

MAITLAND NEWS

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Mayor
Philip Penfold

Environment

FOGO is in full swing

FOGO is now part of your weekly green bin service – turning food scraps and garden waste into compost. Learn more about what can and can't go in your bin at yourorganicsbin.com.au

Make the switch: Fortnightly red bin collection is now an option

If your red bin is often only half full, switching to fortnightly red bin collection could be a great fit.

While weekly red bin collections remain the default, eligible households can opt in at any time, with the fortnightly service starting from 1 September. Opting in during August means you'll receive the full \$80 discount on your Domestic Waste Management Charge. From 1 September onwards, you can still opt in, but your discount will be prorated based on your start date. Find out more and opt in at mait.city/ChangeBins



New street trees strengthen urban canopy

A bunch of 'fresh, leafy greens' are popping up in parks across Maitland, as we look to bolster our tree canopy in suburbs impacted by urban heat during summer.

Aberglasslyn, Gillieston Heights, Farley and stretches of the Lorn riverbank now boast new natives that were selected because of their hardy nature and shady canopies.



Our Environmental and Sustainability Strategy 2030 maps out how we're shaping a more sustainable Maitland, including our goal of 30 per cent canopy cover in residential areas.

You can find more information on our environmental targets by visiting mait.city/ESS

Mayor's message

Council continues to focus on delivering a range of improvements for our growing community. Over the coming financial year, we're delivering more than \$30 million in road improvements across our city, as well as upgrades to local footpaths, which will help our community stay safe and connected. This will include road repairs following recent weather events, including the May floods, with recovery efforts ongoing. Work is also underway on a \$3.1 million amenities redevelopment at Max McMahon Oval in Rutherford, which will enhance the user experience for local clubs and spectators.

The Maitland Park large new Playspace Concept Plan has officially been endorsed, as has the Master Plan, with both plans mapping out a range of improvements to Maitland Park. Your feedback helped inform these plans and we will continue to seek funding opportunities to support both projects going forward.

We're now approaching our next flagship event of 2025, with The Levee Central Maitland set to transform into a vibrant cultural hub for Maitland Riverlights on Saturday 11 October. There will be live music and performances, delicious food and plenty of activities on offer for the whole family to enjoy, so save the date and join the festivities. I hope to see you there, Maitland.



Philip

Connect with your councillors



Landcare: Regenerate, revegetate, rejuvenate

We want Maitland to be a lively and strong community that leads in environmental sustainability, which is why we work closely with our friends at Hunter Region Landcare Network to support five local Landcare sites across Maitland.

Landcare offers a lot more than just tree planting and weed control. Connecting with your local group to protect green spaces and promote positive ecological outcomes is a great way to meet new people and make friends, get outdoors and look after your mental health and wellbeing.

What better time to roll up your sleeves and get stuck in, than during the warmer spring months? Head online and learn more about Landcare by visiting mait.city/Landcare



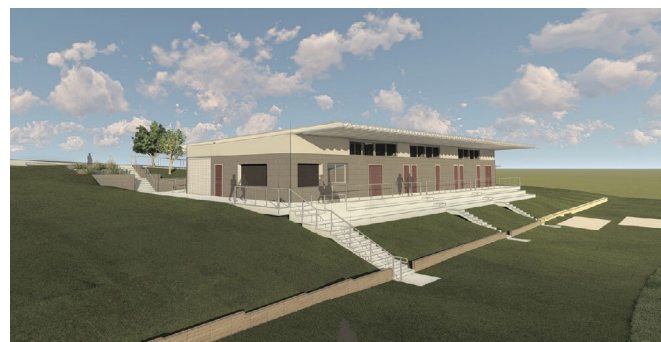
Maitland Resource Recovery Facility stage two

Work is set to conclude on stage two of the Maitland Resource Recovery Facility transformation as we move into spring, with the facility's new gatehouse and inbound and outbound weighbridges now in place. A new entry roundabout, fencing, pavement works, and demolition of the old gatehouse and weighbridge will bring stage two of the project to a close by the end of September. Stay tuned for more details on future stages of work by visiting mait.city/MRRF



