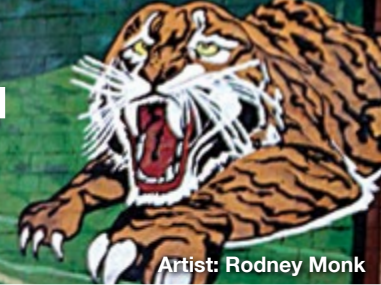


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## 2019 Citizens of the Year



From left, co-Senior Citizen of the Year Jude Stoddart, Councillor John Stamolis, co-Senior Citizen of the Year Margaret Tung, Member for Grayndler Anthony Albanese, Councillor Pauline Lockie, Mayor Darcy Byrne, Councillor Anna York, Councillor Louise Steer, (front) Citizen of the Year Jamie De Paulo, co-Young Citizens of the Year Zarni Tun and (front) Arran Keith, Member for Summer Hill Jo Haylen, Councillor Lucille McKenna OAM

Inner West Library and History Services, NSW Cancer Council, Sydney Relay for Life and PACE Mentoring program run by the Australian Network on Disability have all benefited from the generosity of Inner West Council's Citizen of the Year, volunteer Jamie De Paulo.

Twenty-eight year-old Jamie is one of the youngest people to ever receive the accolade. He was also honoured at last year's Amy Large Volunteer Awards.

"Jamie is an inspirational role model because he serves as an example for the disability community (and the general community) that anything is possible, even for someone living with a physical disability," said Jamie's

nominee, Julie Barkman.

"I was very excited and very happy to hear that I was chosen," Jamie said.

This year, Senior and Young Citizen awards are shared.

Margaret Tung and Jude Stoddart are co-Senior Citizens of the Year. They are passionate advocates for refugees and volunteers at the Asylum Seekers Centre (ASC) in Newtown.

Zarni Tun (18) and Arran Keith (9) are co-Young Citizens of the Year. Both have cerebral palsy, and both have climbed Mount Kosciusko for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance, raising \$11,000 and \$25,000 respectively.

To read more about the amazing achievements of the 2019 Inner West Citizens of the Year, go to [www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/COTY](http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/COTY)

# WestConnex update

The construction of the State Government's WestConnex mainline tunnels between St Peters and Haberfield (Stage 3A) has begun with demolition works in Camperdown.

Investigative drilling is underway across the Inner West and pre-construction property condition reports are being offered by the contractor. Inner West Council is also offering a property condition report service to affected homeowners.

As well as noise and air pollution, a major impact of WestConnex is the use of Inner West streets for spoil haulage trucks. Stage 3A trucks will mostly use main roads, but local areas such as Reg Coady Reserve will continue to be affected. All spoil trucks for Stage 3A are required to be fitted with GPS tracking to manage their use of designated routes.

The impacts of Stage 1 and 2 continue to be felt, including insensitively placed electrical cabinets, height detectors and sign footings.

Council continues to work to reduce the impacts of WestConnex on the inner west community.

For more information on WestConnex and Council's activities in relation to the project go to [www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/westconnex](http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/westconnex)

Contact Council's WestConnex Unit at [westconnex@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:westconnex@innerwest.nsw.gov.au) or on 9392 5219.

Access the WestConnex website at [www.westconnex.com.au](http://www.westconnex.com.au)

## New look and logo for Council

We need your input for a new look and logo for Inner West. Visit [yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](http://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au) to have your say. Closes 19 March.



## Street lights go green

Council will spend \$2.8 million over two years replacing 4,516 old fluorescent street light lamps with energy-efficient LEDs.

The new LED lights use just 17 watts to power streetlights, compared to 95 watts used by older lamps. The reduction in carbon emissions in the Inner West will be 1,500 tonnes each year.

This is on top of the 4,000 tonnes-a-year reduction that will result from Council's power purchase agreement from Moree Solar Farm. "Inner West Council is to be congratulated for joining the groundswell of companies, institutions, local and state governments that are taking direct steps to address climate change," said Glen Klatovsky, Deputy CEO of environmental campaign group 350.org Australia.

