



Five aquatic centres, three gyms, one Pass

Inner West's new Fitness Pass gives residents access to five magnificent aquatic centres and gyms on one universal card.

The Fitness Pass, one of the Councillor priorities for this term, is part of an on-going commitment to creating a healthier community.

"We have five magnificent facilities and Fitness Pass holders can access all five aquatic centres and gyms on one universal card," said Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne.

"That means no matter where you are in the Inner West, with a Fitness Pass, you have entry to all the services and benefits our aquatics facilities offer, like our gyms which are all fully appointed with the latest fitness equipment – cardio, resistance machines and free weights.

"You can take part in all group fitness classes, which cater for all fitness levels and are led by experienced and professional personal trainers.

"And of course, our pools are simply second to none. Ashfield Aquatic Centre was recently completely rebuilt and the award-winning restoration of Dawn

Fraser Baths is one of the most beautiful outdoor pools in Sydney," Mayor Byrne said.

Council's aquatics facilities attract about two million visits a year. They host a large and diverse range of programs for all age groups.

Inner West's aquatic facilities include:

- **Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre:** Three pools, learn to swim classes, gym, fitness classes, crèche, cafe, meeting room
- **Ashfield Aquatic Centre:** Five pools, learn to swim classes, gym, group fitness classes, personal training, creche, café, spa, sauna, steam room
- **Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre:** Six pools, learn to swim classes, gym, fitness classes, crèche, café
- **Dawn Fraser Baths:** Tidal saltwater pool, change rooms, hot showers, kiosk
- **Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre:** Two pools, learn to swim classes, aqua aerobics classes

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Aquatics



Photo by Phil Hillyard

Henson Park stars in AFLW 2022 season

Marrickville's Henson Park features significantly in the official 2022 NAB AFLW Season.

As well as hosting five games in Season 7, Henson is also now the home ground and training base for Sydney Swans AFLW team in their inaugural year in the competition.

Last year, Council spent \$2.85m upgrading Henson Park turf and underlay soil to suit elite standard sport as well as improvements to irrigation, drainage and sport lighting.

More recently, Council announced a major funding deal for further

upgrades to the grandstand, including female friendly change rooms, multi-use clubroom and lighting and broadcast facilities.

This includes \$5 million from the NSW Government, \$2.5 million from the AFL, and a \$2.5 million election commitment from Anthony Albanese.

- ▶ **Saturday 1 October**
GIANTS v Carlton at 12.10pm
- ▶ **Saturday 8 October**
Swans v Gold Coast at 1.10pm
- ▶ **Sunday 16 October**
GIANTS v Hawthorn at 3.10pm
- ▶ **Saturday 22 October**
Swans v Fremantle at 3.10pm
- ▶ **Friday 28 October**
Greater Western Sydney v Gold Coast TBC



Exceedingly good child care

Yirran Gumal, one of Council's newest early learning centres, has been rated 'Exceeding' by the peak industry body.

The Australian Children's Education and Care Quality Authority (ACECQA) commended the centre for providing quality outcomes for children and establishing a professional learning community that actively welcomes and draws on the strengths of the educators, children, families, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and the local community.

Fewer than 10% of all childcare services achieve this high level.

The achievement comes less than two years after Yirran Gumal opened its doors.

Spot a pot? Report it!

Inner West pothole crews have been working around the clock, filling up to 500 potholes a week.

- ▶ That's almost 6,000 between February – July.

If you spot a pothole, urgent repairs can be done in 24 hours while other repairs are done within two – five working days. Go to bit.ly/SpotAPot





Opening of bioretention ponds

New biofiltration ponds at Addison Road Community Centre (ARCC) were opened in August.

The three-pond system was a joint project between Council and ARCC.

The \$500,000 project will:

- treat stormwater from a 130,000m² area in the Marrickville Eastern Channel North sub-catchment
- reinterpret a historic creek line
- improve amenity and wildlife habitat

At an opening event in August, 200 volunteers planted over 3,600 native tube stocks in the pond system.



Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne and Addison Road CEO Rosanna Barbero opened the ponds with a 'green vine' cutting ceremony



Council wins

Inner West's Youth Week festival won Most Inclusive Youth Week Program at the recent Local Government Week Awards.

The diverse and accessible program of events included LGBTIQA+ Queer Prom, intergenerational drumming, poolside movie night, climate change forum, skate workshop, youth-led library program, outdoor scavenger hunt and the FUTUREPROOF music festival.

Inner West Library's Young Creatives project was highly commended in the Innovation in Special Events category.



