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Thousands of Inner West community members helped Council celebrate the opening of the spectacular new state-of-the-art Marrickville Library on Saturday 31, August.

The amazing new community space marks a new era in library services, housing 85,000 books in a beautiful structure that incorporates the heritage listed buildings of the old Marrickville Hospital with soaring new spaces. "It is one of most visually stunning libraries in Sydney," said Mayor Darcy Byrne.

EDGE SYDENHAM

The Inner West's industrial heartland fired up for two wintry weekends of art and performance during EDGE Sydenham.

EDGE supports new works by artists, creative spaces and businesses in iconic places and creative precincts across five local regions – and in August, it was Sydenham's turn.

Hundreds of people went behind-the-scenes to experience where art is made on the popular Creative Trails, before a second fire-fuelled weekend in Sydenham Green combined a Fire Garden by Tortuga Studios with 'ElectroSK8' electronic movement and art at Sydenham Skate Park.

For more on EDGE, see page 7



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BRIEFLY...

Council's planned music lending library will be located at Ashfield Library. Council has resolved to name the library after Australian musical icon Richard Gill, late of Stanmore.

Council is improving its Development Advisory and Assessment processes, making it easier, simpler and more customerfocused. Some of the proposed changes include improving feedback times and refining the Duty Planner service.

Entries are now open for the 2019 GreenWay Art Prize. The prize aims to capture the essence of the GreenWay through visual art and invites entries across a range of media including painting, sculpture and photography. Entries close Tuesday, 8 October. innerwest.nsw.gov.au/ **GreenWayArtPrize**

To find out more, go to epa.nsw.gov.au/leadsafet



In July, digital artworks were printed onto vinyl skins and installed onto signal boxes at selected intersections throughout the Inner West.

The project was a partnership between Council and Roads and Maritime Services. Inner West artist Emily Valentine said it was

a pleasure to be involved in a project dedicated to beautifying everyday objects.

"My work, which originally appeared on Council's Newtown ArtSeat, was a comment on the noise from airport, and now it's right under the flightpath,' she said.





VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR

NEIGHBOURS

Council has established a ground-breaking Good **Neighbour policy requiring** all noise and amenity complaints about pubs, clubs and small bars to be mitigated not litigated.

Under the new policy, Council officers will be required to convene a

meeting with complainants and venue operators to discuss solutions rather than immediately launching compliance or legal action when complaints are received.

Go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/ GoodNeighbour to find out more.

Bundjalung woman, artist, mentor and volunteer at **Boomalli Aboriginal Artists** Co-operative, Bronwyn Bancroft has been named the 2019 Amy Large Volunteer of the Year.

The awards acknowledge outstanding contributions to local families, organisations, programs, the environment and individuals in need.

To find out more, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/ AmyLargeAwards

SYDNEY COUNCILS UNITE AGAINST FOOD WASTE



UPDATE ON INNER WEST POOLS

Inner West Council has launched a push to establish a food recycling scheme for Metropolitan Sydney.

I recently hosted the Inner West War on Food Waste, bringing together representatives from metro councils, state government and the waste and recycling industry to talk about the growing problem of the food Sydney-siders throw away.

It's vital that Sydney Councils work together to turn more than 331,000 tons of food waste generated in Metro Sydney each year into a resource instead of a liability.

Councils provide daily waste management services to millions of residents across

Sydney. The 331,150 tons of food organics sent to landfill in 2014-15 cost metro councils over \$40 million in waste levies alone.

Residents are calling on their local governments to act, Sydney councils want to do it, and industry is ready to be involved. All the ingredients for food recycling to succeed are on the table.

Our next step will be inviting the Environment Minister Matt Keane to work with councils to identify locations for transfer stations and a food organics recycling plant.

Dary Eyrie

Mayor, Darcy Byrne Inner West Council



Council's 2019-20 Budget is focused on saving ratepayers money and fixing ageing infrastructure.

After exceeding last year's \$5.5 million savings target Council has established a new \$10 million savings requirement for 2019/20.

For more information on Council's 2019/20 budget, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/budget

Dawn Fraser Baths

Council has awarded the tender for the Dawn Fraser Baths to Belmadar Pty Ltd.

More than \$5 million will be spent on the urgent heritage restoration.

