

MAITLAND NEWS

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Mayor
Philip Penfold

Mayor's message

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas, Maitland! As we approach the end of yet another amazing year, we're planning lots of festive fun for our whole community to enjoy. From a Christmas Movie Night and Santa photos at The Levee to our annual Christmas light competition, there's plenty on offer to get you and your family in the holiday spirit.

As many start to wind down for the year, we continue to deliver a range of improvements across our city. Road improvements are a key focus, with crews finalising several upgrades, including Trappaud Road in Louth Park and Anambah Road, Anambah. Work is ongoing on several major projects, including upgrades to Maitland's Resource Recovery Facility and the amenities building at Max McMahon Oval in Rutherford. We've also recently completed an amenities upgrade at Cooks Square Park, East Maitland and opened a new accessible toilet block at Porter Place, Lochinvar. We have lots more planned for the future of our city, so watch this space.

I'm looking forward to rounding out the year with our annual New Year's Eve event at The Levee Central Maitland, sponsored by Valley Estate Agents. Join us for some delicious food, live entertainment and a brilliant fireworks display over the Hunter River to ring in 2026. Best wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year, Maitland.

Philip 

Connect with your councillors



Christmas in Maitland

Maitland is set to shine this festive season with a range of events and activities bringing Christmas cheer to the community. In the spirit of giving, Council is once again supporting the Mayor's Christmas Toy and Food Appeal, in collaboration with Maitland Region Community Support and the Susan Roskell Toy Drive. Thanks to the generosity of our community, we're helping to put together toy and food hampers for families in need across Maitland this Christmas.

From the lighting of the city's iconic 11-metre Christmas tree to the return of much-loved traditions like the Christmas Movie Night on Saturday 6 December featuring *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, and our Best Christmas Street Lights competition, there's plenty to enjoy across the city.

The celebrations continue at The Levee Central Maitland, where families can enjoy Santa photos and A Merry Little Christmas mini market, featuring boutique shopping, produce stalls and festive fun for all ages. For more information, visit mait.city/WhatsOnMaitland



Speaking up for Maitland

Council has adopted the Partnerships and Advocacy Strategy 2025-2026, setting a clear, community-informed roadmap of city-shaping priorities.

Many key projects, from roads and transport links to recreation and community facilities, rely on decisions and investment from other levels of government. This Strategy positions Council to advocate and leverage opportunities to deliver outcomes for our community.

It identifies unfunded priority projects and provides a focused advocacy agenda across housing, transport, sustainability, disaster resilience and more. Together, we can create a connected city with thriving communities.

Explore the Strategy at mait.city/Advocacy



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Projects open for input

Social Strategy

We're developing a new Social Strategy to build a more connected and inclusive Maitland. Over the coming months, we'll ask residents what matters most and how to make Maitland a place where everyone belongs. Join pop-ups, workshops, or share your thoughts online via polls, surveys, and digital vision boards at mait.city/SocialStrategy. A child-friendly survey is available for kids to take part.



Sign up to win

We want to hear from you. Join the conversation and engage with us on the topics important to you. Register at mait.city/Engage to receive updates on current projects and be notified about new projects that might interest you.

Sign up before 11 January 2026 for your chance to win a \$100 voucher. Terms and conditions apply.



Projects under review

Recently, you've provided input on a range of projects shaping how Maitland grows, moves, and connects — from community spaces and infrastructure to development planning and design — helping Maitland progress toward our shared vision of a connected city with thriving communities. See all current projects under review and opportunities to have your say at mait.city/Engage

Community Infrastructure Strategy (public exhibition coming soon)

Thousands of locals told us what community spaces matter most, from pools and playspaces to libraries, sportsgrounds, and public toilets. Your input will shape investment in these facilities, and you'll have another chance to comment when the draft Strategy goes on exhibition in a few months. Follow the project at mait.city/CommunityInfrastructureStrategy

Development Control Plan

The draft for Maitland's new Development Control Plan (DCP) finished public exhibition in August, with more than 250 submissions received. We heard from you on a range of issues related to development across the Maitland area. These submissions are now being reviewed and considered before the draft DCP returns to Council in early 2026 for consideration. Follow the project at mait.city/DCP





Projects being delivered

Economic Development Strategy

After more than 75 engagement opportunities, your ideas helped shape Maitland's 10-year Economic Development Strategy, now endorsed by Council. The Strategy aims to strengthen Maitland's economic future and support the wellbeing of our people and places. Follow the project at mait.city/EDS



Now more accessible!

Our engagement platform now features customisable accessibility tools and translation for 15 languages. Check it out at mait.city/Engage

Two-year milestone for Environmental Sustainability Strategy

Since adopting our Environmental Sustainability Strategy in October 2023, we've made strides towards a greener, more sustainable Maitland. From shaping a healthy and resilient natural environment to cutting reliance on non-renewables, here are some key achievements. See the full scorecard at mait.city/ESS



13,000

native seedlings planted across our Green and Blue Grid



5,000

streetlights upgraded to LED in partnership with Ausgrid



100%

renewable energy sources across all Council facilities from 1 January 2025



40%

decrease in operational emissions



18,784kg

misfit waste collected through RecycleSmart program



5

Council facilities fitted with EV charging stations

Major projects

Road remediation: strengthening Maitland's road network for the future

Maitland is home to more than 750km of roads, which require regular maintenance and upgrades depending on a road's age, condition, and traffic volume. Works may include:

Pothole patching – Cold-mix asphalt provides a quick, temporary fix for safety in wet or cold conditions. Hot-mix asphalt offers a longer-lasting, smoother repair but is only effective in dry, warm weather.

