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Brett Piva's 'Remnants before the Tasman' on the exterior of MRAG

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MRAG celebrates 10 years

Margaret Olly stood at Maitland Regional Art Gallery (MRAG) for its official opening in 2009, and ten years on from the redevelopment, MRAG celebrated the milestone with 'X Marks the Spot'.

'X Marks the Spot' is a series of eight exhibitions inside, and two installations on the exterior of MRAG including Brett Piva's mural 'Remnants before the Tasman', and Nell's 'Made in the Light - Happy Cloud and Drips'.

Entry to MRAG is free, so this spring head down to High Street to check out one of Maitland's treasures. On Sundays you can also drop in for Free Art Sunday anytime between 11.00am and 1.00pm.

To find out more about the exhibitions visit mrag.org.au

More opportunities for our creatives

Over the coming months, Council will continue to seek interest from artists and makers on a range of creative opportunities as part of the Vibrant City Creative Opportunities 2019/20 program. These projects will transform the selected spaces from underused or empty walkways to places that can be used by people for performance and leisure or to create intrigue and enjoyment.

Some of the creative opportunities that will be available over the coming months include the 'Soap Box' outside of Maitland City Library and a 'Tale of Coal and Steam', which will be part of Burton Automotive Hunter Valley Steamfest in April 2020.

To find out more about how to get involved visit maitland.nsw.gov.au/place-activation



MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR

Those who know me would be well aware that I'm a lover of all things flora. I appreciate all the colours and textures that come with a beautiful garden and my backyard at home is something I take a lot of pride in.

I particularly love the lime green leaves of deciduous trees like maples and when it comes to flowers, nothing can go past the beautiful bloom of an iris in spring.

However, because water restrictions are now in place, I thought I might touch on some of the great species that tend to flourish without too much water.

I understand that brightening up your garden in times like this can be tricky, but there are options out there. A few of the plants that are tolerant to the dry conditions I particularly recommend include aloe, banksias and bottlebrush species. These plants seem to thrive in all conditions and most have great blooms which will brighten up your yard.

No matter how dry it is, I believe spring is a great time to dust off the gardening gloves and get out into your yard. There are always new things you can learn and discover about plants and flowers which is ultimately what I love about it.

Until next time,

Mayor, Cr Loretta Baker

Weeds to watch for

While there are a lot of beautiful natives flowering this time of year, spring can also be a time when weeds flourish. Some of the weeds to look out for in Maitland include:

GREEN CESTRUM

Has always been problematic in Maitland and can affect both rural and urban properties. It can be a threat to other plants, animals and humans and can be identified by its yellow flowers and bright green leaves.



SMALL LEAVED PRIVET

As an environmental weed, this can threaten biodiversity and endanger plant and animal species, as well as ecological communities. Because it is so dense, it can prevent other vegetation from surviving and it can be identified by its white tubular flowers.



FLEABANE

This is a major problem and is prevalent on especially dry land. It is glyphosate resistant and can be difficult to control. It has small flower heads that are off white when flowering.



For more information on how to control these weeds and others you might find at home, visit weeds.dpi.nsw.gov.au

FOLLOW COUNCIL ONLINE

Follow Council on social media to get the latest information about what's happening in and around the city. Be the first to hear about upcoming events, the latest on infrastructure upgrades and much more.

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Facebook - maitlandcitycouncil

Water tips

Level 1 Water Restrictions are now in place, so it's important to be mindful of your water usage. Here are some easy tips to follow to save water:

- Limit showers to four minutes and place a bucket in the shower with you to recycle water for use in your garden
- Repair dripping taps and leaking toilets as soon as they are noticed
- Wash your car with a bucket on your lawn so that your grass benefits
- Water the garden with a trigger nozzle before 10.00am or after 4.00pm and remember that sprinklers cannot be used while Level 1 Water Restrictions are in effect

For more details about what the water restrictions mean for your home or business, and for more water saving tips, visit hunterwater.com.au

Stronger Country Communities Fund

Since 2017, the Stronger Country Communities Fund (SCCF) has supported more than 1,000 local projects across New South Wales.

