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▶ 500 new homes to be built
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Councillor Jo Carlisle with local SES volunteers at the Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre

Supporting our SES volunteers

Council will grant free access to our local State Emergency Service volunteers following a proposal from Ashfield Ward councillor Jo Carlisle for free access to our Aquatic Centres for training.

Our Ashfield-Leichhardt and Marrickville unit volunteers play a vital role in protecting our community during emergencies and flood events and have been busy with the recent summer storms attending over 340 calls for assistance.

Regular access to swimming facilities is essential for our SES volunteers to develop their water rescue capabilities. Pool-based training provides a safe environment for practicing

crucial rescue skills. This training is fundamental to both the operational readiness and safety of SES volunteers.

Council supports free, regular scheduled access to Council-operated swimming facilities for authorised training sessions by Ashfield - Leichhardt and Marrickville SES units.

This support includes the use of rescue equipment, including inflatable rescue rafts during these training sessions, subject to appropriate safety protocols. So, if you see the crew training, give them a wave – they are here to help the community out.

If you are interested in joining the local SES, scan the QR code for info.





Housing Minister Rose Jackson, Premier Chris Minns and Mayor Darcy Byrne at the old WestConnex dive site where 500 new homes will be built

500 homes in Camperdown

Council has been pushing hard for more affordable housing throughout our community.


So it was very encouraging to join with Premier Minns and Minister Rose Jackson to announce that 500 new homes will be built at the former Westconnex dive site on Parramatta Rd, as part of the Government's essential worker build-to-rent plan.

This is a well-located site that is long overdue for development.

At least 200 of these homes will be dedicated to essential workers such as paramedics, health workers, teachers and police, with below market rent charged.

In the current housing crisis, it's great to see that the NSW Government is working with Council to get houses built for the community.

Scan the QR code for more information.

Vale Rochelle Porteous

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of former Mayor and long-time councillor, Rochelle Porteous.

Rochelle served as a Councillor on Leichhardt and Inner West Councils between 2004 and 2021, and as Mayor over multiple terms from 2011 to 2021.

After finishing up on council in 2021 she continued her valuable work in disability advocacy.

Rochelle loved the Inner West community and did much to make it a better place, with her tireless advocacy to preserve Callan Park, standing up against the excesses of Westconnex and working to make the area more sustainable and accessible for everyone. Vale.



Book your garden organics collection when you need it

Book a garden organics collection

Residents can book kerbside Council clean-up collections as needed for:

- ▶ Household furniture
- ▶ White goods
- ▶ Mattresses
- ▶ Bulky garden organics items like large sticks, palm fronds and branches

Categories are collected by different trucks and taken to specialist facilities for recycling.

Garden organics placed next to wheelie bins without a booking

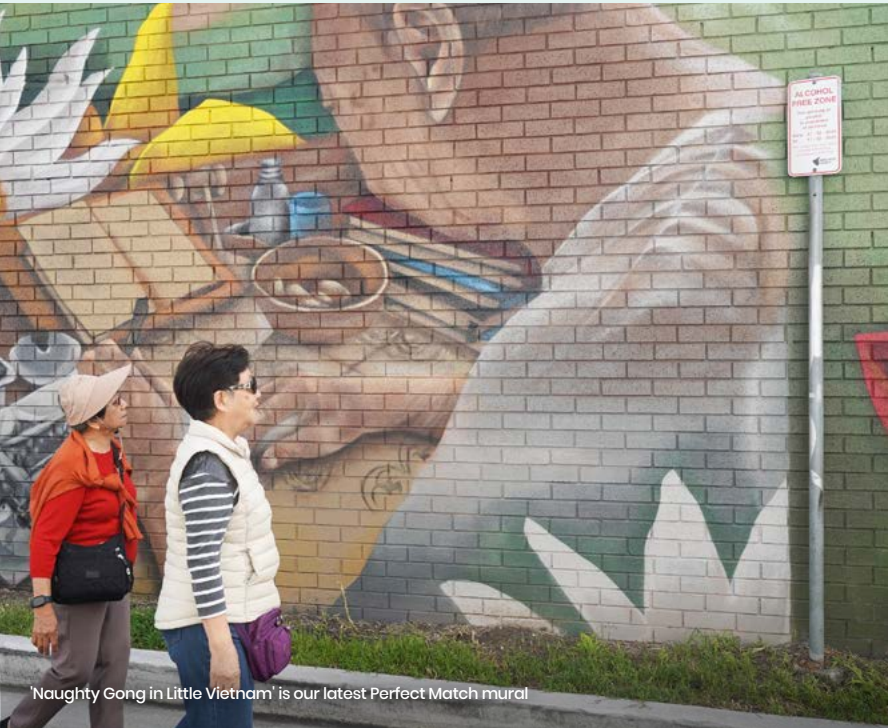
can't be collected as part of FOGO collections unless contained within the bin. FOGO bins are collected at night and bundled garden organics poses a safety risk to our collection crews.