Max McMahon Oval, Rutherford

Work is well and truly underway on a \$3.1 million amenities redevelopment at Max McMahon Oval in Rutherford. Co-funded thanks to an Australian Government investment and Council contributions covering the remainder, this project will see the former amenities building replaced with an improved facility including four unisex changerooms and accessible public amenities, a canteen, first aid and referee rooms, a timekeeping room, tiered seating and an outdoor covered area. This will improve the user experience for local sporting groups, particularly Maitland Saints AFL club who were instrumental in securing this funding and creating the final design. Work on the new building is expected to be completed early in 2026, weather permitting. For more information, visit mait.city/MaxMcMahonOval



Concept drawings

Maitland's flood recovery

Maitland is facing a long road to recovery following May's natural disaster which brought significant rain and flooding to the region. Crews continue to assess the city's road network for damage, however, it could be some time before the full impact is known, and repairs can begin. This is due to the level of investigation required before Council can seek funding support for repairs. Community safety remains the top priority. If you notice any damage to local roads, you can report it via mait.city/MyCouncil



Major projects

Expanding Maitland's pathway network

More shared pathways are being delivered across Maitland to improve connectivity for our community. Work is commencing on a new pathway along Cessnock Road, Gillieston Heights between Fanning and Williams Streets to provide the missing link in a continuous 3.5km shared path leading to Central Maitland. This new section of pathway will have the added benefit of connecting Oakwood Village residents to the local shops and bus stop. Funding has also been secured from the Get NSW Active Program for new pathways along Vintage Drive and Northview Street, Gillieston Heights. Meanwhile, work is underway on a multi-stage shared pathway project along Government Road, Thornton. Stage one has wrapped up with a new shared path linking Blakewell Road and Reilly Street, with stage two set to connect the east end of Arnold Crescent and Edwards Avenue.



Citywide road improvements

As part of Council's Operational Plan 2025-26, more than \$30 million is being invested to improve Maitland's road network. This includes several road improvement projects which are underway or have recently been completed across the region:

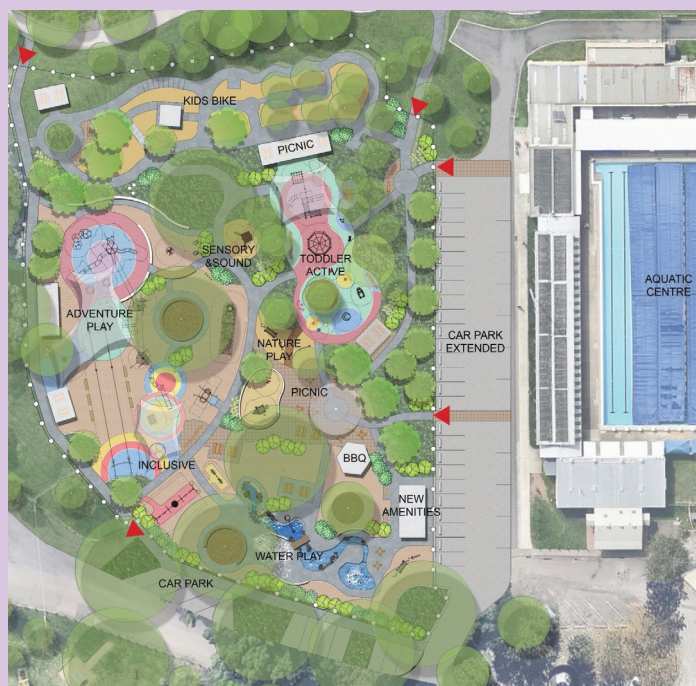


- upgrades to Broughton and Peter Streets, Rutherford
- resurfacing of Tabor and Verona Closes, Rutherford
- improvements along Maitland Vale Road, Hillsborough
- new parking bays installed along Heyes Street, Gillieston Heights
- resurfacing Kingfisher Lane, Woodberry
- improvements to Largs Avenue, Largs
- stabilising Luskintyre Road, Luskintyre.

