



Carols on Norton,
Dec 2022

Get festive with Carols on Norton

You know the festive season in the inner west has kicked off when it's time for the much-loved evening event Carols on Norton in Pioneers Park, Leichhardt. This year, they will also celebrate the 25th birthday of the Leichhardt Espresso Chorus.

So get the family together, bring a friend and pack a picnic for this iconic outdoor event, presented by the Inner West Council and the Leichhardt Espresso Chorus. Supported by the Tinsel Orchestra, get ready to sing through the classics in a celebration of the season, under the baton of Michelle Leonard OAM.

There's something for everyone as 50 children from the inner west's Candy Cane Choir,

formed especially for this event, join forces with Moorambilla's famous Netflix regional children's choir (Wide Open Sky).

This fun, free family event is a magical feast of music, singing, laughter and coloured lanterns under the stars.

Date: Sunday 17 December

Time: 7pm

Where: Pioneers Park, Norton St Leichhardt

Bring a picnic or pick up something from the many food options along Norton Street.

If it's raining, head to Leichhardt Town Hall where the event will be held.



2022 Arts Grant recipient
Teik Kim Pok

Council grants announced

Congratulations to the winners of the recently announced community grants. Inner West Council offers annual grants to help achieve the objectives of the Community Strategic Plan including an ecologically sustainable Inner West; liveable, connected neighbourhoods; creative communities and a strong economy; healthy, resilient, and caring communities and effective civic leadership. This year, \$516,330 was available for the annual grants and 71 projects were approved for funding. From arts and creative development to community history, wellbeing and multicultural projects, the Grants Program will open in 2024 for new applications.



New verge policy

In an exciting move for locals with green thumbs itching for new spaces to garden, Inner West Council recently created a new policy. The Living Streets Verge Garden and Adopt-a-Spot Policy aims to see 100 new verge gardens established within the next 12 months. Council's Adopt-a-Spot program allows community groups, schools, businesses, and individuals to enhance and take care of a nominated area of Council managed land other than verges or community gardens. Before commencing an Adopt-a-Spot, residents must register their proposed Adopt-a-Spot idea and meet with Council's Urban Ecology Team to discuss the proposal. Check out more details on our website.

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Mayor Darcy Byrne, Councillors and childcare staff celebrated together

A big thanks to staff

All Children's Services staff and families were invited to a Thank You reception by Inner West Mayor, Darcy Byrne. Families and staff joined the Mayor in acknowledging Council's educators and staff for their outstanding work and educators were very proud to be presented with personalised certificates in recognition of their dedication to providing first rate education and care to the children and families of the Inner West. Council operates 11 Early Learning Centres and a range of other childcare services and over 180 staff are employed to care for approximately 1600 children each year. We achieved a 93% parent satisfaction rating across all our Early Learning Centres and this is a testament to the passionate and expert childcare staff across all our centres.



Bill Crews Wishing Tree is open until December 22

Christmas wishes

Every year the Rev Bill Crews Foundation creates the Wishing Tree Appeal and this year it's at the Ashfield Mall. With special guest Jessica Rowe, the purpose of the Wishing Tree is to bring more joy to individuals and families who are going through difficult times during the holiday season.

Participating is simple – you can contribute by placing a new gift under our Wishing Tree at Ashfield Mall, or if you prefer, you can make a monetary donation online up to Dec 22.

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Inner West the street art capital of Australia

We are continuing to expand our award-winning street art program Perfect Match and the Inner West is becoming renowned as the street art capital of Australia.

What began as an initiative to combat graffiti has grown to become a public art program that attracts people from all over the country to our neighbourhoods.

Council has now commissioned more than 150 murals that have been painted by prominent artists on local homes, businesses, and community facilities.

Each year we have further increased our investment in Perfect Match to meet the overwhelming interest from local people in having an artwork on their home.

Often, when we match residents with artists, something special happens, and artworks that capture the history and vitality of our local streets and communities are created.

Many of these artists are themselves passionate Inner Westies who love helping to tell our local stories.

If you are interested in proposing a location for a new mural we would love to hear from you.

