

Rates Newsletter

INNER WEST
COUNCIL

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YOUR RATES WELL SPENT

Ashfield Town Centre \$7 million

Completion of the upgrade and commencement of the Gateway Treatment near Thomas Street, Cavill Avenue and Miller Street

Dawn Fraser Pool \$2.08 million

Essential maintenance including structural repairs, restoration of the amenities, accessibility improvements and compliance works.

Ashfield Park lighting upgrade \$590,000

Improved pedestrian lighting

Childcare centres \$590,000

Tillman Park, May Murray, Deborah Little, Cavendish improvement works

Ashfield Aquatic Centre upgrade works \$12 million

Design and construction: 50m outdoor pool with accessible ramp, new children's leisure pool, new health and fitness centre, increased parking spaces

Booth Street bridge widening \$840,000

Design and construction of the widening of the bridge in Annandale (in partnership with City of Sydney)

Waterfront Drive upgrade Lilyfield \$1.38 million

Refurbishment of sporting grounds and installation of cricket nets

The GreenWay \$1.9 million

As part of the commitment to complete 12 "missing links" in the 5.8km environmental and active travel corridor

Leichhardt Town Hall renewal \$1.13 million

Reinstating the original colour scheme and restoration of original windows

Haberfield Library upgrade \$840,000

Accessibility improvements, roof replacement, internal refurbishment and replacement of air con

Petersham Park grandstand upgrade \$700,000

Including improved accessibility and new accessible toilet

Petersham Town Hall upgrade \$1.05 million

Access upgrade

Chester Street footbridge replacement \$450,000

Replacement of the Annandale footbridge and relocation of the BBQ and basketball court

Victoria Road-Chapel Street, Marrickville \$325,000

Signalisation of intersection

Cooks River parklands \$2.7 million

Masterplan works including inclusive playground, cycleway lighting, pathways, picnic area, raingarden and landscaping works.

Victoria Road-Chapel Street, Marrickville \$325,000

Signalisation of intersection

Steel Park Marrickville \$250,000

Community room upgrade (Stronger Communities Fund)

In June, Council adopted a suite of key strategic documents including its first Community Strategic Plan (CSP) which identifies the community's vision for the future, outlines long term goals and the strategies to get there.

The CSP guides all Council's plans, policies and budgets. Read more about Council's first CSP on page 2.

Council also adopted the first Inner West Council four year Delivery Program, and second integrated budget and operational plan.

Local infrastructure will benefit from a record spend of \$77 million this financial year, while \$85 million will be spent over four years on roads, footpaths and stormwater, and \$6 million upgrading town halls.

A major commitment of the Delivery Program is reducing infrastructure backlogs, and maintaining vital assets such as roads, parks and community buildings, in a cost-effective way.



MESSAGE FROM INNER WEST MAYOR, DARCY BYRNE

Lifting the bar on services

Council is putting forward a **budget that is aimed at modernising our services, infrastructure and financial management.**

We are protecting everything that was good about the Ashfield, Marrickville and Leichhardt councils. We are also raising the bar, **making Council more professional and more accountable to the local community.**

The State Government's promise of improved customer service as a result of amalgamation hasn't come to fruition yet, but a **new system** will be rolled out this year **to fix the problems and allow residents to make and track service requests** online.

Council will also **deliver an estimated 4% (\$5-7 million) in savings by instituting a target for all managers in every unit of Council.** This will drive efficiency and save ratepayers' money.

There are some **very exciting projects in the budget.**

These include:

- \$31 million for a new state-of-the-art **aquatic centre** in Ashfield
- \$65 million for **parks, sporting fields and recreation** facilities over the next three years
- \$85 million over four years for **roads, footpaths, stormwater drains**
- \$23 million to **complete the GreenWay** pedestrian and cycle & biodiversity corridor
- \$600,000 to create our **own Inner West alternative to Vivid** that brings the people into existing Inner West arts-based businesses
- A new **rebate (approximately \$400) on waste charges for pensioners** in Ashfield and Marrickville (bringing it into line with the former Leichhardt Council's policy)
- **Turning the parking meters off** at night in Balmain, Rozelle and Leichhardt, and reducing parking fees by \$660,000

This budget is a step towards our goal of delivering the highest quality services and infrastructure of any local government in Australia.

OUR INNER WEST 2036

Inner West's first Community Strategic Plan

Inner West Council now has a Community Strategic Plan (CSP) – its first – which identifies the main priorities and aspirations of the Inner West community, and provides a clear set of strategies to achieve this vision of the future.

Approximately 7,000 people provided input over a period of 18 months. Five Strategic Directions were identified:

- An ecologically sustainable Inner West
- Unique, liveable, networked neighbourhoods
- Creative communities and a strong economy
- Caring, happy, healthy communities
- Progressive local leadership

Read the CSP at www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/council/planning-for-our-future

"...the highest level of strategic planning undertaken by a local council..." – NSW Office of Local Government

"Young people should also get involved with their community... after all, we are the future of Inner West," says Anne Maree Hoang, Headspace volunteer and 2018 Young Citizen of the Year

GET YOUR FREE TREE

To mark National Tree Day, Council will once again give away free trees to residents. The tree giveaway is at Whites Creek Valley Park, Annandale on Sunday, 29 July, 10am-1pm.

The trees are in advanced containers and include small, medium and large size natives: Banksia, Native Tea Tree, Eucalyptus, Callistemon, and Lilly Pilly. Limit of one tree per household and Inner West Council residents only www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/trees

Last year, Council gave away 300 trees to Inner West residents.



REBATE SLASHES RATES FOR MANY PENSIONERS

Eligible pensioners (resident ratepayers for 10 years or more) will save as much as \$485 on their rates bill, after Council harmonised waste management rebates across the three former council areas.



Under the former Leichhardt Council, pensioners did not pay for waste management (household recycling and green waste, garbage collection and disposal, clean-up and lane cleaning).

Now, eligible pensioners that live in the old Ashfield and Marrickville will also benefit. While these councils did have a rebate system, it was not as generous:

Former Council	Old rebate	New rebate
Marrickville	\$93	\$578
Ashfield	\$75	\$387

To find out more about all pensioner rebates available to Inner West Council residents, go to www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/council/rates/rebates-for-pensioners

COUNCIL'S NEW WEBSITE COMING SOON

Over 1,200 Inner West citizens helped Council develop the new website, using information like: why people use the site, how they find information, and the top 12 searches.

The improved What's On calendar is easier to use, and allows everyone to upload and edit their own Inner West events.

Plus, simply type in an address and find nearby places, facilities, services and events with the new Around the Inner West mapping tool.

Council worked closely with accessibility consultants, Accessibility Oz, to ensure the site meets Web Content Accessibility Guidelines (WCAG) Level AA compliant website.



The new website will also host a new customer service system, allowing citizens to log their requests online, anywhere, anytime, from any type of device.

The system also has a tracking option, with both 'received' and 'completed' notifications allowing customers to track their requests online.



EXODUS WINTER APPEAL

Donate NOW to the Exodus Foundation Winter Appeal to provide food, clothing and care to the homeless this winter: donations@exodusfoundation.org.au or call 02 8752 4692

GOT TRICKY WASTE?

Council's 'Tricky Waste Items' webpage lists all the options Council provides to residents to get rid of stuff that shouldn't go into household bins – e-waste, chemicals, bulky household items, sharps and anything that's difficult to recycle.

As well as an 'A-Z What goes where?', you'll find dates for household chemical and e-waste drop offs, and recycling centre locations such as the Weekend Transfer Station* in Leichhardt, which accepts excess waste and recycling for an additional charge (e-waste is free).

*From Sunday, 1 July, the Weekend Transfer Station is going cashless. Card payments preferred. www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WTS



**GET READY
FOR THIS:
SPRING AND
SUMMER IN
THE INNER WEST**



3 TO 5 AUGUST
Perfect Match
innerwest.nsw.gov.au/PerfectMatch

**NEWTOPIAN
Sleepout**

TUESDAY 7 AUGUST
Newtopian Sleepout
www.newtopiansleepout.org

11 AUGUST - 20 OCTOBER

Water-Sensitive Design on Your Property
To register, contact urbanecology@innerwest.nsw.gov.au or 9392 5596

Part 1 - Introduction
Saturday, 11 August
Part 2: Design
Saturday, 16 September
Part 3: Build
Saturday, 20 October



SUNDAY 26 AUGUST
footprints ecofestival,
11am-3pm Whites Creek
Valley Park, Annandale



SUNDAY 16 SEPTEMBER
Dulwich Hill Village Fair,
Marrickville Road, 10am - 4pm.
innerwest.nsw.gov.au/DHVF



SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER
Summer Hill Neighbourhood
Feast. 10am-4pm
Lackey Street, Summer Hill



SUNDAY 21 OCTOBER
Marrickville Festival, Marrickville and
Illawarra Roads, Marrickville
10am - 5pm.



SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER
Newtown Festival,
Camperdown Memorial
Rest Park
www.newtownfestival.org/



SUNDAY 18 NOVEMBER
Jazz in the Park 3pm-6pm
Gladstone Park, Balmain



SATURDAY 8 DECEMBER
Carols by Candlelight. 6-9pm
Ashfield Park, Ashfield



FRIDAY 26 JANUARY 2019
Australia Day, 2.30-9pm
Enmore Park, Marrickville



SUNDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2019
Carnival of Cultures 10am-4pm
Ashfield Park, Ashfield

**your say
Inner West**

Have your say on Inner West's draft advisory committee structure. Covering key issues including environment, housing affordability and transport or representing core Inner West demographic groups, advisory committees are one of the ways to get involved in Council's decision-making. View the proposed structure at Council's Service Centres or go to yoursayinnerwest.com.au
Comments close 29 July 2018.

STAY IN TOUCH – SIGN UP TO OUR E-NEWSLETTER

Sign up for Council's monthly e-Newsletter to keep up to date with the latest Council decisions, events and proposals – delivered directly to your inbox. For more information go to Council's website and click on 'E-Newsletters'.



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