Work is also complete on a new car park at Maitland Park, with 129 car parks now open to the community. A spacious open lawn area is being established next to the site, which is set to open later this year once the grass has had time to grow. Read Council's Operational Plan 2025-26 for more information about upcoming road upgrades at mait.city/DPOP

Maitland Park Master Plan and Citywide Playspace Concept Plan

An updated Maitland Park Master Plan and Citywide Playspace Concept Plan have officially been endorsed by Council. Following community consultation on both projects, these plans have now been updated to reflect your feedback including relocation of the cricket net complex, improved pathway connections to the outer field amenities, a bigger focus on water play, accessibility and sound and sensory items for the playspace, as well as more shade and maximising green space. These projects will help us achieve our vision of a connected city with thriving communities by providing a more vibrant civic space for the people of Maitland. While currently unfunded, Council will continue to seek funding opportunities for the staged delivery of these projects, with timelines to be determined once funding is secured. For more information, visit mait.city/MaitlandParkMasterPlan or mait.city/MaitlandParkPlayspace



Join the conversation

Providing feedback allows communities to be active participants in shaping their own future and play a part in positive change. Join the conversation and receive updates on topics important to you at mait.city/Engage

Projects under review

Community Infrastructure Strategy

The Community Infrastructure Strategy (CIS) will guide how we plan, fund and deliver community infrastructure over the next 20 years. Between May and July, we chatted to over 500 residents at local events, shopping centres and online. Your input is currently under review and will inform the final plan. Follow the project at mait.city/CIS



Draft 2025 Maitland Development Control Plan

During June and July, we spoke to the community about our draft 2025 Maitland Development Control Plan. Community information sessions were held across Maitland, Rutherford, Ashtonfield and Millers Forest, so you could provide feedback on this important planning document which outlines citywide design guidelines. Submissions are now closed and we'll consider all the feedback received before a determination on the draft document is made by councillors later this year. Follow the project at mait.city/DCP

Maitland natural disaster impacts

In July and August, we heard from flood-affected residents, business owners and community organisations about how the May 2025 floods impacted them, from financial loss and emotional stress, to business disruptions and service delivery challenges. This lived experience data is now being reviewed and will help Council advocate for better funding and support to aid Maitland's recovery and improve how we prepare for and respond to future disasters. Follow the project at mait.city/FloodImpact



What's on

Maitland Riverlights

The Levee Central Maitland | Tuesday 7 October to Saturday 11 October

Maitland Riverlights is set to transform The Levee Central Maitland into a vibrant global village, celebrating up to 50 cultures from around the world. Pick up your cultural passport and immerse yourself in a day of live music, dynamic performances, delicious food and exciting cultural experiences.

Save the date for the city's biggest cultural celebration, kicking off on Tuesday 7 October with a week of activities leading up to the main event at The Levee on Saturday 11 October from 2pm to 9pm.

Proudly funded by the NSW Government in partnership with Maitland City Council, with The Mutual Bank joining as presenting partner for 2025.

For more information, visit maitlandriverlights.com.au



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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.

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For your calendar



Australian Poetry Slam:
Maitland Heat
East Maitland Library
6pm to 8pm, Thursday 28
August



The Maitland and Morpeth
String Quartet
Maitland Regional Art Gallery
6.30pm to 8pm, Friday 5
September



Bling and Bloom
The Levee Central Maitland
10am to 2pm, Saturday 20
September



Street Eats – Aberglasslyn
Golden Whistler Park
5pm to 8pm, Friday 26
September



Maitland Roller Disco
Harold Gregson Reserve
5pm to 8pm, Saturday 27
September



Pregnant woman
Maitland Regional Art Gallery
Open until Sunday 28
September



Sydney Comedy Festival
Showcase
Maitland Town Hall
7.30pm to 9.30pm
Thursday 9 October



Street Eats – Chisholm
Whitewater Park
5pm to 8pm, Friday 31
October



Auslan Interpreted
Gallery Tour
Maitland Regional Art Gallery
2pm to 3pm, Saturday 1
November



Maitland Roller Disco
Harold Gregson Reserve
5pm to 9pm, Saturday 8
November