

# momentum

maitland city council news



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## Proud people, great lifestyle

As part of the Maitland +10 community engagement you said that it was important that our community retains our sense of place and pride. You also said that we need to make sure we have the recreation and leisure services and facilities to meet our community needs, and that you love celebrating our city at community and iconic events.

Over the next 12 months and beyond, Council has some exciting plans to help make sure that we all retain our pride in the city and that we celebrate together at festival, sporting and cultural events. In this issue of Momentum we're sharing some of the Council projects and initiatives that are aimed at improving our already great lifestyle here in Maitland.

### STREET EATS SEASON WRAPS UP

A program that has been very popular over the past year is Street Eats. For those that haven't been before, essentially, we organise a handful of food trucks to get together to serve up some of the best street food around. Then we invite everyone in Maitland to come along.

With a few Street Eats seasons now under the belt, we asked people what they thought of the program and what they would like to see with future similar activities. Overwhelmingly, most people said that they thought it was great, with more than 96% saying they would recommend Street Eats to friends and family.

Over 74% of people also said that the quality of the food was either very good or excellent. Some of the things to work on included looking at different times and locations, while diversity of food options was a popular suggestion to improve the get togethers.

The winter Street Eats program has almost wrapped up, with just one more event happening at 12.00pm on Sunday 30 September at Gillieston Heights. We hope you can make it.

The team is already working on the summer program that will start in November. Stay tuned for more details.

To find out more go to [mymaitland.com.au/streeteats/](http://mymaitland.com.au/streeteats/)



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Proud People, great lifestyle is one of the five key themes in Council's Delivery Program. It's all about celebrating our community's diverse mix of cultures, enjoying recreational activities and having access to health and educational services. It's also a theme that I am very passionate about.

I love our city and by far the thing I love most about it is our community. This time of year is when we see Maitland come to life with our flagship events which bring out the best of our culture, our creativity and our ability to have some fun. I hope I see you at one of the many events over the coming months.

The other area of this theme that is important to me is community education and health. With a lifetime of nursing and community health behind me, making sure everyone has access to proper health services is essential. Maitland is fortunate in this area having several options available and with the new Maitland Hospital in the pipeline, I hope services continue to improve.

I say it often, but I am incredibly proud to be Mayor of our wonderful city. You will see in this edition of Momentum that there is an exciting list of projects to come in the next year to make sure we make the most of our continuing growth and help make Maitland the best it can be.

Until next time,

Mayor, Cr Loretta Baker

## BAKERS BRICKYARD PLAYGROUND GETS UPGRADES

If you've recently travelled past the popular Bakers Brickyard Playground on Morpeth Road you may have noticed construction fences surrounding the area. This is because a range of improvement works are happening to make the space even better.

We know that local kids love the playground, but with the addition of shade over the play equipment, toilets, carparking and a BBQ area, it will transform the space for use by the whole family.

There is a bit of work to do, which means the playground needs to be closed at some stages throughout the project, but we will do our best to get the work done as quickly as possible, so the kids can get back to playing.

The project is funded as part of the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund, with \$559,000 allocated for the works.

## LARGS MULTIPURPOSE COURT BOUNCING ALONG

A new multipurpose sports court will soon be taking shape at Largs Park on the site of the old tennis courts. The new brightly coloured courts will cater for a variety of sports and incorporate a kick wall, a basketball/netball hoop and futsal goal posts.

Extensive works at the site so far have seen the removal of the existing base materials, installation of new base material and an asphalt surface to improve and increase the lifetime of the works.

The next step will be the installation of the finished multi sports surface. However, the surface product requires six hours of temperatures above 16 degrees to ensure it sets properly, so this means the work needs to happen during the warmer weather.

It's anticipated that people will be bouncing, running and kicking on the surface by mid-spring.

This project is possible as part of the NSW Government Stronger Country Communities Fund.

## ATHLETICS FACILITY JUMPS ANOTHER HURDLE

The project for Maitland's new athletics track has jumped another hurdle with the Hunter and Central Coast Joint Regional Planning Panel recently approving the Development Application for the facility.

The redevelopment works will include the construction of a 400m synthetic track and associated field facilities, an amenities building, spectator seating and car parking, which will service both the new facility and Maitland No. 1 Sportsground.

The \$10.5 million project is joint funded by Council and Restart NSW Hunter Infrastructure and Investment Fund and it will be built on the site of the No. 2 Sportsground and Smyth Field in Central Maitland.

The site will also connect to Maitland No. 1 Sportsground, which has recently gone through significant redevelopment, as well as a number of other facilities that surround the site including Maitland Regional Art Gallery, Maitland Town Hall and the PCYC.

