



Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne, the Hon. Jo Haylen, Minister for Transport and Hon. Paul Scully, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces

Final stage of GreenWay begins

There were plenty of reasons to smile as construction kicked off in Dulwich Hill for the final major stage of the remarkable GreenWay project.

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne, Transport Minister Jo Haylen and Planning Minister Paul Scully threw the first ceremonial sods of dirt before the serious digging begins on a tunnel under Constitution Road Bridge.

Three tunnels will be built as part of the vision to bring to life the Cooks to Cove GreenWay – a biodiversity urban corridor from the Cooks River at Earlwood to the Parramatta River at Iron Cove – and create a walking and cycling route.

The NSW Government and council have invested more than \$40 million to complete the in-corridor works – the vital missing links that will join the 5.6-kilometre green corridor.

“Our community has been fighting to make the Greenway a reality for many decades now,” said Mayor Byrne.

“We’ve been working hard to improve the Bay Run and create all the northern and southern links of the Greenway. This is the missing middle connection that will create a continuous corridor.”

Inner West is delivering the project in stages and major in-corridor works include:

- ▶ Upgrade of Johnson Park including an upgraded path and playground
- ▶ Tunnel under Constitution Road from Johnson Park into the light rail corridor (bridge reopens February 2024)
- ▶ New raised path from Constitution Road tunnel along light rail and under New Canterbury Road (completion 2025)
- ▶ A tunnel under Longport Street
- ▶ A tunnel under Davis Street

For all the latest details on the GreenWay scan the QR code or visit: innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Greenway.





Sporting codes flock to Leichhardt Oval

The World Cup buzz will return to the inner west when Matilda's star Cortnee Vine leads Sydney FC in the new A-League season.

Vine was the penalty shoot-out hero against France and she will lead the Sky Blues in six games at Leichhardt Oval, starting on December 22, in a massive coup for women's sport and inner west fans.

On the back of the women's World Cup, Inner West Council is proposing the eighth wonder of the world as a permanent hub for women's sport, to help nurture the next generation of Matildas.

Council has released a draft Leichhardt Oval masterplan to upgrade and renovate facilities.

Interest in the oval has exploded over recent months:

- ▶ Hosted seven countries for training during the FIFA women's World Cup
- ▶ Sydney Rugby Union's Shute Shield final

Leichhardt Oval hosts hundreds of sports matches each year, including all levels of junior and senior men's and women's football, rugby league and rugby union.



Trash and treasure

Council's new Inner West Sustainability Hub is a community destination in Summer Hill. Women's charity Dress for Success recently officially moved into the hub, joining The Bower, the Green Living Centre, and Re Place – an initiative of The Village Project. Re Place is running a Trash Market on October 28, 11-3pm and The Bower will also have their shop open for browsing. The Sustainability Hub's mission is to provide residents with resources, services and information to empower people to take action and have a positive impact on the environment.

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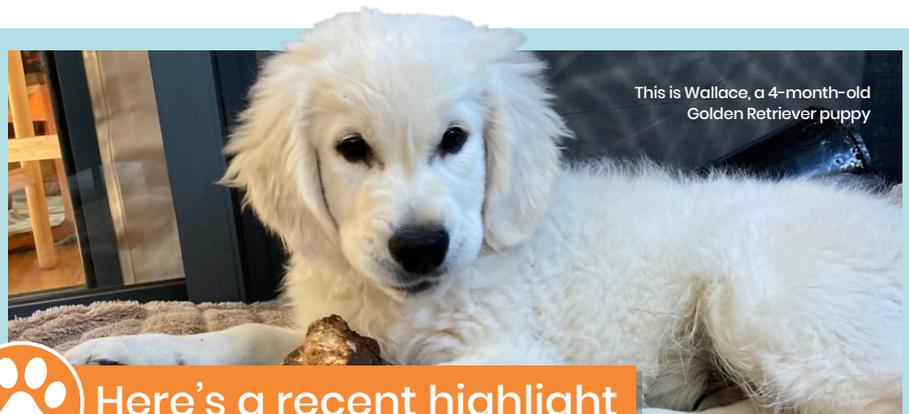


Update your pet's microchip

Council's Companion Animal Officers offer home visit chip scans for residents and their pets. We'll scan your cat or dog's microchip, and help you complete any change of ownership /registration paperwork too.

