



Spotlight issue on Council services

Plan your first swim of the season at one of our public pools

## Splash into summer

As the weather warms up it's time to choose your favourite Inner West pool. There's six to choose from across the Inner West. Here's what you need to know.



### ► Dawn Fraser Baths

Reopening 1 October. Featuring a tidal salt water pool, change rooms, hot showers and a kiosk.

Opening hours: October to November  
7.15am to 6.30pm



### ► Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre

Featuring three pools, learn to swim classes, gym, fitness classes, crèche, café, meeting room.

Opening hours: Monday to Friday: 6am to 9pm,  
Saturday: 6am to 7pm, Sunday: 7am to 7pm



### ► Ashfield Aquatic Centre

Featuring five pools, learn to swim classes, group fitness classes, personal training, crèche, café, spa, sauna, steam room.

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday: 6am to 9pm, Friday 6am to 8pm, Saturday and Sunday: 6am to 7pm



### ► Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre

Reopening 1 October. Featuring two pools, aqua aerobics classes.

Opening hours: October to November.  
Monday to Saturday 7am to 6.30pm  
Sunday: 8am to 6pm



### ► Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre

Featuring six swimming pools, learn to swim classes, gym, over 100 fitness classes, crèche, café.

Opening hours: Monday to Thursday: 5.30am to 9pm, Friday to Sunday: 5.30am to 8pm



### ► Steel Park Water park

A great place for water play.

Opening hours: 9am to 6pm from October to April

Scan this QR code for more information:



Check out our free services for your furry friends



## Companion animals services

There have been some big changes to the pet registration and microchipping rules. Our services:

- ▶ Our officers hand-make free ID collars for pets that are microchipped and registered
- ▶ We make free engraved pet tags for all Inner West cats and dogs
- ▶ We offer free home visits to scan your pet's microchip, and assist with updating details
- ▶ Once a month we hold information stands in local parks, offering free giveaways for your pets, and responsible pet ownership information

- ▶ We collect lost dogs, scan their microchip to find their owner, search tirelessly through Council records and via Facebook posts. When we find their owner, we transport them right to our resident's doorstep
- ▶ We run a lost and found Inner West pet section of our website, to help reunite missing pets with their owners:  
[www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LostPets](http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LostPets)
- ▶ We investigate dog attacks to ensure public safety

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## Calling all nature lovers!

Ready to get your hands dirty?

Join Inner West Council's Bushcare Volunteer Program and help transform our local spaces into thriving, sustainable green havens.

Team up with Council staff and fellow nature lovers to tackle tasks like weed removal, seedling care, and mulching.

Volunteering shifts are just three hours at various locations across the Inner West. Dive in, make a difference, and grow your knowledge about your local environment.

Scan this QR code for more information



## Free seniors directory 2024

Designed for Inner West seniors, this comprehensive guide connects you to vital local services and programs, fostering wellness and independence.

From health and financial advice to at-home support, discover a wealth of resources at your fingertips. Ideal for seniors, carers, and service providers alike, this directory is your roadmap to thriving in our community.

For more information please contact:  
[seniors@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:seniors@innerwest.nsw.gov.au)

Or scan the QR code for a digital copy:



Discover our range of seniors services



Find your favourite fitness activity in the Inner West

## Active Inner West services

Did you know that Active Inner West is a one-stop shop for all of the aquatic, sport and recreation activities run by or in partnership with Inner West Council?

It's worth checking it out and finding community sporting activities and clubs near you, tennis courts and skate parks and all our running, walking and cycle paths.

There's also a link to our Inner West Fitness Pass which offers great deals on joining our aquatic facilities with their gyms, pools and fitness classes.

Scan this QR code for more information:



## Customer service to you!

Council's hugely popular mobile customer service stalls continue to provide a steady stream of support to all residents around the Inner West.

Our Customer Service team bring their expertise to various accessible venues from Tuesday to Friday, and Saturday mornings. They're ready to assist you with any query. Check the schedule, plan your visit, and experience the efficiency as your council service team makes themselves available to residents, providing answers and assistance in a welcoming and convenient atmosphere. You can also pop into our 3 service centres, 5 days a week at Petersham, Leichhardt and Ashfield, and call us 24/7 on 9392 5000.

Scan this QR code for the mobile customer service stall schedule:



Plan your garden at our nursery

## A good deed and a good seed

Do you want to grow your garden?

Pay a visit to Annandale and Marrickville Community Nurseries! These nurseries are a fantastic initiative to introduce local, native plants back into the gardens of the Inner West.

Whether you're a veteran green-thumb or new to gardening, these native plants are well adapted to the local conditions of the Inner West, making them a sustainable and low-maintenance addition to your garden. Native plants are propagated by our volunteers and

available to purchase cheaply.

All Inner Westies are welcome to partake in restoring native plant population to our ecosystems and supporting the habitats of our native species - big and small! Scrape together some loose change and get planting!

For more info and the opening hours of the Annandale and Marrickville Community Nurseries, scan this QR code for more information:





Libraries are more than just books

## Join your local library

Are you new to the area? Joining your local library connects you to a huge range of free services for all ages.

Libraries are so much more than just borrowing books. It's free to join up and there are free activities for children of all ages. There are even toys and robots and musical instruments available to borrow.

There are eight libraries within the Inner West area. Our libraries include:

- ▶ Book borrowing including e-books

and audiobooks

- ▶ Magazines and newspapers
- ▶ Computer and internet access
- ▶ Online resources and databases including educational resources
- ▶ Children's programs and activities such as storytime sessions
- ▶ Youth programs and services
- ▶ Adult programs and workshops including author talks, book clubs, technology training and lectures
- ▶ Study spaces and meeting rooms

Find your closest branch and see programs and events by scanning this QR code:



## Creative Town Halls

All seven of the Inner West's town halls are being converted to arts and cultural venues available free of charge as spaces for live performance, rehearsal and exhibition.

The town halls have been made even more attractive for use by artists with an \$800K investment in sound systems, audio-visual equipment, performance and recording studios.



If you want to book a venue scan here:



Our town halls are now cultural venues



Enjoy free wellbeing services at community centres

## Community centres

Council provides staffed Council-owned community centres such as Annandale Community Centre and the Hannaford Community Centre in Rozelle. Council also supports community organisations such as the Marrickville Legal Centre with \$125K funding for renters' legal representation. Check out what's on at these Council -owned centres:

- ▶ Annandale Community Centre: discover community activities such as choirs, tai chi, tax help and more
- ▶ Hannaford Community Centre: this centre caters to people 55+ yrs. Discover computer help, book groups, yoga and more

Council also funds, supports and collaborates with a wide range of non-government organisations (NGOs) to deliver thriving community centres in Council-owned buildings:

- ▶ Newtown Neighbourhood Centre
- ▶ Community Refugee Welcome Centre, Lilyfield, operated by Settlement Services International (SSI)
- ▶ Summer Hill Neighbourhood Centre, operated by 3Bridges
- ▶ Inner West Pride Centre at Newtown Town Hall

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# Sustainability Hub

Inner West Council established the Sustainability Hub last year. Its mission is to give residents access to resources, services and information from sustainability focused organisations to empower people to take action and have a positive impact on the environment.

The Sustainability Hub is now a thriving precinct with a broad range of services and activities.

Council partnered with leading organisations to offer local residents new skills and experiences about recycling.

Scan this QR code for more information:



Discover green living tips

## The Green Living Centre

An initiative of Inner West Council and runs workshops, webinars, events and programs to inspire the community to reduce their environmental impact.



Support for women re-entering the workforce

## Dress for Success

An NGO that empowers women to thrive in work and life. Open for clothes donations on Mondays (10am to 2pm) and Saturdays (9am to 12pm).



Learn new DIY and upcycling skills

## The Bower

Famous for their DIY and repair workshops, the Bower is open Monday, Tuesday and Friday from 10am to 5pm and the first Saturday of the month 11am to 3pm. The Electrical Repair Shop is open Wednesdays from 2pm to 6:30pm (booking required).



Learn how to repair and recycle

## Re Place

Check out workshops, informal drop in sewing sessions and BYO upcycling projects. Recycling Drop Offs for clothes and electronics Wednesdays 2pm-6pm.

Check out our award-winning rap video and meet the friendly team at the Community Recycling Centre by scanning this QR code:





# Waste recovery services

Apart from the weekly household waste schedule, are you across all the garbage collection services Council offers? Check out our full list here:

**Free Council clean-up:** Book online for a clean-up for any items you can't re-use, donate or sell. There are four categories of waste: bulky household items and furniture, tree branches, metal and whitegoods and mattresses.

**Free drop-off and recycling centres:** These accept waste items that can't go into your household bins. Electronic waste items, chemicals, bulky household items, sharps and anything else that is hard to recycle will be accepted. No proof of residence is required.

There are two Community Recycling Centres (CRC).

**CRC Leichhardt:** 50-54 Moore Street, Leichhardt.  
Opening hours: Saturday and Sunday, 7:45am to 11:30am, and then 1pm to 3:45pm.

**CRC St Peters:** 15-17 Unwins Bridge Road, St Peters (entry at rear, through Bolton Street).  
Opening hours: Saturday and Sunday, 8am to 1pm.

We will accept the following items:

- ▶ Gas bottles
- ▶ Fire extinguishers
- ▶ Paints
- ▶ Fluorescent globes and tubes
- ▶ Car and household batteries
- ▶ Motor and cooking oil
- ▶ Smoke detectors
- ▶ Aerosols
- ▶ Computer and TVs
- ▶ TVs and monitors
- ▶ DVD players and sound equipment
- ▶ Electric heaters

Chemicals other than any listed cannot be accepted. You can drop these for free at our household chemical and e-waste events at St Peters.

Find out more about our free waste services by scanning this QR code:



# Parks and streetscapes services

Inner West Council is one of the only councils who mow verges. We also plan, maintain and renovate our open spaces, streetscapes, parks, reserves, gardens and sports grounds. We make sure that our green spaces are in the best condition for the community to enjoy.

