



### International Women's Day

Council marked 2022 International Women's Day, 8 March, by honouring the contribution of Aboriginal matriarchs through projections and audio at Marrickville Town Hall. The event was also part of Inner West Fest. Ashfield Town Hall will also be 'lit up', 25 March - 10 April, 7pm - 9.30pm

## More outdoor community events will revitalise Inner West

Council will invest in new outdoor COVID-safe community events in a bid to provide more support to the arts and culture sector and foster community connections.

In particular, Council will seek to build on the success of the St.Anmore music festival, expanding the popular live music event to five festivals across the entire local government area.

Council voted unanimously to:

- ▶ Commence immediate planning with St.Anmore Festival of Music organisers on a November 2022 event. St.Anmore Festival is held in memory Richard Gill AO, a renowned Sydney musical identity. In 2019, the free Festival included over 60 live acts showcasing local music over 10 stages around Stanmore village
- ▶ Investigate and fund the expansion of St.Anmore across all five wards of the local government area (LGA) during this term of Council
- ▶ Support and budget for a series of COVID-safe outdoor film screenings, to be held in local parks across the LGA on a rotating basis
- ▶ Support and budget for an Inner West Film Festival to be established in partnership with local cinemas, theatres, and filmmakers, to take place in summer 2022-23









## Arts and Music Crisis Summit

Council will convene an Inner West Arts and Music Crisis Summit.

"After two years of the pandemic and economic hardship, the Inner West arts and music sectors are in a state of crisis and decline," said Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne.

"Live events were curtailed, arts-based businesses have been unable to plan ahead or commit to future investment, and audiences and patrons have stayed away from cultural activity.

"The neglect of the sector by state and federal governments has compounded these blows," he said.

Council will convene the summit with Sydney Fringe and the Media Entertainment and Arts Alliance, with the objective of mobilising local artists, creative businesses and supporters of the arts, to resuscitate the sector. The summit is to be held at Marrickville Town Hall.

## Newtown boarding house fire tragedy – we must do more to protect people

On behalf of the Inner West, I want to pay respect to the three local residents who died in the recent tragic fire at the boarding house in Newtown and their loved ones.

We also need to thank all the staff at Newtown Neighbourhood Centre for their tireless work in supporting the survivors of the fire. The Inner West will do everything possible to assist NNC to secure ongoing support for the people who have been made homeless.

This tragedy has shone a light on the urgent need to improve the care, safety and living conditions for some of our most vulnerable citizens living in these boarding houses as well as to demand more safe, secure public housing.

This is particularly vital for the Inner West as we have more than 3,000 residents in over 300 boarding houses, which makes up approximately 30 per cent of all boarding houses in NSW.

In the aftermath of this horrific tragedy, we must commit to doing more to care for and protect vulnerable and disadvantaged people in our own community.

## AFLW at Henson Park

The Inner West is working with the Sydney Swans to make Henson Park the home ground of the Swans Women's team when they enter the AFLW next year.

Council has supported the Swans' application for entry and has been working for the past few years to make Henson Park not only the home of the Newtown Jets but also a hub for women's AFL.

Further improvements to Henson Park are now needed, including female friendly change rooms and lighting and broadcast facilities to allow the ground to be used by the Jets and the Swans into the future. Council is seeking grant funding to carry out the upgrades.



Henson Park is an official home for AFLW. An AFLW match between GWS Giants and St Kilda was played there on Saturday 19 February. Find out more at [womens.afl/venues/henson-park](https://www.womens.afl/venues/henson-park).



*Darcy Byrne*

Mayor, Darcy Byrne  
Inner West Council



# Celebrating our extraordinary citizens

Council will celebrate the extraordinary contributions people make in our community at the annual Citizens of the Year and Amy Large volunteer awards at a ceremony in Ashfield on Friday 20 May. Everyone's invited.

2021 Inner West Citizen of the Year is historian,

librarian, archivist, published author, educator and speaker Chrys Meader.

Read more about Chrys, 2021 co-Senior Citizens of the Year Pei Qun Guo and Teresa Savage and Young Citizen of the Year Katrina Ikonomou at [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/COTY](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/COTY)



Chrys Meader at the Citizens of the Year ceremony last year



## Council commemorates trail blazing activists

To mark the 2022 Sydney Mardi Gras, Council unveiled a plaque recognising the contribution of trail blazing activists Peter "Bon" Bonsall-Boone and his partner Peter de Waal who founded the Campaign Against Moral Persecution (CAMP Inc), one of the first gay and lesbian rights organisations in Australia.

Pictured left to right are Inner West Councillors Clr Smith, Clr Howard, Mayor Byrne, Clr Drury, Deputy Mayor D'Arienzo, Peter de Waal, Clr Lockie, Clr Shetty and Clr Atkins.

Read more at [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/MardiGras2022](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/MardiGras2022)



## Look Out Before You Step Out

Council's Look Out Before You Step Out campaign supports the State Government's vision of 'Towards Zero' deaths and serious injuries on NSW roads.

The road safety messaging can be seen in high visibility locations where pedestrians are taking more risk: in Ashfield, Balmain, Dulwich Hill, Enmore, Leichhardt, Haberfield, Marrickville, Newtown, Petersham, Rozelle and Sydenham.



Have your say on Council's new verge gardening guidelines



## Help shape the Inner West

Council is developing new plans that will guide all Council's activities for the new term.

These include the Community Strategic Plan, operational plans and budgets, and asset management.

View the plans and have your say online at [yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](http://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au) or at Council libraries in Balmain, Marrickville and Haberfield, or Council Service Centres in Ashfield, Leichardt and Petersham.

Comments close Sunday 15 May.

Here's what else is happening in April/May:

**How can we make it easier for you to cycle around the area?**  
Share your ideas and you could win a \$150 cash card.

**What can we do to encourage people to use electric vehicles?**  
We'd appreciate your advice.

**Balmain Library and ground floor meeting room is being refurbished to bring it up to contemporary standards.**  
Join in the consultation.

**Verge garden policy.** Help us develop sensible rules for anyone who wants to create gardens on Inner West verges.

**Have you recently had your say in a community consultation?**  
Check back at [yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](http://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au) to find out how the project is going and what Council decided.

Have your say on new sustainable transport strategies, a library refurbishment, and more at [yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](http://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au).

**BE BRAVE.  
MAKE CHANGE.**  
NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK 2022



## Reconciliation Week and Refugee Week

Council will celebrate National Reconciliation Week 27 May – 3 June and Refugee Week 19 June – 25 June. Check Council's website closer to the dates for the full list of activities [innerwest.nsw.gov.au](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au)



## The Salons at Chrissie Cotter Gallery

Council's Chrissie Cotter Gallery will be transformed into a bohemian-style salon in a group exhibition which opens 27 April, 6pm.

"Our bespoke program of free and ticketed events includes theatre performance, dance, synaesthesia sessions, storytelling, a book launch, with workshops in poetry and meditation, hand-cut collage and singing in harmony," said organiser and artist Angie Contini.

Find out more about this and other events at Council's free exhibition space at [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CCG](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CCG)





Above: Louise Lawson plaque. Right: Henry Lawson

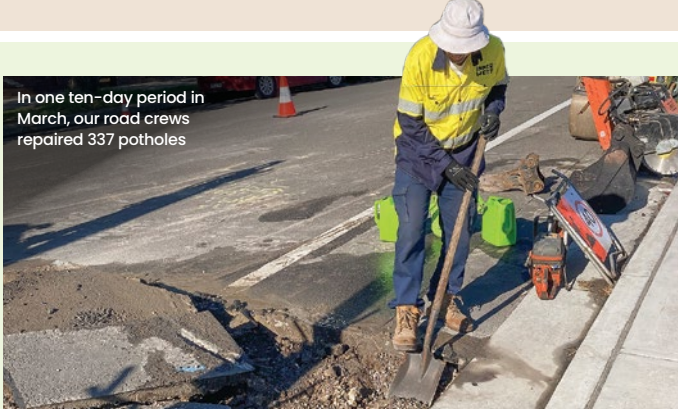
## Did You Know? Henry Lawson and the Inner West

One of Australia's best-known and most-loved writers, Henry Lawson, wrote some of his most famous poem, *Faces in the Street*, at Petersham Railway Station in 1888, when he was just 21.

He also lived for a time at the White Cockatoo Hotel, which was then the Lord Carrington.

Louisa Lawson, Henry's mother, an early feminist, writer and poet, also lived in the Inner West. A reserve in Roach Street Marrickville is named after her.

Louisa Lawson Reserve has a large, colourful plaque that reads "Louisa Lawson (1848–1920) Social Reformer, Writer, Feminist and Mother of Henry Lawson. These stones are all that remain from the walls of her home in Renwick Street, Marrickville."



