



The community turned out in force to celebrate together

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Celebrating Aboriginal survival

Inner West Council was proud to launch the new Aboriginal Survival Memorial in Yeo Park, Ashfield.

Council commissioned this work, the first of three survival memorials to be created across the Inner West. The other two will be in Tempe and Balmain East.

“The aim of these works is to celebrate and recognise the heroic story of Indigenous resilience over the last 230 years,” said Mayor Darcy Byrne.

The artwork, called “Breathe”, by Nicole Monks and Maddison Gibbs, features 243 sandstone boulders which act as portals to ancient stories and as a focus for reflection and reconciliation.

“We came up with this concept in response to a callout for a survival memorial from Inner West Council. We wanted to focus on the resilience and connection to our old people,” said artist Nicole Monks.

“This artwork is beautiful and spectacular and will become an attraction for people from all over Sydney

to come to Yeo Park as well as an important way for children and young people to learn about Indigenous history,” said Mayor Darcy Byrne.

A huge crowd of supporters and locals joined the opening event for a community BBQ.



Detail of “Breathe” by Nicole Monks and Maddison Gibbs



Our town halls are set to be world-leading arts and culture venues

Seven Inner West town halls ready to open as arts venues

The conversion of all seven Inner West town halls to arts and culture venues is set to be turbo-charged with an \$800K investment in sound systems, audio-visual equipment, performance and recording

equipment to be used across the venues.

Council has also decided to make the venues available free of charge to arts and cultural organisations.

To further support our creative community, Council has also created a concierge service to assist artists and organisations to identify the best venue for them and to curate the use of venues.

Biennale boost for local business

Inner West Council is operating a free shuttle bus service for Biennale patrons to travel to Darling Street's restaurant, bars and pubs precinct.

"Council is seeking to maximise the benefits of the Biennale at our Power Station and getting locals and visitors to extend their day to enjoy our hospitality is a win for everyone," said Mayor Darcy Byrne.

Council is also supporting local businesses with the launch of a marketing campaign to encourage visitors to plan for a meal and drinks at local venues when coming to the Power Station.

Look out for the Biennale to Darling Street Express bus. Its route will stop at multiple locations along the Darling Street precinct. It's available every weekend from 11am to 6pm through to 9 June.

Scan the QR code for more info



The Biennale to Darling St Express will open up Balmain and Rozelle for Biennale visitors



Making our streets safer

Inner West Council has voted unanimously to implement 40km/h speed limits on local streets within the Inner West Local Government Area.

Inner West Council and Transport for NSW (TfNSW) worked closely together on this and Council will seek approval and funding from TfNSW to expedite the delivery of the plan.

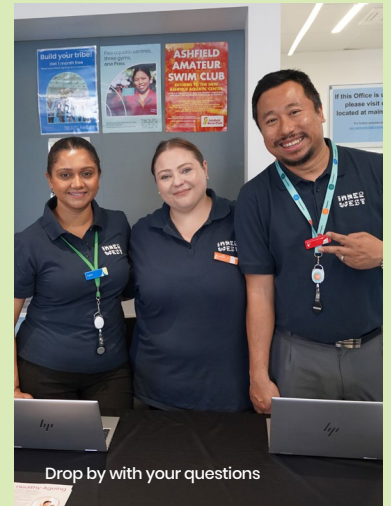
The average vehicle speed in the Inner West is already below 40km/h. Adopting uniform and

safer speeding limits will help increase community safety.

Council can achieve this with minimal inconvenience to the travelling public.

Council's study showed that a weekday trip from Birchgrove to Marrickville will only take 16 seconds longer.

A weekend journey on the same route was an additional 36 seconds, making it a small price to pay for a safer community.



Unbeatable customer service

Council's hugely popular Mobile Customer Service Stalls continue to provide a steady stream of support to all residents around the Inner West.

Our Customer Service team bring their expertise to various accessible venues from Tuesday to Friday, and Saturday mornings. They're ready to assist you with any query. Check the schedule, plan your visit, and experience the efficiency as your council service team makes themselves available to residents, providing answers and assistance in a welcoming and convenient atmosphere.

Scan this QR code for the Mobile Customer Service Stall schedule:



De-amalgamation decision

The NSW Government formed Inner West Council in 2016 by bringing together Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville councils.

In December 2021, a non-binding poll was conducted in which the Inner West community voted to de-amalgamate the existing Council and return to the three former councils.

Inner West Council prepared a de-amalgamation business case and submitted it to the Boundaries Commission for a fair and independent assessment.

In March 2024, the Boundaries Commission's report recommended that the proposed de-amalgamation of Inner West Council should not proceed, stating this would be the best outcome

for residents and ratepayers of the current local government area.

On 15 March, the Boundaries Commission's recommendations were accepted and handed down.

The result of the independent assessment was that the Inner West Council should not be abolished and recognised the huge cost and impact a demerger would have had on services for residents.

The fight for Leichhardt Oval goes on

The fight to get fair funding to save Sydney's most iconic sports ground continues in earnest.

While other grounds have had hundreds of millions of dollars poured into them in the last fifteen years, Leichhardt Oval has received nothing.

The famous old ground is not just the spiritual home of the Wests Tigers NRL side, it will also host more than 120 sporting fixtures of mens' and womens' rugby league, soccer and rugby union this year. This is proof that "the Eighth Wonder of the World" is not just the best-loved but also the hardest working suburban ground in Sydney. This includes 28 womens' fixtures as we continue to grow Leichhardt Oval as a hub for women's sport.

To secure the future of the ground, Inner West Council has written to the State and Federal Governments seeking a joint

funding partnership based on our Leichhardt Oval Masterplan.

The masterplan makes clear that a modest investment will make a massive difference to the multitude of senior and junior, men's and women's teams and spectators who regularly use Leichhardt Oval.

We are not seeking to build another major stadium, but rather modernise and upgrade facilities for spectators and athletes, make it suitable as a growing hub for women's sport and maintain the heritage of the Keith Barnes Stand and Wayne Pearce Hill.

We will continue the fight to save the most loved and utilised suburban sporting facility in Sydney, so it remains safe and open for our community.

Leichhardt future dire



Tigers' \$30m Leichhardt plea rejected as 'real fear' of upgrading NRL icon revealed

EXCLUSIVE: Inner West Council gives Leichhardt Oval two-year shelf life to host NRL matches

Leichhardt Oval Crisis: Funding Denied, Future Uncertain for Sydney's Iconic Stadium

Minns rejects Tigers' plea for Leichhardt Oval funding

\$6.5 million upgrade of Camdenville Park

Council has commenced a \$6.5 million upgrade of Camdenville Park at St Peters.

Council has fought hard to have this park returned to the community after the former NSW Government acquired it for WestConnex construction. The much-needed upgrade for this precious public space includes all aspects of the park. The sports field will see a new subsurface drainage system to improve drainage, LED floodlighting, and new higher-level natural sports turf for the sports field.

The childrens' playground will be upgraded with new inclusive play equipment that is accessible and suitable for all ages.

For the overall park area, there will be a new pedestrian circuit and link paths, including a shared path for walking and cycling and a new BMX pump track and toddlers pump track to meet the growing demand for this sport.

The Peter Bulger Wetlands will also receive new native plants and landscaping to improve stormwater quality.

Camdenville Park is getting a significant upgrade



More help with red bin collection

Inner West Council has further strengthened our food recycling service by providing a free, opt-in weekly red bin collection for residents who need more support.

From 8 April, residents are able to register for the opt-in weekly service.

Residents can register for weekly collection by calling 9392 5000 Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 5pm. Information on the service can be found by scanning the QR code below.

There is also a range of other support still available to households needing help with transition to food recycling, including registering for a larger, 240L red bin and registering for extra red bin collections in the off-week when required.

Food recycling in the Inner West is proving to be a huge success with large-scale uptake across the community leading to very high tonnages of organic waste being recycled and the carbon emissions of the Inner West community being massively reduced.

