

# INNER WEST

Commitment from the heart

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From left: Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne, *Finding the Heart of the Nation* author Thomas Mayor, Walking Together Project trainer Jacqui Parker, Inner West Cultural Advisor Deborah Lennis, Walking Together Project trainer Nicole Laupepa, The Hon Linda Burney MP Minister for Indigenous Australians and Inner West Councillor Mark Drury.

## Voice referendum gets support

Inner West Council is fast becoming a national player in building awareness in the Voice to Parliament referendum which is due to be held next year.

Numerous other councils have approached Inner West to gain information on the process which is underway to train 1,000 volunteers in a civic education project to enable them to spruik the benefits of the Voice to Parliament.

Almost 400 people recently attended Marrickville Town Hall for the first gathering of volunteers.

Attendees heard from two special guests, Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Indigenous Australians Minister Linda Burney.

The Prime Minister told the gathering the government would

throw everything at getting a positive result in the referendum.

"The Uluru Statement from the Heart is a generous, gracious and optimistic invitation to all Australians," he said.

"It is a hand of friendship outstretched. It is extraordinarily generous given the history of this country since 1788."

Ms Burney said every single step of the way was being taken carefully in a very deliberate fashion.

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne said the project with volunteers was a civic education program, not a political campaign.

"Building understanding is a prerequisite for the success of the referendum," he said.



Prime Minister Anthony Albanese. Below: 400 volunteers at Marrickville Town Hall.





## Annandale's Badu Park refresh

The newly refurbished Badu Park in Annandale was officially opened by Mayor Darcy Byrne on 22 October.

A small group of locals seemed to be impressed by the changes, which include making the park more easily accessible for people with disabilities, upgraded lighting, a small timber deck alongside the café, with disabled access from Booth Street.

The path has also been made safe for cyclists, wheelchairs and pedestrians and will allow full disabled access through the park and down to Johnstons Creek.

The project is a partnership between the Inner West and the NSW Government. The State has invested \$2.4 million and the project has been planned and carried out by employees of Inner West Council.

## Ramping up our customer service



Council is making impressive inroads into improving our customer service. We've been out and about with Customer Service Stalls across the LGA, meeting nearly 300 people face-to-face and responding to more than 100 customer requests.

We're also improving the ways we interact with our community by:

- ▶ aiming to answer 80 per cent of calls within 60 seconds
- ▶ adding a dedicated call option for parking permits
- ▶ creating clearer and more concise letters
- ▶ making our website more user-friendly.

## Festival to honour music great

On Saturday 5 November, the streets of Stanmore came alive with the sound of music, and the memory of the late and great, Australian musician, conductor and educator, Richard Gill AO, at the second St. Anmore Music Festival.

The St. Anmore Music Festival was created in honour of the late Richard Gill AO, renowned Australian musician, conductor, educator and Stanmore resident, who had a vision to bring music to the masses on the streets of Sydney.

At the festival, a memorial plaque was laid to rest at the home of Richard Gill AO. Inner West Council acknowledges the significant



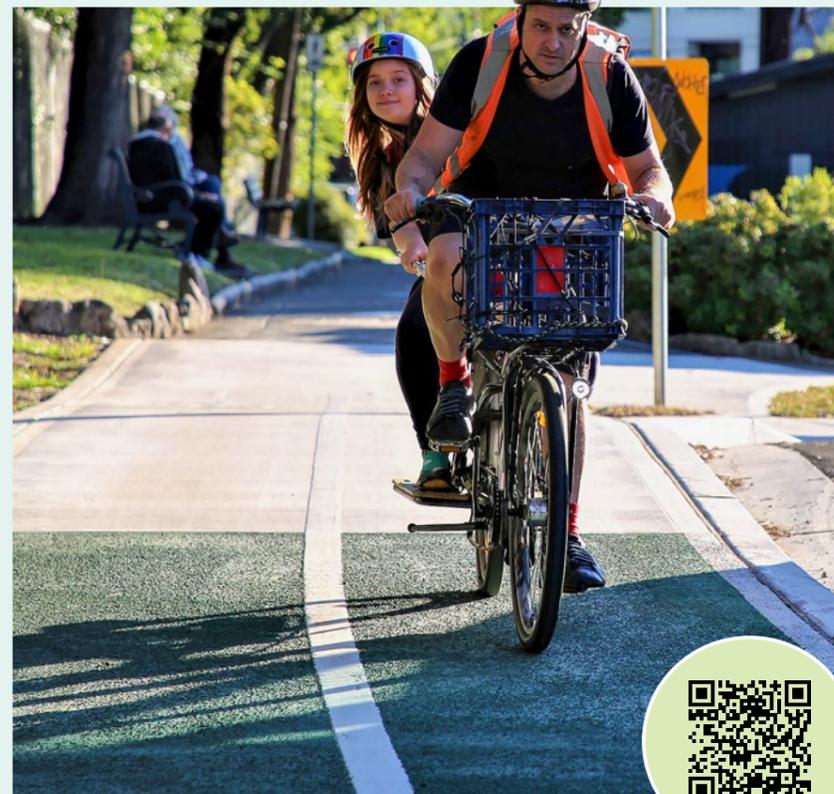
Richard Gill AO, 2017, by Anthony Browel

contribution Richard Gill made to the community, and to Australian music.