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Cool in the pool

With five aquatic centres for locals it's easy to escape the summer heat. Enjoy the retro charm of the famous tidal saltwater Dawn Fraser Baths. Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre has 6 swimming pools including the famous mushroom pool for the kids. Ashfield Aquatic Centre has 5 pools and plenty of shade. Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre has 2 pools beside the Petersham Park. Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre has 3 indoor pools in Enmore Park. There's also Steel Park Water Play Park in Marrickville for hours of fun for the kids with sprinklers and water fountains. More info: ADD QR CODE



Kids can cool off at Steel Park Water Play park in Marrickville



Darcy Byrne

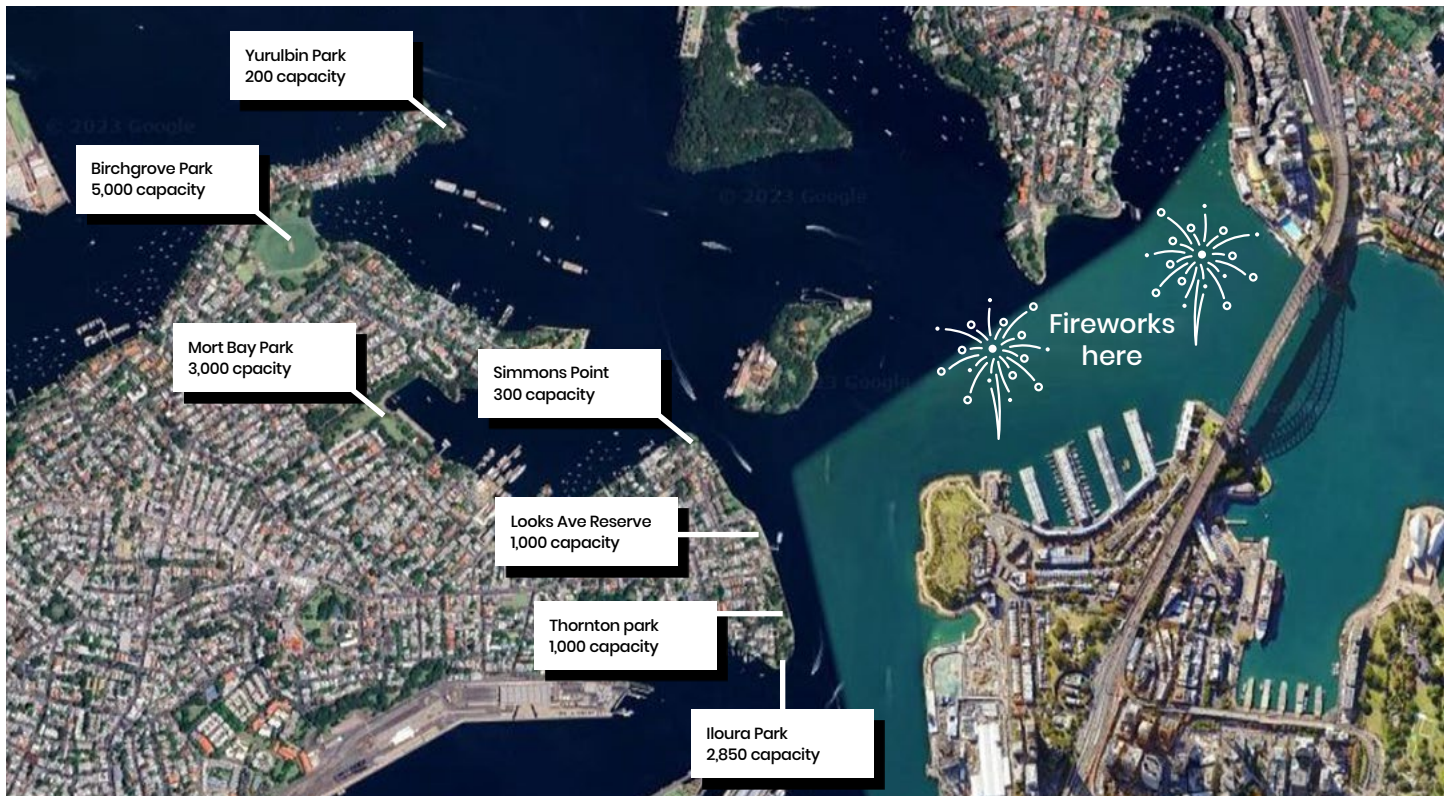
Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



Choose your fave park for a view this NYE

Where to watch New Year's Eve

While you're preparing your picnic dinner for NYE and deciding which wonderful Inner West park to head out to for a free premiere view of the fireworks, the Balmain Depot council staff are busy preparing the parks for the 13,000 people who visit our parks for the big night. Council staff will be back the next day to clean everything up. Which park will you head to this year? There's seven to chose from, from Birchgrove to Iloura Park. Happy New Year!