Since the start of the new service in October we have diverted 8,900 tonnes of organic waste to



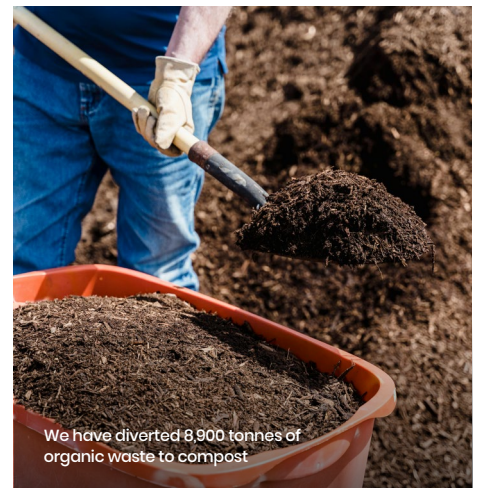
The new opt-in service launches

compost, instead of it rotting in landfill.

The methane and carbon emissions saved is the equivalent of having taken more than 13,426 cars off the road for one year.

This represents the single biggest contribution the Inner West community has ever made to reducing emissions and combatting climate change.

Scan this QR code for more info



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Upgrading Tempe, St Peters and Sydenham

A blitz of Tempe, St Peters and Sydenham to clean and enhance the roadways and footpaths will be undertaken over the next two years.

Council will spend \$3.62 million on 18 streets and footpath and local road upgrades over the next two years. Work will also include landscaping traffic gardens, verge mowing, litter removal, weed removal, mulching, replanting and pruning.

In addition, Council will be constructing the Mary Street to Sydenham Cycleway, linking St Peters and Sydenham Station, along with new kerb and footpath extensions, to be completed by early 2025 at an expected cost of \$1.4 million.



Street upgrades are being delivered

A brave son of Haberfield

Abel Richmond Sheath, a young accountant from Haberfield, was appointed 2nd lieutenant in November 1915 following a short stint at officer school and lieutenant in December 1916, a month after arriving in France.

On the Western Front, Lieutenant Sheath endured trench life for 20 months and received recognition for his gallantry and leadership when successfully commanding his unit under fire despite his own wounds. For this, he was awarded the Military Cross in October 1917.

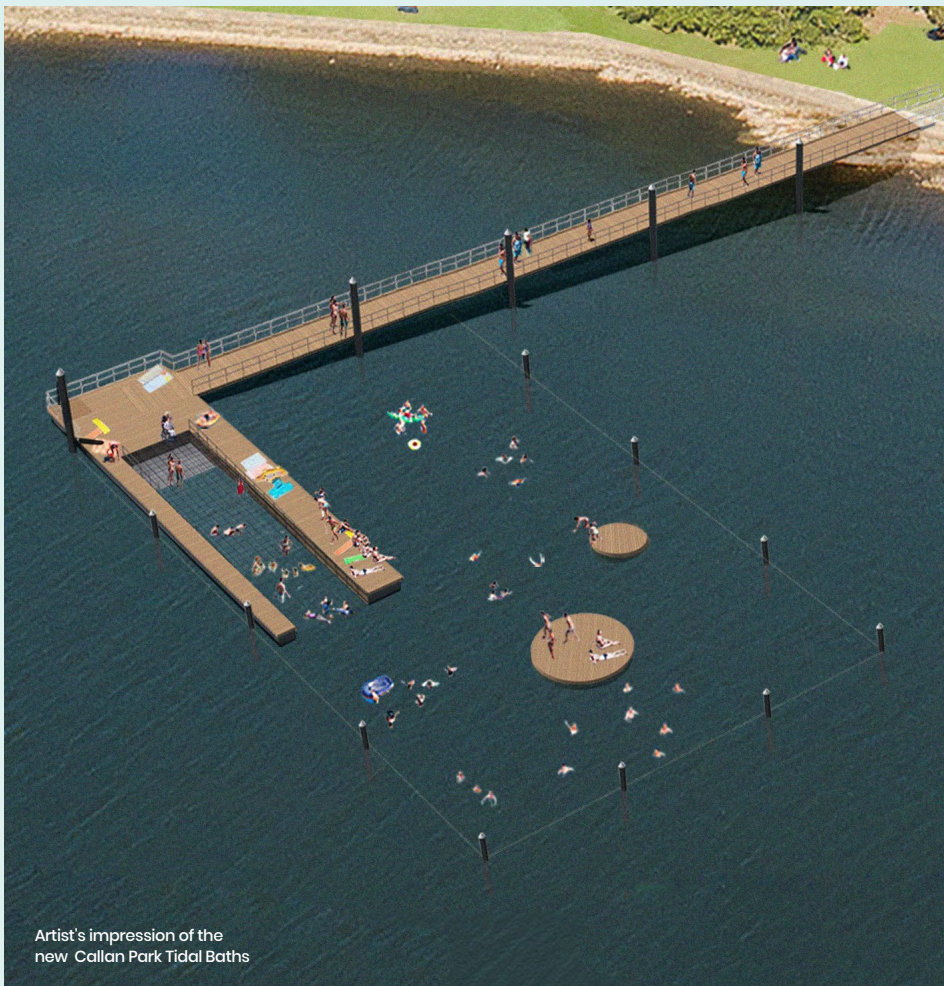
Lieutenant Sheath was one of the thousands of Australian troops wounded and killed in the desperate combat around Amiens and Villers-Bretonneux in the final months of the war. Wounded in action and on his way to a dressing station, he was reportedly killed instantly by a sniper's bullet when he stopped to help other wounded soldiers. He was 28 years of age.

