

Ashfield Aquatic Centre now open



To find out more about the centre and its facilities, or watch a short film on its making, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/AAC

Changes at Newtown Town Hall

Newtown Neighbourhood Centre (NNC) will relocate to Tom Foster Community Centre (TFCC) in south Newtown in late 2021.

NNC CEO Liz Yeo said they were looking forward to the move and redesigning TFCC's layout so it better suited their programs and needs.

"The space also has a warm and welcoming outdoor garden that will be able to be utilised by staff, volunteers, clients and community members. We currently have staff located in two separate offices and this will give us the opportunity to come together as one team, and to invest what we would have spent on rent into services for our community," she said.

Tom Foster Community Centre will undergo a major refurbishment in early 2021 with the NCC moving in after this is completed.



Newtown Town Hall has been identified as a suitable location for an Inner West Pride Centre, once major refurbishment work is undertaken.

Many of the local population and businesses identify as LGBTIQ and/or LGBTIQ friendly, and it is located in an iconic, busy, central location.

The idea for an Inner West Pride Centre emerged from extensive consultation held by and for the Inner West rainbow community in 2016-17, including the 2017 Rainbow Roundtable.

"The idea of the Inner West Pride Centre is to provide that space and that community hub and ensure our local Rainbow Community is connected, supported and empowered," said Councillor Anna York.

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New childcare centre



Council has opened a new childcare centre. Yirran Gumal Early Learning Centre in Steel Park Marrickville commenced with a limited intake of 20 children per day in late October.

Over the next 12 months, enrolments will increase until the centre reaches its approved capacity of 60 children per day.

The building incorporates multiple environmentally-sound features, including timber frames and solar water heating. Quality LED lighting, natural ventilation, and high efficiency air conditioning, and a small solar photovoltaic (PV) array will generate electric power - all of which mean meeting an energy benchmark 25% below most other childcare centres.



HJ Mahoney Reserve upgrade

HJ Mahoney Reserve has been upgraded as part of the Cooks River Parklands Masterplan.

The upgrade includes a youth facility with multi-purpose court for basketball, netball and handball as well as street art walls and outdoor stage and social area.

The Reserve also now has more biodiversity plantings, new pedestrian footpaths, picnic shelters and seatings, and more than 30 new native trees.



This summer, Inner West citizens can enjoy five first-class, modern aquatic facilities:

- Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre
- Ashfield Aquatic Centre
- Dawn Fraser Baths
- Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre
- Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre



Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne and Councillor Mark Drury taking a first dip in the new pool with members of the Ashfield Swimming Club

Dawn Fraser Baths

The refurbished Dawn Fraser Baths will open in early summer.

The more-than \$8 million heritage restoration includes:

- Replacing the pavilion including the decking
- 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
- Raising the Baths' floor level to mitigate sea level rise and future-proof the facility
- Improving the entry configuration and access from the harbour foreshore
- Renovating the male and female showers, toilets and change rooms
- Providing four new unisex / family change rooms
- Providing a new equal access toilet, shower and change room



Simpson Park upgrade

The upgraded Simpson Park, St Peters opened in October.

The project was the result of a collaboration between WestConnex, Inner West Council and the wider community, including local school children.

Students from St Peters Public School worked with artist Mike Hewson on the design of the playground, which pays homage to the character of the St Peters area and features climbable fence structures, and playground equipment made from recycled materials.

Council contributed \$186,000 for new BBQ facilities, seating and a circuit path which further enhances the space.

Public pools are an investment in public health

This edition of Inner West Council News highlights the work and investment that has gone into two of our most important and most loved swimming pools, Ashfield Aquatic Centre (pictured above) and Dawn Fraser Baths.

Swimming pools are invaluable community assets that play a crucial role in protecting the physical and mental wellbeing of our community.

They are as important to the fabric of our society as schools and hospitals.

That's why we have transformed the old Ashfield Pool into a modern recreation centre that the whole community will enjoy for generations to come.

The full heritage restoration of Dawn Fraser Baths is also almost complete, with the future of one of the world's most beautiful harbourside pools secured.

Building a healthier Inner West with record investments in pools, parks, playgrounds and sporting fields demonstrates that we are building a local government that is progressive, effective and gets things done.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



Council funds Artist in Isolation residencies

Council has partnered with Sydney Fringe to fund two EDGE Inner West Artist in Isolation residencies.

The two week paid residencies will develop bold new pop-up/roving performances inspired by the places and stories of the Inner West.

They will be located at 5 Eliza Street Newtown.