Works are expected to commence in October 2019 and the pool to reopen for summer 2020.

Ashfield Aquatic Centre

Council is undertaking a much-needed major redevelopment of Ashfield Aquatic Centre.

The new facility is due to open in summer 2020. The timeline for works include:

- Piling/earthworks completed
- Pool construction commenced
- Building structure: Late-September 2019 commencement
- Plant equipment commissioning Mid-June 2020
- Completion: Early August 2020



THREE MULTIPURPOSE COURTS OPEN

The first phase of the Richard Murden Reserve upgrade was officially opened on 24 August.

The Phase 1 works included conversion of existing basketball court to three multi-purpose courts with reversible netball / basketball goals, new bike racks and bins, plantings and landscaping, and new shared path and fencing.

Council has allocated \$2 million in the capital budget for 2019-2020 to installing synthetic surfaces at Inner West sporting grounds to meet the growing demand from local families for more

spaces to play.

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RENEWABLE ENERGY



Inner West Council is working with the **Environment Protection** Agency (EPA) to raise awareness of the dangers of lead around the home.

A common way for lead to enter the body is through breathing lead-contaminated dust or consuming leadcontaminated food or water. Sources of lead include:

- Interior and exterior paint in homes built before 1970
- Lead dust in places where dust tends to accumulate (eg. ceiling cavities, carpets and furniture)
- Garden soil
- Lead fumes from heat guns or soldering irons used to heat up a lead surface
- Lead water pipes, leadlight windows, PVC products, lead sheeting and paints in various products
- Workers in a lead industry bringing dust home on clothes or tools
- Hobbies involving working with lead or lead paint

Once in the body, lead can build up and cause a range of health problems. For Fact Sheets about lead, in English and several community languages, go to epa.nsw.gov.au/leadsafety



REUSEABLE CUPS FOR ALL

Council has partnered with Green Caffeen and Responsible Cafes to bring the reuseable coffee cup revolution to the Inner West.

Find out how it works and how to get a Green Caffeen cup at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CoffeeCups Council has extended its leadership on renewable energy with several recent milestones. Since June, Council has:

- Launched the Inner West Solar my School program
- Marked a new milestone in its target of using 100% renewable energy when the contract to purchase power from the Moree Solar Farm commenced 1 July.
- Become the first Council in NSW to be 100% divested from fossil fuels

To find out how Council is assisting local. residents and businesses to transition to renewable power through Our Energy Future, Green Living Centre and SunSPoT visit

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/solar



NEW RECYCLING CENTRE

Mayor Darcy Byrne officially opened the new St Peters Community Recycling Centre on Thursday, 27 June, ensuring Inner West residents have yet another option for disposing of problem waste such as paints, oils, gas bottles, e-waste and batteries for free. The new Community Recycling Centre is open Saturday and Sunday 8am-1pm

Find out about what can be dropped where at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CRC

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The Inner West now has its first inclusive play space, in Steel Park.

Designed in collaboration with the Touched by Olivia Foundation (www. touchedbyolivia.com.au), the play space encourages social inclusion through play.

As well, the adjoining, highly popular Waterplay Park has also been expanded.

The improvements are part of the \$5 million upgrade of the Cooks River Parklands - a connected series of open spaces that form the northern corridor of the lower Cooks River.



TREE **GIVEAWAY**

Council gave away 300 free trees to residents at Richard Murden Reserve in Haberfield to mark National Tree Day on Sunday, 28 July.

Richard Murden Reserve was also the site of a community planting day, along with Leichhardt Park and Tempe Reserve.

Council has now completed the installation of shade sails in 13 Inner West playgrounds.

Next up is a \$780,000 upgrade of five playgrounds in Stanmore, Ashfield and Croydon:

- Bain Playground Stanmore
- Crammond Park Playground Stanmore
- Hammond Park Playground Ashfield
- Elizabeth Street Playground Ashfield
- Sutherland Reserve Playground Croydon





Spring is the season of Council fairs, festivals and feasts - there's something for everyone.

This year, Council's major events have been developed closely with local businesses - from music venues to pizza joints, micro brewers to artists - to ensure our community is front and centre.

We're celebrating our local heroes, activating our retail strips and main streets and championing our ever changing, dynamic Inner West.