"For almost 10 years, we've been calling on street light owners (Ausgrid and previously Energy Australia) to replace the old lamps, which consume a lot of power and represent around a quarter of Council's annual electricity consumption," said Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne.

"So now we have taken the initiative to update the over 4,600 streetlights that keep residential roads safe at night, by replacing residential streetlights with efficient Light Emitting Diode (LED) lamps," he said.

The cost of the upgrade will be offset by electricity and maintenance savings in less than seven years.



## New childcare centre now open

Council's newest childcare centre opened in January.

Leichhardt Park Children's Centre features:

- Qualified and multilingual educators
- A program reflective of the National Quality Framework and Early Years Learning Framework
- A balance of educator-led and child initiated learning

- Opportunities for children to interact, form relationships and build social competence
- Sustainable practices
- Sense of belonging and local community connections

For more information on the new centre, contact

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Artist: IKARA



# Experience culture and discover nature

Join in an immersive arts experience at EDGE, Inner West's new arts and cultural program that shines a spotlight on our local artists. EDGE GreenWay on the waterfront is perfect to enjoy with family and friends.

On arrival you'll join a plane crash party at our bridge bar showcasing botanical mocktails and grooves from cockpit DJs.

Next up spend some time exploring outdoor sculpture and art installations, or meander around and enjoy live artist performances and music with the spectacular bay as your backdrop.

Stop in and hear words of wisdom from Aboriginal elders and environmentalists, and learn something new from foraging weed wizards.

There will be exciting activities to keep small hands busy. Kids can make a lantern or bring bling to their bicycle, then enjoy amusement from performers, puppets, and a bike-powered dancefloor, all in our upcycled playground!

Bring a picnic blanket, visit a food truck, and settle in for a spectacular twilight finale performance by world renowned theatre company Legs On The Wall while the Boat of Dreams sets sail taking participants' wishes into the sunset as the city switches off for Earth Hour.

**Saturday, 30 March 3pm – 9pm**  
[www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/edge](http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/edge)

## New footbridge

The new Chester Street, Annandale footbridge opened late last year.

Crossing Johnstons Creek at Chester Street, the new shared cycle and footpath bridge will soon be fully completed with a new west-side ramp approach.

The works also included the relocation of the picnic table, bubbler and barbecue in the adjacent Douglas Grant Park, and the installation of a new basketball court.



## Investing in public pools, not closing them

At a time when many Sydney councils are closing public pools, I'm proud that Inner West Council has made a deliberate decision to further invest in your aquatic centres.



Pools are expensive, but they are public assets that are crucial to the physical and mental wellbeing of our community.

**Swimming pools are as important to the fabric of our society as schools and hospitals.**

That is why Council is investing in the rebuilding of Ashfield Pool as a state-of-the-art facility.

The old 50 metre pool had reached the end of its life cycle and rather than adopt a short-term fix, we were determined to get this once in a lifetime opportunity right.

As a result, Ashfield Pool will be transformed into a modern recreation centre that the whole community can enjoy for generations to come.

Meanwhile, the heritage restoration of Dawn Fraser Pool will soon commence.

Having secured full funding for the refurbishment, we can now get on with the job of bringing one of Australia's oldest pools back to its former glory, while also securing its future.

Pools are valuable community assets and we will continue to invest in Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre, Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre and Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre in the years ahead.

Darcy Byrne  
Inner West mayor

# Aboriginal names for wards

Council's five wards now include Aboriginal names:

- Ashfield Ward – Djarrawunang (Magpie)**
- Balmain Ward – Baludarri (Leather Jacket)**
- Leichhardt Ward – Gulgadya (Grass Tree)**
- Marrickville Ward – Midjuburi (Lillypilly)**
- Stanmore Ward – Damun (Port Jackson Fig)**

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne said the move would assist the reconciliation process, adding that this "is an enduring and practical way to show recognition and respect".

The ward names were reached following research on the culture and history of the Inner West, community consultation with the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Strategic Reference Group and representatives from the local Aboriginal community.