The St. Anmore Music Festival is proudly supported through EDGE Inner West, Inner West Council's major initiative to fund and build capacity of the creative sector. The event is delivered by Inner West Council in partnership with the Stanmore Music Festival Association.

#EDGEinnerwest – Fuelling Creativity. Supporting Artists Locally to Globally.

Find out more about the festival at [stanmoremusicfestival.com](http://stanmoremusicfestival.com)



## Get in the saddle

Council is keen to get more people out of cars and using more sustainable forms of transport – namely, cycling.

Earlier this year, we heard from the community and other key stakeholders about how we can make cycling easier in the Inner

West. Based on this feedback, Council has prepared a draft cycling strategy. We'd like to know your thoughts on it.

To view the strategy and tell us your thoughts, please scan the QR code above.

## Clamping down on illegal parking

Unfortunately, this year Council has issued 818 fines relating to improper use of disabled parking spaces in the Inner West.

Easy access to accessible parking is not only desirable but essential for people living with a disability. It's a vital part of maintaining dignity and independence in their daily lives.

### Tips for accessible parking

- You can park in an area reserved for people with disability if you have a current Mobility Parking Scheme (MPS) permit, or if you're driving a person with the permit.

- The permit must be displayed in the vehicle.
- MPS permit holders can also park for longer in areas with time restriction.



## Pub culture to be protected

The Inner West has some of the oldest and most beautiful pubs in greater Sydney.

It's my great hope that we don't lose any of them and we are taking steps to ensure that the most architecturally, historically and socially significant ones can be protected for all time.

There are 27 pubs which have been identified across the entire Inner West area for heritage listing.

They weren't chosen randomly, but were identified during an exhaustive study done by respected heritage consulting firm GML Heritage.

It means the facades of the buildings have to be protected as well as the interiors such as the bars and other features which are unique to pubs.

We will soon begin a consultation process with the owners and operators as well as the patrons who will be able to make comments about the pub which they frequent.

Our pub culture in the Inner West is like no other part of Sydney and it's my desire as Mayor to make sure we maintain it.



*Darcy Byrne*

Darcy Byrne,  
Inner West Mayor



## Make a splash in aquatics

We're recruiting for lifeguards, learn to swim and other support staff across Inner West Council's five aquatic centres. If you're interested in working in an environment that supports a healthy lifestyle, teaches children the value of water safety and offers great flexibility, then why not apply?

Find out more at [www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Aquatics](http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Aquatics)



## Pride of place

We're delighted that our bid to rename Newtown's Bedford Square to 'Pride Square' has been approved by the Geographic Names Board.

Newtown is home to a large and vibrant LGBTQ community and the square is in a prominent, busy location.

Pride Square is one of many initiatives Council is working on in preparation for Sydney WorldPride (17 February – 5 March 2023).

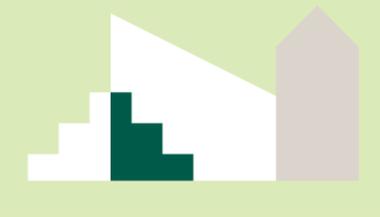
## Inner West Council accolade

Inner West Council was recently announced as one of two finalists for NSW's most prestigious local government awards, the 2022 Bluett Award.

This nomination recognises excellence and progress by councils across NSW for their work in capital works and services, culture and heritage, sport and recreation, economic and social development, built and natural environment, environmental initiatives, health and community services, corporate and governance, and emergency management/ disaster recovery.

"This is a tremendous achievement and one which should be celebrated by our Councillors, staff and the whole Inner West community," said Peter Gainsford, General Manager.

Congratulations to Northern Beaches Council who took home the award.



All Sorts (2021), by Kim Siew and Nico Nicoson

## Perfect Match applications more than doubled

Inner West Council's Perfect Match street art program has gone gangbusters.

More than double the number of applications from property owners and artists have been received this year.

This year, Council received 112 applications from artists and 85

applications from property owners across the local government area.

In response to the overwhelming demand, Council will increase funding for the program by 20%.

Perfect Match is a unique Council initiative tackling unwanted graffiti and fostering legitimate creative expression and art in public spaces. The program brings artists, residents, businesses, property owners and community partners together to collaboratively create fantastic new street artworks in public places.

The next round of Perfect Match applications will open 1 July 2023.

## Festa's back!

After a three year hiatus, Norton Street Italian Festa has returned.

The Prime Minister Anthony Albanese joined the crowds celebrating all things Italian in Leichhardt.



