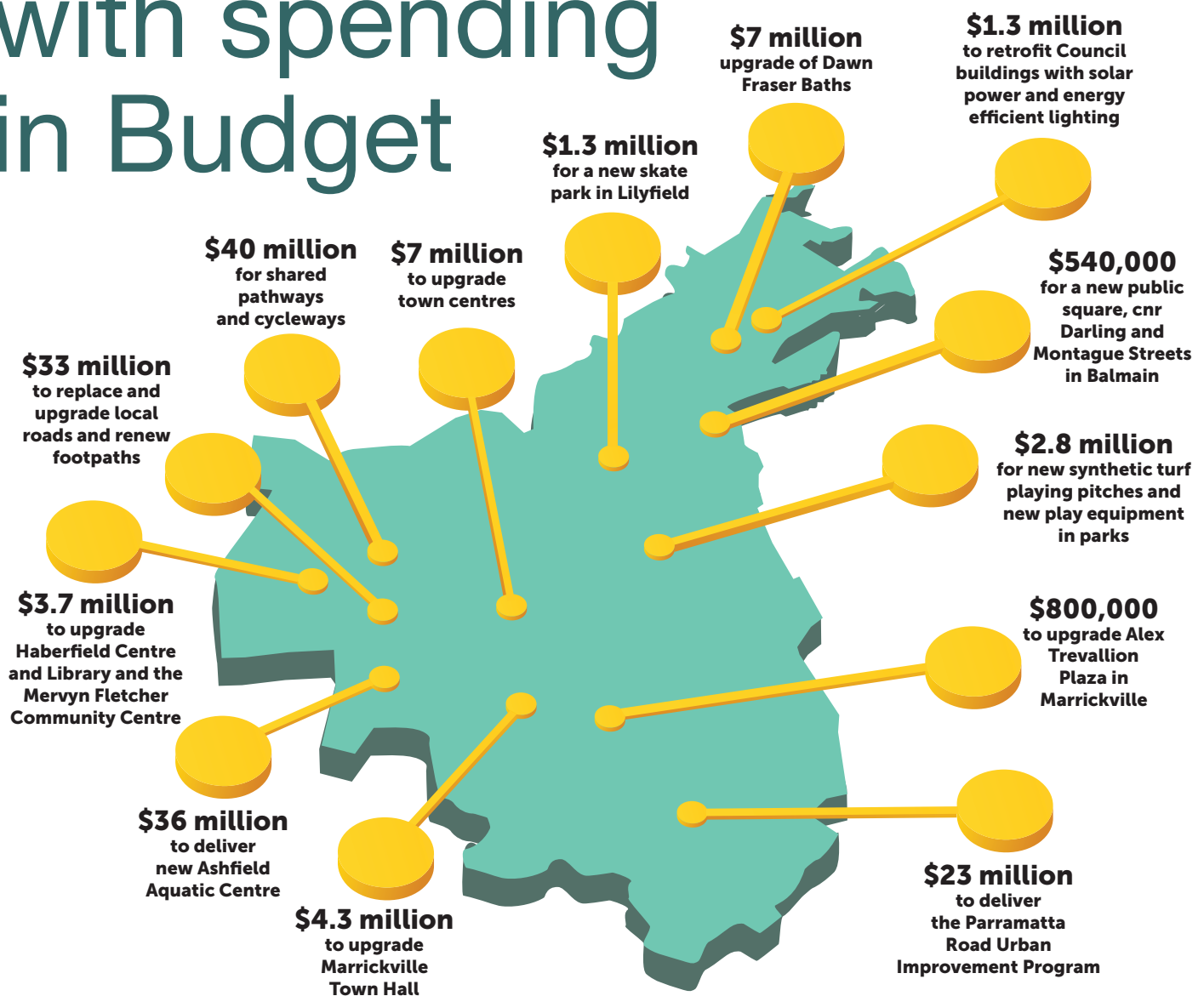


Council balances savings with spending in Budget



Inner West Council recently adopted a Budget focused on saving ratepayers money and increased investment in 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.

Council has improved its financial and asset management systems since the new Council was elected in 2017 and is now focusing on saving funds to allow record investment in community infrastructure like roads, footpaths, pools, parks and sporting fields and retrofitting Council buildings with solar power and energy efficient lighting.

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

Artist: Brad Robson

EDGE Sydenham

Council's next EDGE arts and culture festival ignites Sydenham 2-10 August.

Showcasing the Inner West's industrial heartland, creative spaces and venues will throw open their doors and stage special programs. The streets and laneways will be ablaze with new street art, giant projections and pop up performances. Take a tour of 40 spaces with Creative Trails or make your own adventure.

On Saturday, 10 August, 4pm-10pm Sydenham Skate Park features the Fire Garden by Tortuga Studios and an electronic wonderland of movement and art by ElectroSK8.

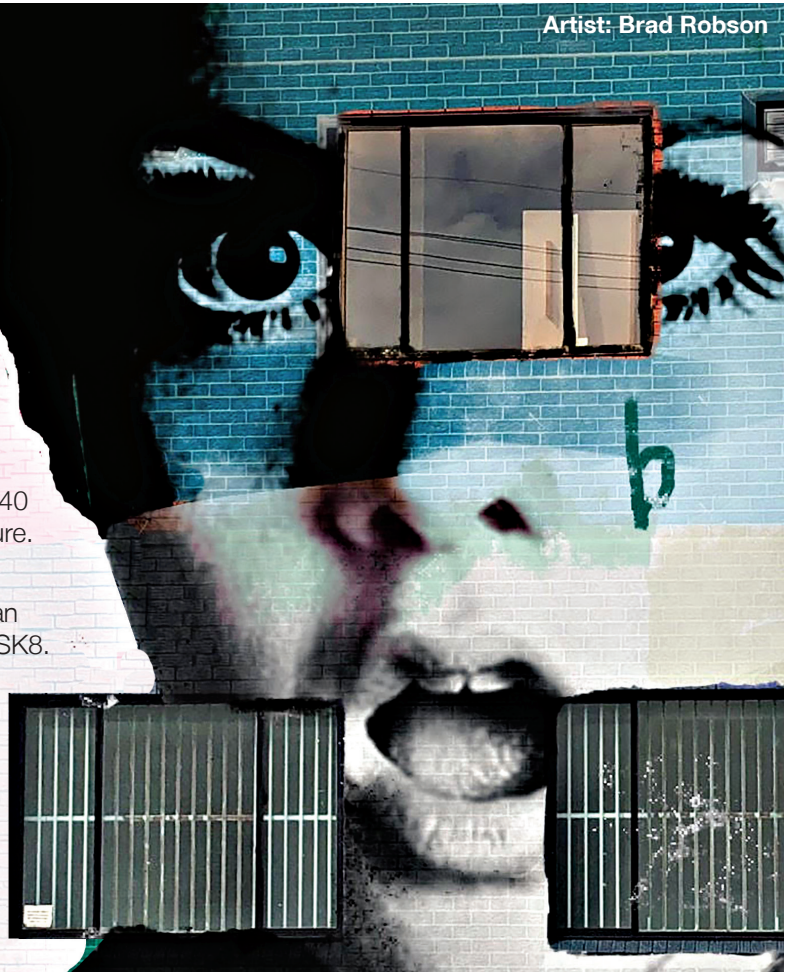
Go to www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/EDGE

Future EDGE festivals:

12-15 September: EDGE Ashfield

7-17 November: EDGE Newtown

21-24 November: EDGE Balmain



Download the waste app

Never miss a waste collection.

Find out what bins go out when and when your drop off days are, plus plenty of other handy information like how you can be part of the reuse and reduce culture.

The Inner West Council waste app is available for iOS and Android devices.



Exodus appeal

Help those in need in our community by donating 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.

Get rid of problem waste

The Inner West has a new Community Recycling Centre (CRC) where problem waste like paints, oils, gas bottles, e-waste and batteries can be dropped off for free.

The centre was established by Council from a grant of \$248,933 from the NSW Government's Waste Less, Recycle More initiative.

The new St Peters Community Recycling Centre is located at 15-17 Unwins Bridge Road, St Peters (entry at rear, through Bolton Street), 7 days, 8am-1pm.

Find other Inner West CRCs at www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CRC



Simplifying DAs

Council is improving its Development Advisory and Assessment processes, making it easier, simpler and more customer-focused.

Some of the proposed changes include:

- Simple applications be determined within 28 days (currently 90-120 days)
- Twenty-one days, rather than 14 days, allowed for changes or improvements to the DA by the applicant, with an easier process for making amendments
- Improving feedback times by making internal referral more efficient
- Where appropriate, dedicating one planner through the entire process, so applicants are dealing with the one person until completion
 - Refining the Duty Planner service to hasten workflow and therefore timeframes
 - Half-yearly industry workshops with planners, architects and customers to review business practices/procedures and consider improvements
 - Regularly liaising with other councils on best practice in development assessment
- Harmonising the three legacy Property and Rating systems, with online application tracking and lodgement portals due for completion this calendar year.