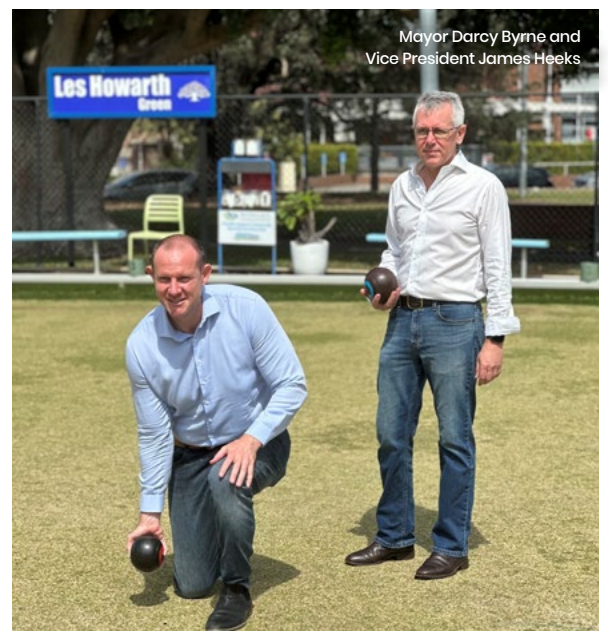
The Gladdo here to stay

On the back of the Gladdo's 125th birthday Inner West Council has just agreed to extend their lease for another 20 years and has done so for two other local clubs, the Marrickville Lawn Tennis Club and the Marrickville Golf Club.

Council has provided a 75% Accommodation Grant to make sure that these incredible community institutions remain sustainable and focused on serving the local community.

"With this new lease, Gladstone Park Bowling Club will also be able to continue to sponsor local sporting teams into the future and look forward to finding more junior sporting teams that we can support," said President Les Howarth.

As one of the oldest community institutions in Balmain, watch out for the fairylights that are being installed in the big tree behind the greens to add some further magic to the Club after dark. The future is looking bright for the much-loved Gladdo.



Mayor Darcy Byrne and Vice President James Heeks



Inner West Icons Podcast Wins Award

We were proud to see three inner west locals win 'Best History podcast' at the recent 2023 Australian Podcast Awards.

'Inner West Icons' is loved Australia-wide, and was inspired and supported by Inner West Council's Community History and Heritage grant.

This playful documentary-style podcast uncovers the unique histories of the inner west, mixing resident interviews with archival material from the Inner West Council Libraries' Local History collection. This well-deserved recognition for podcast producers Jane Curtis, Bernie Hobbs and John Jacobs proves that local history is far from boring!

Check out the podcast here



General Manager Peter Gainsford and Deputy Mayor Chloe Smith and Bluett Award judges

Inner West wins best council

It's official, Inner West Council is the best metropolitan Council in NSW this year! We have made great strides in recent years and in November were announced as the best Council in NSW by winning the AR Bluett Memorial Award for 22/23 which is the pinnacle of Local Government in NSW.

Upon announcing the Award Chairman of the judging panel, Les McMahon said,

"Inner West Council had forged three previous inner west councils into a vibrant, responsive and community focused organisation.

"Customer experiences have outperformed against other like sized councils.

"Environmental leadership is paramount to the success of the council, being the first council to be powered with 100% renewable energy and be 100% divested from fossil fuels."

"Inner West Council had also delivered \$22 million in savings since amalgamation."

This Award recognises the most progressive Councils in the State and acknowledges the efforts made in serving the community and continuous improvement.



Harper, a local staffy and kelpie cross

Keep your pet safe this summer

Summer holidays are a time when Council receives more reports of missing pets. This can be extremely stressful. Here are some tips from our Council experts in the Companion Animal Services team.

- Make sure your pets are wearing an ID collar and/or tag (order free from our website) and update their microchip details now online at www.PetRegistry.nsw.gov.au or by contacting Council.
- Add a secondary contact onto the microchip; your pet sitter's phone number or a relative.
- Ensure you have paid the one-off lifetime council registration fee for your pet, so that it is registered to you.

If you find a lost dog contact Council's Companion Animal Services immediately.

Our specially trained Officers prioritise dog collections, and are on-shift 7 days a week, even over the summer holidays. Council's Companion Animal Officers have access to multiple databases, social media pages, and industry contacts to track down owners of missing pets, and always go above and beyond to deliver lost pets straight home to their owners where possible.

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Gaza humanitarian aid

While Council acknowledges that foreign affairs is the responsibility of the Commonwealth Government, at the November Council meeting it was decided to promote the Union Aid Abroad APHEDA's Gaza Emergency Appeal. Donations to this fund looks to provide immediate assistance to the people of Gaza during their dire humanitarian crisis.

There are urgent needs for shelter, water, food, electricity, sanitation and medical supplies, fuel and communications. Donations can make a significant contribution not only in the immediate situation, but also in the early reconstruction phase.

