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## Tempe Reserve opening

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne officially opened the Tempe Reserve upgrade at a sunny celebration on Saturday 7 May.

Over 1,500 people attended to admire the new facilities which include:

- ▶ New synthetic multi-purpose sports field
- ▶ Five turf fields with new irrigation
- ▶ Stormwater drainage and harvesting
- ▶ Sports field lighting upgrade
- ▶ Four new cricket nets and two upgraded wickets
- ▶ New pathways and tree planting

The upgrade will benefit local sports clubs including football, rugby league, ultimate frisbee and cricket. Local clubs Marrickville Red Devils and Marrickville Cricket Club now have new home grounds.

Future plans for Tempe Reserve include a new \$2.5 million Tempe Reserve amenities building, a \$2 million sport lighting upgrade, new tennis and futsal courts and a upgrade of the indoor Robyn Webster Sports Centre.



## First Council to move to 100% renewable electricity

Council will procure 100% of its electricity needs from renewable sources in a huge deal brokered with Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC) and ZEN Energy.

Electricity makes up around three-quarters of Council's corporate carbon emissions, so going

100% renewable for electricity is a significant carbon reduction strategy.

Council is taking serious action on climate change by thinking globally and acting locally and has positioned itself as a national leader in environmental policy.

To achieve this, Council has committed to becoming 100% carbon neutral by 2025, having already become the first Council in Australia to achieve 100% divestment from fossil fuels in June 2019.

Find out more at [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/solar](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/solar)



## Greek community celebration

Everyone's invited to the Greek community celebration at Alex Trevallion Plaza Marrickville, Saturday 18 June.

Council is celebrating the official Little Greece naming of the precinct and the completion of the Perfect Match artwork, Hestia's Migration by OxKing (pictured).



Inner West GM Peter Gainsford and Club President Andrew Tighe

## Marrickville Golf Club future secured

Council has secured the future of Marrickville Golf, Sporting and Community Club by entering into a 21-year lease.

The lease was signed in early April and marked a historic moment for the club in its almost 80-year history.

"Marrickville Golf Course is the most accessible and affordable in Sydney, and now its future is secured for the next 21 years," said Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne.

## Better Customer Service



Inner West Council is improving its customer service.

Earlier this year, Council resolved to review its customer service with a view to increasing responsiveness, reducing Development Application times and improving transparency.

Council has now convened a sub-committee comprising Councillors, staff, resident representatives and external advisors to develop a Customer Experience Plan including a Citizen Service Charter.

Anyone wanting to get involved or suggest service improvement opportunities can contact the Business Excellence Team on 02 9335 2091.

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



## Successful trans and gender diverse swim night

Council held a trans and gender diverse swim night at Ashfield Aquatic Centre in late April.

Over 350 people registered for the swim night, which was so successful further similar events are planned.

"The LGBTQ Working Group was incredibly proud to partner with the aquatics team to deliver something for such a marginalised group," said Council's LGBTQ Working Group chair Jody Toomey.

"For many of us, public changing rooms can be an existential nightmare and a source of harassment.

"It was an amazing night that allowed the trans and gender diverse community to come together and just have a swim," Jody said.

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

Pictured left to right at the trans and gender diverse swim night are Cllr Mat Howard, Cllr Justine Langford, Council's LGBTQ Working Group chair Jody Toomey, Cllr Liz Atkins, Cllr Dylan Griffiths, Council Cultural Advisor Deborah Lennis (front) and Deputy Mayor Jessica D'Arienzo.

## Sydney Fringe finds a home at Marrickville Town Hall

Sydney Fringe will move into Marrickville Town Hall (MTH).

The move marks the renaissance of the iconic building as a hub for music and performance in the Inner West, and recognises the central role MTH has long played in the cultural, artistic and social life of Marrickville.

The move will see live music and performance returning to the venue which had previously been well-known for rock'n'roll concerts, balls and dances.



Image courtesy: Rod Hunt



Above: Dulwich Hill local Cheree Toka raised the flag for the Inner West in Summer Hill.

## Local Forums heading out to hear you

We're starting a new era of face-to-face consultation where we come to you to listen.

