



Inner West Mayor, Darcy Byrne, opens Leichhardt Park Skate Park for the community

## Opening of long-awaited Leichhardt Park Skate Park a roaring success!

The much anticipated Leichhardt Skate Park finally opened in the Inner West after years of Council advocacy.

"For more than a decade I have been advocating alongside local young people to win approval and funding for this much-needed recreational facility", said Mayor Darcy Byrne.

"I am pleased to advise the public campaign and legal challenge against the Skate Park from a prominent nearby business was unsuccessful.

"Today, the community has won," said Mayor Darcy Byrne.

Hundreds of inner westies turned up with their skates, skateboards, bikes and scooters to celebrate the

grand opening. Both novices and pro skaters told us that the park was going to be hugely popular for many years to come.

The crowd were treated to a thrilling demonstration from local skaters and a display from the infamous women's Inner West Roller Derby League.

As well as the new \$2.2 million Skate Park, council have invested in upgrading the Bay Run lighting along Leichhardt Park and King George Park to make it safer for all the community.



## Little House, big future

Council has invested \$1.4 million in repurposing the old Summer Hill Depot at 7 Prospect Road into a 'one-stop-shop' for a range of exciting sustainability focused initiatives. At the new Sustainability Hub, exciting projects are already underway. A 'Tiny House' made mainly with reclaimed materials will go to auction on 20 August.

The unique home was built by participants in the Tiny House program - an innovative program run by the Bower Reuse and Repair Centre, which is now located at its

new home at the Sustainability Hub. The house, which took just six busy days to build to lock-up stage, is expected to fetch more than \$20,000 and you can make a bid through the online auction.

The Bower has saved over seven tonnes of building materials from landfill in the process of building seven Tiny Houses since 2014.

For details and info on sustainability programs, scan this QR code



## What to plant this spring

After the success of the Inner West Council's annual National Tree Day giveaway in July, this is the perfect time to plant new trees in your garden.

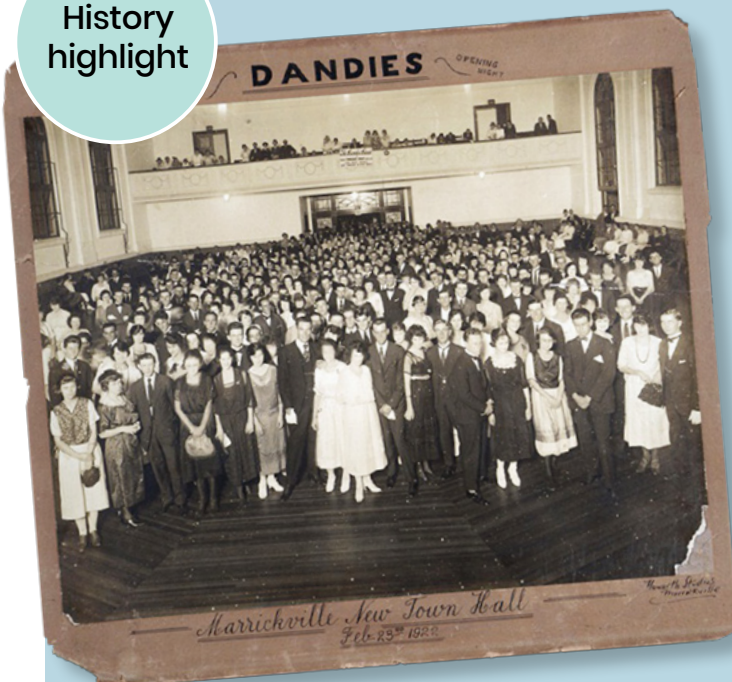
Council's horticulture team's expert advice is that some robust tree varieties for the Inner West include Banksias, Native Tea Trees, Callistemons, Ivory Curl Flowers and Black Wattles.

If you're after advice about what to plant and where, visit the Annandale Community Nursery and Marrickville Community Nursery where our staff will be able to help.

Scan the QR code for more information



### History highlight



A packed house of young flappers and dandies at the (then) new Marrickville Town Hall in early 1922

## Our Town Halls have been rocking for 100 years

The Town Halls of the Inner West have always been hubs of music, culture and entertainment.

The Inner West Council is in the process of revitalising our town halls so they can once again become hubs of culture, live music and entertainment.

This new approach builds on the heritage of our Town Halls. From 1921 to the mid-1950s, Marrickville Town Hall played host to jazz band, Bert Gibb and the Strollers four nights a week and crowds in excess of 1000 people regularly flocked to what became known as the Strollers Dances.

The sprung, tallowood dance floor was considered the best in Sydney. From 1933, the Saturday Night Strollers Dance was broadcast live on radio. In 1964 a new dance club, Polly's took over. Formed by a group of gay men in the dark days so they could socialise in safety, Polly's Club still meets at the Town Hall today.



Pictured: Rod Aanensen (Marrickville Heritage Society), Maria Tsakalos, Stavros Tsakalos and Clr Mat Howard

## Marrickville treasure

Look down, not up, next time you walk down Marrickville Road

The mural pictured was designed by local Greek artist, Maria, back in 1994 and celebrated Sydney's winning bid for the 2000 Olympics.