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne said, “More than ever, I am acutely aware of Council’s important role in supporting local creatives, the backbone of our Inner West identity and economy.

“This partnership with Sydney Fringe will lead to new employment opportunities for artists, as well as innovative new works to revitalise our public spaces and precincts.”

Residency dates are from mid-January 2021 onward.



Daniel Kukec: Biryani and Babez/the Brown Council 2019

Inner West Fest – bring your ideas to life in 2021

With large-scale gatherings off our social calendars for the foreseeable future, Council is asking our community for ideas and proposals on new ways of delivering events and activations which adapt to the new environment.

Local artists, small business owners, collectives, neighbours and community leaders are invited to present ideas and concepts to take place in 2021.

Successful applicants will be assigned an experienced event producer to assist and ensure their events and activations are safely enjoyed by all.

Go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/InnerWestFest for more details.

Latest on the Greek Precinct



Mr and Mrs Logothetis (second and third from left) with family and friends circa 1949. The Logothetis family were the proprietors of the Marrickville Town Hall Milk Bar (photo courtesy of Kritharis family, from *Greek-Australian: In Their Own Image* archives.)

Council’s engagement with local businesses, Greek organisations and the local community on a proposed Greek precinct in Marrickville and Dulwich Hill is now complete.

Earlier this year, Council resolved to explore the idea of the precinct, in recognition of the enormous impact the Greek community has had on everyday life in the Inner West.

A precinct will celebrate this rich history.

To keep up to date on the latest news, go to yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au

No to uranium mining

At a Council meeting in September, Councillors agreed to oppose any move to lift the 33-year uranium mining ban in New South Wales.

As a result of a widespread community campaigns in the 1980s and early 1990s, Marrickville, Leichhardt and Ashfield Councils all resolved to oppose uranium mining and nuclear energy.

All three Councils were ‘Nuclear Free Zones’.





2020 Young Creative Awards winner Lily Cameron.

2020 Young Creatives Awards

The 2020 Young Creatives Awards were announced in September.

Twelve young people were recognised from a record 150 entries this year.

Judges Ursula Dubosarsky, Nadia Wheatley, Dub Leffler and Ronojoy Ghosh all agreed the standard of entries was exceptional.

The full list of winners is:

Winner Young Artist Award 12–15 years: Oliver Whitehouse (Revesby)
Runner Up: Suenna Jeong (Ermington)

Winner Young Artist Award 16–18 years: Mia Economou (Tempe)
Runner Up: Leo Lorents (Leichhardt)

Winner Young Artist Awards 19–24 years: Augustine Flett (Marrickville)
Runner Up: Bridget Staal (Glebe)

Winner Young Writer Award 12–15 years: Kiet Phan (Marrickville)
Runner Up: Samuel Eastwood (Five Dock)

Winner Young Writer Awards 16–18 years: Zoe Hamra (Marrickville)
Runner Up: Eszter Coombs (Balmain)

Winner Young Writer Awards 19–24 years: Lily Cameron (Marrickville)
Runner Up: Rinjani Soengkoeng (Petersham)

Winners received \$500 and runners up \$250.

Young Writer winner Lily Cameron's work was described by Ms Wheatley as, "clever, complex and challenges the reader. On first reading it was great. On second reading, it was brilliant."

Ms Cameron said her essay was inspired by her mother. "I'm very grateful to be awarded first place," she said.

A hidden gem in the heart of the Inner West



Yasmar is a heritage-listed house and grounds at 185 Parramatta Road Haberfield and has served as a private home, Sunday school, children's court and juvenile remand and detention centre.

It is now used by community groups and as a correctional services training facility.

Council recently began an inventory of the trees, on behalf of Crown Lands and Friends of Yasmar.

The grounds are an early example of a Gardenesque style landscape and home to some unique and rare specimens planted as early as the 1850s.

The inventory will provide a detailed condition assessment of every tree on the site to enable the proper care and maintenance of these trees to ensure they are there for future generations.

Inner West Music Library

The Inner West now has a music instrument lending library, which opened in late November at Ashfield Library as part of AusMusic month.

In the same way as libraries lend out books, DVDs, CDs and other materials, patrons can now borrow musical instruments for up to three weeks.

The instruments are free and accessible for anyone with a local library card.

Council will pilot the library with a collection of string instruments:

Steel string acoustic left hand solid top

12 string acoustic guitar solid top

Acoustic bass guitar

Banjo

Mandolin

Weissenborn

Tenor guitar

Bouzouki

Da Ruan

Ukulele Concert

Ukulele Tenor

Cajon



Still from the movie *The Peanut Butter Falcon*.