## Winners announced for the Built Environment Awards

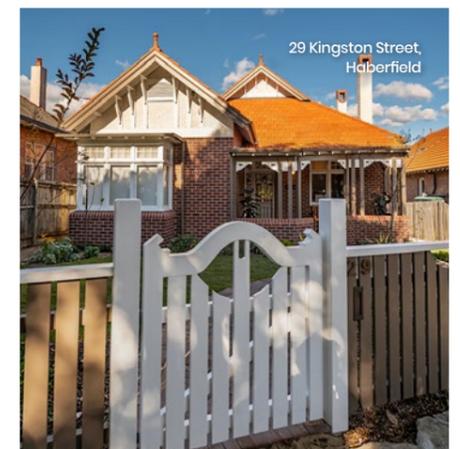
The 2022 Built Environment Awards Marrickville Medal has been awarded to 29 Kingston Street, Haberfield.

The jury awarded the 2022 Marrickville Medal to the beautiful c. 1911 Haberfield cottage, considering it to be a sensitive and well-designed alteration and addition, which complements the original house without overwhelming it.

The winner of the open category of the Urban Photography Awards is Julie Gabriel for 'Petersham

noon.' Evan Black won the Secondary School Award for 'Down the rabbit hole' and Sophie Dowd took out the Primary School category for 'Tower Power'.

The Built Environment Awards are two separate programs that contribute to and celebrate our understanding of the Inner West's built heritage: the Marrickville Medal for Conservation, and the Inner West Urban Photography Competition.



29 Kingston Street, Haberfield



Order your Garden Organics bin today!

## Green means GO

We need your help to increase the recovery of organics from landfill.

Did you know that garden organics like grass clippings, leaves, and small branches can be recycled back into mulch and compost?

Council offers two sizes of Garden Organic bins for small, medium and large gardens.

Large branches can be bundled on the footpath when you book a clean-up online.



## A vision for the future of Leichhardt Oval

Council is looking for the community's input into a ten-year Master Plan for the much-loved Leichhardt Oval and surrounds. The Master Plan, however, depends on the State Government keeping its commitment to grant \$50 million towards the upgrade.

Council's aim is to preserve and protect the heritage of the ground, including the Wayne Pearce Hill and Keith Barnes Stand, while providing the modern seating and facilities the ground desperately needs.

The Master Plan will also consider a major new grandstand, amenities, function facilities and parking as well as an Inner West rugby league museum. We're also looking at improvements to the adjoining Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre and opening the ground to the public as a community centre.

Meanwhile, Inner West Council is presently investing \$960,000 in upgrading the playing field surface and male and female amenities. The works are expected to be completed in early 2023 (weather permitting).

To have your say on Leichhardt Oval's Master Plan, scan the QR code to the right.



## Mow-tivated Council staff

La Niña is set to bring us another warm, wet summer – causing grass to grow up to three times faster and thicker than usual. Last year, COVID-19 had an impact on our staffing levels, making regular verge mowing in the same conditions a challenge.

This year, Council has a full team of outdoor workers on board and our service standard has increased for the warmer months. This will see Council staff doing a four week verge mowing cycle until the end of March (half the usual cycle).

We've also bought six new ride-on mowers. They're more powerful, less likely to clog and should help us better deal with our thriving verges.

## Your Councillors

Find your ward – [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WardMap](https://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WardMap)

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**Monday – Sunday:** Ashfield, Balmain, Leichhardt and Marrickville

**Monday – Saturday:** Dulwich Hill, Stanmore, Haberfield and St Peters/Sydenham

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Marrickville

**Ashfield Aquatic Centre**  
Dawn Fraser Baths, Balmain  
**Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre**  
Petersham

**Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre**  
**Water Play Park**  
Illawarra Road, Marrickville South



# What's On Inner West

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## Next Local Matters Forum

In the final Local Matters Forum for the year, ward Councillors and Council Executive staff will be on-hand to answer your questions face-to-face:

Tuesday 22 November 2022, 6-7:30pm  
St Peters Library

For more information visit  
[innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CommunityEngagement](https://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CommunityEngagement)



## Get rid of your chemicals and old electronic rubbish

Looking for a way to safely dispose of paints, pesticides or gas cylinders?

Do you have some old TVs or computers to recycle? Then head to the Inner West Works Depot, 15-17 Unwins Bridge Road, St Peters on Saturday 26 November, from 9:00am - 3:30pm.

Find out more at  
[innerwest.nsw.gov.au/dropoff](https://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/dropoff)

## Did you know Council has venues available for hire?

Meeting rooms, community centres and town halls across the Inner West are available for hire.

They're perfect for hosting conferences, workshops, exercise classes, art activities, playgroups, parties and launches.

If you host regular classes or events and would like to apply for 2023 bookings, complete an expression of interest at [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/VenueHire2023](https://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/VenueHire2023)



Haberfield Library



## New council grants for festive fun

Council is offering grants of up to \$500 to help local community groups celebrate the 2022 festive season.

Community groups or not-for-profit organisations looking to host free inclusive events and activities this festive season are encouraged to apply.

Christmas carols or any non-denominational events or activities that encourage community spirit and involvement are eligible.

For more eligibility criteria and to complete an expression of interest, visit [innerwest.smartygrants.com.au/FestiveGrants22](https://innerwest.smartygrants.com.au/FestiveGrants22)

Applications close 2 December.