Ward Councillors and the executive staff of Council will attend forums in your neighbourhood to listen to your ideas and concerns about how your community can be improved. During the Forum, staff will record all issues raised by residents and ensure responses are provided after the meeting.

Inner West Council now leads Australia by raising the Aboriginal flag across Sydney's Inner West

The NSW flag has now been replaced by the Aboriginal flag at all locations the Inner West where only two flag poles are available.

The NSW Government continues to prevent the Aboriginal flag flying permanently over the Harbour Bridge, their excuse being an alleged Commonwealth protocol that the State flag must take precedence.

We have tested this and there is no legal or legislative requirement, it's just an outdated convention - what has always been done.

We are seeking to set a positive example for State and Federal governments to follow our lead.



*Darcy Byrne*

Mayor, Darcy Byrne  
Inner West Council

# Badu Park facelift

Council is making public domain improvements to Wigram Road and Booth Street Annandale.

Design and construction of a pathway and cycleway along Johnstons Creek have commenced, and Badu Park has been upgraded, including landscaping, planting of native shrubs and trees, returfing and construction of a timber deck adjoining Fez Café.

The upgrade improves biodiversity outcomes and reduces urban heat.

The project is part of an overall



corridor master planned for new development and positive economic outcomes and is funded through the Parramatta Road Corridor Urban Transformation

Program, a NSW Government \$198 million initiative.

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

# Have your say on our urban planning

Council is asking for input into the development of its most important urban planning documents.

Community feedback will be used to update the Inner West Local Environmental Plan and Development Control Plan. These are the planning controls that apply across the Inner West local government area.

The consultation will focus on the recently completed urban design studies for areas in Marrickville, Dulwich Hill and Ashfield North identified to accommodate additional housing.

Council will also seek feedback on car parking preferences in new developments, heritage matters and proposed low carbon precincts in Marrickville and Dulwich Hill.

Go to [yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](http://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au) to attend a briefing session and have your say.



# EV charging stations for Inner West

Inner West Council will trial publicly accessible, kerbside and parking area Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations.

The EV policy was unanimously endorsed at the April Council meeting.

Councillors noted that residents across the Inner West were calling out for EV charging stations and that more public charging stations meant fewer emissions and cleaner air across Inner West neighbourhoods

Conducting a pilot now will help fast-track Council's EV infrastructure and provide valuable learnings for the EV strategy.



# Parks footpaths upgrades

As part of the Parks Footpaths Renewal project, Council is replacing damaged concrete and pavers with new concrete, re-laid pavers and porous paving in 17 parks:

Completed in November and December:

- Ann-Cashman Reserve Balmain
- Ballast Point stairs Balmain
- Birchgrove Park Balmain
- Punch Park Balmain

Completed in February, March and April:

- Algie Park Haberfield
- Birrung Park Balmain

- Cove St Reserve Balmain
- Maundrell Park Petersham
- McNeilly Park Marrickville
- Robson Park Haberfield
- Yeo Park Ashfield

In progress:

- Ashfield Park Ashfield
- Colgate Reserve Balmain
- Gladstone Park Balmain
- Petersham Park Petersham
- Pioneer Memorial Park Leichhardt
- War Memorial Park Leichhardt

The project is slated for completion by the end of 2022. The focus is on improving safety, accessibility and the protection of trees.

# For your diary: National Tree Day

Council will once again give away free trees to residents to mark National Tree Day on Sunday 31 July.

Every year, Council celebrates National Tree Day with some great activities. This year:

- ▶ Native plant giveaways for Schools Tree Day on Friday 29 July
- ▶ Community planting event at Kendrick Park natural areas on Sunday 31 July
- ▶ Native plant giveaway at Rozelle Bay Community Native Nursery in Annandale on Saturday 30 July

Find out more closer to the date by going to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/NationalTreeDay](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/NationalTreeDay)



# Book a clean up

Residents now have access to book a clean up day when it suits them.

Book online for items that can't be reused, donated or sold.

The new service gives households greater flexibility with three key benefits:

- ▶ Book a clean up when you need one
- ▶ Manage your own clean ups online
- ▶ Keeps our streets tidier and minimises illegal dumping

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



# Balmain Town Hall precinct revitalisation

Council will spend \$1.4m upgrading Balmain Town Hall this year and will consult with locals on revitalising the whole precinct, from Balmain PCYC to the new Balmain Square.

