrary](http://mait.city/ToyLibrary)

## MAITLAND MONOPOLY

Grab your limited edition copy of Maitland Monopoly before it's gone. Featuring iconic landmarks and locations across Maitland, players can buy, sell and trade their way to victory as they explore all that Maitland has to offer including The Levee, Maitland Regional Art Gallery and more.



Purchase yours at the Maitland Administration Centre, Visitor Information Centre, Maitland Regional Art Gallery or via the My Maitland website: [mait.city/MaitlandMonopoly](http://mait.city/MaitlandMonopoly)





# WHAT'S ON



## HAROLD GREGSON RESERVE LAUNCH EVENT

**SATURDAY 20 JULY**

Save the date for the official launch of the events lawn, amphitheatre and play tower at Harold Gregson Reserve on Saturday 20 July.



The launch will feature a host of live music, kids activities, food stalls and more to celebrate the completion and opening of this \$7 million community facility.

To find out more about Harold Gregson Reserve and the launch, visit [mymaitland.com.au/whats-on](https://mymaitland.com.au/whats-on)



## MAITLAND RIVERLIGHTS 2024 8 TO 12 OCTOBER

Maitland Riverlights returns from 8 to 12 October 2024, showcasing diversity through food, music, dance and interactive experiences. This year is expected to be bigger than ever as the multicultural festival continues as a weeklong celebration with new programming and experiences for everyone to enjoy.



The celebration culminates on Saturday 12 October, when you can head to The Levee for dance workshops, cooking demonstrations, language lessons, live music and cultural villages.

Renowned chef, writer and broadcaster Adam Liaw is the event's ambassador, and will be hosting a special ticketed dining experience at Maitland Town Hall on Friday 11 October, with the menu showcasing cuisines from participating cultural groups.

For more details about the 2024 program, visit [maitlandriverlights.com.au](https://maitlandriverlights.com.au)



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# FOR YOUR CALENDAR



### SPEND TO WIN

The Levee Central Maitland  
10 to 30 June



### WINTER EXHIBITION PROGRAM

Maitland Regional Art Gallery  
15 June to 27 October



### LITERATURE LIVE: AN EVENING WITH HUGH MACKAY

East Maitland Library  
6.00pm, 19 June



### STREET EATS CHISHOLM

Whitewater Adventure Park  
5.00pm, 21 June



### HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

41 Kyle Street, Rutherford  
9.00am, 23 June



### LITERATURE LIVE: AMONG THE GREY GUMS WITH PAULA J BEAVAN

East Maitland Library  
6.00pm, 5 July



### NATIONAL TREE DAY PLANTING EVENT

Beaufort Circuit, East Maitland  
9.00am, 19 July



### LITERATURE LIVE: THE NIGHTS WITH HELEN HOPCROFT

East Maitland Library  
6.00pm, 19 July



### FORMAL CLOTHING SWAP

Gillieston Heights Hub  
1.00pm, 27 July



### WINTER WARMER

The Levee Central Maitland  
10.00am to 2.00pm, 27 July



### ACTIVE AUGUST AT THE LEVEE

The Levee Central Maitland  
10.00am to 12.00pm, 3, 17  
and 29 August



### LITERATURE LIVE: AN EVENING WITH SHANKARI CHANDRAN

Maitland Town Hall  
6.00pm, 5 August



### HEARTBEAT OF THE HUNTER

Tocal Agricultural Centre  
28 September



### PREGNANT WOMAN

Maitland Regional Art Gallery  
Until 23 June 2025

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