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Nominations are now open for 2020 Inner West Citizens of the Year. The awards recognise outstanding contributions from individuals within the Inner West community.

There are three categories: Citizen of the Year, Senior Citizen, and Young Citizen.

To find out more and to nominate, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/COTY



NAVIGATING THE AGED **CARE SYSTEM**

A new service is operating from Ashfield Service Centre, providing advice on the aged care system, how to access home help and finding places in aged care.

Volunteers are friendly and helpful and speak Mandarin and Cantonese as well as English. The info hub is every Tuesday, 11am-3pm.

Book by calling COTA NSW on 8268 9601 or 0438 431 817 or email acsn@cotansw.com.au



ETHICAL BUSINESSES

The Trading Circle has won the inaugural Inner West Council Ethical / Social **Enterprise Award at the** 2019 Inner West Business Awards.

RECOGNISED

The Trading Circle assists women and their families who face barriers to gaining economic independence. Council's inaugural Excellence in Access Award has been won by Palace Cinemas Norton Street for creating inclusive spaces that benefit people and customers with a disability.

Council recently won the Community Partnerships and Collaboration Local Government Excellence Award for its homelessness outreach program.

The program is a collaboration with Department of Family and Community Services (Housing), Sydney Local Health District, Newtown

Neighbourhood Centre, Missionbeat, Wesley Mission, Youth Off The Streets, NEAMI Way to Home, Launchpad and The Exodus Foundation.

Initiatives of the program include outreach teams, an annual homelessness count, housing and servicerelated information to rough sleepers and two videos which can be accessed at:

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/live/communitywell-being/homelessness

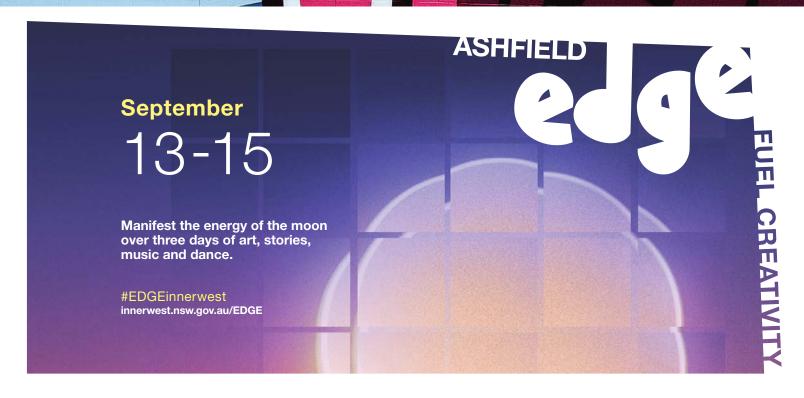


Council has been consulting with Inner West citizens on a Pride Centre - what services it could offer. how to make it safe and accessible, and the possibility of co-locating with relevant stakeholders such as community groups and service providers.

Eighty seven per cent of respondents to the Pride Centre survey said it was very or extremely important to have a Pride Centre in the Inner West.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LGBTIQ

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WHAT'S ON **INNER WEST**









Big Bike Day

War Memorial Park, Leichhardt 11am

Have your bike tuned up, test ride bikes and discover new cycling routes

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/BigBikeDay



Aged Care System Info Hub

Every Tuesday
Ashfield Civic Centre 11am-3pm

Providing help navigating the aged care system.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/COTA



LPAC Family Splash Day

Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre Mary Street, Lilyfield 9am-4pm

A free day of fun and fitness.



Summer Hill Neighbourhood Feast

Lackey and **Smith Streets** 10am-4pm

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn



Marrickville Festival

Marrickville and Illawara Roads 10am-4pm

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn



Norton St Italian Festa

10am-5pm

nortonstreetfesta.com.au



Remembrance Day

Loyalty Square Darling Street, Balmain 11am-12pm



16 Days of Activism

Global campaign against gender-based violence. Council will fly the Speak Out flags across the local government area.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/SpeakOut





Seminar

Leichhardt Chambers, cnr Marion and Norton Streets, 7pm-9pm

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn



Candlelight

Ashfield Park Orpington Street, Ashfield 6pm-9pm

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/carols

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