Council has also recently supported a pilot program teaching children at Tillman Park Early Learning Centre Aboriginal language and culture through song, storytelling and the environment. If successful the trial will be rolled out to preschools across the Inner West.

And at its meeting on Tuesday, 11 December, Council voted to erect three Aboriginal Survival Memorials in the Inner West to commemorate the story of the Aboriginal peoples' survival through the colonisation of this country.

## 2019 - Year of the Library

2019 is shaping up to be the Year of the Library with a wide range of new initiatives set to open up a whole new world of books and borrowing to local residents.

Later this year, the striking, long awaited new Marrickville Library will open its doors.

As well, there are major technology upgrades planned for most of the other libraries – including the new cloud-based library membership and catalogue which launched in late February.

For members, this means access to a fantastic catalogue of over 1.4 million items via any electronic device.

Current members can automatically access the new system online or via the new, free app. Existing library cards now work at all branches.

To explore the new system, search the catalogue and download the app visit [www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LibrarySearch](http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LibrarySearch).



**Peter de Waal on his Pride Seat. He and his late partner, Peter Bonsall-Boone, are important figures in the history of LGBTIQ rights in Sydney.**

## Pride Seat dedications announced

Council has announced seven rainbow Pride Seat dedications.

Each Pride Seat has a unique plaque dedicated to an Inner West person or organisation who has campaigned for or contributed to LGBTIQ rights over the years.

The local activists who have been recognised are:

- Alexander 'Lex' Watson
- The Feminist Bookshop
- Roberta Perkins
- Robyn Plaister
- The Pollys Club
- Timothy J Bishop
- Peter Bonsall-Boone and Peter de Waal



## Big news for small bars

Council is making it easier to open a small bar in Leichhardt, Annandale, Rozelle, Lilyfield, Balmain and Birchgrove.

Restaurants or café owners in these suburbs no longer need to lodge both a Development Application to Council and a separate application to the NSW Independent Liquor and Gaming Authority (ILGA).

Small bars in recognised shopping streets are also exempt from car parking provisions.

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne said promoting small bars in existing shopping corridors creates “precinct destinations”.

“As more small bars open, we will see a boost to tourism and spending in our local economy as well as more opportunities for local live music, arts and culture,” he said.

“I will certainly be proposing that Council extend this provision to all businesses in the Inner West Council area as part of the new Inner West Council planning framework,” he said.

See Our Place Inner West below for more information.

## Council demystifies live music DAs

Council’s new live music planning liaison officer provides encouragement and guidance to new and existing live music venues to help them navigate what can be a bureaucratic maze of planning, noise, safety and alcohol rules and regulations.

Live Music Office Director John Wardle said the creation of a designated live music planning liaison officer by Council was very welcome news for the creative sector in the Inner West.

“Having this type of support is going to be of great value to venues and artists,” he said.

To access the new service, contact Freya Ververis, Acting Cultural Planning and Policy Leader [freya.ververis@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:freya.ververis@innerwest.nsw.gov.au)



Band: Dawn by Rodney Hunt

## Ashfield Aquatic Centre upgrade

Hundreds of locals filled the Council chamber late last year to hear that Council had appointed a tenderer for the construction of the new state-of-the-art Ashfield Aquatic Centre.

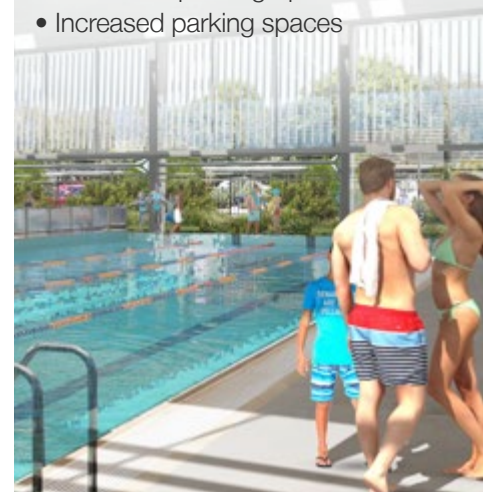
Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne said Council was determined to transform Ashfield Pool “into a first class facility for the whole community to enjoy for generations to come.”