Increased focus on Budget savings

For the coming financial year, Council has adopted a Budget centred on saving ratepayers money and increased investment in fixing ageing infrastructure.



Council this year also adopted my recommendation to establish a new \$10 million savings requirement for 2019/20.

Having established more sophisticated financial and asset management systems Council will now focus on saving funds to allow record investment in community infrastructure like roads, footpaths, pools, parks and sporting fields.

We're spending an extra 17% on infrastructure over four years and have increased our footpath budget by 7.4% to \$10 million as population demand grows. We have committed \$23 million for replacing and upgrading local roads and \$7 million on upgrading our town centres to support our local economy.

Our commitment to making sure that everyone can enjoy the benefits of an active and healthy lifestyle continues as we commit \$36 million to deliver the new Ashfield Aquatic Centre and \$7 million for the upgrade of Dawn Fraser Baths. We've committed \$2 million for new synthetic turf for sporting grounds, \$800,000 for new play equipment and \$40 million for shared pathways and cycleways across the inner west.

We'll continue to lead the environmental fight by spending another \$1.3 million to fit out Council buildings with solar power and energy efficient lighting.

We are achieving this by being responsible and accountable, which we will continue and build upon in years to come.

Darcy Byrne

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Inner West Mayor

Stay safe this winter

Keep warm and safe this winter. Have unflued gas heaters serviced every two years by a licensed gas fitter. Signs that something is wrong include difficulty lighting it, yellow flames or noisy or inoperable fans.

Go to www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/SafeGasHeating

New library for Inner West

This spring, Council will unveil an incredible new asset for the entire community to enjoy.

The new Marrickville Library and Pavilion is situated on the site of the old Marrickville Hospital, an area now known as Patyegarang Place.

The architecturally-designed (by BVN) Library and Pavilion combine old with new, incorporating heritage-listed buildings with soaring new spaces that house 85,000 books (an increase of 20,000), a new junior library and garden, a space dedicated to community languages, beautiful artworks, four meeting spaces, six private study rooms and over 1,200 square metres of garden space.



Event details and bookings

www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn

2-10 August

EDGE Sydenham (see page 2)
www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/EDGE



Artist: Murray Adams. Photography by Steven Cowled

Tuesday 6 August

Newtopian Sleepout

Raising funds for frontline assistance to local homeless people.

www.newtopiansleepout.org

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17-23 August

Book Week

www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/BookWeek

25 August

footprints ecofestival

11am-3pm. Showcasing local environmentally sustainable practices, projects and programs. Whites Creek Valley Park, Annandale
www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/FootprintsEcofestival

21 August

DA info session

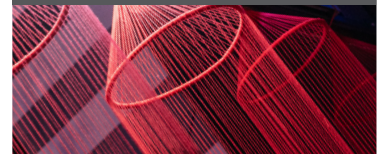
Leichhardt Town Hall
7pm-9pm

Register via www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/DInfoSessions

12-15 September

EDGE Ashfield

www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/EDGE



15 September

Dulwich Hill Village Fair

10am-4pm. Celebrating the delights of the village.

www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/DulwichHillVillageFair



22 September

Big Bike Day

Annual festival for keen, casual and new bike riders of all ages
www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/BigBikeDay

29 September

Summer Hill Neighbourhood Feast

10am - 4pm. Featuring 100% local content.
Lackey and Smith Streets

20 October

Marrickville Festival

10am-5pm
A destination event of Inner West.
Marrickville and Illawarra Roads
www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/MFest

27 October

Norton Street Italian Festa

10am-5pm
www.nortonstreetfesta.com.au

7-17 November

EDGE Newtown

www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/EDGE



10 November

Newtown Festival

Camperdown Memorial Rest Park
www.newtownfestival.org



21-24 November

EDGE Balmain

www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/EDGE



23 November

Classics at Callan Park

5pm-8pm
www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Classics

24 November

Jazz in the Park

3pm-6pm
Gladstone Park, Balmain.
Featuring a fantastic line up of iconic Australian Jazz artists.
www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/JazzInThePark

your say
Inner West

Your Say Inner West is Council's engagement hub where you can get involved in important projects that shape the future of the Inner West. We will listen to what you say, take your opinions into account and report back to you on how community input contributes to decisions.

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