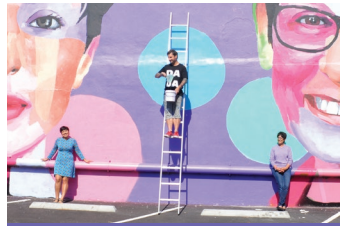


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## OPENING OF INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND AND COOKS RIVER PARKLANDS UPGRADE

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne officially opened the Steel Park inclusive playground and Cooks River Parklands upgrade in early November.

Students from Marrickville West Public School and May Murray child care centre were on hand to assist. Representing the NSW and Federal Governments was Scott Farlow, MLC.

This upgrade is part of the 2016 Cooks River Parklands

Masterplan, and includes:

- The new inclusive playground
- New pedestrian path with lighting
- Shared path lighting
- New park furniture and plantings
- Bioretention and raingarden system

- Expansion of the adjoining, highly popular Waterplay Park

The improvements are part of the \$5 million upgrade of the Cooks River Parklands - a connected series of open spaces that form the northern corridor of the lower Cooks River.



## GREENWAY WINS

Council's Cooks to Cove GreenWay plan has won the Australian Institute of Landscape Architecture (AILA) 2019 National Landscape Architecture Award for Urban Design.

AILA said the project "delivers a new benchmark for regenerating under-

utilised blue-green infrastructure corridors."

The GreenWay is a 5.8km environmental and active travel corridor from Cooks River at Earlwood to the Parramatta River at Iron Cove - 5.8 kilometres of recreational parkland, ecological restoration and cultural precincts.

Council's GreenWay Program has previously won the Planning Institute of Australia 2018 'Hard Won Victory' Commendation Award, the 2019 AILA Award of Excellence for Urban Design (NSW Chapter), and the inaugural Greater Sydney Planning Award for Great Community Led Project.

## BRIEFS

**1** More than 60 volunteer leaders of local sporting clubs attended Council's Respectful Relationships in Sport forum in August.

Council hosted the forum in partnership with the National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. The forum was the first step in creating a culture of respect for players, coaches and spectators.

**2** A new work by non-profit community art and cultural development organisation, Refugee Art Project, was unveiled at Council's Newtown ArtSeat. 'Futureworlds' is by refugees who attend art workshops at Council's studio at Thirning Villa in Ashfield.

**3** As part of Council's commitment to reducing the harm caused by gambling in the Inner West, two workshops aimed at local young people were held in early September, and a public meeting in mid-November.

The workshops and meeting were two initiatives to emerge from Council's Gambling Harm Minimisation Mayoral forum held in November last year.



Pictured at the ArtSeat are two of the artists, Emmanuel Asante and Sara Mir.



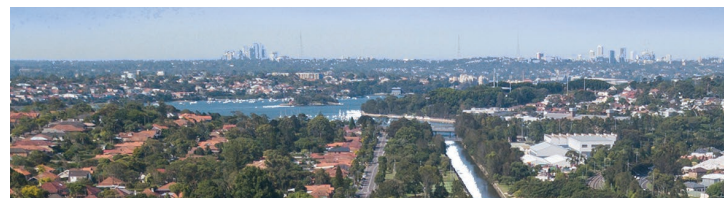
## LITTLE PORTUGAL

**The renaming of the centre of Petersham as 'Little Portugal' was marked with a celebration at Petersham Town Hall in August.**

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne thanked the generations of Portuguese migrants who've made Petersham so special, "and shown that multiculturalism works".

Next up, Council will recognise a 'Little Italy' within the Council area.

At the time of going to print, Council was still consulting with the Italian Consulate General and the local community about the right precinct area and the right name for the Italian precinct.



## THE FUTURE OF THE INNER WEST

**What are the 'desired future characteristics' of where you live?**

Since earlier this year, Council has been asking all Inner West citizens to help shape our long-term future with a suite of critical planning documents, collectively called Our Place Inner West.

These big picture documents deal with future growth and development, protecting and increasing job and economic opportunities, and how Council can continue to mitigate against climate change – themes that will guide and shape what the Inner West will look and be like in 20 years.