A casualty of one of the last major battles of the First World War, Lieutenant Sheath was remembered in an August 1939 ceremony in Haberfield less than two weeks before the outbreak of World War Two, which would take the lives of another generation of young Australian men and women.



Group portrait including Lieutenant (Lt) Abel Richmond Sheath, MC, 18th Battalion, of Haberfield, sitting front left. Image courtesy of Australian War Memorial

History Highlight



New tidal baths at Callan Park is coming

Council is taking the next step in making the Callan Park Tidal Baths a reality for our community.

After exhaustive testing it's now time to hear the community's ideas on design and construction. The design will deliver a family-oriented recreational facility and provide safe, accessible swimming for the whole community.

The layout is respectful of the state significant heritage and visual character of Callan Park. A new accessible pathway at the site will integrate the swimming areas with the existing features of the parkland. Don't miss out on your chance to have your say about this beautiful new swim site on the harbour.
















You can have your say online. Scan the QR code for more info.



Artist's impression of the new Callan Park Tidal Baths

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Ashfield Aquatic Centre

Dawn Fraser Baths
Balmain

Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre
Petersham

Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre

Waterplay Park

Illawarra Road, Marrickville South



What's On Inner West

For more information about what's on visit innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Customer Service Stalls and Local Matters Forum

The next Customer Service Stall is on Saturday 27 April, 10am-1pm at Marrickville Metro.

Check the QR code for other mobile customer service timings.

You can also have your voice heard by getting along to your Local Matters Forum. Come along and have your local matters questions discussed at the face-to-face meeting.

Balmain-Baludarrri residents can take part in their next Local Matters Forum on 23 April at 6pm at Orange Grove Public School, Perry Street, Lilyfield.

Scan the QR code to find local customer service activities.



Marrickville Pause

Don't miss the Marrickville Pause. This new, free festival is an artist-run event featuring a line-up of local bands on an outdoor stage.

Check out stalls and a pop-up gallery. Get screen printing with Carizza Designs and print your own tote bag to take home.

Marrickville Pause is a free, inclusive and all-ages event. The event is supported by Inner West Council via their Live Music Activation Program.

Where: Gerald Street, Marrickville
When: Sunday 5 May, 12-5pm

Chrissie Cotter Gallery

'My mother...' group exhibition

This exhibition comprises works by 25 artists around the theme of their mothers.

With such a vast, universal theme discover a wide of artworks including ceramic, paint, embroidery, paper, felt, crochet and photography.

A percentage of takings will be donated to the Older Women's Network NSW (OWN).

Where: Chrissie Cotter Gallery,
31A Pidcock St, Camperdown
When: 24 April - 12 May



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