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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

I've said on many occasions how proud I am to be part of the resilient and cooperative community that makes up Maitland. Reflecting back over the last few years, our community has really come together as we've navigated through the impacts to our region from harsh bushfires, a global pandemic and floods.

Our ability to adapt and work together has meant that we've been able to face up to these challenges, support our local businesses and continue to live in a City that is always striving for better.

While forever faced with new challenges, we're now able to look forward to an exciting year of major projects, improvements to our amenities and the return of your favourite events that Maitland is known for.

Council as an organisation is going through major changes that, in the end, will make it a lot easier and faster for you to deal with us day to day, changing the systems and ways of working to focus on you and your needs.

I for one am extremely excited and optimistic about what the next 12 months hold for our City. While I know that projects and events are what we as a City may often be known for, we can't forget that it's our strength of community spirit and neighbourly connectivity that defines us.

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WHAT WILL THE NEXT YEAR LIVING IN MAITLAND LOOK LIKE?

Whether you've lived here your whole life or have only recently moved to Maitland, we know it's important that you're aware what the future of your City will look like. This edition of Momentum is all about what's to come in the next 12 months, following the recent adoption of Council's Operational Plan (OP) for 2021/22.

If you're unsure what the OP is, it's an annual document that outlines everything planned for Council to do over the next year and how it will contribute to achieving our goals as a City. It features what projects and services are planned, infrastructure construction and maintenance, and the rates, fees and charges for the coming financial year.

These projects are identified in Council's Delivery Program 2018 -2022 (revised), and deliver on what you told us is your wider vision for the future of our City. That wider vision is summarised and articulated in Maitland +10, our Community Strategic Plan.

We're also embarking on a Customer Driven Transformation Program which will change the way we operate at Council, with a major focus on making sure you can more easily connect, get the information you need and transact with Council.

We know documents like the OP are large, extensive and can be hard to read, so we've pulled out some of the best bits. If you'd like to read the full document, you can by searching 'Operational Plan' at maitland.nsw.gov.au

WE'RE CHANGING THE WAY WE WORK, AND THE FOCUS IS ON YOU

This year, Council is embarking upon a program of transformation which will change the way we work, the way we deliver services and information and the way we operate to deliver 'un-council like'.

At the core of this transformation is a focus on customer experience. Whether you are looking to access information, conduct business and transactions, or use Council services, your experience is our priority. Through this journey, we will identify how we can help you more effectively, more efficiently and in a manner more convenient to you.

As we deliver the Customer Driven Transformation Program, there will be

the opportunity for you to get involved and help shape the way we deliver services. For more information about the program or to participate, sign up at maitland.nsw.gov.au/cdt



Your Customer Experience Team



Allandale Road, Allandale

UPGRADING YOUR EXPERIENCE ON THE ROAD

Roadworks and their effects on traffic flow can be a pain, especially when running late for work or the school run on these cold mornings, but it also means there are improvements taking place to make future travel around Maitland easier and safer.

LOCAL ROAD RECONSTRUCTION

In the next year, a total of \$25.4 million will be spent across Maitland on projects, including seven major local roads undergoing significant reconstructions at a total cost of \$18.8 million:

- Allandale Road, Allandale
- Paterson Road, Bolwarra Heights
- Maitland Vale Road, Lambs Valley
- Station Lane, Lochinvar
- Luskintyre Road, Luskintyre
- Phoenix Park Road and Hinton Road, Phoenix Park
- Woodberry Road, Woodberry

REHABILITATION AND OTHER WORKS

Additionally, we're spending \$6.5m towards making roads smoother by rehabilitating 10 roads, and resurfacing 101 others across 15 different suburbs. \$1.4m will be used for footpath construction and refurbishments in East Maitland, Metford and Thornton and cycleways in Morpeth, Telarah and Tenambit, \$1.2m for drainage construction in East Maitland, Telarah and Bolwarra Heights and \$1.3m for carpark refurbishments, traffic facilities, bridges and guardrails which will be installed in various spots around the City.

For those in and around Thornton, we know traffic is frustrating at the moment. One of the reasons why is from an increase in housing developments in recent years and the need for land to first be purchased from developers so that they can fund the delivery of roads in the local area at the same rate as the population grows, in addition to a variety of other reasons. However, there's plenty of projects in the works to help change that for the future.

\$4m worth of works are taking place this financial year at Haussman Drive between Raymond Terrace Road and Taylor Avenue, which will be followed by approximately \$15.6m worth of construction next year. The next 12 months will also see the continuation of construction along Government Road, and the completion of the design for works on Haussman Drive, between Taylor Avenue and the Raymond Terrace Road/Government Road intersection.

To see the full list of projects that have been completed, are in progress, and to come in the future around the Thornton area, visit the Thornton Road Network page at maitland.nsw.gov.au/Thornton-Road-Network



PLANNING THE FUTURE ENVIRONMENTAL JOURNEY FOR MAITLAND

In the next year, Council will be reaching out to hear about what you want to see in our Environmental Sustainability Strategy, getting your ideas on how we can work together towards a greener Maitland.

We will then roll out specific actions from this plan which will guide our sustainability journey. The plan will cover environmental sustainability challenges, goals and strategies like urban heat, renewable energy, circular economy, management of green and blue spaces, revegetation and wildlife corridors.

We have recently utilised technology to map all the trees in our City and hotspots of urban heat in our suburbs, and are looking at energy efficiency and renewable energy opportunities for Council buildings and for homes across Maitland with the results to inform the strategy and action plan.