Next Local Matters Forum and Customer Service Stall

Local Matters Forum
Balmain/ Baludarri ward

Balmain Town Hall,
370 Darling Street

Tuesday 27 September, 6pm – 7.30pm

Customer Service Stall

Summer Hill/ Djarrawunang ward

Summer Hill Plaza.
Crn Hardie and Lackey Streets

Saturday 8 October,
9.30am – 1.30pm

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/
CommunityEngagement

Inner West Fitness Pass

I hope you will take advantage of our new Inner West Fitness Pass which will give you seamless access to indoor and outdoor pools, gyms, steam rooms and fitness and learn to swim classes.

With the Inner West bringing Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre and Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre back under Council management, we have streamlined all our aquatic facilities and services.

This is great news for all our residents.

At a time when many Councils are walking away from public pools, here in the Inner West we're taking the opposite approach.

We see investment in public pools as an investment in the health of our local community.

In October 2020 we opened the amazing new Ashfield Aquatic Centre, one of the most visually stunning public pools in Sydney.

Then we saved Dawny's. The magnificent heritage restoration of Dawn Fraser Baths was a long hard fight, but together we secured the future of Australia's oldest and most beautiful harbourside pool for generations to come.

The Inner West Fitness Pass is the next step in our ongoing commitment to a healthier Inner West.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



Deputy Mayor Jessica D'Arienzo (second from left) called into One Penny Red in Summer Hill to congratulate head chef R.J. Lines, owner Nina Alidenes and chef Ruben Martinez on winning Business of the Year at the Inner West Local Business Awards

Business Award winners

Congratulations to the 14 Inner West businesses who took out Local Business Awards at a ceremony in July.

The awards recognise outstanding businesses in 30 categories.

Inner West Council is a major sponsor of the awards thebusinessawards.com.au



Category	Winner	
Automotive Services	MPSR Group	Marrickville Metro
Bakery/Cake Business	Pasticceria Papa - Haberfield	Haberfield
Butcher	Great Meats Co	Leichhardt
Café	Bertoni Casalinga	Balmain
Fashion	Bell Street	Marrickville
Fitness Services	Powercore MMA Training Centre	Marrickville
Florist	Art of Bloom Balmain	Balmain
Fruit & Vegetable Shop	Panetta Mercato - Marrickville Metro	Marrickville
New Business	Dental Residence	Petersham
Pharmacy	Pharmacy 4 Less - Ashfield Mall	Ashfield
Pizza Restaurant	Mario's Pizza Bar	Leichhardt
Specialised Retail Business	Souvlaki Boys	Marrickville
Youth Award	Solomon Steele, All Age Music School	Marrickville
Business of the Year	One Penny Red	Summer Hill

Go Heaps Mad during Mental Health Month

Mental Health Month is celebrated each year in October.

It's an opportunity to reflect on mental health and wellbeing, the lived experience of mental illness, and the importance of good mental health in everyday lives.

Inner West is partnering with Sydney Local Health District Mental Health Services to raise awareness of Mental Health Month with an open mic afternoon, Heaps Mad, featuring special guest Jordan Raskopoulos (pictured).

Marrickville Library and Pavilion, Thursday 27 October, 4pm - 7pm.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/MentalHealthMonth





DA information seminars

Inner West is holding Development Application information seminars in September, October and November.

Whether you're renovating, or living next door to a planned renovation, you'll learn planning fundamentals and hear detailed advice on the stages in the DA and construction approval process.

DA Information Seminars:
Information for neighbours
26 October

Preparing your application
28 September
and 30 November

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/DAInfoSeminars



Spruce spring gardens

Spring is the busiest time for the 16 Council staff who look after the almost 3,000 street garden beds throughout the local government area.

Inner West's Landscape Services also maintains the gardens at town halls, car parks, administration buildings and community centres.

Annandale Community Centre front yard was spruced up in August ready for spring. The \$4,000 project was a collaboration between Landscape Services and Council's Trades team.



Successful National Tree Day events

Council held a series of successful National Tree Day events in late July.

At a planting day at Tempe, 41 adults and 10 children helped revegetate Kendrick Park with native plants and grasses.

At a native plant giveaway at Council's Community Nursery in Annandale, 55 people collected small shrubs, grasses and groundcovers.

And the next day, also in Annandale, hundreds of people came to a small tree giveaway, taking home small-to-medium sized native species.