After intensive public consultation, the next phase in the development of these plans will commence early in 2020 and will involve place-based locality studies, where Council will drill down into 'desired future characteristics' with the people who live in particular communities.





## COUNCIL TO BROKER SOLAR ON PRIVATE PROPERTIES

Having established the Inner West as a leader in renewable energy, it is time to take the next step in expanding solar across private properties throughout our community.

Council has now created the new Office of Renewable Energy Innovation, a service aimed at leveraging opportunities to increase the take-up of renewable energy on industrial, commercial, residential strata and other buildings.

I want Council to become a broker to facilitate large scale capital investment in installing solar on private and public property, which can generate renewable energy and financial returns for property owners.

This will be a strategic priority for Council.

This is in addition to the array of initiatives Council already has in place, including:

- Becoming the first NSW council to be 100 per cent divested from fossil fuels
- Purchasing all of Council's daytime energy needs from the Moree Solar Farm
- Helping schools to access solar power through the Solar my School program
- Retrofitting solar panels on Council facilities
- An accelerated LED Street light replacement program in residential streets
- Providing energy and solar advice through the Our Energy Future service.

*Darcy Byrne*

Mayor, Darcy Byrne  
Inner West Council

## HYDRO POOL

Council has commenced improvements to the hydrotherapy pool at Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre, including new air-cooled units for heating and cooling. Works are scheduled for completion by late January.



## VERGE MOWING COMES TO ASHFIELD

All residents of Inner West Council now benefit from verge mowing, with the service commencing in Ashfield on 18 November.

The new service is part of the expansion and harmonisation of all services across the entire local government area.

Verges will be mowed every 20 days from November to March and every 40 days in the cooler months of April to October.

Residents can put themselves on a 'no mow' list if they don't want the service.



## NEW PUBLIC TOILETS

Council has new public toilets in Brown Street, Ashfield and Wicks Park, Marrickville. Council spent \$850,000 on the projects.



## A LONG-TERM STRATEGY FOR COUNCIL

**Council is investigating ways to address its future accommodation needs.**

Consolidating locations would be more efficient and economical and would enhance services.

Council has three administration offices and four depots – a legacy of the amalgamation of the former

Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville councils. There is no one site that currently has enough floor space.

An Expression of Interest to provide possible strategies was open for six weeks over September-October. A report on the outcomes of the EOI will go back to Council for a decision on the next steps.



## HAVE YOUR SAY ON COUNCIL'S DRAFT TREE DCP

**Council is changing rules around trees on private property, and there's still a few days left to have you say on the draft Tree Management Development Control Plan.**

Proposals under the draft Plan include:

- Easy application process for tree works
- New rules about tree pruning and removal
- Expanded weed species list of undesirable trees
- Easier appeal process
- Replacement trees required for trees that are removed

Comments close 11 December. A report will come back to a meeting of the elected Council on 11 February 2020 for decision.

To find out more, go to [yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](http://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au)

## INNER WEST LEADS THE WAY ON GREEN INVESTMENT

**Council has joined with TCorp (NSW Treasury Corporation) to pilot a green investment product.**

The new Green Term Deposit is an additional investment option that allows Council to be 100 per cent divested from fossil fuels.

The Green Term Deposit will be for a maximum term of six months and priced in line with TCorp Tailored Term Deposit.

This 'green' investment pilot product is pioneering a new, more environmentally sound way for all NSW councils to do business.



## LATEST SOLAR INITIATIVE

**Solar my School, a free Council initiative, is assisting local schools go solar.**

Council runs Solar my School through its newly established Office of Renewable Energy Innovation as another initiative to help the Inner West reach its target of being a zero emissions community.

Schools are great sites for solar, with large roof spaces and high daytime energy consumption. By going solar, schools can save money, help the environment and support students to learn about clean, locally produced renewable energy.

Solar my School is just one of a number of ways Council is helping residents and businesses to transition to renewable power.