David Collins-White, President of Ashfield Amateur Swimming Club, said the club and Haberfield Public School were overjoyed. “We wish to thank all the councillors who voted for the development to proceed.

The legacy of the vote will be a dividend for the whole Inner West community for the next 50 years.”

The final plan for the redevelopment of the Ashfield Aquatic Centre includes:

- A new 50m indoor pool with accessible ramp and split boom
- A new outdoor pool with floating floor that can change its depth
- A new children’s leisure pool with landscaping and green wall
- A new two-storey entry building with café, change areas, crèche, staff facilities and retail space
- A new 1,000sqm gym on Level 2 of the entry building
- New sauna, steam and spa attached to the existing pool hall building
- A community green space and covered seating
- Landscaping areas and terraces for the external pools
- Increased parking spaces
- Increased parking spaces



## Our Place Inner West

The NSW planning system has been updated and Council is developing a new, consolidated planning framework to prioritise and protect our unique Inner West.

Throughout 2019 Council is engaging with the community and stakeholders to develop a range of planning studies that build on our high-level Community Strategic Plan, Our Inner West 2036. The project is called *Our Place Inner West* – Land Use Planning Framework for the Inner West Council area.

Subscribe to the What’s On Inner West email to stay informed about public exhibitions in March and April. You can find out more and get involved at [www.yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](http://www.yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au)

# Council grants past, present and future

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne presented Council's 2018 grant cheques worth \$362,000 to the 91 recipients at a special reception in December.

The evening featured presentations from past grant recipients who talked about their project achievements.

The Inner West's Solidarity Choir performed, as did Nardi Simpson, who sang a Welcome Song.

The Inner West Council Grants Program assists groups and individuals to deliver programs and services which address identified needs and improve community wellbeing.

The grants enable Council to support the diverse range of community and volunteer groups in the Inner West to achieve shared objectives.

Grants of up to \$7,500 are available annually across five grant rounds, including Arts and Culture, Community History and Heritage, Community Wellbeing, Environment and Recreation. The grants program will open again in mid-2019 for new applications.

For more information, contact Council's Community Resourcing and Research Supervisor on 9392 5281.



## Reduce your bill and help the environment

Did you know that Council offers rebates of up to \$3,000 for residents, businesses or ratepayers installing a rainwater tank on their properties?

Tanks can reduce water use by 25% or more.

Local resident Toni Joyce (pictured) said the process was very easy.

"I'm delighted to have the tank to help futureproof my place against changeable climate and droughts," she said.

Rainwater tanks also help reduce the amount of polluted stormwater entering our waterways.

Council runs free workshops every month. Residents can learn about selecting the right kind of tank, upkeep involved, and how to get the most from the tank.

The next workshop is on Thursday, 7 March. For more information, email [urbanecology@innerwest.nsw.gov.au](mailto:urbanecology@innerwest.nsw.gov.au) or phone 9392 5000.

## 2018 Business Environment Award winners

The environmental achievements of more than 20 Inner West businesses were celebrated at Council's Business Environment Awards, held in November at Camperdown Commons.

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne presented the awards which recognise local businesses achieving great things for our community and economy.

The prestigious Sustainability Leadership award was won by Feather and Bone, for its far-reaching, holistic sustainability impacts. The business is not only reducing its own energy consumption, but also innovating in new product areas, and its core business is expanding, strengthening and advocating for sustainable livestock farming.

Feather and Bone in Marrickville also won the Beyond our Four Walls award for influencing supply chains beyond its operations for sustainable outcomes. The business promotes transparency and visibility in the meat industry and only works with suppliers who focus on building healthy soil, plants and animals, helping to provide alternatives to intensive farming.



