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News

July/August 2021



EDGE Sydenham

Fuelling creativity 20-28 August

Experience EDGE Sydenham in and around the Inner West's industrial spaces.

Two full weekends of creative trails, street art tours, gallery openings, and performances including two new works by Shaun Parker and Company - Hover and Found Objects.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/EDGE

Council Operational Plan and Budget 2021-22

On 29 June Council will meet to adopt a responsible budget focused on:

- ▶ Stimulating the local economy
- ▶ Delivering infrastructure
- ▶ Renewing ageing assets

Key highlights include:



Town centre upgrades including Dulwich Hill Station and Marrickville Road (east) public domain masterplan implementation and Darling Street, Balmain streetscape renewal and upgrade.



Expanding solar and food organics recycling throughout the community.



Upgrading Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre and Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre.

\$6.8m



Town Hall and community centre upgrades including Marrickville, St Peters and Balmain town halls and Tom Foster Community Centre for relocation of Newtown Neighbourhood Centre.





Delivering the Urban Amenity Improvement Program (Parramatta Road and surrounds).





Delivering Tempe Reserve upgrade.

This year, Council will complete more than:



\$6.8m on road renewal



\$2.2m on footpath improvements



\$3.7m

on stormwater to prevent flooding and reduce pollution



PLUS \$15m for cycleways, including extensions to Regional Route 3 in Marrickville and Regional Route 7 in Ashfield.

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

In Brief

Potholes

Did you know Council fixes 9,000 potholes every year? It's part of the \$7.4m spent annually on civil works repairs, which includes potholes, footpaths, signage and stormwater maintenance.

Council elections

The Local Government elections will be held on 4 September.

YCA awards

Council's Young Creatives Awards 2021 close Saturday 31 July.

Petersham Service Centre reopened

Petersham Service Centre reopened to the public on Monday 24 May. Opening hours are Monday – Friday, 8.30am – 5pm.



Regional Route 7 cycleway update

Council has completed Section 2 of Regional Route 7 (RR7) - Lewisham to Newtown.

Section 1 of this cycleway from Summer Hill to Petersham is about to commence. This will complete RR7, which links the inner west to Sydney CBD. The NSW Government identified RR7 as a priority route and is funding the development of the upgrade plans.



Youth Facility at HJ Mahoney Reserve

The new \$744,000 HJ Mahoney Reserve Youth Facility by the Cooks River was officially opened in June.

The multi-purpose sports court, flexible-use mini outdoor stage, street art walls and skate elements are designed to promote art and outdoor activity.

The Australian Government contributed \$297,000, which is part of the \$1.6 million Cooks River Parklands Upgrade stage 3.



Better Bay Run lighting

Council has welcomed improved lighting along the popular Bay Run. Council has lobbied the NSW Government for many years to provide lighting in the section of the Iron Cove Bay Run that passes through Callan Park. The new lighting works are now complete, along both Glover Street and King George Park.



Allen Street Leichhardt footpath works in May

New footpaths

Council has completed the \$4.4 million Footpath Renewal Program, part of last year's fast-tracking of infrastructure works.

The program delivered new concrete and asphalt footpaths in parts of all Council wards.

Fighting against the NSW Government's victimisation of the Inner West

We are continuing to stand up and demand our fair share from the NSW Government after their maladministration of the Stronger Communities Fund.

The program was supposedly established to help with infrastructure needs in merged Council areas like ours. Instead it became a \$252 million slush fund for the Liberal and National parties, constituting one of the biggest rorts in NSW history.

Through highly improper methods, 95% of the funds in the program went to Liberal and National Party electorates.

The Inner West community was improperly prevented from applying for and missed out on \$24 million we should have received. I will not stop fighting until the money taken from our community is returned.

The New South Wales Government must now finally do the right thing and provide fair and balanced funding to all Councils across NSW, based on the needs of local communities, whether they voted for the Liberal and National parties or not.

The \$24 million that the Inner West community was cheated out of must be returned.





Mayor, Darcy Byrne Inner West Council



2021 Inner West Council Citizens of the Year

Inner West Council Citizen of the Year is historian, librarian, archivist, published author, educator and speaker Chrys Meader.

Chrys has worked on histories of Enmore Theatre, Henson Park and Vicars Woollen Mill.

Other projects include researching Inner West former members who served in WWI and the Aboriginal History Project with Marrickville Aboriginal Consultative Committee.

Chrys's nominator said, "She is an unrivalled, passionate expert with

encyclopedic knowledge at her immediate disposal."

Pei Qun Guo and Teresa Savage are the co-Senior Citizens of the Year

Pei Qun is a member of the Chinese Australian Services Society and participates in Council's Multicultural Festivals, CASS Charity Dinner and CASS Charity Walk.

Teresa is a pioneer, activist and a strong and supportive voice for the LGBTIQ community, women, youth, young families and the ageing. Young Citizen of the Year is Katrina Ikonomou, an Indigenous social worker who "goes above and beyond to provide amazing opportunities and services to the young women and children in her care," said her nominator, who added that Katrina provides "a platform for intergenerational learning and healing."

