



Everyone is welcome
to join the ANZAC Day
Dawn Service

Lest we forget

The Inner West community will once again come together at services across the community to commemorate ANZAC Day. Inner West Council in conjunction with the Balmain Rozelle RSL Sub Branch will hold an ANZAC Day Dawn Service.

The Balmain War Memorial is a historic landmark on the peninsula. The memorial initially commemorated the local men who lost their lives in the Dardanelles campaign. The 38 local men who died in this campaign have their names listed on the four marble tablets on each side of the monument. During WWI, around 5000 Balmain local men enlisted – this was nearly the entire eligible men in the area. New names have been added over the years from later wars.

ANZAC services will also be held in Ashfield and Petersham and are open to everyone. Petersham RSL is also hosting an ANZAC event.

► Balmain Service, Balmain Rozelle RSL Sub Branch

When: Friday 25 April, 6am sharp and includes catafalque party, laying of wreaths and a guest speaker

Where: Balmain War Memorial, Loyalty Square, Balmain

► Ashfield Service, Ashfield RSL Sub Branch

When: Friday 25 April, 10 am for 10.15am start

Where: The Obelisk in Ashfield park, corner of Parramatta Road and Orpington Street, Ashfield. Note: in the event of poor weather, the service will be held at the Waratah Room at Ashfield RSL.

► Petersham Service, Petersham RSL Sub Branch

When: Friday 25 April, 6am

Where: Petersham Town Hall, 107 Crystal St, Petersham

Check Petersham RSL website for event details.



New Tempe Reserve amenities block

Council has completed building the new amenities block for Tempe Reserve.

This upgrade is part of our overall investment in Tempe Reserve which has included upgrading the sportsfield's surfaces, flood lighting and upgrading the popular Robyn Webster Centre.

The new amenities block includes new modular sports amenities, change rooms, storage and a canteen.

Accessible amenities and pathways and new public toilets including an accessible toilet, have also been included in the new facilities.

FOGO is coming to Inner West schools

Food Organics and Garden Organics is expanding to include local Inner West schools.

Introducing FOGO provides a unique opportunity to divert a large volume of food waste from landfill.

In its first year of FOGO, Inner West Council collected 17,546 tonnes of FOGO – the equivalent of over 36,000 tonnes of CO₂.

Weekly collections will be available to schools who choose to participate.

The FOGO service provides children with an opportunity to learn about caring for the environment, and turns environmental knowledge into action.

Scan the QR code to find out how your school can get involved:



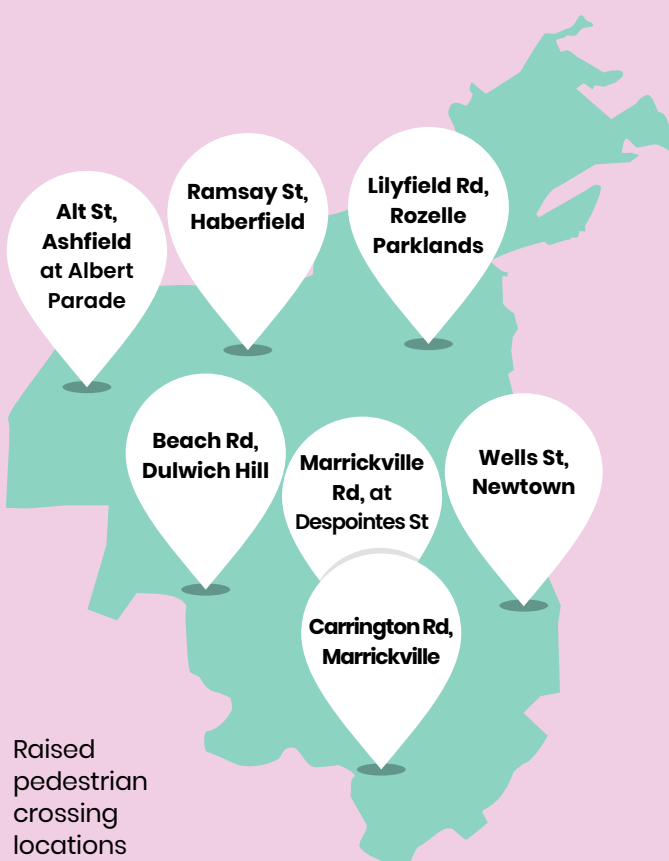
7 new raised pedestrian crossings

We've just delivered 7 new raised pedestrian crossings.

Raised crossings improve safety by better defining the crossing points and support pedestrian safety and driver behaviour at these locations.

Some of these crossings have replaced the existing at-grade flat crossings. All these works include upgraded signage and line marking.

Keep an eye out for them.



The GreenWay will transform our community

The Greenway is nearing completion. The opening of this active transport, biodiversity, and public art corridor connecting the Cooks River to Iron Cove will truly transform the Inner West.

Having a continuous, direct connection between the south and north of the Inner West will create exciting new opportunities for local people.

After two decades of advocacy and now several years of planning and constructing our largest ever infrastructure project, we are only weeks away from opening the Greenway. Even better, with the Sydney Metro Sydenham to Bankstown line to be completed later this year, we will also have very fast trains running every four minutes across the south of the Inner West.

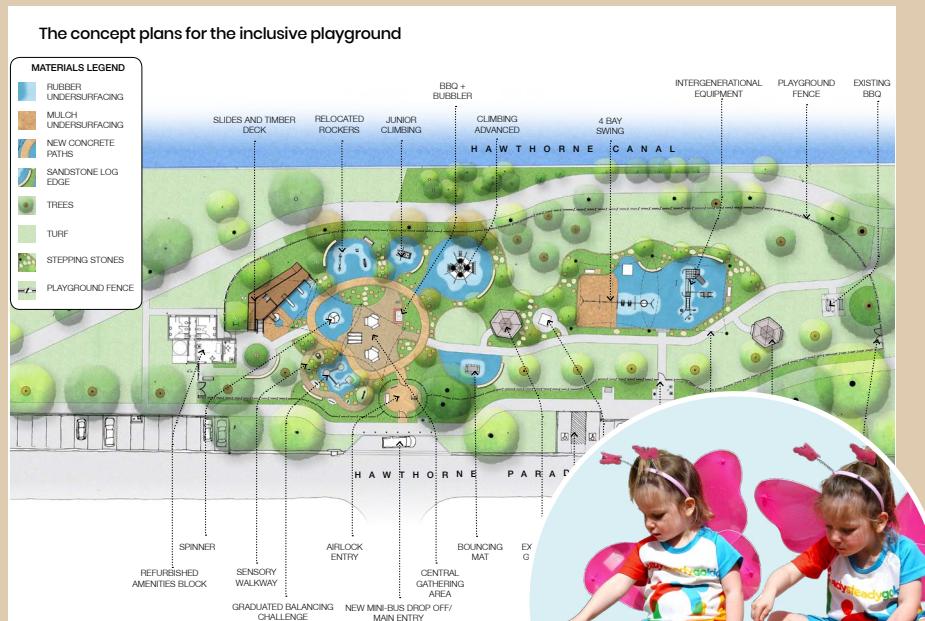
Combined, these two transport connections will change for the better the way that our whole community travels and open up new economic opportunities by attracting more people to the Inner West.

Over the next few months, we'll keep you closely updated and put forward ideas about how we can make the most of this world class infrastructure for our community.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



New inclusive playground

We have begun work on our second inclusive children's playground at Richard Murden Reserve in Haberfield Reserve.

This is the second of our 5 new inclusive playgrounds throughout the community.

Designed with input from the Touched by Olivia foundation, these playgrounds mean children

of all ages and abilities can experience the benefits of play together.

The new playground will include inclusive play equipment including slides and climbing towers, an inground trampoline, sensory spaces and quiet areas and new BBQs and picnic areas for everyone to enjoy.



Making our streets safer

Council is delivering the InnerWest@40 project which will see safer speed limits of 40km an hour on local streets.

With \$1.8 million funding from Transport for NSW, this will be rolled out in Marrickville, Tempe, Enmore and Newtown in high pedestrian areas to make it safer for the community.

In terms of safety; at 50 km/hr a pedestrian only has a 10% average chance of surviving. While at 40km/hr, a pedestrian has a 60% average chance of surviving.

Look out for the new street signs and line markings.



New signs in 40km zones



GreenWay nearing completion

We've hit another important milestone in the GreenWay.