Other award winners were:

- Petersham Bowling Club, the Sustainable Innovation award
- Village Wholefoods in Marrickville, the Rethink Waste award
- Explore & Develop in Annandale, the Community Partnership award
- Centre Pharmacy in Summer Hill, the Energy Smart award

# Heritage listing for iconic mural



Artist: Rodney Monk

Council has voted unanimously to nominate the iconic and much-loved Crescent mural in Annandale for heritage listing.

The mural was commissioned by the then-Leichhardt Council in 1980 and was created by artist Rodney Monk.

It depicts the community activism around key events such as opposition to the Vietnam War and the sacking of the Whitlam Government and social movements such as personal liberation including sexuality, gender, racism and ethnicity, and the self-expression of alternative lifestyles and cultural activities.

“Each image has a back story. To me the most significant are the lack of Aboriginal content in the 1980 original, which was redressed in the 2005 repaint, and the images addressing pollution in the area – including water, air and noise pollution,” Mr Monk said.

## Your Councillors



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# What's on Inner West

**Sunday, 3 March**

**Clean Up Australia Day.**  
See Council's website or [www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au](http://www.cleanupaustraliaday.org.au)



**Thursday, 7 March**

**International Women's Day celebration, 5pm-8pm, Petersham Town Hall, 107 Crystal Street.**



**Friday, 8 March**

**International Women's Day.**  
2019 theme: 'More Powerful Together' - recognising the important roles we all play to advance gender equality



**Sunday, 10 March**

**Bairro Português Food & Wine Fair, 10am-6pm. Audley and Fisher Streets, Petersham.**

Celebrate the very best of Portuguese culture with entertainment, music, dance, cultural activities and traditional and contemporary foods for all the family



**Tuesday, 12 March**

Macular degeneration info session in Portuguese, 10am-1pm, St Peters Library



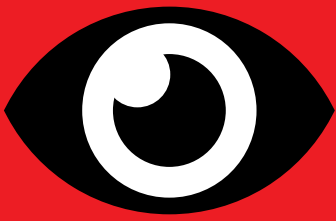
**Saturday, 2 March – Sunday, 10 March**

Council's International Women's Week of women's only sport: 'Breaking down the barriers for women and girls in sport and recreation'. Includes skate, cricket, soccer, AFL and Gridiron

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

**Thursday, 28 March**

Macular degeneration info session in Greek, 10am-1pm, Marrickville Town Hall meeting room



**Sunday, 24 March**

**Bluesfest featuring Dragon, 4pm-7pm, War Memorial Park, Leichhardt** Free family friendly music event with a relaxed casual atmosphere



**Saturday, 30 March**

**EDGE GreenWay, 3pm-9pm**  
An immersive arts experience  
[www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/EDGE](http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/EDGE)



**Saturday, 6 April**

**Movies in the Park, 5pm-9pm, Johnson Park Dulwich Hill.** Live music, children's activities, selection of international cuisine culminating in a twilight movie screening



**Sunday, 21 April**

**ANZAC Sunday Memorial Service, 9:30am, Ashfield Park.** Ashfield RSL Sub-branch annual service supported by Inner West Council



**Wednesday, 24 April**

**DA information seminar** for applicants and owners looking to develop their property, 7pm-9pm. Leichhardt Council Chambers in Leichhardt Town Hall



**Thursday, 25 April**

**Anzac Day Dawn Service, 6am-7am. Balmain Loyalty Square from 6am**  
**Petersham RSL Dawn Service, 6am. Petersham Town Hall**



**Saturday, 4 May**

**Built Environment Awards, 2pm-4pm.** Kirkbride Theatre, Sydney College of the Arts in Callan Park. The Inner West's own architecture award, including the Urban Photography Competition

**Tuesday, 7 May**

**Workshop for parents and supervisors of learner drivers, 6:30pm-8:30pm, Petersham Service Centre Function Room, Level 3, 2-14 Fisher Street, Petersham**



**Sunday, 19 May**

**Celebrate 2044! 11am-4pm. St Peters, Sydenham and Tempe's own community fair on the greens at Tillman Park**



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