Read more about the Citizens of the Year at innerwest.nsw.gov/COTY



2021 Built Environment Awards

Extensive conservation works to iconic Victorian gothic mansion The Abbey in Annandale (left) has won the 2021 Marrickville Medal.

The judges said the works to the highly significant landmark building were "carried out to an exemplary level".

The Marrickville Medal for Conservation celebrates built conservation works that contribute to the understanding and preservation of the Inner West's rich cultural and architectural heritage.

It is awarded every year alongside the Urban Photography Competition.

Right: Andrew Miers won the Open category of the Urban Photography competition with his *Two lovely ladies*.

Everyone can Go Solar



Council has a program that can help anyone and everyone to Go Solar - renters or owners, apartment dwellers, businesses and even schools.

St Pius Catholic Primary Enmore was the first of five Inner West Sydney Catholic Schools to Go Solar through the Solar my School program. A 36kW system was installed on the school hall in late 2020.

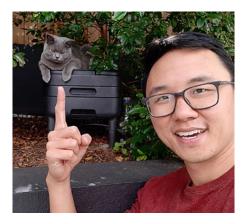
Inner West Council General Manager Peter Gainsford attended the official solar celebration event in May, pictured above with the St Pius school captains.

Find out more about all the ways Council and the community are going solar at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Solar



Council's solar rollout completed in in June included replacement and expansion at John McMahon Children's Centre in Birchgrove

The solar rollout on Council buildings has doubled over the past three years, from 13,100kW to 27,400kW. Most recently, Council completed new and expanded rooftop systems at a number of childcare centres and Marrickville Town Hall.

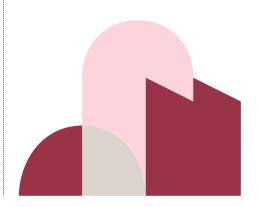


Meet a composter of the Inner West

To celebrate International Composting Awareness Week in May, Council asked Inner West composters to send a selfie and their top tip.

Robert Xie of Dulwich Hill (pictured) suggested keeping your worm farm in a shady spot, and noted his farm doubles nicely as an outdoor perch for his cat Alice.

To meet more composters and see their tips and tricks for successful composting and worm farming, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Composters



Going solar? Let us help!

TRIW SHOOT



We connected Lesley with reputable, trusted suppliers and expert advice

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Solar



Above: Greenway Art Prize judge, Lizzy Marshall (left) with exhibiting finalist Rox de Luca at the 2020 opening event.

GreenWay Art Prize

The GreenWay Art Prize opens 1 July and closes 3 October.

Artworks should have a direct connection to the environment and activities of GreenWay and Cooks River catchment and be accompanied by an artist statement detailing the entry's relevance to the theme.

For more information, go to GreenWayArtPrize.com.au

The Marrickville Mermaid

Don't miss the free performances of The Marrickville Mermaid, starring Christa Hughes.

Part of EDGE Sydenham, August 20-22 at Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre, and part-funded by an Inner West Council Arts grant.

Lyrics by Hilary Bell, music by Luke Styles, with Luke Sweeting on accordion.

Go to Council's website closer to the date for more details. innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn



Booked clean-up collections for all

Council is introducing booked cleanups across the entire Inner West local government area.

When you have a significant number of items that cannot be re-used, repaired, donated or sold, plan ahead and book in a clean-up.

Booked clean-ups are more convenient and can be booked any time of year.

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



Dulwich Hill Football Club takes advantage of the new lighting at Arlington Oval

Lights, Action!

Council has introduced a new lighting and irrigation control system across all sporting grounds.

The new PlayState SCADA (supervisory control and data acquisition) system replaces the four previous systems from the legacy councils.

The new streamlined SCADA has improved efficiency and reduced running costs.

"The new system is great. It's extremely easy to use. Regardless of where I am, I just simply send a text message to the grounds affiliated mobile number and done! The lights come on within seconds," said General Manager of Balmain & District Football Club Matteo Majorana.



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Libraries

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Libraries **Monday – Sunday:** Ashfield, Balmain, Leichhardt and Marrickville

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

Request a tree

Did you know you can request a street tree outside your property?

Street trees are important natural assets and Council is committed to maintaining and increasing the Inner West urban canopy.

That is why Council is undertaking the largest investment in public tree planting in the history of the Inner West. Council will spend \$3 million in accelerated funding in the next year on planting 2,600 trees. Plus, Council will plant 1,000 trees in grass verges and parks this year as part of the annual in-house planting program.

Find out how to request a tree at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/StreetTrees

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National Tree Day

Help Council celebrate National Tree Day in late July and early August by registering for giveaways, planting days and a walking tour.

Collect up to three free native shrubs, groundcovers and grasses on 31 July in Annandale and 7 August in Marrickville, or on 1 August collect one free native tree in Annandale.

Also on 1 August, register to take part in the Steel Park planting day on the Cooks River in Marrickville.

To register and find out more, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/NationalTreeDay





Whites Creek Talks and Tours

Connect to nature by joining a tour, talk or workshop at Whites Creek on Saturday 28 August.

Tours will include Indigenous stories and exploring natural areas, the food forest, community garden and wetland.

The two current Artists in Residence at Whites Creek Cottage will also be among the hosted talks.

Find out more closer to the date by going to Council's website innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn

