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Bairro Português Food and Wine Fair

Celebrating the very best of Portuguese culture, with entertainment, music, dance, cultural activities and traditional and contemporary foods for all the family.

Bairro has been held annually since 2003 to celebrate and recognise the importance of the Portuguese community to Petersham, and is now Australia's largest Portuguese cultural fair.

Don't miss the next Bairro on Sunday 15 March, 11am to 5pm.

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



Helping our country cousins

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne convened a meeting of 15 Sydney metropolitan councils in January to marshal resources and help fire-ravaged communities in rural and regional NSW.

Mayor Byrne said the metropolitan councils would provide immediate assistance in areas like tree management, community services, cleaning crews and waste and in the longer term in town planning and infrastructure.

"We are determined to help our brothers and sisters in the bush," he said.



Summer Hill Folk Festival

The 2020 Summer Hill Folk Festival, a community day of acoustic music, is on Saturday 14 March at Summer Hill Church. The festival is supported by a \$7,500 Living Arts grant from Inner West Council. The grant program reopens in June.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Grants



Tackling poverty

Council is leading a new grassroots initiative to assess the impact of poverty on local communities across NSW.

Council will work with local organisations, such as the Exodus Foundation, Summer Hill Community Centre, Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, the Gift of Bread and Addison Road Community Centre, to identify how many Inner West people are living in poverty and develop local solutions with State and Federal government help.

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



Christmas drive

TAFE NSW Petersham, Koori Curriculum and Inner West Council partnered on the annual Koori Christmas Drive, sourcing and sorting donations and delivering to community members, social workers and agencies. The 2019 Koori Christmas Drive sent out over 100 hampers and 300 gift packs.



Lachlan Jobbins and Georgina Eldershaw with Costa Georgiadis when Gardening Australia did a story on Food Scrap Friday

Leaders in sustainability

Council is currently training up another batch of Community Leaders in Sustainability.

Previous graduate of the free course, Lachlan Jobbins, developed Food Scrap Friday at Camdenville Public School in Newtown, where around 40 families contribute around 200kg of kitchen scraps each week.



COTY awards

Submissions are still open for the 2020 Citizen of the Year Awards, which recognise outstanding contributions from individuals within the Inner West community. The 2020 awards will be held alongside the Amy Large Volunteer Awards during National Volunteer Week, 18 to 24 May 2020 at Ashfield Town Hall.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/COTY

“There’s no doubt in my mind that Food Scrap Friday wouldn’t be what it is today if I hadn’t done the course,” Lachlan said.

For more on how you can reduce food and organics waste in your red bin, turn to page 4.

Find out more about the course, which is run annually at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LivingSustainably

Inner West offers a helping hand to the bush

In response to the devastation caused by bushfires ravaging NSW over summer, I convened a meeting of 15 Sydney Metropolitan Councils to plan a coordinated response to help local governments in affected areas recover from the disaster.

We resolved to immediately submit a list of plant, equipment and staff to be made available to local government areas affected by the disaster, as required.

We are also establishing a “Sister” Council assistance program, which matches City Councils with a devastated regional Council or Shire to provide short-, medium- and long-term assistance. This will include community-to-community events and fundraising.

Other Inner West Council initiatives include donating \$50,000 to fire-affected communities and a raffle which raised much-needed funds for those in need.

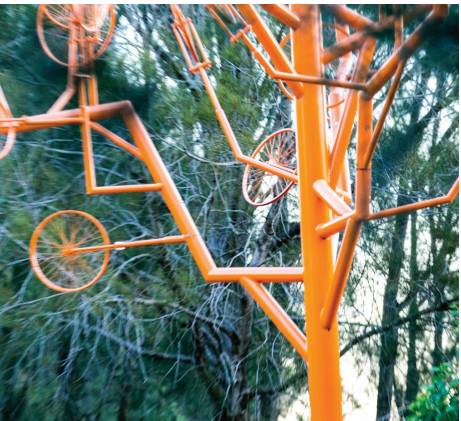
It was so heartening to see the generosity of the people of the Inner West in action.

At this moment of national emergency, the Inner West is offering a helping hand to the bush and contributing to the effort to rebuild these shattered communities.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



Tree Cycle sculpture on the Hawthorne Canal foreshore
Artist : Graham Chalcraft

GreenWay update

Council completed a short section of the GreenWay between Richard Murden Reserve and the Leichhardt North Light Rail Stop late last year.