In one ten-day period in March, our road crews repaired 337 potholes

## Spot a pot? Report it!

Let us know if you Spot A Pot. We'll fix in within three working days. Go to [bit.ly/SpotAPot](http://bit.ly/SpotAPot)



Tempe Birdos

## 10 Years of Tempe Birdos

Council held a morning tea to celebrate the 10th anniversary of volunteer bird watching group, Tempe Birdos.

Tempe Birdos began monthly surveys at Tempe Lands wetlands in early 2012 and meet monthly for an early morning bird walk and survey.

The area was a shale quarry in the 1920s and a greyhound track in the 1940s, before becoming the 'Tempe Tip' - a landfill site until the mid-1970s.

In 2004, Council began remediation of the site. In 2016, Tempe Birdos reached a milestone when they recorded their 100th species - a Little Egret.

Recently, the total number of species recorded reached 120, showing how Tempe Lands has been transformed from a rubbish tip to a thriving biodiversity area.

Find out more and how to get involved at [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WildlifeMonitoring](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WildlifeMonitoring)



The story of the Chang Family, seen here circa 1912, will feature in an author talk, *South Flows the Pearl: Chinese Australian Voices* by Mavis Gock Yen









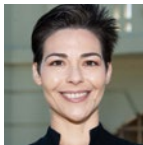





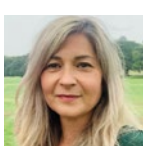
## Heritage Festival 2022 – Be Curious

Curiosity is the theme of this year's Heritage Festival, which runs Friday 1 April – Tuesday 31 May.

Council's Local History will spark your curiosity and show a side of the Inner West never seen before.

Expect Aboriginal-led tours, archaeological discoveries and personal stories from those that came to the Inner West from far flung lands to build the community we are today.

The full program launches early April and there are events online and in person. Go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/HeritageFestival](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/HeritageFestival)

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**Monday – Sunday:** Ashfield, Balmain, Leichhardt and Marrickville

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

### Aquatics

[innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Aquatics](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Aquatics)

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



# Anzac Day

Council and Balmain-Rozelle RSL Commemorative Dawn Service, Balmain's Loyalty Square from 6am.  
Petersham RSL Dawn Service, Petersham RSL from 5.45am. Lest We Forget



## Update on GreenWay

The Cooks to Cove GreenWay Master Plan was adopted by Council in August 2018 and sets out approximately \$57 million works.

Council recently resolved to proceed with the design and construction of the GreenWay central links. The central links extends from north of Parramatta Road to south of Old Canterbury Road and will include a shared path, lighting and landscaping within the Inner West Light Rail Corridor and adjacent land. Completion is set for mid 2025.

For all the latest on GreenWay construction and news go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/GreenWay](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/GreenWay)

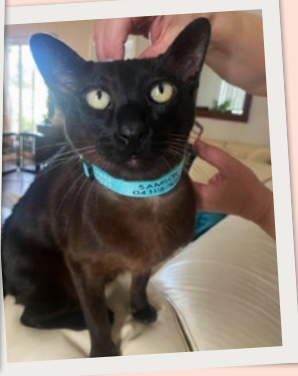
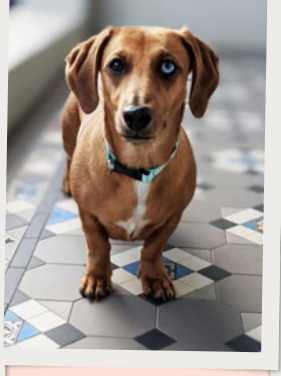
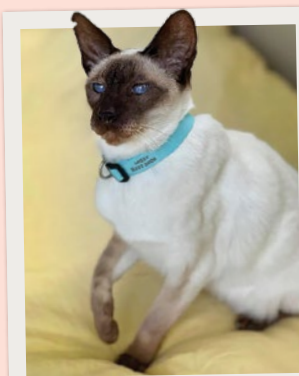
## Better customer service

Council is reviewing its customer service with a view to increasing responsiveness, reducing Development Application times and improving transparency.

"I know we have dedicated and proficient staff. But we can always do better. We want to make very clear our commitment to quality customer service," said Councillor Phillipa Scott.

A Customer Experience Plan including a Citizen Service Charter will also be developed.

Other initiatives include Your Say community engagement stalls in neighbourhoods on key issues impacting the community, citizen service points in every library, and a mobile citizen service van.



## Free pet collars

Get a free personalised ID collar and tag for your pet.

To be eligible, pets must be microchipped, lifetime registered and live in Inner West Council area.

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



## What's On Inner West

Discover local events or submit a listing [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)