Inclusive Film Festival

Council's Inclusive Film Festival will host a screening of *The Peanut Butter Falcon* at Petersham Town Hall on Friday 4 December.

The film tells the story of Zak, a young man who runs away from a residential nursing home to follow his dream of attending the professional wrestling school of his idol, The Salt Water Redneck.

There will be a panel discussion and live entertainment before the film.

The evening will include closed captions, audio description, Auslan and live captioning. Plus the venue is wheelchair accessible, service dog friendly and will have a quiet zone.

The Inclusive Film Festival is presented in partnership with Accessible Arts, Fan Force, Mable, Exodus and Settlement Services International.

Visit innerwest.nsw.gov.au/InclusiveFilmFestival to find out more.



New food organics collection

Council has commenced a new food organics collection in the former Marrickville local government area. The new service is an extension of Leichhardt Council's longstanding food recycling program in residential apartment buildings.

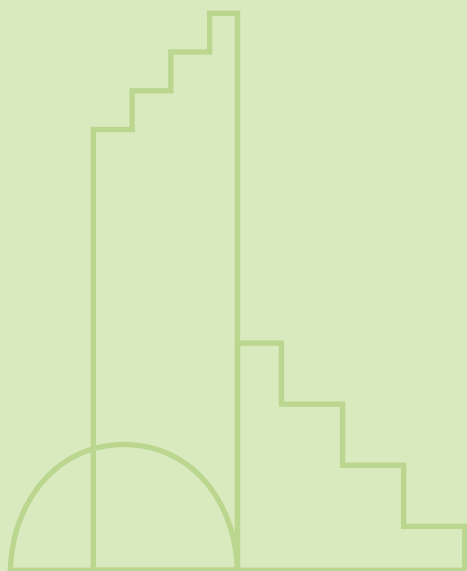
Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne said this is the next step in Council's Inner West war on waste, aimed at eliminating the 35 per cent of waste in residential garbage bins that is currently made up of organics that could be otherwise recycled.

"Inner West Council wants to lead the nation in eliminating organic waste. This announcement is the latest stage in the complete overhaul of our domestic waste services," said Mayor Byrne.

"We are now expanding the service into the old Marrickville Council area, and plan to make further extensions into the Ashfield area in 2021.

"Reducing food waste is also one of the most important things we can do to reverse global warming," he said.

This project is supported by the Environmental Trust as part of the NSW Department of Planning, Industry and Environment Waste Less, Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy.





From one community to another

Council has initiated discussions with Eurobodalla on establishing a formal Community to Community relationship.

The Mayors of both Councils met in August to discuss strengthening the bond formed following the 2019-20 summer bushfires.

In particular, Inner West employees Cameron Gray, Conor Wilson (pictured), Asher Richardson and Ellen Shannon travelled to the south coast local government area to help process development applications and make way for new ones. Inner West Events Officer Olivia Wilson-Zarganis also travelled south.

As a thank you, Eurobodalla sent a local landscape painting, which now hangs in the Leichhardt customer service area.

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The new ArtSeat will replace this work by Angela Robertson-Buchanan, *Public Housing Plan for Birds*, a collage of Inner West birds

Next ArtSeat

The next art to feature at the Newtown ArtSeat is *Snapshot of Australia Street 2010 – 2016*.

The work comprises a poem by Lynne White Crane and photographs by Leigh Howlett, taken in Australia Street Newtown between 2010 and 2016, when both Lynne and Leigh lived in 102 Australia Street Newtown.

“This is a true story of the people and animals that we passed on our daily walk up Australia Street on our way to the Station,” Lynne said.

Snapshot of Australia Street 2010 – 2016 will be installed in early December.

New public art by Wendy Sharpe

Inner West Council's unique initiative, Perfect Match, hit new highs when a recent commission was unveiled opposite Camperdown Memorial Rest Park.

The artwork is by world renowned Australian artist Wendy Sharpe.

Perfect Match brings artists, residents, businesses, property owners and community partners together to collaboratively create new street artworks in public places.

Ewan Samway and his partner Matt Vagulans are the lucky property owners. They are pictured with Wendy, Wendy's assistant Morena Maurino (far left) and Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne.



Look Out Before You Step Out

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

Footpath stencils, street litter bin stickers and bus shelter advertising are used to remind pedestrians to make safe decisions when crossing the road.

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.

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