At 8am on March 10, the last stage of the Longport Street tunnel under Lewisham West was excavated.

This tunnel will become a shared path and a microbat-friendly habitat and completes another link in this \$57 million project.

The GreenWay active travel corridor will run from the Cooks River to Iron Cove and will be completed this year.

Scan the QR code for more info:



Council abolishes childcare waitlist fees

In a recent council meeting, Inner West Council voted to abolish childcare waitlist fees from all Early Childhood Services.

Thanks to prudent financial management, it's possible to offer this cost of living relief to local families.

The high demand for early childhood education services in the Inner West means that families often need to join waitlists at multiple centres, compounding costs on family budgets with little to no certainty that they will obtain a place.

The removal of waitlist fees will apply to Council's pre-schools, early learning centres and family day care and come into effect later in July this year.



Childcare waitlist fees have been abolished



The community and local clubs celebrated the upgrades at Mackey Park

Mackey Park upgrade

Council has completed the upgrade of the Mackey Park sporting grounds.

The \$1.9 million investment has improved this much-loved space for locals and sporting clubs including the Marrickville Football Club and Marrickville Cricket Club. Improvements delivered include:

- ▶ Improved playing field surface and new turf
- ▶ Upgraded sporting ground irrigation and drainage
- ▶ New cricket nets
- ▶ Renewed synthetic cricket pitch
- ▶ New state-of-the-art LED floodlighting



Cost of living support for seniors

The Healthy Ageing team offers information sessions throughout the year on money management, accessing rebates, and financial support. To register your interest, email seniors@innerwestnsw.gov.au

The Cost of Living hub offers trusted advice on budgeting, rebates, and support programs, including the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS)—providing interest-free, fee-free loans for essential goods and services. Eligible seniors can also access NSW Government rebates for electricity, gas, medical equipment, and energy costs.

Scan to visit the seniors webpage for more details:



Newtown Jets and AFLW players with Councillor Chloe Smith, Mayor Darcy Byrne and AFL's Rob Auld

Henson Park upgrade gets a boost

Council is increasing investment in the major renovation of Henson Park to make sure that the facilities for spectators and fans will be as good as the modern change rooms we are constructing for the players.

The extra investment of \$5.5 million from Council and \$2 million from the AFL will secure Henson Park as a hub for women's AFL and the home of the mighty Newtown Jets.

The works will include:

- ▶ New coaches' boxes
- ▶ New public toilets
- ▶ A new canteen

Once all works are complete, Henson Park will be one of the premier AFLW venues in Australia. The final stage of renovation is planned for completion ahead of the 2026 community football season.

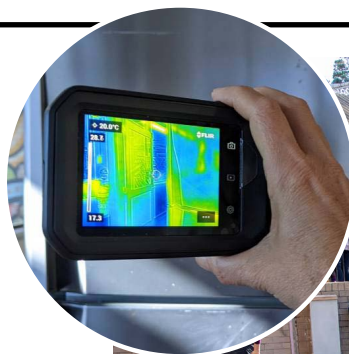
Green Living Centre free service

Did you know that you can borrow thermal imaging cameras from our Green Living Centre?

Thermal imaging cameras are an easy-to-use device that helps detect areas of heat loss in the home such as draughts, leaks and poor insulation. Having this knowledge means you can heat proof your home and keep your energy bills down.