Heavy patching – Damaged sections are cut out for extensive repair, the base upgraded, and new asphalt laid to restore the road.

Reseal and asphalt resurfacing – Resealing applies a waterproof layer to seal and protect rural and residential roads, spraying hot bitumen, laying stones on top and rolling them to seal cracks and restore skid resistance. Asphalt resurfacing involves laying new asphalt over worn surfaces to create a smooth, durable finish, ideal for high-traffic urban streets.

Stabilisation – Weak road bases are strengthened by mixing in binding agents before applying a new surface, extending the road's life.

Reconstruction – Roads at the end of their life need a complete rebuild, replacing all layers and often including drainage and kerb upgrades.

Recent improvements include Trappaud Road, Louth Park (pictured), Anambah Road, Anambah, and Largs Avenue, Largs. Council is spending more than \$31 million on roads this financial year, and is committed to delivering a strong road network for the community now and into the future.

Keep track of road closures at mait.city/RoadWorks



Cooks Square Park home to brand new amenities

East Maitland sporting clubs and athletes will be more match-ready than ever, with a new \$1.15 million amenity building now open at Cooks Square Park. Jointly funded by the NSW and Australian Governments, the upgrade delivers modern, gender inclusive and accessible changerooms for athletes of all levels and abilities. The improvements are a boost for local clubs, including Maitland Football Club, and will benefit the community for years to come. We've also completed drainage works to improve facility operations. Council thanks Maitland FC, the wider community, and our funding partners for their patience during the extended construction period. For more on the recent upgrades, visit mait.city/CooksSquarePark

Plans locked in for new waste transfer station

The landfill at Maitland Resource Recovery Facility on Mount Vincent Road will reach capacity in 2028, prompting a long-term solution for managing, transporting and appropriately processing Maitland's waste.

We're moving forward with plans for a new waste transfer station (pictured) to improve recycling outcomes, customer experience, and deliver a more efficient, sustainable facility.

Detailed design will run through 2025–26, with construction expected to start late next year. We're also exploring infrastructure and funding options for future improvements, as we target a landfill diversion rate of 80 per cent by 2030. Follow the project's progress at mait.city/MRRF



What's on

New Year's Eve | Sponsored by Valley Estate Agents

On 31 December, celebrate New Year's Eve in style at Maitland's iconic event, presented by Maitland City Council and Valley Estate Agents. Enjoy a family-friendly evening of food, entertainment, and fun along the riverbank at The Levee Central Maitland, ending with a spectacular 9pm fireworks display (pictured). Find out more at mait.city/MaitlandNYE



Australia Day

Celebrate Australia Day in Maitland with a full day of family-friendly fun and community celebration on 26 January 2026. Highlights include a free BBQ breakfast at Maitland Park with entertainment, classic car displays, a petting zoo, inflatable sports games, and free entry to Maitland and East Maitland Aquatic Centres. We'll welcome new citizens at the Australia Day Official Ceremony, before winding down the day with Dive in Cinema, at Maitland Aquatic Centre. Find out more at mait.city/AusDay2026



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.

Disclaimer

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Council events for your calendar



The Levee Black Friday Sale
The Levee Central Maitland
1 Nov to 30 Nov



Young Maitland Writers Group
Maitland City Library
Wed 26 Nov, 3.30pm to 5pm



Conversations: Art and
Dementia
Maitland Regional Art Gallery
Tues 25 Nov, 2pm to 3.30pm
Thurs 4 Dec, 10.30am to 12pm
Tues 16 Dec, 2pm to 3.30pm



Santa photos at The Levee
The Riverlink at The Levee
Thurs 27 Nov to Sat 20 Dec,
varied session times:
mait.city/SantaPhotos



MRAG's 50 year celebration
Garden Party Soiree
Maitland Regional Art Gallery
Sat 29 Nov, 3pm to 6pm



Food waste avoidance
workshop: The Great Unwaste
East Maitland Library
Tues 2 Dec, 10am to 11am



A Merry Little Christmas
market
The Levee Shared Zone
Sat 13 Dec, 10am to 2pm



Household Chemical CleanOut
Cleanaway Depot
41 Kyle Street, Rutherford
Sat 20 Dec, 9am to 3.30pm



Federation 125 exhibition
Maitland Administration
Centre (MAC)
5 to 28 Jan 2026, MAC
business hours



Maitland Roller Disco
Harold Gregson Reserve
Sat 28 Feb 2026, 5pm to 9pm



Summer Night Sounds
x Dashville*
Harold Gregson Reserve
Sat 28 Feb 2026, 4pm to 9pm

*Council sponsored event.

Find other events at
mait.city/WhatsOnMaitland