This is a great, free service for residents living with mobility issues, shift workers and anyone who cannot easily get to Council or to a vet.

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This is Wallace, a 4-month-old Golden Retriever puppy



Here's a recent highlight

Just recently our team did a home visit in Marrickville. A resident, Belinda, was unable to get to one of our Council service centres during business hours, due to work commitments. She reached out to our team and two of our Companion Animal Officers dropped by Belinda's house last Saturday to scan her new puppy's microchip.

When we scanned his microchip, it was blank! Thanks to our home visit chip scan service, Companion Animal Officers were able to add Belinda's contact information on to Wallace's microchip. This way, if he should ever go missing, it will be quick and easy to get him back home to his family in Marrickville, safe and sound.

Food recycling, we're here to help

Our expansion of food recycling to all free-standing homes is the single biggest thing our community can do to combat climate change and will save ratepayers' million of dollars in landfill fees.

We know that this important change can only work if the Council provides all the practical support needed for residents to make this transition.

The new weekly green lid bin collection will be excellent, but we know that some people will find the shift to fortnightly collection of the red bin challenging at first.

That's why we are offering a range of assistance, including:

- ▶ You can book an **additional red lid bin collection** through the Council website.
- ▶ Residents can register for a **free, larger 240L red lid bin**. The delivery of these larger red bins will commence after the initial roll out of the new service.
- ▶ Our new Wastebusters team is available to talk to you about handy tips for reducing the waste in your red bin.

We are determined to provide all the practical support our community needs to make food recycling a success in the Inner West.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



Your food recycling support team

We understand that introducing the new food recycling might be a big change. However, it's important to remember that your food scraps will still be collected weekly when you put them in your green lid bin.

Council will offer an interim additional booked collection of red lid garbage bins (in the alternate week to the scheduled pick-up) to assist households whilst they transition to the weekly FOGO and fortnightly garbage schedule. Further, any

households with extenuating circumstances can request a 240L red lid garbage bin to manage the change to fortnightly collection. There are more ways we can help - our Wastebusters team can come and help you manage your waste and share practical tips.

Visit innerwest.nsw.gov.au/FOGO or scan this QR code for more information

You can call customer service on (02) 9392 5000.



Inner West Pride Centre update

Inner West Council is thrilled to announce that work has begun on our new Inner West Pride Centre at Newtown Town Hall. This project is the culmination of Inner West Council's commitment to supporting and celebrating our LGBTQ+ community.

With the creation in February this year of Pride Square in Newtown as a beacon of inclusion and civil rights, and our highly successful WorldPride 23 program, we held extensive consultations with our LGBTQ+ community. The importance of a safe, physical space as a hub from which services could be delivered and support to foster local



community connections and health and wellbeing was identified as a priority.

Stage 1 works are scheduled for completion in November 2023. Stage 2 works is scheduled for commencement in January 2024 and completion in July 2024.

Did you know that the Inner West's two local swim clubs are kicking off the summer swim season?

If you want a mix of races, social events, and a friendly club atmosphere for all ages, then joining these swim clubs will be for you.

- ▶ Ashfield Amateur Swim Club (based at Ashfield Aquatic Centre)
- ▶ Leichhardt Swim Club (located at Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre)

Scan this QR code for more information.



New customer service outreach team

In a 'Sydney-first' move Inner West Council has launched a new mobile customer service team. The team will make daily visits to public locations like libraries, shopping centres, main streets and train stations to offer local people direct customer service assistance.

The newly established mobile customer service team will be stationed at community locations throughout the week, from 9 am to 11 am.

Just like the knowledgeable staff at our service centres, the mobile customer service team is equipped to assist with inquiries related to all of Council's services.

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You can now listen to audio descriptions of Perfect Match artworks like *Goal!* By Lotte Alexis (pictured)

Perfect Match audio descriptions

Discover 20 new audio descriptions for Perfect Match artworks that deliver greater accessibility to the community.

A key commitment from the Inner West's Arts and Music Recovery Plan was to create audio descriptions of Perfect Match artworks as a new initiative with the purpose of supporting inclusive cultural programming and ensuring that art is accessible for all. Just over a year later, Inner West is very proud to announce the launch of 20 audio-described iconic Perfect Match artworks.

Scripted by industry leaders Vision Australia, and voiced by Nas Campanella, ABC Disability Affairs Reporter, audio description is an objective narration of the visual elements in an artwork and benefits people who are blind or low vision as well as people with print, learning and physical disabilities.

Scan this QR code for more information, and to listen.





Bird bonanza: Inner West joins Aussie Bird Count!

Our dedicated Urban Ecology Team is committed to safeguarding endangered species and preserving habitats in the Inner West. This month, you can help them by taking part in the Aussie Bird Count, which is one of Australia's biggest citizen science projects. It only takes 20 minutes of your time, whether you're in your garden, a nearby park, on your balcony, or even on the street! By joining in, you'll help us learn more about the different kinds of birds in the Inner West. You might be surprised to find out just how many different bird species live right in your own backyard!

For more information, visit: aussiebirdcount.org.au

Parramatta Road looking west



Parramatta Rd consultation

In 2016, the former State Government prepared its 30 year plan for the renewal of the Parramatta Road Corridor between Camperdown and Granville. To deliver this plan, the former State Government required councils to implement the strategy and boost housing supply.

Inner West Council will be holding consultation to ensure the community's voice is heard on these changes to get the best possible outcome.

The Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plans are proposed to be amended in specific parts of Leichhardt, Petersham, Lewisham and Croydon along Parramatta Road Corridor. Register for the YourSay Inner West page and you will be notified when the consultation starts.

Scan this QR code for more information.



Roller derby heaven at Robyn Webster Sports Centre

The Bamshees and Skate Crashers play roller derby at high intensity so they're thrilled with their brand new super smooth floor as part of major improvements at the Robyn Webster Sports Centre in Tempe.

"The old floor had multiple faults because of wear over time and now we have a perfect floor and it is a dream to skate on," said Inner West Roller Derby president and player/coach Teigan Butchers.

"We are a fringe sport made up of predominantly female athletes and to have that support and backing from council means a lot to us."

The \$900,000 project included the installation of new timber floors and roof insulation, and better integration with external courts.

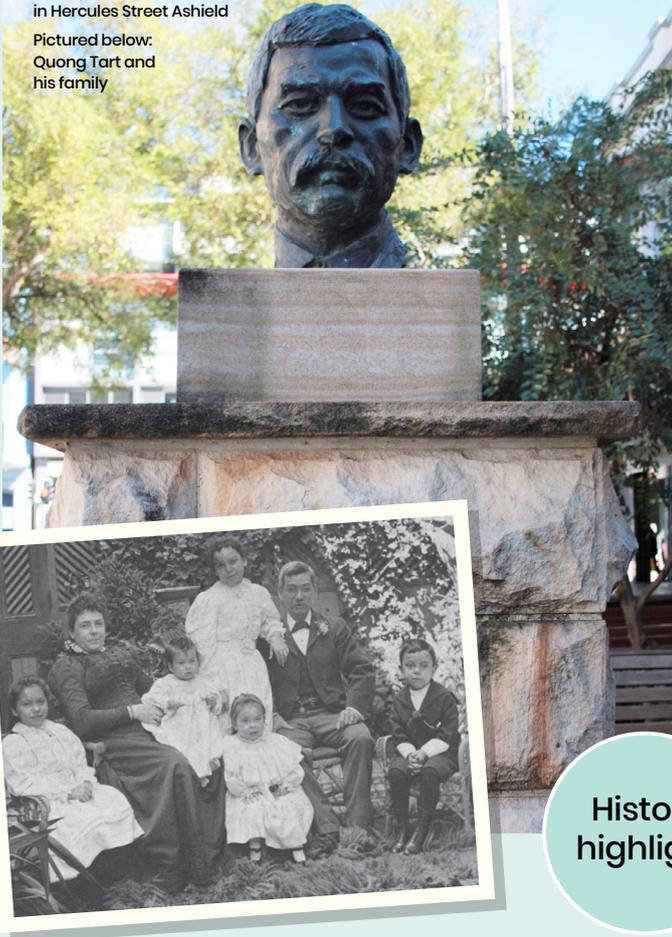
The centre is available for use by schools, clubs, basketball, volleyball and other sporting teams, cultural groups and members of the general public.