To find out more, go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Solar](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Solar)



## SUCCESSFUL GARAGE SALE TRAIL

**Inner West residents were once again among the most enthusiastic participants in the Garage Sale Trail.**

Over 500 sales were held this year, a record number for the area.

Council supports the annual Garage Sale Trail because the event increases

community interaction and decreases the amount of 'stuff' going into landfill.

To find out how to dispose of unwanted goods at any time of the year, go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/GarageSaleTrail](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/GarageSaleTrail)

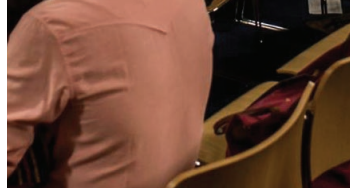
**Aim for a waste-free Christmas this year. Council has lots of information about making conscious choices and reducing festive season waste.**

Go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/ZeroWasteChristmas](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/ZeroWasteChristmas)





## 2019-20 COUNCIL GRANTS



**Sixty-six Inner West projects have received more than \$300,000 in funding, as part of the 2019-20 Grant Program.**

The grants address local issues, promote social justice, enhance wellbeing and foster inclusion and social connection.

Some of the funded projects include:

- Voices of Women: Adventure in the Spoken Word received \$3,000 for a live performance with the theme, Dreams and Desires
- Summer Hill Folk Festival received \$7,500 to present a day-long festival of folk and acoustic popular music

- Still Standing received \$5,000 for a life history of Inner West brothers Tom and Dennis Moffatt, who were taken from their family and raised apart, and reunited in adulthood

- Minus18 Queer Formal received \$7,500 for a youth dance in August in partnership with Wear it Purple and Twenty10

- Wires Inner West received \$5,479 for a flight aviary in Wilkins Green Community Gardens, Marrickville to rehabilitate for release native birds that have been in care

- Next Step Foundation received \$5,000 for an Inclusion Soccer Program for Children with Special Needs 3½ to 9 Years

Council's Grants Program will reopen mid-2020  
[innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Grants](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Grants)

## COUNCIL'S NEW FREE GIG GUIDE

Council has launched a new free gig guide, The Lineup. It is the latest initiative to emerge from Council's Live Music Action Plan.

Council is working with FBi Radio initially to ensure The Lineup is relevant and comprehensive.



## NEW PERFECT MATCH

**Nine new Perfect Match public artworks were unveiled during EDGE Newtown.**

Perfect Match is a unique initiative where Council plays cupid, bringing together property owners and artists to tackle unwanted graffiti.

Pictured is the new Brad Robson artwork, Women's Honour, portraits of Uppma Viridi and Barbara Ramjan who are both on Council's Women's Honour Roll.



## THE BENEFITS OF CREATIVE PRECINCTS

**Ground-breaking research confirms that Council initiatives in promoting and nurturing creative and cultural industries will ultimately benefit the Inner West both economically and socially.**

The research, from Western Sydney University, was commissioned by Council to develop a greater understanding of the nature and extent of the future needs of creative industries.

Some of the findings include:

- Creative and cultural industries are a key component of the Inner West's economy
- The Inner West is vitally important in terms of Greater Sydney's role as a global creative city

- Creative and cultural industries are worth \$1.4 billion per annum to the local economy and employ 6,500 local people, one in ten workers in the local government area
- Creative and cultural industries are facing several threats, including the disappearance of industrial lands and buildings

Throughout 2019, Council used EDGE festivals to spotlight the five creative precincts of Canal Road Leichhardt, Parramatta Road Camperdown, St Peters, Sydenham and Marrickville.

The research can be found at [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/development/planning/cultural-planning](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/development/planning/cultural-planning)



## GRANDPARENTS DAY 2019

**Council celebrated the role grandparents and older people play in our society during NSW Grandparents Day in late October.**

Council hosted multilingual story times and craft activities for children and

grandparents at Marrickville Library, a cultural event for Aboriginal grandparents at Norton Street Festa and an event for grandparents of children with disability at Council's new accessible playground in Steel Park Marrickville.