Construction is expected to begin before Christmas.



Improvements are being made to Bakers Brickyard Playground.



*Concept design for the East Maitland Skatepark.*

## New haven for local skaters

It might be hard to imagine now, but by the end of the year the new skatepark in Lawes Street East Maitland will be a haven for skaters with construction now underway.

Once complete, the skatepark will feature a large skate bowl and street elements, along with three small all weather shelters, social seating spaces, a water bubbler and an area that supports spill out spaces for events and competitions.

The design itself is a result of community feedback with skaters, so it's great that local riders of all levels will soon be able to use the new facility.

If all goes well, construction of the skatepark will be completed in November this year.



*Maitland outdoor pool will open on Saturday 22 September.*

## POOLS TO REOPEN FOR SUMMER SEASON

It's almost that time of year again when our outdoor pools at Maitland and East Maitland open for the summer swimming season.

This year Maitland outdoor pool will open on Saturday 22 September, while East Maitland Pool will open on Saturday 13 October. So, dust off the speedos, pull out your hat and sunscreen and get ready to take a dip.

It's good timing too as the indoor pool needs to be closed and emptied to carry out some essential maintenance from Sunday 23 September until Friday 12 October.

As usual across the swimming season, there will be a range of aquatics programs happening at each of the three pools, ranging from learn to swim, to squad and aqua fitness.

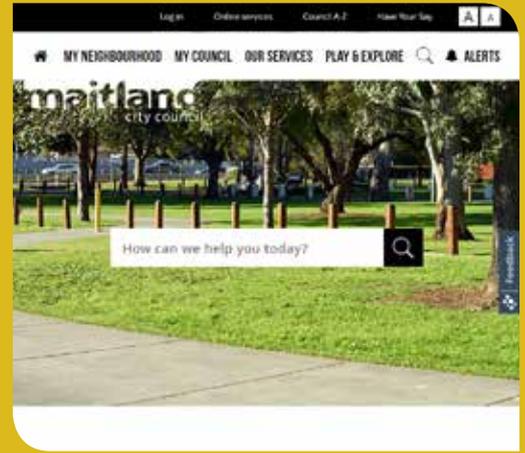
Visit [maitland.nsw.gov.au](http://maitland.nsw.gov.au) and search for 'Aquatics' to find out more.

## CONNECT WITH COUNCIL ONLINE

Have you visited Council's new website recently? If you haven't, then head over to [maitland.nsw.gov.au](http://maitland.nsw.gov.au)

We hope you find it easy to use and simple to find exactly what you're looking for. Whether you're using the My Neighbourhood tool to find out your bin days or more complex information, like property details or development conditions.

You'll also find a host of online services including our Report It tool where you can report issues or make a request to Council. And if you ever need to connect with Council online you can either email us at [info@maitland.nsw.gov.au](mailto:info@maitland.nsw.gov.au) or use Live Chat on our website to talk with someone online from our Citizen Services team in real time.



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## GILLIESTON HEIGHTS COMMUNITY HUB TAKING SHAPE

In June this year, initial works officially began on the Gillieston Heights Community Hub located at the corner of Redwood Drive and Pine Street.

The main floor slab has now been poured for the facility, while site works are continuing on the services infrastructure, drainage, retaining walls and preparation for the carpark. Installation of the structural steel frame, which is essentially the bones of the building, will be the next major component of works that people will see.

Once complete, the centre will include three activity rooms, office areas, a commercial kitchen, foyer and covered entry, as well as landscaping and car parking.

If any of our other local community centres across the city are anything to go by, this centre will play an integral role in encouraging community interaction and the enhancement of community wellbeing.

Completion is expected in the first half of 2019.



*Construction on the new Gillieston Heights Community Hub is expected to be complete in the first half of next year.*

# Riverlights returns to The Levee

On Saturday 13 October The Levee will come alive with music and colour for the annual Riverlights Multicultural Festival.

Riverlights celebrates Maitland's cultural diversity through food, music, dance and interactive experiences. You'll see The Levee transform into a global village with over 24 different cultures represented.

The Festival will culminate in a special procession through The Levee and along the Riverside Walk before the spectacular lantern flotilla takes place on the River.

For everything you need to know about Riverlights go to [maitlandriverlights.com.au](http://maitlandriverlights.com.au)



*The Riverlights Multicultural Festival returns on 13 October.*



*The Maitland Library building on High Street was opened in 1968.*

## Happy Birthday to Maitland Library

This year Maitland Library celebrates 50 years of service from its current location, a building that was considered grand in scale and bold in vision at the time of its opening in 1968.