In Round One, the NSW Government invested \$100 million to improve community facilities such as town halls, recreation facilities, shared paths and playgrounds. In Round Two it invested \$200 million to provide high quality community and sports related infrastructure. Here are some of the projects which received assistance in the Round Two roll out of funds.

LOCHINVAR SPORTS COMPLEX

Representatives from Lochinvar Rovers Football Club may have noticed a marked difference to their amenities this year and it's all thanks to grant funding under the Stronger Country Communities Fund. The Round Two funding has enabled the renovation of existing change rooms and the provision of a referees change room at Lochinvar Sports Complex on 230 Robert Road. The project received around \$90,000 and funding and will significantly enhance user experience at the site.



The change rooms at Lochinvar Sports Complex received an upgrade earlier this year.



A&D Lawrence Oval recently had fencing installed.

A&D LAWRENCE

Thornton Junior Football Club and the wider community have benefited from nearly \$270,000 in grant funding for provision of fencing around A&D Lawrence Oval. The original grant application was for a limited amount of fencing but it was then determined that fencing around the whole site was appropriate.



Maitland Croquet Club has received funding for upgrading storage facilities and lighting.

MAITLAND CROQUET

The Maitland Croquet Club has also received nearly \$300,000 in Stronger Country Communities Funding. The funding has gone towards upgrading the clubhouse storage facilities and more than half will be used for upgrading the facility's lights at Maitland Park.



A recently completed section of Stage 1 of the cycleway.

Cessnock Road Cycleway update

With Stage 1 and Stage 3 (Fishery Creek Bridge) works complete, Council is now in the process of selecting a tender for construction of Stage 2 and Stage 4 of the Cessnock Road Cycleway.

Stage 2 works involve constructing a cycleway from Dagworth Road to Fishery Creek and Stage 4 will complete the project, by linking Fishery Creek with Maitland Park and the New England Highway overpass.

Once complete, the cycleway will consist of approximately 2,240 metres of 2.5 to three metre wide concrete cycleway, commencing from James Leslie Drive and finishing at the New England Highway near Walker Street.

The project has a budget of \$2.45 million with funding being provided from Council's Section 94 Developer Contributions associated with the Gillieston Heights residential development as well as capital funding and grant funding under the Stronger Country Community Funds Round 1 to the value of \$950,000.

STREET EATS SUMMER

The winter season has officially finished and a series of successful Street Eats Get Togethers took place right across Maitland including at new locations like Bakers Brickyard in Raworth and Max McMahon Oval in Rutherford.

Over the course of summer you'll have the opportunity to attend a number of different Street Eats Get Togethers and there will be many different cuisines to choose from. Street Eats also gives you a chance to hear some great live music.

The summer season will start with a Get Together at Victor Warby Reserve in Gillieston Heights on Friday 8 November.

For more information go to mymaitland.com.au/streeteats



For the first time, a Street Eats Get Together was held at Max McMahon Oval in Rutherford.



Community Engagement

MAITLAND'S 20 YEAR VISION

Council is preparing a draft Local Strategic Planning Statement (LSPS) to set out a 20 year vision for land use in the Maitland Local Government Area. The LSPS will explain how Council intends to manage future population growth and change that respects the existing character of our suburbs and our community's values.

Council needs to consider what our community will require for the future in terms of housing, employment, our changing population, as well as how we will address global trends like climate change and technology.

To help inform decision making on future land uses, Council is inviting the community to provide feedback throughout November. You can have your say by visiting Rutherford Marketplace on 14 and 21 November or the Riverside Plaza in Central Maitland near Kmart on 13 and 20 November, between 10.00am and 2.00pm or by visiting maitlandyoursay.com.au

MRAG SURVEY NOW OPEN

Maitland Regional Art Gallery (MRAG) wants to make visiting the gallery easy, fun, inclusive and relevant for everyone. Council wants to understand the reasons why some people haven't visited the Gallery or don't visit as often as they would like.