Whitewater Park, Chisholm

COMMUNITY ENVIRONMENTAL SPACES AND PLANTING PROGRAMS



Bolwarra Heights locals at the Benshulla Drive Community Planting Day

After we speak to the community, learning about what you'd like to see, Council will be developing environmental spaces within reserves at Weblands Street, Aberglasslyn and Dunmore Road, Largs. There will be a focus on a joint environmental area and community recreation space, ideally a space full of native flora that's perfect for people to enjoy and native fauna to live.

In the last couple of months, Council has hosted Community Planting Days at Bolwarra Heights and Telarah. The days brought the community together to plant trees but also included a compost and seedling giveaway with an opportunity to ask our Environmental experts questions about biodiversity. Keep an eye out Metford and Rutherford, as there are Community Planting Days coming to your neighbourhood later this year.

UPCOMING ENVIRONMENTAL DATES

Keep an eye on Council's social media or sign up to the Green Communities Newsletter at maitland.nsw.gov.au/green-communities-newsletter to find out more and keep up to date.

COMMUNITY SOLUTIONS WORKSHOP: SUSTAINABLE CONSUMPTION AND CIRCULAR ECONOMY - Gillieston Heights Community Centre – 28 July

NATIONAL TREE DAY PLANTINGS – City wide - 1 August

GREEN WALL VERTICAL GARDEN COMPETITION – City wide – closes 1 August



MAJOR PROJECTS COMING IN 2021/22

'What about the major projects?' We hear you ask, well here's some of the big stuff contributing to over \$250m in infrastructure that we're continuing to deliver this financial year.

MAITLAND REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX - STAGE THREE



Following on from the completion of the Regional Athletics Centre last year, Stage 3 of the overall development is set to begin. The works include new lighting, a LED scoreboard, additional spectator seating and amenities, car parking, an exercise circuit and station, a playground, water harvesting and storage plant and field expansion works which will support multiple sporting codes.

WASTE TRANSFER STATION

The Waste Management Centre at Mt Vincent Road East Maitland will be upgraded to increase resource recovery and recycling, with the first stage of works starting early next year. The upgrade will assist us in diverting waste from landfill and achieving state and federal waste and resource recovery targets.



MAITLAND ADMINISTRATION CENTRE

This is a new, contemporary centre for the City that's required as we've outgrown our current administration building and have staff spread across a number of sites, which are also now at capacity. The Centre will accommodate up to 360 staff with room for growth over the next 20 years and will link to the Town Hall across the ground and first floors, providing better accessibility to the Council Chamber and connectivity to upgraded facilities in the Town Hall for the community. Town Hall upgrades will include improvements like enhanced change rooms and kitchen facilities, resulting in the building continuing to operate as a true multipurpose regional entertainment venue. An estimated 51 jobs will be created from the construction, with a further 148 to come as funds cycle through the local economy.



EVEN MORE SPACES TO PLAY

Over the next year, Council will be spending \$595,000 upgrading six play spaces across Maitland. Each play space is designed to have a range of activities that are inclusive and suitable for kids across wide age brackets. There will be new play spaces going in at:

- John Wilkinson Sports Complex, Bolwarra
- Cooney Park, East Maitland
- Heritage Park, East Maitland
- Maitland Park, Maitland
- Morpeth Common, Morpeth
- Beryl Humble Sports Field, Tenambit

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLOR

Councillor contact details can be found by visiting maitland.nsw.gov.au/councillors



WHAT'S ON

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BURTON AUTOMOTIVE HUNTER VALLEY STEAMFEST 35TH ANNIVERSARY - 11 AND 12 SEPTEMBER

Hunter Valley Steamfest is one of Australia's premier festivals of steam, celebrating Maitland's rich steam and industrial heritage. To celebrate its 35th year, the event will run into the night and will see the return of a legend of steam, locomotive 3801, as well as an enriched program of activities on offer within the Maitland Station Precinct, including amusement rides, arcades, vintage markets, live music, demonstrations and more.



MORPETH BICENTENARY - 20 AND 21 NOVEMBER

Everyone is welcome to join in at the Morpeth Bicentenary commemorations. The milestone weekend will include a program of community activities, including the Morpeth Bridge Open Day where the bridge will be closed to traffic for people to enjoy. In recognition of the bicentenary, Council is delivering three community infrastructure projects, which will leave a lasting legacy, including Stage 1A of the Morpeth to Walka shared pathway, Steamer Street shared pathway and architectural lighting of Morpeth Bridge.

- **SHADOW BOXER EXHIBITION**
MRAG – 8 June until 8 August
- **FARM YARD FRIENDS PETTING ZOO**
The Levee – 9 July
- **WINTER WARMER MINI MARKET**
The Levee – 31 July
- **AROMA COFFEE AND CHOCOLATE FESTIVAL**
The Levee - 14 and 15 August
- **A CONSPICUOUS OBJECT: THE MAITLAND HOSPITAL EXHIBITION** – MRAG – 21 August until 6 February
- **GIANT INFLATABLE SKYWHALES**
Maitland Regional Sports Complex – 18 September
- **RIVERLIGHTS MULTICULTURAL FESTIVAL**
The Levee - 9 October
- **BITTER & TWISTED BOUTIQUE BEER FESTIVAL**
Maitland Gaol – 6 and 7 November

SAVE THE DATE

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

Voting is compulsory for all residents aged 18 and over and fines may apply for not voting. You can enrol, check your enrolment and change your address at check.aec.gov.au

For more information visit maitland.nsw.gov.au/elections



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