Half a century on, the longevity of Maitland Library is testament not only to the expansive vision of the Council who conceived its development, but also their commitment to growth of the city.

Contemporary newspaper articles described the library as ultra modern, indeed one of the most modern in Australia. It now stands as a rare example of post World War 2 modernism in the centre of Maitland, maintaining a high degree of integrity in its modernist design and architecturally significant as a custom designed community facility.

Almost half of our community (45%) are library members, over 5,000 people visit our library branches each week and similar numbers use the library's digital services and participate in library programs offsite, such as children's story time and Look Who's Talking.

With almost half a million loans and over 15,000 program participants each year, Maitland City Library is exceeding the state average for engagement with collections and programs.

With these kind of numbers, the library must be doing something right. Why not pop into a branch or visit [maitlandlibrary.com.au](http://maitlandlibrary.com.au) to find out for yourself.

Here's to another 50 great years.

## BITTER AND TWISTED TICKETS ON SALE NOW

Blue Mountains three piece Cloud Control and Brisbane band Last Dinosaurs were recently announced as the headliners for the 2018 Bitter and Twisted Boutique Beer Festival, which is back at Maitland Gaol on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 November.

As well as the awesome music, Bitter and Twisted will be pouring over 100 beers from more than 18 independent brewers from all over NSW and interstate. There will also be some weird and wonderful entertainment thanks to Uncle Shep's Emporium of the Strange and keep an eye out for a few unexpected surprises. To find out more about the event or to get your hands on tickets go to [bitterandtwisted.com.au](http://bitterandtwisted.com.au)

The Bitter & Twisted Boutique Beer Festival is back on at Maitland Gaol on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 November.



*Bitter & Twisted returns to Maitland Gaol on 3 and 4 November.*



*Truman Smith Band performing at the first LIVE At The Levee.*

## LIVE AT THE LEVEE

The Levee continues to establish itself as Maitland's premier lifestyle precinct offering a broad range of night time dining and entertainment options.

The Levee also delivers many public activities throughout the year and is adding a new initiative, LIVE at The Levee, to its annual program. Happening on the third Friday of each month, a music act will bring the area to life between 4.30pm and 7.30pm. So come along, grab a bite to eat at the many eateries within the precinct, relax with friends, unwind and let the music ease you into a weekend state of mind.

## Infrastructure and Works update

### NEW FERTILISER TRUCK FOR MAITLAND

The surfaces at the sporting fields and parks across Maitland are looking good thanks to Council's new self propelled boom sprayer.

The new machine is being used all over the city and is more accurate and efficient than anything Council has used in the past.

The boom is six metres wide and is computer controlled, meaning the spraying is far more targeted than anything that's been used in the past. It is also purpose built and uses the latest technology to spray pesticides and fertilisers in the most efficient way so the amount of spray wasted on the areas is also at an all time low.

Council's new self propelled boom sprayer is being used at parks and fields all across Maitland. Here it is in action at Maitland No. 1 Sportsground.



*Council's new spray unit with a shrouded boom.*

## ROAD WORKS HAPPENING NEAR YOU

### EURIMBLA STREET THORNTON - \$535,000

Road reconstruction between Government Road and Edwards Avenue roundabout, including the replacement of kerb and guttering and pavement reconstruction.

### THOMAS COKE DRIVE THORNTON - \$600,000

Two sections of Thomas Coke Drive will receive works. The first section will be a rehabilitation (Stabilisation) of the pavement between Taylor Avenue and John Arthur Avenue (Southern End).

The second section is between Welwin Crescent and the Access road to A&D Lawrence Sports facility. These works will include pavement reconstruction along with minor kerb and gutter works.

### BRUNSWICK STREET EAST MAITLAND - \$1,656,000

Road reconstruction between Lawes Street and Fieldsend Street in East Maitland. Works include pavement reconstruction, kerb and gutter replacement, footpath construction, stormwater drainage installation and watermain relocation.

### LUSKINTYRE ROAD LUSKINTYRE - \$544,000

Rehabilitation and shoulder widening of Luskintyre Road to improve safety for road users, including the improvement of the intersection of Luskintyre Road and Maitland Vale Road.

### MAITLAND PARK DRAINAGE WORKS - \$225,000

Rehabilitation works to the car park area in the vicinity of Maitland Park Bowling Club and Robins Oval. Drainage improvement works to the southern, eastern and northern perimeter of Robins Oval in Maitland Park. Works are expected to help drainage of the low lying areas on the surrounds of Robins Oval.



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