Council is seeking community feedback so that we can offer programs and services that best support the community of Maitland and its visitors into 2025 and beyond. On completion of the survey you can go into a draw to win a \$50 gift voucher to spend in the MRAG Shop (terms and conditions apply). The survey closes on 1 December 2019.

Visit maitlandyoursay.com.au to take part.

Nominate a deserving local for the Australia Day Awards

Nominations are now open for the 2019 Australia Day Awards within the Citizen of the Year and Young Citizen of the Year categories. The awards recognise the outstanding achievements of individuals who work tirelessly to enrich the community through their commitment and service to others. Each year the awards are presented during Maitland's Australia Day celebrations.

You can nominate a Maitland resident from a wide variety of areas including education, conservation, culture, environment, health, fundraising, charitable and voluntary services, business, arts, sport, schools and any other area that contributes to the advancement or wellbeing of Maitland. Achievements which can be recognised include a single outstanding achievement in the last year or numerous achievements over many years.

For more information about the awards or for a copy of the nomination form visit Council's website and search 'Australia Day Awards'. Nominations close at 9.00am on Friday 22 November.



2018 Citizen of the Year, Belinda-Jane Davis, with Mayor Loretta Baker

Norm Chapman Oval Update

Council has started works on a new playground and fitness equipment at Norm Chapman Oval in Rutherford. The play space and fitness equipment will be located next to the new half court. A shelter with picnic tables will also be installed. The playground is scheduled for completion in the summer months.

Abbot Street reconstruction wrapping up

Works along Abbot Street have progressed well in recent months and the reconstruction is set to be completed over the next couple of weeks.

The \$3.5 million project has seen the width of the road increase by nearly ten metres, significant improvement in drainage, greater visibility in sections of the road, on road parking on both sides of the road, a marked cycleway lane and a 2.5 metre shared pathway.

Crews will relocate to Glenroy Street in Thornton for another multimillion dollar road reconstruction when the Abbot Street works are complete.

To see what other works are planned for Maitland this financial year go to maitland.nsw.gov.au and search 'Capital Works'.



Works on the Abbot Street reconstruction are coming to a close soon.

East Maitland Toilets

Council recently completed works on new public toilets in the IGA car park at East Maitland. The toilets are a significant upgrade from what was there previously and were delivered at a cost of \$110,000.



IGA car park public toilets



Maitland Aquatics Centre

Splash into the warmer weather

The outdoor pools at Maitland and East Maitland have reopened for the summer swim season, so grab your swimwear, sunscreen and hat, and get to your local aquatic centre.

As usual, across the season, there will be a variety of programs running including learn to swim lessons, squad and aqua fitness classes.

Visit Council's website and search 'aquatics' to find out more.

WHAT'S COMING UP IN MAITLAND

There's always plenty to do in Maitland, with a range of things for people of all ages. For a full list of what's on around the city, visit mymaitland.com.au and share your experiences by using #MyMaitland on social media.

THE TATTOOIST'S TALE - 14 NOVEMBER

Author Heather Morris will head to Maitland to discuss her books 'The Tattooist of Aushwitz' and 'Cilka's Journey' as part of Maitland City Library's Look Who's Talking program.

Head to maitlandlibrary.com.au for more information and to purchase tickets.

PHILOSOPHY FOR MAITLAND - 21 NOVEMBER

Maitland City Library along with Hunter Valley Socratic Society, present 'Philosophy for Maitland' at Maitland Gaol on Thursday 21 November. The event will celebrate World Philosophy Day and the enduring value of philosophy in life, both as an inspiring discipline and an everyday practice.

Bookings to this free event can be made online at maitlandlibrary.com.au



Heather Morris



Philosophy for Maitland



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