The more than fifty mosaics laid into the shopping precinct's footpaths tell the extraordinary local history of Marrickville and the people who made it a top-ten world destination.

While this work remains intact, there are other important Marrickville mosaics that are no longer in prime condition.

Initiated by local Marrickville Heritage Society member Rod Aanensen, Council recently passed a motion to investigate costs to repair these unique local landmarks so they can be enjoyed for generations to come.

## Matildas' live screenings was a fight worth having

Despite the best efforts of FIFA, the Inner West led the successful campaign to allow live screenings of Women's World Cup, Matildas games at Inner West parks so local fans could be a part of this once in a generation event.

This first ever World Cup to be held in Australia was a moment to celebrate and with Matildas' tickets completely sold out, we wanted the Inner West Community to feel a part of this historic event.

After a concerted two-month campaign, FIFA finally relented and agreed to the Inner West live screening the Matildas' games. Following our lead, other councils then also applied to FIFA so they could allow their local communities to come together and celebrate.

The first screening was co-hosted with the Consul General for the Irish Republic at Camperdown Rest Park and we screened every later Matildas game at locations across the Inner West.

The Matildas have done us all proud and in the Inner West we are committed to ensuring that girl's and women's sport only grows stronger in the years to come.

## Council support

Did you know that Council has support for residents who may need assistance with paying their rates? Residents experiencing hardship are able to apply for special consideration.

Eligible pensioners will continue to receive a \$250 rate discount, with an extra rebate also available for pensioners who have owned and resided in a property in the Inner West LGA continuously for at least 10 years.

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



Or scan this QR code for more information about rates assistance



*Darcy Byrne*

Mayor, Darcy Byrne  
Inner West Council

Dyan Tai, performing as part of Culture X



# Music, arts and fun

Promising to be one of the country's biggest celebrations of contemporary and cross-cultural music and arts, the Culture X festival spans three exciting days from 8-10 September at popular Pratten Park Bowling Club in Ashfield.

Kicking off with a thrilling drum and horn parade around the local streets of Ashfield and culminating in an outdoor dance party, Culture X is for locals, performers, school groups and visitors to enjoy. Free performances, workshops, talks, kids' concerts, food and entertainment will be on offer. Discover the amazing vibrations of Mongolian throat singers, hip hop and root rhythms of local group The Strides and concerts from refugee artists. Proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with Create NSW and Multicultural NSW and supported by Ashfield Mall, this is a don't-miss event for the community to celebrate together.

Scan this QR code for more information



Local resident Afroditi and Healthy Ageing Advisor Alex

## Healthy Ageing Hub

The Newtown Neighbourhood Centre's Healthy Ageing Hub is now open and welcoming residents.

The hub provides support for the over 60s to live independently in the community, including support with health, housing, and social connection. Resident Afroditi has received much-needed cleaning and gardening assistance. "This is what we need. Someone to help us find the services," Afroditi said.

For more information and support contact the Healthy Ageing Advisor, Alex at [alexandra@newtowncentre.org](mailto:alexandra@newtowncentre.org)

## A Perfect Match

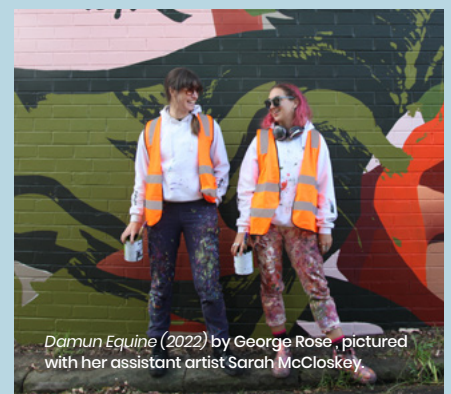
Newtown resident Krystina Gibson was quick to nominate her house for the new round of applications for the popular Perfect Match street art program.

"We are keen street art lovers and there was one wall not far from our place, with a big cockatoo," Krystina said.

"You know you are in the Inner West when you see the beautiful murals; they brighten up the space."

So far, 150 street artworks have transformed the walls of inner west houses, shops and businesses into vibrant, history-inspired works of art.

The program connects artists with residents and community to collaboratively produce site specific street artworks.



Damun Equine (2022) by George Rose, pictured with her assistant artist Sarah McCloskey

Property owners are invited to find their Perfect Match by nominating their wall to be transformed by an artist.

Expressions of interest close on September 1, with the new roll out of art works to begin in October next year.

Scan this QR code for more information and to apply





## Spring clean

Did you know you can book a free clean-up whenever you need it?

Because Council is working towards its goal of zero waste, there are a range of free services that help you dispose of large items easily. There are several categories of rubbish we can remove including bulky household items and furniture, metal and whitegoods and mattresses as well as large tree branches. It's really important to book the right service as different trucks will come and pick up your rubbish.