The upgraded path and lighting provides a safer route for commuters and park users, and includes a better shared path, new lighting and landscaping and feature lighting of the iconic *Tree Cycle* sculpture on the Hawthorne Canal foreshore.

The \$200,000 upgrade was funded from the NSW Government’s Stronger Communities Fund.

Construction of the next stage of the GreenWay is scheduled to commence in March in Richard Murden Reserve.



Ashfield Aquatic Centre

Two of Council’s largest infrastructure projects are going swimmingly.

At Ashfield, Council’s much-needed major redevelopment of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre is on track.

The new facility is due to open in August 2020. Pre enrolment Learn to Swim and memberships will open soon.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/AAC

Dawn Fraser Baths

The heritage restoration of Dawn Fraser Baths is on target to open by October 2020.

The Baths, built in the 1880s, is the oldest pool and swimming club in Australia.

The essential heritage works include replacing the pavilion including the decking, raising the floor level to mitigate sea level rise and future-proof the facility, plus general improvements and upgrades.

Council successfully obtained a \$2.2 million grant from the NSW Government, which – when added to the \$4.5 million already committed by Council – has enabled the urgent works to commence.



One of Council's latest solar installations is a 15kW solar array on Petersham Town Hall, which combined with an LED upgrade at the site, will save over 15 tonnes of carbon every year. Thirty Council buildings now have solar panels.



Five Million Trees

Council will soon begin planting super-advanced size trees, funded by \$600,000 from the NSW Government's Five Million Trees program.

This will be delivered alongside Council's regular annual tree planting program (more than 1,500 planned for 2020).

5milliontrees.nsw.gov.au

Park lighting upgrade

Council has completed a \$600,000 pathway lighting upgrade at Ashfield Park. New pole top LED lighting was installed which will improve night time pedestrian safety and minimise impact on wildlife and energy use. The picnic shelter lighting was also upgraded with LED lights.

Climate and Renewables Strategy

Council now has a Climate and Renewables Strategy, that will assist the Inner West respond to the current Climate Emergency.

"We've made the Inner West a laboratory where new climate change and renewable energy policies are developed," said Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne.

"This Strategy has committed us to take more action and place climate at the very centre of all our decision-making," Mayor Byrne said.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CCA

Food recycling

Council has called on the Minister for Environment and the Minister for Local Government to enter into a partnership with Local Government to deliver a food recycling scheme for metropolitan Sydney.

Most regional Councils in NSW have been able to convert to food and organics recycling, but inner Sydney lacks the infrastructure for large scale food and organics recycling plants.

In the meantime, everyone's urged to investigate Council services that assist residents to keep food and organics out of the red bin, such as Compost Collective, subsidised worm farms, and food recycling for some apartment dwellers.

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



Lesley installed solar with Council's help

Solar for everybody

Over 4,400 Inner West homes, businesses and schools are now powered by solar – and Council is determined to significantly lift this number.

Council already provides free services to make it easier for residents and local schools to go solar.

Now, Council is inviting organisations to partner in projects that would increase the uptake of solar on Inner West residential, commercial, industrial and community properties through an Expression of Interest process.

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

22nd Biennale of Sydney

Council is partnering with the 22nd Biennale of Sydney.

Between March and June, watch out for exciting residencies, performances, installations and exhibitions throughout the Inner West and talks at Marrickville Library.

The 22nd Biennale of Sydney is 14 March to 8 June.

For more information go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Biennale



Get a 'Slow Down' sticker

Get a 'Slow Down in My Street' sticker for your wheelie bin and help raise road safety awareness.

'Slow Down in My Street' is a local road safety initiative jointly funded by Inner West Council and the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS), with support from NSW Police.

Email Council's Road Safety officer kathrine.spina@innerwest.nsw.gov.au or 9392 5330



Built Environment Awards 2020

There's still a few days left to nominate for Council's Inner West Built Environment Awards.

Entries close Sunday 8 March. Winners will be celebrated at an event in May 2020.

Marrickville Medal for Conservation

The Marrickville Medal for Conservation has been awarded annually since 1995, and celebrates built conservation works that contribute to the understanding and conservation of the Inner West's rich cultural and architectural heritage.

Inner West Urban Photography Competition

Images must feature, reference or comment on the older attributes of our built environment and its uniquely interesting places, spaces and details. Categories include Open (\$1,000), high school (\$150) and primary school (\$50).

Go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/BEAs

Coming up at the Libraries

Trans Day of Visibility

To mark the annual International Transgender Day of Visibility on 31 March, Council is hosting a panel discussion to celebrate trans pride and awareness, share stories and explore trans and gender diverse experiences and achievements. Panel members are:

Jody Toomey, deputy chair of Inner West Council's LGBTIQ working group.

Ellis Hartland, a psychologist who has worked with people with a history of complex trauma and/or people with a disability for over 15 years.

Zoo Davies, activist and gender enthusiast.

Marrickville Library & Pavilion,
Tuesday 31 March, 6:30 to 7:30pm.

Bookings required – go to
innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn



Women of the New Gold Mountain

In Women of the New Gold Mountain the lives of a selection of Sydney-based Chinese Australian women are made visible via oral history accounts and family photographs, showcasing their significant social, economic and political contributions. Ashfield Library – Level 2 Local History Room, Wednesday 11 March, 6.30–7.30pm.

Bookings required – go to
innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn

Girls Get Active

Around 120 local high school students are expected to attend a 'Girls Get Active' day on Wednesday 11 March at Leichhardt Oval.

The day, run by Sport NSW and Inner West Council, is a unique opportunity for young females to engage with women achieving success in the sporting domain, and try a range of sports in a fun and safe environment.

Go to
innerwest.nsw.gov.au/IWD
to find out more about this and other International Women's Day activities in the Inner West.

Australian Heritage Festival

The Australian Heritage Festival runs from 18 April to 19 May 2020, with talks and tours taking place throughout the Inner West.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/HeritageFestival



Kelly Lui won a Young Artist award in last year's Young Creatives Awards with this work

Youth Week 2020

There's a whole host of free activities during Youth Week, 1 to 24 April 2020 including a multicultural intergenerational cooking workshop and a two-day girls empowerment for future education workshop.

Plus creative workshops to inspire entries in the 2020 Young Creatives Awards:

- **Singing lessons:**
Ashfield Library, Friday 17 April, 11am
- **Illustration intensive:**
Balmain Library, Sunday 19 April, 10am
- **Stand-up comedy:**
Leichhardt Library, Monday 20 April, 11am
- **Creative writing:**
Ashfield Library, Tuesday 21 April, 11am
- **Spoken word for performance:**
Marrickville Library, Wednesday 22 April, 11am

Find out more
innerwest.nsw.gov.au/YouthWeek



A Feast for the eyes

To coincide with the 2020 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras, Newtown ArtSeat has been adorned with artist Jeff McCann's work 'Fruit Party'.

"The work is a celebration of my queer identity," Jeff said. "Embracing the colloquial term 'fruity' and splattering it all over the ArtSeat.

"I feel this work is a perfect way to bring more fun and colour to the Newtown street while also celebrating being an inclusive neighbourhood," Jeff said.

Jeff's work will feature on the ArtSeat until 11 March.

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Household problem waste drop off

Leichhardt, 50-54
Moore Street
7am-1pm

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Six week Organic Gardening course

Whites Creek Food Forest,
Whites Creek Valley Park
next to 31 White Street,
Lilyfield

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International Women's Day 2020

Campaign theme
#EachforEqual

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Water sensitive design

on your property
Marrickville Library
and Pavilion
9am-12pm

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Summer Hill Folk Festival

Summer Hill Church
2 Henson Street

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Bairro Português Food and Wine Fair

Audley and Fisher Streets,
Petersham, 11am-5pm

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Learner Driver workshop

Helping parents teach
their learner drivers to be
safer drivers.
Petersham Service Centre
6.30pm to 8.30pm

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Compost and worm farm workshop

Camdenville Paddock Community Garden
(adjacent to Camdenville Primary School),
Wells Street, Newtown
9.3am-12 midday

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Apr

Free Solar Assessments

Balmain Library

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Apr

ANZAC Sunday Memorial Service

Ashfield Park
9:30am

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Apr

Anzac Day Dawn Service

Balmain Loyalty Square
6am

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Apr

Rainwater Harvesting Workshop

Tom Foster Community
Centre, 11-13 Darley Street
Newtown, 6-9pm

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May

Built Environment Awards

Marrickville Medal and
Urban Photography

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May

Celebrate 2044

Gourmet eatery, local
beers, family friendly
activities and live music.
Tillman Park
Unwins Bridge Road
Sydenham