## 2019 YOUNG CREATIVES AWARDS

Young Writer 12-15 winner Eugenie Yamamoto at the awards

**Young local illustrators and writers were recognised at the Inner West Library and History 2019 Young Creatives Awards in September.**

Judges included authors Gabrielle Carey and Will Kostakis and illustrators Han Nguyen and Hilary Sandeman.



**Young Writer Award 16-18 Winner (\$500):**

Imogen Marosz (Earlwood)

**Runner up:**

Jaden White (Concord West)

**Young Writer Award 12-15 Winner (\$500):**

Eugenie Yamamoto (Stanmore)

**Runner up (\$250):**

Rose Mitchell (Summer Hill)

**Young Artist Award 16-18 Winner:**

Freesia Laris (Ashfield)

**Runner Up (\$250):**

Kelly Liu (Beverly Hills) Tempe High School

**Young Artist Award 12-15 Winner:**

James Nguyen (Marrickville)

**Runner Up (\$250):**

Dylan Donnini (Petersham)



## 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

**Council once again supported the United Nations' 16 Days of Activism, an annual international campaign in November-December to prevent gender-based violence.**

Council's series of workshops and events included Together We Can End Men's Violence Against Women held on 6 December with Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, local businesses, Police, and Fire and Rescue.

16 Days of Activism is just one of a number of Council initiatives and campaigns to address domestic and family violence, including:

- Speak Out grassroots campaign to raise community awareness about how to prevent family violence and abuse of children
- Love Bites interactive and innovative school-based domestic, family and relationship violence and sexual assault prevention education program aimed at young people aged 14 - 16 years
- Respectful Relationships project which creates generational change to end domestic and family violence in our community by providing respectful relationships education



## EVERYONE IS WELCOME HERE

**Council is an official participant in ACON's Welcome Here project, which supports businesses and organisations to be inclusive of LGBTIQ communities.**

All Council's facilities – service centres, childcare centres, community centres,

aquatic facilities and libraries display the Welcome Here sticker and charter.

As well, 300 sites in the Inner West have signed up to the Welcome Here Project including cafes, retail stores, charities, community organisations, and service businesses.

## STATION UPGRADES COMING



The State Government has listened to advocacy from Council and local residents and will soon upgrade Petersham, Stanmore and St Peters train stations to make them more accessible for people who have difficulty with mobility.

Following a public campaign from Council's 2019 Citizen and co-Young Citizen of the Year Jamie De Paulo and Zarni Tun (pictured at Petersham Station

with Mayor Darcy Byrne and Cllr Anna York), who both identified transport accessibility as a priority, Transport NSW made the decision to fast-track the train station improvements.

Of the 10 railway stations located in the Inner West, three are in Sydney Trains "Top 10 In Need Ranking". Petersham Station stands second in the rankings, followed by Stanmore at fourth and Lewisham Station at sixth.

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**6**  
Dec

### Community Leaders

Community Leaders in Sustainability course opens for registration

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



**11**  
Dec

### E-waste drop-off day

Council Works Depot  
7 Prospect Road  
Summer Hill  
3:30pm-6:30pm

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



**11**  
Dec

### Your say Tree Management DCP closing

Last day to comment

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



**14**  
Dec

### Furoshiki workshop

Learn the Japanese art of wrapping gifts  
Marrickville Pavilion Hall  
Pauline McLeod Room

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



**22**  
Dec

### Carols on Norton

Pioneers Park  
Leichhardt

[espressochorus.com.au/carols-on-norton](http://espressochorus.com.au/carols-on-norton)



**8**  
Jan

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**8**  
Feb

### Rainwater Harvesting Workshop

Leichhardt Chambers, cnr  
Marion and Norton Streets  
7pm-9pm

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



**12-23**  
Feb

### Seniors Festival

Seniors Festival 2020  
'Love to Celebrate'

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



**15**  
Feb

### Lunar New Year

Ashfield Civic Centre  
11.30am-4pm



**2020**  
Mar

### EDGE GreenWay

Coming Soon

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