If you have branches too large for the FOGO bin, book in a clean-up collection, or contact us if you need an extra FOGO bin at no additional charge.

Branches shouldn't exceed 1m in length and 0.1m in diameter. Bookings should be no larger than 2m x 1m x 1m (two cubic metres) in size.

Scan the QR code for more information.





'Naughty Gong in Little Vietnam' is our latest Perfect Match mural

Are you a perfect match candidate?

Council is calling for expressions of interest from Inner West locals and businesses who would like their home or premises considered for a Perfect Match artwork, and for artists who wish to be involved.

Our Perfect Match has become Australia's best-loved street art program and one of its largest with over 170 artworks completed.

Originating as a creative solution to unwanted tagging and graffiti, the program supports emerging artists and has beautified the streets and homes of the Inner West.

You have until April 7, 2025, to register your interest.

Scan the QR code for more information.



Housing crisis our highest priority

Our new partnership with the NSW Government to convert the former Westconnex dive site in Camperdown to homes for essential workers is a great example of the action we need to address the housing crisis.

The Inner West is the epicentre of the housing crisis in Sydney.

Every week there are thousands of local people desperately trying to find a home in the Inner West that they can afford to live in.

If more and more young people and workers are forced out of our community because of the housing crisis we will lose the beating heart and soul of our Inner West community.

That's why we will continue to act on all fronts to significantly increase the supply of all kinds of housing in the Inner West.

Our new local planning controls, which will be placed on public exhibition soon, will provide a comprehensive plan for addressing the housing crisis in our own back yard.



We aim to fix potholes within 48 hours

Keeping our roads safe and smooth

Council road crews have repaired over 3,600 potholes since June 2024.

This work has been done with the help of residents who let us know about the potholes. When we get your messages about a pothole, we aim to have it repaired within 48 hours.

We have also completed more than 7.7km worth of road resurfacing as part of our ongoing investment in road renewal.

You can report damage on Council roads here:



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



The 'Eighth Wonder of the World' is getting an upgrade

Design of Leichhardt Oval upgrade

Inner West Council is making steady progress in designing the long-awaited renovation of Leichhardt Oval with Ernst and Young having been appointed as project managers and Cox Architecture brought on board to finalise the concept designs for the upgrade.

The concept designs are due

to be delivered in April 2025. Council will consult with its Stakeholder Design Panel to finalise the design.

While the historic Wayne Pearce Hill and Keith Barnes Stand will be preserved, Cox has been tasked with improving the spectator experience throughout the ground including upgraded seating, catering, toilet facilities and access to and from the ground as part of the contract.

Whether to undertake construction in 1 stage or 2 will be determined by Council once the designs are finalised.



GreenWay Update

The GreenWay continues to take shape.

Significant works at Cadigal Reserve are nearing completion with the new boardwalk under Parramatta Road creating a continuous path from the Taverner's Hill light rail stop.

These new works mean that pedestrians and cyclists won't have to use the stairs or lifts to cross busy Parramatta Road.

Contractors worked inside the canal to complete the new, cantilevered walkway.

This GreenWay section connects the existing GreenWay north of Parramatta Road in Leichhardt with Cadigal Reserve in Summer Hill and all the way to the Cooks River in Earlwood and beyond.

Scan the QR code for more information.



A new Inner West Choral Festival

Council is investigating opportunities to host an annual Inner West Choral Festival. "We know there are hundreds of adult choirs in our community who can be involved", said Councillor Chloe Smith who moved the motion.

Council will consult with local choirs and singing groups, the Inner West Creative Network and the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee. This new festival is part of Council's commitment to increasing our offering of free community festivals and events and would further promote the highly successful Creative Town Halls project.

Scan the QR code for more information.



Cllr Chloe Smith, Mayor Darcy Byrne and Sandra Lie of the Adult Glee Club Choir



The Balmain West Wharf is reopening this year

Balmain West ferry wharf to reopen

In good news for locals, the Balmain West ferry wharf is reopening. Even better, Council has just completed an upgrade of Paringa Reserve and included a new kiosk where coffee and food will be available.

Council has invested in a new kiosk, a fully accessible toilet and paths of travel as well as landscaping improvements.

In 2013, the former NSW Government shut the ferry service down leaving many locals without a convenient ferry service.

Council advocated for this much-needed service to be restored. Ferry services will commence mid-2025.



Explore the workshops at the Inner West Sustainability Hub

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The Inner West Sustainability Hub is your go-to destination for all things sustainable living!

With a range of workshops, services, and resources, the Inner West Sustainability Hub helps residents reduce waste, reuse materials, and make environmentally friendly choices.

Explore repair and reuse programs, shop second-hand, learn the must-know practical sustainability skills, or donate your unwanted clothing items, electronics and bikes for repair, reuse and recycling!

You can now charge your electric vehicle while you browse all the Sustainability Hub has to offer!

The Hub now has 4 electric vehicle spots, including 1 accessible spot, with a Plug 2 charging cord available on site - it's never been more convenient to drop in and see what it's all about!

Be sure to check out our website to stay up to date on all the exciting things happening at the Sustainability Hub:



Supporting social cohesion

In February, Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne joined Liverpool Mayor Ned Mannoun and Waverley Mayor Will Nemesh to host an urgent, Sydney-wide mayoral roundtable on combatting antisemitism and building better social cohesion.

The Antisemitism Roundtable saw more than 20 Sydney mayors come together. A strong, grassroots effort to combat extremism and protect our multicultural, multi-faith city was agreed among all mayors who represent more than 3 million citizens of Sydney.

Together, our communities can stand against racism in all its forms and support social cohesion.



Pictured left to right: Waverley Mayor Will Nemesh, Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne, Liverpool Mayor Ned Mannoun

History highlight



Pictured top: Mary Poppins statue in Ashfield Park
Pictured bottom: Author PL Travers

Did Mary Poppins begin life in Ashfield?

Did you know that PL (Pamela) Travers, the creator of that most English of characters, Mary Poppins, spent her formative years in Ashfield?

First as a boarder at the long gone, Normanhurst School in Bland St from 1912 then from 1918 to 1924 with her mother and sisters at 17 (now 40) Pembroke St. Perhaps that's why "The east wind blew the nanny into 17 Cherry Tree Lane, London, where she worked her charms on a dysfunctional family".

The house in Pembroke St overlooks Ashfield Park where today there is a statue of Mary Poppins commemorating her famous creator.



Hoskins Park has new play equipment

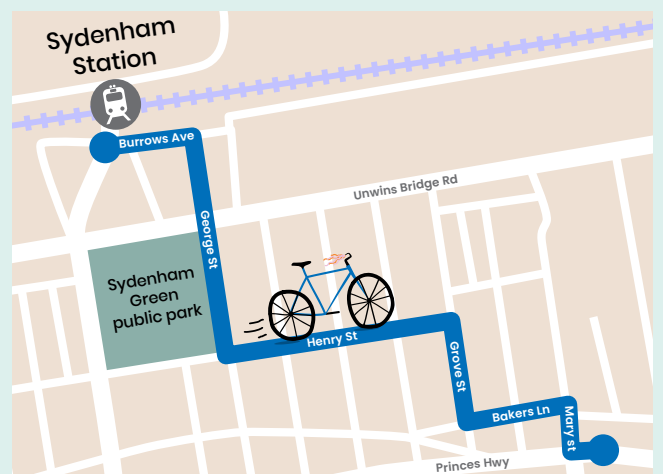
Hoskins Park upgrade

We invested \$680k to improve the much-loved Hoskins Park in Dulwich Hill. Improvements include:

- ▶ An accessible trampoline and new climbing and sliding equipment
- ▶ New accessible pathways
- ▶ New BBQ and picnic tables
- ▶ New landscaping

Come and enjoy the new play equipment and the temporary dog off-leash area.

Now everyone can enjoy this local park.


















A new cycleway to connect Sydenham and St Peters

Attention cyclists. Council has started work on a much-needed cycleway upgrade from Sydenham Station to St Peters.

This \$1.3 million investment will see improved safety for cyclists travelling between Marrickville and the city as well as deliver safer, greener and more accessible corridors for pedestrians and residents.

Watch this space as works are due to be complete by June 2025.

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Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre
 Marrickville

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

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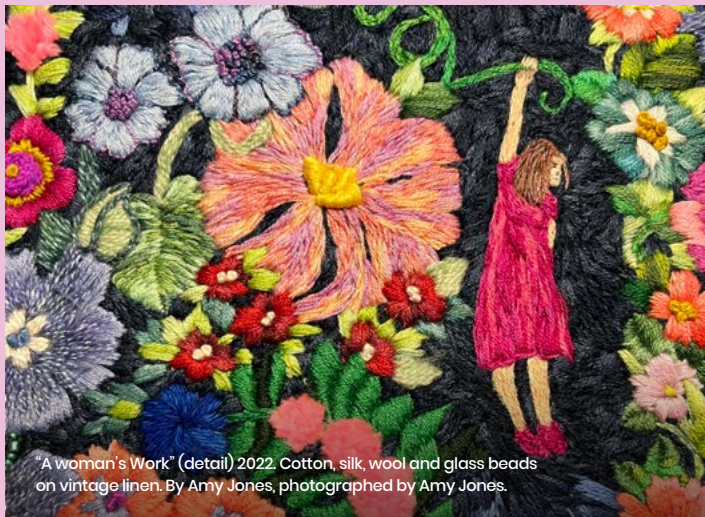
Customer Service Stalls and Local Matters Forum

The next Customer Service Stall is on Saturday 12 April at Ashfield Aquatic Centre, from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

Residents of the Inner West are also urged to make their voices heard by getting along to their Local Matters Forum on Tuesday 1 April, Balmain Town Hall, Uncle Bob Webb Chambers, Balmain.

Tell us what local matters you'd like discussed at the face-to-face meeting by submitting a question when you register for an event in your neighbourhood.

Scan the QR code to find out more and register.



"A woman's Work" (detail) 2022. Cotton, silk, wool and glass beads on vintage linen. By Amy Jones, photographed by Amy Jones.

Chrissie Cotter Gallery

Discover a vibrant line-up of exhibitions at the Chrissie Cotter Gallery throughout the year.

Inner West Council's art deco Chrissie Cotter Gallery is located in Pidcock Street, Camperdown (next to Camperdown Commons) and is available for exhibitions and cultural events by individuals and organisations. Check out the new shows each month.

When: Gallery opening hours are Thursday to Sunday, 11am to 4pm

Where: 31A Pidcock St, Camperdown

Scan the QR code for more info.



Sham Fest

Sham Fest will be a big two days at Petersham Bowling Club, showcasing an array of performers from the Inner West with a direct focus on diversity and participation. Local acts Maddy Jane and The Toothpicks will be performing.

There will be workshops, activities, local brews and significant local live music across two stages.

Sham Fest is part of the Inner West Council Live Music Activations inspired by the legacy of late Inner West resident, Richard Gill AO. This live music initiative promotes the creative power of live music in the Inner West.

When: Saturday 5 - Sunday 6 April, 2025

Where: Petersham Bowling Club,
Brighton St, Petersham

Scan the QR code for more info.