Our regular services include:

- ▶ Mowing verges every 20 days from October to March and every 40 days from April to September
- ▶ Street sweeping every 40 days
- ▶ Main street cleaning daily
- ▶ Park and playground cleaning and rubbish collection daily and weekly
- ▶ Road reserve and other park landscaping
- ▶ High pressure cleaning of main street shopping areas every 3 months

Check out our verge mowing schedule by scanning this QR code:



## Council grants program

Did you know that Inner West Council has an extensive community grants program?

We offer Quick Response small grants to support groups who want to expand community wellbeing within the Inner West. In 2025 you can also apply for arts, community history, community wellbeing or multicultural funding.

Find out more at [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/grants](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/grants)



## Early learning services

Did you know that Inner West Council provides 16 early education and care services to over 1,600 local children from birth to 12 years?

Council's education and care services meet or exceed the National Quality Framework, so you know your little ones are in good hands. Council operates a range of services, including:

- ▶ Eleven long day care centres
- ▶ One preschool
- ▶ Two outside school hours care (OSHC) services
- ▶ One occasional care service
- ▶ One family day care scheme
- ▶ Our Magic Yellow Bus mobile playgroup, which offers supervised play at a range of parks and locations across the suburbs.

For more information, scan this QR code:



## Planning focus:



### ▶ Planning advice services

Council offers general planning advice with our duty planners. They can help explain the basic planning controls and policies that affect your property, whether your proposal is likely to require formal approval or can be done without consent and what controls apply to your property (for example, whether your property is heritage-listed) and the process for applying for approval to carry out the work.

For larger or more complex projects, you may benefit from seeking formal planning advice prior to lodging your DA with Council. In these cases, we'd recommend you seek pre-development application (pre-DA) advice from one of our planners.

Duty planners are available for general planning enquires at Leichhardt Service Centre from Monday to Friday between 8:30am and 4:30pm.

Scan this QR code for more information:



### ▶ How to check on Council works near you

Council completes a wide range of construction projects each year to deliver new and improved services to the community and maintain and renew infrastructure assets.

The QR code below provides project details. In 2024/25 Council plans to deliver \$125.1 million in works.

As part of that commitment, Council is providing information on the capital works program to ensure open and transparent communication with the community.

Scan this QR code for more information:





# What's On Inner West

For more information about what's on, visit [innerwest.nsw.gov.au](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au)

## Marrickville Music Festival

Celebrate Marrickville's colourful culture with an action-packed day of free live music and entertainment as one of Sydney's most exciting live music festivals.

Marrickville Music Festival will bring together local creatives with shoppers, diners and dancers to highlight the unique offering Marrickville provides to the Inner West and Sydney more broadly.

**When:** Sunday 13 October, 12pm to 6pm

**Where:** Marrickville Road, Marrickville



Join in the fun with beats, food, brews and play on October 13



Festa Fun!

## Norton Street Italian Festa

Join in the fun at the famous Italian festival that takes over Norton Street in Leichhardt.

At one of the largest street festivals in Australia, discover carnival rides, jumping castles, animal farms, face painting, street performers and pony rides for the kids. There'll be entertainment, concerts, dancing and cooking demonstrations from leading Italian chefs. There'll be over 100 stallholders to discover, showcasing the best food including gelato, coffee, pasta and more.

A celebration of the Italian heritage and history of Leichhardt, this day out has something for the whole family.

**When:** Sunday 27 October, 10am to 5pm

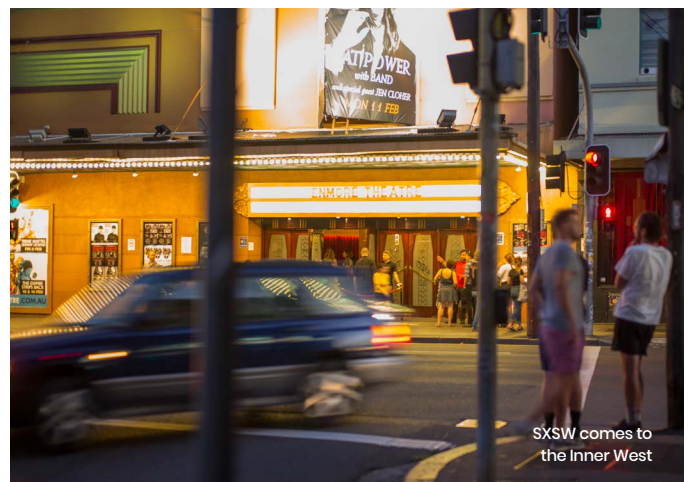
**Where:** Norton Street, Leichhardt

## SXSW + Inner West Council

The South By SouthWest Sydney Festival and Inner West Council are collaborating to bring the vibrancy and energy of the global SXSW conference and festival to the heart of Sydney's Inner West to showcase the region's thriving arts and music scene on an international stage. The festival will deliver a dynamic mix of local and international artists across free, multi-stage events at local venues such as the Enmore Theatre and the Factory Theatre.

**When:** Sunday 20 October.

Find further details on Council's What's On website.



SXSW comes to the Inner West