Improvements could include footpaths, tree planting, public art, new street furniture and enhancement of heritage.

Last year, Council worked with Telstra to create the new community open space, Balmain Square, which features a green wall with an artwork by local artist Sue Callanan, 'Connecting You Now', which references the telecommunications history of Balmain (pictured).

Last year, extensive conservation works to iconic Victorian gothic mansion The Abbey in Annandale took out the major award



Award entries close 30 June

## 2022 Built Environment Awards now open

Renovated recently? You could be eligible for Council's 2022 Built Environment Awards.

The awards celebrate conservation works that contribute to the understanding and preservation of the Inner West's rich cultural and architectural heritage.

The awards are held in conjunction with the Inner West Urban Photography Competition which is open to people of all ages and abilities.

Find out more at [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Built](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Built)



## Foxs Lane Ashfield

Foxs Lane Ashfield came alive last month for a special night of artwork, workshops, performances and storytelling.

This special event celebrated the installation of a beautiful new artwork, There Will Always Be A Light On For You.

The installation was created by local artists Alessandro Berini, Selina Springett and Jayanto Tan over 18 months, resulting in 27 stunning handcrafted lanterns.

The project was commissioned as part of the Ashfield Town Centre revitalisation program.



## Tell us what matters to you

Our new Local Matters Forums will provide opportunities for you to tell us your concerns and ideas and what you want improved in your community.

Listening to and consulting with the community is crucial to improving Council's responsiveness, service provision and overall performance.

Two years of COVID restrictions have curbed face-to-face engagement with our residents, and this is something Council is determined to revive and reinvent.

The Local Matters Forums will be held in town halls and community centres. The General Manager, Council Directors and relevant Council officers as well as ward councillors will all be in attendance.

Details on our website [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LocalMatters](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LocalMatters)

## Your Councillors

Find your ward - [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WardMap](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WardMap)

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**Monday – Sunday:** Ashfield, Balmain, Leichhardt and Marrickville

**Monday – Saturday:** Dulwich Hill, Stanmore, Haberfield and St Peters/Sydenham

**Aquatics**  
[innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Aquatics](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Aquatics)  
Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre  
Marrickville

**Ashfield Aquatic Centre**  
Dawn Fraser Baths, Balmain  
**Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre**  
Petersham

**Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre**  
Water Play Park  
Illawarra Road, Marrickville South

# Portuguese National Day

Celebrate Portuguese National Day at Petersham Town Hall on Friday 10 June with performances, food and drink. Go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](https://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn) for more detail



## Winter swimming at Dawn Fraser Baths

Council is continuing winter swimming at Dawn Fraser Baths and has made safety improvements to the program.

Greg Proudlock has been a winter swimmer at DFB for 15 years. "It's the thrill of the chill," he said.

Greg explains that anyone can become a winter swimmer and a 'key buddy'.

"We see ourselves as winter caretakers," Greg said. "We keep an eye out for the facility."

[innerwest.nsw.gov.au/DFB](https://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/DFB)

## Young Creatives Awards

Entries are now open for the Young Creatives Awards, for young people aged 12 – 24 who study, work or live in the Inner West.

The winning entries are displayed in a dedicated public exhibition, scheduled this year for the first time in Camperdown's Chrissie Cotter Gallery.

The closing date for submissions is 31 July 2022.

Go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/YCA](https://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/YCA)



Vivian Pham, 2021 Sydney Morning Herald Best Young Australian Novelist, is on this year's judging panel



## Going through a Rough Patch?

Rough Patch was founded by Amber Rules, a local resident who is a former Citizen of the Year nominee.

Rough Patch is an affordable counselling and mental health care service that provides counselling, referrals, and other support.

The non-profit social enterprise uses a new, innovative model of practice and aim to make it easier and more affordable for everyone to access mental health resources.

Find out more at [roughpatchcounselling.com](https://roughpatchcounselling.com)



## What's On Inner West

Discover local events or submit a listing [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](https://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)