



# SUNDAY FAMILY FUNDAYS

NOW ON AT ALL 3 POOLS!

**FREE** entry into Cessnock, Branxton & Kurri Kurri pools EVERY Sunday from 10am until close!

Running until the last Sunday in February.



## Cessnock City News

January 2019



Council and local community members showing off our beautiful LGA to the national Tidy Town Assessor after Cessnock was named the 2018 NSW Tidiest Town in the iconic Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Sustainable Communities Awards.

## Message from the Mayor

Happy New Year Cessnock! A new year is an exciting time for goal setting and achieving. Here at Cessnock City Council it is no different. We are looking forward to working hard over the next 12 months to see what we can achieve.

2018 was certainly a successful year for Council and our community. It marked the first full year of operation of the Cessnock Waste Management Centre and we celebrated one year of the Garden Organics Kerbside Collection Service.

Over the last twelve months Council has been acknowledged and received national, state and regional recognition. Council accepted over 14 awards for programs and services. Cessnock was named NSW Tidiest Town in the iconic Keep Australia Beautiful NSW 2018 Sustainable Communities Awards, a huge achievement for our community and a reflection of dedicated Council staff and community organisations. The award recognises ongoing commitment to civic pride, community spirit, community partnerships and other

environmental achievements. A number of community programs also took home awards, including the Cessnock Regional Art Gallery, Yengo Gallery Wollombi and the group who coordinate the Wollombi Display Board. Cessnock is now in the running for the national Tidy Town Award which will be announced in March.

Our Economic Development team also took home a national award at the National Economic Development Awards. Council's Cessnock City Youth First Employment Project and National Toolkit took out the nation's top prize for Economic Development Strategic Thinking.

No doubt we have another busy and bright year ahead in the Cessnock Local Government Area. One of our much loved and well attended events, the Cessnock Seniors Festival is just around the corner. I look forward to seeing many of you enjoying one of the variety of activities on offer.

To keep up to date with our latest projects visit our website, follow us on Social Media or come in and say hello.

Cessnock City Mayor,  
Councillor Bob Pynsent

# RECYCLING UPDATE

The introduction of the National Sword Policy by the Chinese Government has had a significant impact on the cost of our kerbside recycling service. This Policy limits the acceptable contamination rate on recyclable material to 0.5 to 1%, and the closure of reprocessing facilities over time.

The Policy has resulted in increased operational and processing costs that cannot be sustained by our current collection contractor without an increase in the service cost.

## 2019 WASTE EVENTS

Council holds a number of free drop off events throughout the year to assist residents manage their waste.

Check out our waste calendar and make the most of these services.

On 19 September, 2018 Council resolved to meet the increased service cost for the 2018/19 financial year. Council will recover the increased service costs in 2019/20 and 2020/21 through the domestic waste management charge. For more information visit [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/recycling](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/recycling).

We're also proudly supporting the 'Save our Recycling' state-wide campaign. Residents are encouraged to join us in urging the NSW Government to invest 100% of the waste levy collected from councils back into waste and recycling.

### HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEANOUT



### MATTRESS DROP OFFS



Cessnock Community Recycling Centre has had a successful first year. You've dropped off:



9.8 T of motor oil



15.4 T of gas cylinders



28.1 T of paint

74.5 tonnes of problem waste



11.2 T of other materials



For event times, locations and conditions, visit [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/otherwaste](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/otherwaste)

## Building better bridges 2019

This year we're investing over \$3 million in local bridges that are due for a much needed upgrade. The Cessnock Local Government Area is home to over 40 timber bridges. We're continuing to work hard to replace bridges that have deteriorated over time and that are subject to load limits or reduced speed limits to help stop further deterioration to the structure.

Works have now commenced to replace Whittings Bridge, Quorrobolong. The new structure will be a two lane concrete bridge and will enable the removal of the speed restriction currently in place. This project is funded under the Federal Government's Bridges Renewal Program.

Plans are also under way to replace Paynes Crossing Bridge which is located on Paynes Crossing Road. Due to the condition of the bridge it has been load limited to six tonnes. Council secured funding under the Federal Government's Bridges Renewal Program and the NSW Government's Restart NSW Fixing Country Roads Program to complete this project.

Milson Arm Bridge located on Milsons Arm Road, south of Wollombi will also be replaced. As the bridge is the only form of access for residents living on this road we're making sure the work will be done quickly. Where possible road closures will be done overnight and in non-peak periods.

These three projects are important for our community. They will not only assist in improving travel times but most importantly provide for better road safety. To keep up to date with these projects visit [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/roads](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/community/roads).

## Big progress for Bridges Hill



Our crew working on the playground. You can see the children's bike track is looking fantastic.

Cessnock's Bridges Hill Park Playground will be a must visit once complete. The project is worth \$4 million and funded under the Federal Government's National Stronger Regions Fund, NSW Government's Stronger Country Communities Fund and Restart NSW. It's shaping up to be a wonderful community space that will attract residents of all ages.

The new adventure playground will have everything from swings, climbing decks, enclosed toddler play space, balance beams, obstacle course, basketball hoop, yarning circle and sensory bush tucker garden. A fitness station, BBQ and picnic area are also set to be very popular additions to the park. Visitors to the park will also enjoy spectacular views across Cessnock to the Brokenback Ranges from a number of viewing platforms and seating that will be installed.

We're also undertaking significant works to improve access to this fantastic community space. Our crews have undertaken work to widen footpaths, install stair access and wayfinding signage from the CBD. Access works will continue with the installation of interpretation signs and native revegetation.

Over the last month the crew finalised pouring concrete for the bike track, the installation of signage, bike tunnel and fitness equipment. To keep up to date with this significant community upgrade visit [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/bridgeshillproject](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/bridgeshillproject).



**FIND THE  
WAY HOME**  
**MICROCHIP & BE FOUND**

*with love comes* **RESPONSIBILITY**

## Mayoral Scholarships Open!

The Mayoral Scholarships are open again for residents looking to further their education. This program is aimed at supporting those in our community who are working hard to build a career and are enrolled to study this year. A number of scholarships are up for grabs in a variety of areas.

If you're studying at university or TAFE you may be eligible for one of the nine scholarships. The scholarships are \$2,500 and can be used at the recipient's discretion to support their studies. Textbooks, travel or tools can be very costly, this can take some of the pressure off and allow a student to focus on their study.

You must be a resident of the Cessnock Local Government Area to apply. Please read the criteria for each scholarship carefully.

Applications are now open and close **Friday 1 March 2019**. For more information and to apply online visit

[www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/council/mayor/scholarships](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/council/mayor/scholarships).

- ✓ scholarships are for one year and valued at \$2,500!
- ✓ open to Cessnock students enrolled at TAFE or Uni
- ✓ there are nine different scholarships on offer
- ✓ applications close on the 1 March 2019

Visit [www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/council/mayor/scholarships](http://www.cessnock.nsw.gov.au/council/mayor/scholarships)



[cessnock.nsw.gov.au/poolsafety](http://cessnock.nsw.gov.au/poolsafety)

**ARE YOU WATCHING**  
Be aware and keep watch at all times

**BE POOL SAFE**



**What's  
on?**



Now -24 February

**SUNDAY FAMILY  
FUNDAYS**



26 January 2019

**AUSTRALIA  
DAY**

9 February 2019

**CPAC SEASON  
LAUNCH**

13-26 February 2019

**SENIORS  
FESTIVAL**

10-18 April 2019

**YOUTH  
WEEK**



**STAY IN  
TOUCH**



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