The roller derby teams are thrilled with the upgrade

Quong Tart's memorial
in Hercules Street Ashfield

Pictured below:
Quong Tart and
his family



History
highlight

Quong Tart, philanthropist, businessman, bag piper and Ashfield local

Moy Quong Tart, 梅光達 was only nine when he migrated to the Australian goldfields in 1859. From this humble beginning he grew to be one of Sydney's leading businessmen and philanthropists. He was also an excellent cricketer and athlete with a passion for Robbie Burns poetry and loved to play the bag pipes. He led the campaign to outlaw the opium trade while creating a successful tea and silk importation business and opening some of Sydney's most popular restaurants and tea rooms, one of which was the meeting place for Sydney's early suffragettes. The mostly European staff at his restaurants benefitted from paid holiday, family and sick leave decades before this became common and he gave generously to various charities including feeding the poor of Sydney. He lived with his English wife Scarlett and their six children in his mansion, Gallop House in Ashfield.

For his activities in promoting the well-being and acceptance of Sydney's growing Chinese community, he was appointed a Mandarin of the Fifth Degree by the Chinese Government. Sadly, he died in 1903 following an assault during a robbery at his Elite Hall restaurant in the Queen Victoria Building. Thousands of people attended his funeral and today he is remembered with a memorial bust in Hercules St Ashfield.



Art and craft fair

Don't miss this year's wonderful Art and Craft Fair. Held at the Hannaford Community Centre in Rozelle, which supports locals 55+ and many community groups, the much-loved Art and Craft Fair sees the creative community selling their handmade products such as baby goods, clothing, bags, baskets, cards, toys, paintings, jewellery, baked good and patchwork quilts. Do a bit of early festive shopping and pick up something special.

When: 4th November, 10am – 4pm

Where: Hannaford Community Centre,
608 Darling St Rozelle



Party time in the playground

Kids and kids at heart from across Summer Hill celebrated the opening of John Paton Reserve Playground in September.

Facepainting, coffee and ice-cream were a big hit and the upgrades will be enjoyed for years to come.

The nearly \$90,000 project boasts new soft-fall surfacing, a new multi-play unit with slide and swings for a mixed age group, and nature play elements such as balance beams.

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Customer Service Stalls and Local Matters Forum

The next Customer Service Stall is on Saturday 21 October in Balmain from 9:30am to 1:30pm, at Loyalty Square.

Check the QR code also for mobile customer service timings. You can also have your voice heard by getting along to your Local Matters Forum.

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 register.

Balmain residents can take part in their next Local Matters Forum on Tuesday 24 October, at the Balmain Town Hall from 6pm.

Scan the QR code to find local customer service activities.



Heaps Mad

It's Mental Health Month and that means Inner West's annual event Heaps Mad is back, bigger and better than ever. Heaps Mad is an exciting open mic afternoon for people living with mental health from diverse backgrounds to perform a 5-10 minute slot. Expect to discover performances from poetry to opera, interpretive dance to rock music. Delivered in partnership with Sydney Local Health District Mental Health Services, this inclusive event encourages all of us to think about our mental health and wellbeing.

Where: Marrickville Library Pavilion
When: October 26, 12-5pm
Scan this QR code for more information.



Festa fun!

The iconic celebration of Italian culture, Festa, was launched in 1986 by the Capuchin Priests at St Fiacres Church in Leichhardt. Today, it's one of the largest street festivals in Australia with entertainment, cooking demonstrations, food, drinks, dancing and community activities. Make it a family day out.

Where: Norton St, Leichhardt
When: 10am-5pm, Sunday Oct 29