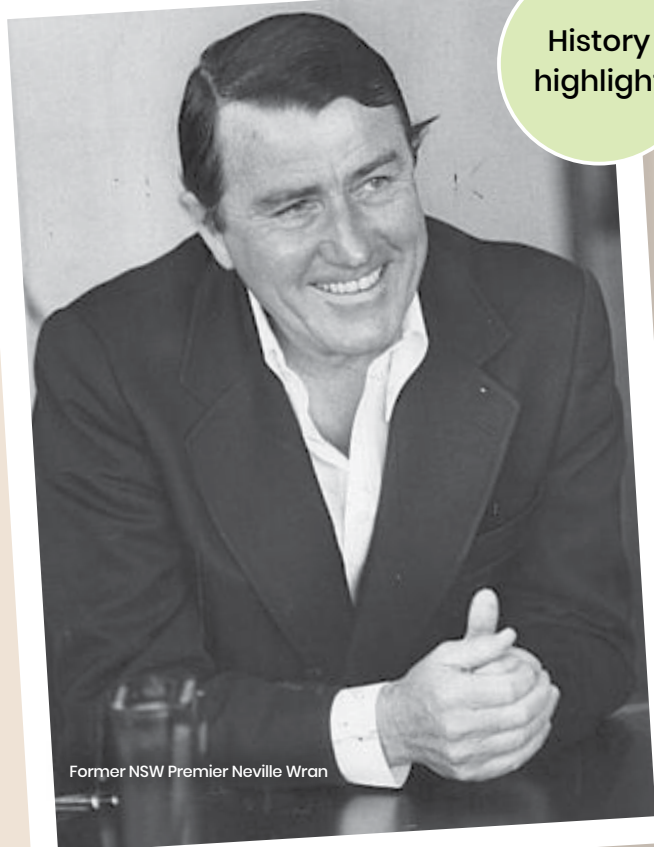
Council has four thermal imaging cameras available for residents to borrow, at no charge, from the Green Living Centre. The friendly and expert staff at the centre will provide instructions on how to use the camera. Now is the time to get your home ready for winter. The Green Living Centre is based at the Inner West Sustainability Hub, Prospect Road, Summer Hill.

Scan the QR code for more info:



Check out the free services at the Inner West Sustainability Hub in Summer Hill

History
highlight



Former NSW Premier Neville Wran

From Balmain Boy to Premier

Famous for saying 'Balmain boys don't cry', the Hon Neville Wran QC was one of Balmain's favourite sons. He spent his childhood in Nicholson Street, East Balmain and attended Nicholson St Primary school then Fort Street High.

From these humble beginnings in the Balmain of the 1930's he rose to become first a Solicitor then highly respected Barrister and eventually one of the State's longest serving and most popular Premiers.

His roots in Balmain were deep, in fact his great-grandfather, Thomas Wran was the Master Stonemason who carved the coat of arms on the Balmain Courthouse in the 1880s.

His record in law reform, including the decriminalisation of homosexuality, has left a legacy of expanded civil rights that is unparalleled in the history of NSW.

At the recent Council meeting it was unanimously resolved that Neville Wran's legacy should be commemorated in the heart of the community that shaped him.

The soon to be dedicated Neville Wran Square, in the area in front of Balmain Courthouse and Town Hall, will be a fitting commemoration of the legacy of a working-class Balmain kid who went on to lead and modernise Sydney and NSW.



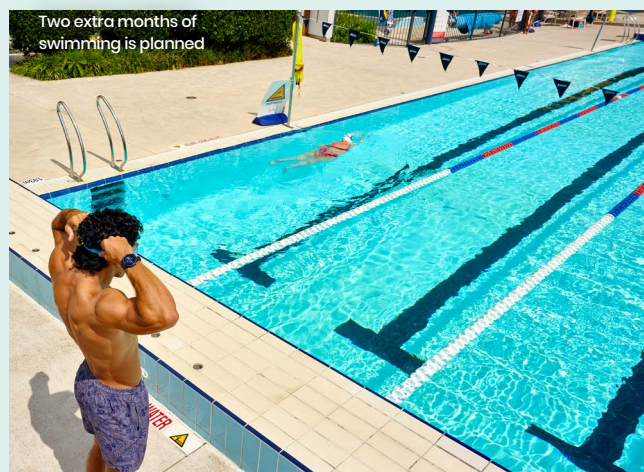
Happy 20th Mudcrabs

The Mudcrabs is a local community group that cares for the Cooks River by regularly collecting rubbish and restoring the bush along the river's banks.

In March this year, the Mudcrabs celebrated 20 years of Cooks River bushcare. They are always keen to welcome new volunteers and have regular activities anyone can join such as monthly bushcare events and bird surveys. Get involved and help save the Cooks River for future generations.

The Cooks River stretches from Botany Bay to Chullora and makes its way through many inner west suburbs such as Tempe and Marrickville.

Scan the QR code for more info about volunteering in the Inner West


















Fanny Durack extended hours and a new outdoor gym

We've been trialling the extension of the Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre (FDAC) summer operating season to 30 April and propose opening on 1 September which will provide two additional months of swimming for the community each year. We are also proposing the installation of a free outdoor gym near the pool in Petersham Park. We recently conducted a Have Your say and will report soon on the results. Watch this space.

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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 and Local Matters Forum

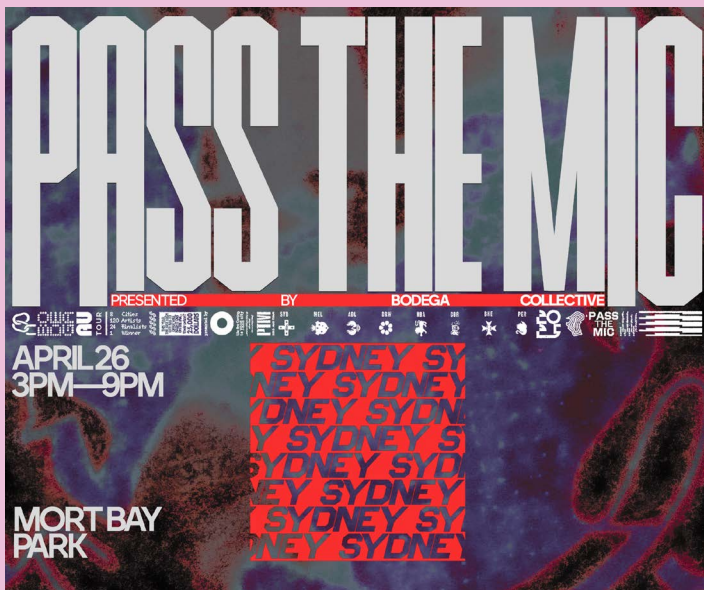
The next customer service stall is on **Saturday 3 May** at **Ashfield Civic Centre**, 9.30am to 1.30pm.

Check the QR code for other mobile customer service timings.

You can also take part in the upcoming **Marrickville-Midjuburi Local Matters Forum** on **Tuesday 27 May**, 6pm at **Marrickville Library Pavilion**, Marrickville.

Residents are invited to come along, have their voices heard, and have their questions discussed at this face-to-face meeting.

Scan the QR code to find local customer service activities.



Pass The Mic

Don't miss this event. In this 16th edition of the popular and diverse live music event by Bodega Collective, local artists perform one or two songs before passing the microphone to the next performer.

Expect an exciting line-up in this inclusive, day-to-evening event for all ages. This year, there'll be food vendors, pop-up performances, arts and crafts workshops, and local community stands.

This collaborative effort will ensure a dynamic and memorable experience, promoting cultural exchange and artistic expression through live performances and community engagement.

When: Sunday 26 April from 2.30pm to 8.30pm

Where: Mort Bay Park, Mort Street, Balmain

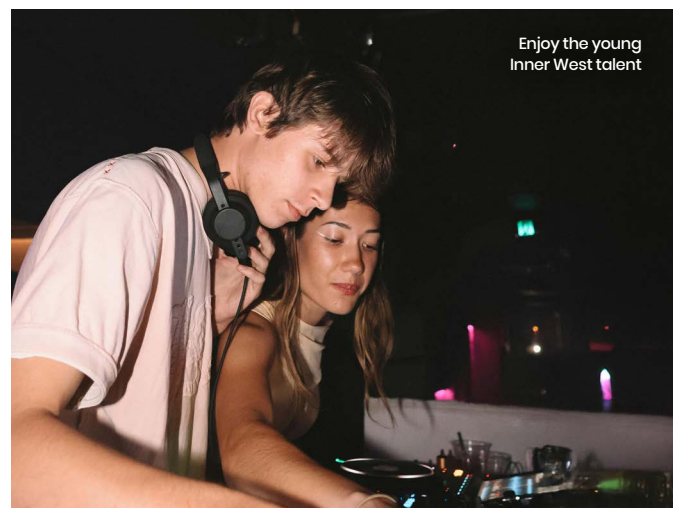
Generate Youth Music Festival

Generate Youth Live Music Festival is a youth focused music festival and will feature a jam-packed day of performances from local artists under the age of 18.

The festival will showcase the wealth of young talent in the Inner West and will be supported and created by emerging musicians and non-musicians with a budding interest to grow in the professional music and events industry.

When: Saturday 3 May, 10am to 6pm

Where: Yeo Park, Victoria St, Ashfield



Enjoy the young
Inner West talent