For further information or to donate, scan this QR code



Ashfield looking east along Parramatta Rd

History Highlight

Parramatta Road history

Parramatta Road was first adopted as a land route for vehicles from Sydney Cove to the settlement at Rose Hill in 1794. However, for many thousands of years, the First Peoples of the Sydney area travelled this path between the coastal lands of the Gadigal and the estuarine Burramattagal lands.

When Lachlan Macquarie arrived as Governor in 1810, he put convicts to work improving and widening the road. In 1811 the newly paved Parramatta Road was opened and in 1821 the first commercial stagecoach route commenced.

Post-WWII, the economic buzz of Parramatta Road attracted new migrants who established vibrant communities along its route.

Sadly, today's traffic and lack of parking make it clear that Parramatta Road is in desperate need of revitalisation and the Inner West is committed to the voice of our community being a part of the plans for its future.



Inner westies are doing their bit to reduce food waste

Extra waste collections for the festive season

In the first 6 weeks of the new FOGO service, the Inner West community has diverted more than 2000 tonnes of organic waste that has been converted into compost, not dumped at landfill.
















We understand that the shift to fortnightly red-lid bin garbage collection can feel like a big change for some, so we have support in place to help everyone manage over the festive season.

Council is offering an additional booked collection of red-lid garbage bins (in the alternate week to the scheduled pick up) to assist households whilst they transition to the weekly FOGO and fortnightly garbage during this busy time of the year.

Or contact Waste Busters – they're our helpful team who will give you tips on how to create space in your red-lid bin and make FOGO work for you. Contact them at wastebusters@innerwest.nsw.gov.au. Houses will receive a roll of 75 compostable liner bags during December. Alternatively you can collect them from your service centre or buy from a local supermarket (with the seedling logo).

You can log missed services or issues online at www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/about/get-in-touch/report-an-issue-request-a-service



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Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre
 Marrickville

Ashfield Aquatic Centre

Dawn Fraser Baths
 Balmain

Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre
 Petersham

Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre

Waterplay Park

Illawarra Road, Marrickville South



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Kids festival

Inner West Kids Fest is the most amount of fun for the kids this summer.

Come along to discover a party in Enmore Park. Join us for an afternoon of family fun with excellent food, music, performances, workshops, activities and more. Dogs on leads are also welcome and the Annette Kellerman pool will be open until 5pm.

There's plenty to keep the kids entertained in this picnic-style event, so join your fellow inner westies for a celebration of community, culture and summer!

Where: Enmore Park

When: 3pm–7pm, Saturday 17 February 2024



Council's Christmas and New Year operating hours

Service centres

Our Customer Service team is here to assist you over the Christmas and New Year period at our Leichhardt Service Centre (7-15 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt).

We will be open 8:30am to 5:00pm on 27, 28 and 29 December 2023.

Ashfield and Petersham Service Centres will re-open on 2 January 2024.

Aquatic centres

Our aquatic centres and adjacent gyms will be closed on Christmas Day, but otherwise in full operation during the Christmas and New Year period with amended hours.

To see the full trading hours of all aquatic centres, go to: www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/explore/aquatic-centres

Waste and recycling

FOGO, Garbage and Recycling bin services will run as usual during the Christmas and New Year period.

The Weekend Transfer Station (Moore Street, Leichhardt) and the St Peters Community Recycling Centre (Unwins Bridge Road, St Peters) will be open on the weekends during this period. An additional red lidded bin can be booked in via Council's website if the fortnightly collection is not enough during the Christmas period.

Excess cardboard that is too big for your bin can be taken to the Weekend Transfer Station free of charge. Consider using the Branches collection on the below link for the collection of your live Christmas tree in January.

If you're planning on moving out or doing a clean up don't forget to plan ahead and book a collection date well in advance www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CleanUp

Libraries

The library opening hours over the Christmas period are as follows:

Date	Ashfield Leichhardt Marrickville	Balmain Dulwich Hill (ETC) Haberfield Stanmore St Peters
Sat 23 Dec	10am–5pm	10am–4pm 10am–5pm (Balmain only)
Sun 24 Dec	10am–2pm	Closed
Mon 25 Dec	Closed	Closed
Tue 26 Dec	Closed	Closed
Wed 27 Dec	9am–5pm	Closed
Thu 28 Dec	9am–5pm	Closed
Fri 29 Dec	9am–5pm	Closed
Sat 30 Dec	10am–5pm	Closed
Sun 31 Dec	10am–5pm	Closed
Mon 1 Jan	Closed	Closed
Tue 2 Jan	9am–7:30pm	10am–5:30pm

Full library opening details are on the library website: www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/libraries

The libraries' JP service offerings will also change over the Christmas/New Year period. Full details can be found on Inner West Council's website: www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au