Scan this QR code to find out more and book your spring clean



The community turned out for the first live screening



## Matildas FIFA Women's World Cup live and free screenings in the Inner West.

Inner West was proud to lead the pack when it came to screening FIFA matches free for the punters. After being the first to secure permission from FIFA, on opening night, all around NSW, other local councils also brought communities together to support the mighty Matildas.

Family friendly screenings are our way of bringing the community together, so everyone was able

to get a chance to enjoy the excitement of one of the biggest sporting events in the world.

At the screenings, people could leave a message for the team on our Wall of Support, and this will be turned into a permanent community artwork by the incredible local artists Zoe and Xander from Muralisto.

## Electrifying tent talk at Footprints EcoFestival

Looking to find out how to increase clean energy in the home?

Popular ABC radio host Robyn Williams will host Energising Australia's Future - a panel discussion on electrification, advocacy and renewable energy.

The talk is part of the Footprints EcoFestival on 27 August at Whites Creek Valley Park in Annandale.

Williams will be joined by Rewiring Australia Managing Director, Kate

Minter, to discuss the powerful environmental and economic reasons for going electric, and practical ways to make the switch.

The family-friendly Footprints EcoFestival returns with a big focus on the environment and sustainable living from 11am to 3pm.

**What:** Panel discussion - Energising Australia's Future

**Where:** Whites Creek Valley Park, Annandale

**When:** 27 August - 12.45pm to 1:30pm.

Scan this QR code for more information about the Footprints EcoFestival and full program



ABC Science Show host Robyn Williams will moderate *Energising Australia's Future*



Pickling legends  
Cornersmith have all kinds  
of tips for what to do with  
the parts of vegetables you  
might throw away

## FOGO community champions

We are super excited to share the news of Inner West Council's partnership with three amazing community champions to promote sustainability education and recycling.

These trusted businesses: Cornersmith, Meiklejohn and Adventure Kids will be on the forefront of our sustainability education outreach.

Cornersmith, in Annandale will be leading workshops on how to avoid food waste and make the most of FOGO (food organics garden organics) bins. Meiklejohn will be engaging and training 50 local community champions to become sustainability advocates for the Inner West. And Adventure Kids, in Ashfield, will be providing fun and interactive FOGO-themed workshops in schools and childcare centres.

These partnerships perfectly align with our plan to bring FOGO to the Inner West. Together, we're on a mission to make sustainability efforts in the Inner West even better.



Inner West Council is trialling  
a new, sustainable road  
surface in Annandale

## Streets of the future

If you find yourself driving down Hutchinson Street in Annandale, look down to see the future.

Council is participating in an exciting new recycling project which is investigating the use of crumbed rubber from recycled tyres to create a modified road asphalt mix.

Council is keen to test the product as a sustainable choice for the future. The Reusing Rubber: Recycling Tyres for Roads Demonstration Project by Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) aims to make council roads more sustainable, reduce capital and operating expenditure by extending road life, and create a local market for old car and truck tyres.
















## Did you know?

- ▶ The current pet population is around 79,000 total (approx. 44,000 dogs and 35,000 cats)
- ▶ There are currently more inner west households with dogs, than households with a child
- ▶ The most popular cat breeds are Domestic, Burmese and Ragdoll
- ▶ The most popular dog breed is a Cavalier x Poodle, known unofficially as a 'Cavoodle', followed by Labrador, then Staffy
- ▶ The Inner West Council Companion Animal team has provided more than 2,600 free, personalised, pet ID collars and tags to our residents (and counting!)



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Marrickville

Ashfield Aquatic Centre

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Balmain

Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre  
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Illawarra Road, Marrickville South



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## Genre-blending at EDGE Sydenham

See Vinny Lunar at this year's Edge Sydenham festival.

The artist fuses RnB, Hip-Hop, and South-Asian melodies – at the same time breaking stereotypes about South Asian identity. A confident and unapologetic artist, Lunar blends his Indian heritage with a modern twist.

EDGE Sydenham is where art and community unite for a unique celebration of the Sydenham postcode 2044.

Where: Sydenham Green, Sydenham  
When: 12pm - 8.30pm,  
Saturday 19 August

Scan this QR code for more information



Vinny Lunar, appearing as part of EDGE Sydenham



## Customer Service Stalls and Local Matters Forum

The next Customer Service Stall is on 27 August at Sydenham Green from 9:30am to 1:30pm, at Unwins Bridge Road and Railway Road, Sydenham.

And Inner West residents are urged to make their voices heard by getting along to their Local Matters Forum.

Tell us what local matters you'd like discussed at the face-to-face meeting by submitting a question when you register for an event in your neighbourhood. Scan the QR code to find out more and register.

Ashfield residents can take part in their next Local Matters Forum on 22 August at the Summer Hill Neighbourhood Centre, from 6pm.

Scan this QR code for more information



## Wizard of Oz comes to Petersham

The first show of the brand new Inner West Theatre Co. is The Wizard of Oz. The show will open on Saturday Night September 2 in the Petersham Town Hall.

The company has been performing for more than four decades as The Canterbury Theatre Guild, but recently have changed their name and moved to the Inner West. So scan the QR code for tickets and get ready to follow the yellow brick road to Petersham.

