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Summer in the City

The magnificent new Ashfield Aquatic Centre and refurbished Dawn Fraser Baths will both open in time for the 2020 swimming season



Inner West lost pets

You can now list lost and found pets on our website:

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LostPets

Sydney Water rebate

Pension concession card holders may be eligible for the Sydney Water rebate.

Find out more by calling 13 20 92

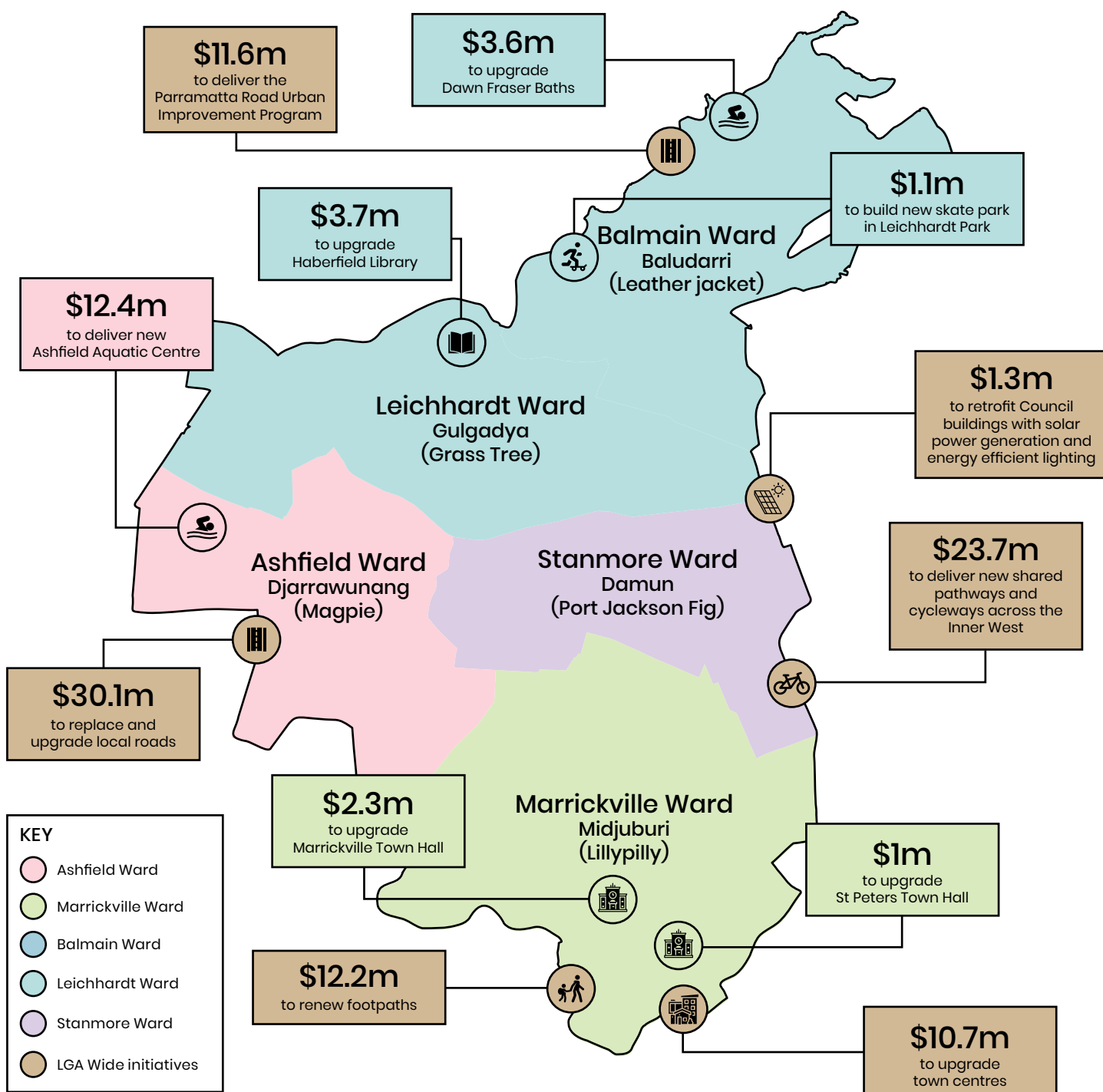
Local Government elections postponed

The NSW Government has postponed the Local Government elections to 4 September 2021.

Budget highlights

Inner West Council has delivered a responsible budget for 2020/21 with an emphasis on capital works. For more local infrastructure news, see page 6.

Capital Works Program Highlights





Ashfield Aquatic Centre

The new Ashfield Aquatic Centre is on track to open in October, providing a world-class facility to the people of the Inner West.

Already equipment has been commissioned and tested, the gym fit out is underway, and the final finishing touches are being made to the creche, café and ICT systems.

All three outdoor pools are now fully tiled and the movable floor has been installed.

Wow factors include the sauna/steam and spa pool opening onto the outdoor pools and the gym's pop out windows and views across the indoor pool.

The facility will also feature bold and contemporary artworks that tell the story of the site.

Foundation membership is being offered now that will allow access to the gyms, saunas, spa, pools, group fitness classes – and the pools and facilities at Council's other aquatic centres in Leichhardt and Balmain.

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Dawn Fraser Baths upgrade

Dawn Fraser Baths, built in the 1880s, is the oldest pool and swimming club in Australia. The important heritage restoration of this Baths includes:

- Replacing the pavilion including the decking
- Improving the entry configuration and access from the harbour foreshore
- Upgrading the lighting to improve capacity for training and competitions at night so UTS Balmain Tigers Water Polo Club can remain in their home pool
- Renovating the male and female showers, toilets and change rooms
- Raising the Baths floor level to mitigate sea level rise and future-proof the facility
- Providing four new unisex family change rooms
- Providing a new equal access toilet, shower and change room

Our response to the crisis – investing in basic infrastructure

The Covid-19 crisis has had a massive impact on our local economy and Council must take responsibility for working with local residents and businesses to help generate the recovery.

That's why we are undertaking a local stimulus program, fast-tracking \$20 million in basic infrastructure renewal which will create jobs and support our local community.

Importantly, these works require no lengthy approval process so we can get funds flowing into our local economy immediately.

Our Inner West economic stimulus includes:

- \$4.2 million to renew all of the most degraded footpaths in the Inner West within the next 12 months
- \$5 million for new tree plantings – an eight-fold increase in funding for tree planting, and the biggest investment in green infrastructure in the history of the Inner West
- \$4 million for works at Leichhardt, Annette Kellerman and Fanny Durack Aquatic Centres (in addition to the new Ashfield Aquatic Centre and restored Dawn Fraser Baths)

I have also convened the Inner West Economic Recovery Taskforce, on which every sector of our local economy is represented.

Please don't hesitate to let me know your ideas about how we can work together to get our local economy back on its feet.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



Built Environment Awards

A former Temperance Hall in Balmain that has been converted into five apartments has won the 2020 Marrickville Medal for Conservation (bottom left).

The judges commented that the conversion, by Mike Macaulay Architects, had retained the significance of the historic building, while creating contemporary and innovative new designs.

Highly commended were: conservation and repair works to Leichhardt Town Hall, the renovation of a circa 1914 timber house in Dulwich Hill and the new Marrickville Library.

The winner of the open category of the Urban Photography Awards is Serkan Ogdum for *Symmetry In Time* (top left).

For a full list of winners and finalists, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Built



Marrickville Library wins major architecture award

Council's stunning new library in Marrickville has taken out the prestigious NSW Premier's Prize at the 2020 New South Wales Architecture Awards.

Marrickville Library by BVN also won the Milo Dunphy Award for Sustainable Architecture, the People's Choice Award For Life in 2020, and an award for public architecture.

According to the NSW Chapter of the Australian Institute of Architects, "The project represents a vision for the future of public architecture, as a facilitator of community engagement...and a celebration of its historic and natural environment."

2020 GreenWay Art Prize now open



Winner of the 2019 GreenWay Open Art Prize was Eunjoo Jang, *Tuesday in Newtown*

Entries are now invited for the GreenWay Art Prize, which celebrates the 5.8km urban environmental and sustainable transport corridor in Sydney's Inner West.

The GreenWay Art Prize is a national award with five prize categories:

- Open Art Prize. \$5,000 cash, plus exhibition package worth \$1,000
- Local Artist Prize. \$1,500
- Cooks River Small Sculpture Prize. \$2,000
- Community Photography Prize. Adult winner \$500, 2nd \$300, Youth (Under 18) winner \$200, 2nd \$100
- Derivan People's Choice Award. Hamper of Derivan Matisse products valued at \$500

Entries close 6 October.

greenwayartprize.com.au





Citizen of the Year winner Roxanne McMurray (left) and Young Citizen of the Year winner Daniel Lahood (right)



Senior Citizen of the Year recipients Simon Chapman (left) and Peggy Lane (right)

Inner West Citizens of the Year

Roxanne McMurray is Inner West Council's Citizen of the Year, acknowledging her dedication to the prevention of domestic and family violence.

Ms McMurray is manager of the Leichhardt Women's Community Health Centre and founder of the SOS Women's Services campaign which successfully lobbied on refuge funding and retention of specialist domestic violence caseworkers at Family Court.

2020 Senior Citizens of the Year are Professor Simon Chapman and Peggy Lane.

Professor Chapman helped establish Stanmore's St.Anmore Festival of Music and was a successful public health advocate for many decades.

Peggy Lane recently retired as an early childhood educator after 45 years at SDN Marrickville.

Daniel Lahood was named Young Citizen of the Year in appreciation of his campaigning for both public education and social justice and inclusion.

To read all about the Citizens of the Year, visit innerwest.nsw.gov.au/COTY



Jasmine Sarin in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park

New public art celebrates Aboriginal culture and heritage

Council's Gadigal-Wangal Wayfinding art project is almost complete, with the final commission underway.

The artworks each depict an element of the rich and unique Gadigal and Wangal cultural history of the Inner West:

- *Gadigal mural* (2019) by Tim Phibs, PJ Simon, Kevin May and Joanne Cassady at Gadigal Reserve, Summer Hill. Reflecting Djarrawunang (Magpie) of the Ashfield Ward
- *Fish Traps* by Edwards Clarke (2019), King George Park, Balmain. Reflecting Baludarri (Leather Jacket) of the Balmain Ward
- *Cadi – The Clansman* by Blak Douglas aka Adam Hill (2019), Hawthorne Reserve, Leichhardt. Reflecting Gulgadya (Grass Tree) of the Leichhardt Ward
- *Nawi* by Joe Hirst (2019), Steel Park, Marrickville. Reflecting Midjuburi (Lillypilly) of the Marrickville Ward

The artist selected for the final Gadigal Wangal Wayfinding commission is **Jasmine Sarin**. Her work will be in Camperdown Memorial Rest Park in Newtown.

Council moves more customer services online

Council has moved many more customer services online, making it easier and faster for residents to make and track requests with their mobile phone, PC or device.

The new online services include:

- Parking permits
- Tree approvals
- Development applications (Extension of time)
- Pre-DAs
- Heritage exemption certificates
- Swimming pool compliance certificates
- Footpath approvals
- Activity applications
- Road, footpath and carpark occupancy permits
- Roadworks design approval and permits to construct
- Road opening, standing plant and hoarding permit
- Work zone applications
- Filming and photography permits
- Street party applications
- Skip bin applications
- Temporary road closure permits

Development Applications can be lodged through the NSW Planning portal planningportal.nsw.gov.au



Council will spend nearly \$5,000,000 on tree planting this year

Accelerated infrastructure stimulus program

Council has fast tracked \$20 million in infrastructure projects, creating jobs and supporting the local community.

In late June, Council resolved to pool its developer contributions reserves and accelerate \$20 million for the delivery of projects such as road, footpath and stormwater works.

Other accelerated projects include installing new shade sails at Council's aquatic centres, traffic calming works, new bike paths, increased tree planting, solar installations and water sensitive design works.

Council identified projects that have a short project delivery timeframe, focused on asset renewal and had previously been prioritised by Council.

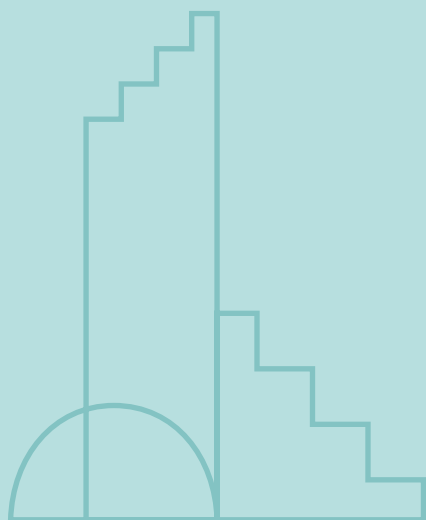


Council has spent \$210,000 on renewing footpaths in 14 Inner West parks.

Park Footpaths Renewal

Council's 2020 Park and Footpaths renewal program is complete. The three-month, \$210,000 program saw the replacement and repair of footpaths in 14 of Council's 270 parks.

Major repairs in the program included replacement of 500m² of footpath in Enmore Park and 900m² in Yeo Park.





Some of the members of the Taskforce, clockwise from top right: Mark Chapman (Inner West Business Inc.), Greg Khoury (Chairman of Century Venues), Kerri Glasscock (Director Sydney Fringe Festival), Morris Hanna (President of Marrickville Chamber of Commerce), Chrissy Flanagan (Chrissy's Cuts and The Sausage Factory) and Monica Vardabasso (TAFE NSW)

Inner West Recovery Taskforce

The newly created Inner West Recovery Taskforce has commenced the important task of helping Council plan and coordinate the economic recovery of the Inner West, which has been smashed by the COVID-19 crisis.

The Taskforce will run for 18 months and will provide a road map to recovery based on advice, support and information supplied from Council staff, government agencies and other key stakeholders.

Other members are Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne, Councillor Louise Steer, Percy Allen (public policy economist) and Erica Berchtold (CEO of the ICONIC).

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Newtown's Kelly Wallwork at the ArtSeat

Collaged fast food wrappers at ArtSeat

Wrapt You New Town - a collage of discarded food and drink wrappers and containers, event posters and other detritus - is a comment on waste and recycling, according to Newtown's Kelly Wallwork.

The colourful landscape of hills under a pendulous sky is actually made of waste sewn onto backing card or fabric.

Council's ArtSeat is a permanent structure in Newtown Square that provides local, emerging and established artists with a space where experimental and non-commercial art can be showcased.

Incorporating public seating and lighting, the Art Seat is also a landmark meeting point.

The next art to be installed at the ArtSeat will be by Angela Robertson-Buchanan in early September.

New land valuations

Properties are re-valued by the NSW Valuer General every three years. Re-valuations provide important information for Council about the overall improvement in land values across the whole local government area. Rates are not directly tied to individual valuations, but by increases (or decreases) in land value across the entire local government area.

Owners can object to the valuation if they think it is incorrect. For more information, go to valuergeneral.nsw.gov.au/land_values



New land valuations were recently sent out by the NSW Valuer General

Callan Park - NSW Government calls for comment

NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment is seeking feedback on the Callan Park draft Landscape Structure Plan. It aims to guide the area's revitalisation as an iconic urban parkland, celebrating its unique heritage and waterfront location. **Have your say until 14 September 2020** yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au

For news about new opportunities to have your say and project updates, sign up to the Your Say Inner West monthly newsletter.



Planning a street party?

As we move out of lockdown, summer street parties could be back on the agenda, especially around Christmas.

To make sure you leave enough time to gain necessary approvals*, book in your street party now.

*approvals subject to NSW Health advice on gatherings

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