Cllrs Liz Atkins and Justine Langford helped out at the Tempe planting day



Cllrs Mat Howard, Deputy Mayor Jessica D'Arienzo and Chloe Smith at the Tempe planting day



Cllr Marghanita Da Cruz at the tree giveaway



St.Anmoré Music Festival and Marrickville Music Festival

The streets of the Inner West will be alive with music in November.

St.Anmoré Music Festival

Saturday 5 November, 12pm – 6pm

St.Anmoré 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.

The first Festival in 2019 featured over 60 local music acts performing on 10 stages around Stanmore. Thousands attended the event to enjoy the music.

Find out more at stanmoremusicfestival.com

Marrickville Music Festival

Saturday 19 November, 11am – 4pm

Celebrate live music in the Inner West along Marrickville Road.

Multiple outdoor live music stages will feature across the festival site. Plus, Marrickville laneways will bustle with music and art – and Inner West breweries will be selling their wares.

The Marrickville Music Festival will be a showcase of Inner West music talent, with over 40 acts to play in the one-day event.

Want to be part of Marrickville Music Festival? EOIs open now for performers, food vendors and creatives. Go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/MarrickvilleMusicFestival



Festa fun

Mark it in your diary – Norton Street Festa is back in 2022.

Celebrate Leichhardt's enduring connection to its Italian influenced heritage over many generations.

Festival goers are encouraged to take public transport to the event with the Leichhardt North light rail stop just a short stroll away.

Festa is sponsored by Inner West Council.

Sunday 30 October, 10am – 5pm.

nortonstreetfesta.com.au



Sydney Fringe is back

Let Sydney Fringe fill your calendar with incredible performances from local, national, and international acts.

All September you can spend evenings and weekends traversing Sydney streets, watching



performances and laughing your head off to the best of Sydney stories.

Inner West Council is a proud major supporter of Sydney Fringe and in July moved the Fringe admin team into Marrickville Town Hall to boost the conversion of the iconic building into a live performance and arts venue.

Left: Damien Warren-Smith is disgraced actor Garry Starr, who defies his critics by performing every genre of theatre possible. Garry Starr Performs Everything is at the Seymour Centre Tuesday 20 – Saturday 24 September

Above: Council's Marrickville Town Hall is now Sydney Fringe head office



Waste not want not
















The average Australian household throws out about one every five bags of groceries purchased. That amounts to \$2,500 per year.

The Inner West Supper Club is a community passionate about exploring creative ways of cooking, preserving and planning for delicious meals with the aim of reducing food waste.

Find out more at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/SupperClub

Your Councillors

Find your ward - innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WardMap

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Aquatics
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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
Water Play Park
 Illawarra Road, Marrickville South

GreenWay Art Prize entries now open

Entries close 3 October

Go to greenwayartprize.com.au



Inner West to host World Pride soccer tournament

Council, the Flying Bats FC, Sydney Rangers FC and Pride Football Australia are uniting to host an LGBTIQA+ 11-a-side soccer tournament coinciding with Sydney World Pride.

Chair of the Council's World Pride Committee, Deputy Mayor Jessica D'Arienzo, said, "We are proud to support and celebrate our diverse and vibrant community and LGBTQ football stars. This inclusive tournament at Tempe Reserve will be a highlight in our Pride Inner West Program."

Sydney World Pride is 20 – 23 February 2023.



Members of the Flying Bats and Sydney Rangers football clubs joined Council's Mayor and Deputy Mayor to celebrate the announcement



The inaugural Trans and Gender Diverse Swim Night at Ashfield Aquatic Centre was an outstanding success

Inclusive event

Council held a second successful Trans and Gender Diverse Swim in late August, this time at Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre in Marrickville.

Council resolved to hold more, similar events after the outstanding success of the inaugural Trans and Gender Diverse Swim Night at Ashfield Aquatic Centre in April, which received 350 registrations.

"The last one was so successful but it's important to maintain the momentum of that success into future endeavours and we're thrilled that it's happening. It's sure to be an outstanding day," said Council's LGBTQ Working Group chair Jody Toomey.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LGBTQ

Love all

Council recently piloted a six-week program aimed at breaking down barriers and connecting vulnerable people in our community through tennis.

Council partnered with RALLY4EVER, Sydney Local Health District, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre and Bill Crews Foundation to bring together people from diverse backgrounds, ages and abilities.

They met at Western Suburbs Lawn Tennis Association, Pratten Park and Marrickville Hardcourt Tennis Club for connection, exercise, a bit of hit and giggle and a chat over a cup of tea.

The pilot is now being evaluated by Council staff.

rally4ever.org



What's On Inner West

Discover local events or submit a listing innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn