



The launch of the 24th Biennale of Sydney at White Bay Power Station.
Photograph: Daniel Boud.

White Bay Power Station becomes home of the 2024 Sydney Biennale

Inner West Council is proud to announce that the home of the 2024 Sydney Biennale will be the White Bay Power Station precinct.

"We've fought for years to have White Bay Power Station converted into an arts and cultural venue," said Mayor of the Inner West Council, Darcy Byrne. "With the arrival of the Biennale in March 2024 that vision is coming to life."

The Biennale is the perfect partner to launch this exciting new creative precinct.

The site, which is three-and-a-half times the size of Barangaroo, can become the new jewel in the crown

for Inner West arts and culture activities.

Inner West is working with the Biennale to curate and expand our EDGE program of site-specific artistic installations, community and cultural activities at White Bay as part of the 2024 Biennale.

The Biennale of Sydney's Ten Thousand Suns will take place from March 9 to June 10, 2024 with free admission for all. Thanks to the NSW Government's support and Placemaking NSW's extensive remediation of the site.

Inner West Council is currently accepting EOIs for artwork proposals for Edge White Bay 2024. For more info scan the QR code.



2023 Highlights

Inner West Council has been getting things done for our community



Clr Tim Stephens at the Lilyfield Bridge opening



Customer service stalls



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Food recycling comes to the inner west



Leichhardt Park Skate Park

Bringing the community together

We led the way with our support of the **Uluru Statement From the Heart**. By March 2023, we had trained over 1000 volunteers driving over 10,000 conversations across workplaces, schools, clubs and local volunteering organisations. Our community delivered a strong Yes vote in the recent referendum.

We embraced our proud queer community and renamed the public square in front of Newtown Town Hall as **Pride Square** in time for our successful extension of the Sydney World Pride festival and commissioned the iconic Pride Beacon art installation, creating a permanent and inclusive space

that recognises our LGBTQ+ community. We led the country by taking on FIFA and creating free public screenings throughout the area for all the **Matilda's games** and cheered our teams on in our parks and reserves.

Culture & arts

We created the State's first **Special Entertainment Precinct** in Enmore Road with more precincts coming soon in Norton St, Darling St and Marrickville Rd.

We launched the **Inner West Film Festival** and showcased local up and coming film-makers and the famous **Marrickville Music Festival** celebrated local musicians and performers. We expanded our

highly successful **Perfect Match mural program** where we have beautified over 160 local walls by matching residents and artists to create stunning artworks for everyone to enjoy.

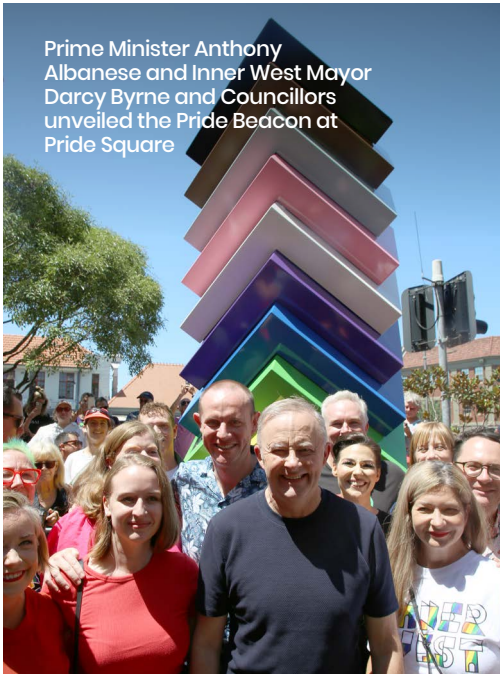
Better customer service

Our innovative **Active Inner West** offers residents over 350 different aquatic, sport and recreational activities across the LGA. We brought together over 100 sporting clubs, 29 sporting grounds and 2 recreation centres across 31 different sports to support our community's health and wellbeing.

We've massively increased face-to-face **customer service** with weekly street stalls and a new



Free public screenings for all the Matilda's games



Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne and Councillors unveiled the Pride Beacon at Pride Square

outreach team that attend train stations, shopping centres and popular areas to offer service and assistance.

New parks & infrastructure

We opened the **brand new Leichhardt Park Skate Park**, which is already being used by thousands of children and young people.

Our once-in-a-generation **Greenway Project** which will link the Cooks River to Iron Cove in a continuous 5km corridor of green spaces has seen the completion of the much-anticipated Bay Run portion. The new section includes Lilyfield Bridge which offers a new playground, lighting and upgrades for cyclists and runners.

We have delivered **\$45M in major capital works program** seeing 6 of our playgrounds upgraded, 3,200 metres of footpath laid and works that support 36 different sporting codes for a healthier, happier community.

We opened the new, purpose-built home for the **Newtown Neighbourhood Centre** in Darley St Newtown following a renovation of over \$1M by Council.

We've completed the **new Leichhart Oval Masterplan** and submitted it to the State and Federal Governments, to save this famous community institution.

We've won approval from State agencies for the new **Callan Park Tidal Baths**, creating a new swimming spot for locals and visitors on the Bay Run.

Environment & sustainability

We are the **first Council in Australia to be powered by 100% renewable electricity** and 100% divested of fossil fuels, a full 2 years earlier than our target of 2025.

We launched **food and garden waste recycling** becoming only the 4th Council in NSW to roll out this climate-friendly initiative.

We created the new **Inner West Sustainability Hub** in the former Summer Hill Depot where residents can participate in the circular economy and support the environment.

Determined to get things done for you

The Inner West Council is committed to getting things done and providing leadership on the issues and causes that matter to our community.

Many councils seek only to maintain the status quo but in the Inner West we are a progressive Council that believes in continual improvement.

For example, the introduction of our new food recycling service, combined with being the only Council to be 100% powered by renewable energy and 100% divested from fossil fuels, has made us the most sustainable local government in Australia.

We are delivering new infrastructure projects across the area such as the Leichhardt Skate Park, the new Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, the upgrade of Henson Park and the completion of the Greenway.

Combined with our magnificent Marrickville Library, the awesome Ashfield Aquatic Centre and saving Dawn Fraser Baths, this is a pipeline of world class community infrastructure.

We have massively expanded customer service with ongoing street stalls, town hall meetings and more staff on the phones to make sure we are available to serve you.

All this is possible because of responsible fiscal management that has made the Inner West one of the financially strongest councils in the State.

We'll keep driving this program of reforms and improvements to make sure that the people of the Inner West have a Council as good as the people we serve.

Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



De-amalgamation

In December 2021, a non-binding poll was conducted in which the Inner West community voted to de-amalgamate the existing Council and return to the three former Councils. The result was carried with 62.5 per cent in favour, in a poll with 80.7 per cent turnout.

Council Resolved to prepare a business case for de-amalgamation and this was submitted to the Minister of Local Government in December 2022. The business case is predicated on the State Government, which forced the amalgamation in 2016, funding the full 10-year costs of de-amalgamation, projected to be between \$178 million - \$190 million, with no costs to be incurred by Inner West residents.

Council's submission also insisted that no unelected administrator be appointed but rather, ensure the de-amalgamation process is overseen by the democratically elected members of Council, if the process proceeds.

Council has been advocating for the business case to be considered in a timely manner.

The business case has been referred to the NSW Boundaries Commission

for assessment. As part of their assessment a Public Inquiry will be held under section 263 of the Local Government Act 1993 at the following times.

6 December 2023

Venue: St Peters Town Hall,
39 Unwins Bridge Rd Sydenham
NSW 2044

Session 1: 9:30am – 11:00am
Session 2: 12:30pm – 2:00pm
Session 3: 3:30pm – 5:00pm

Registrations to speak at the inquiry will open from 13 November 2023 and can be made at www.olg.nsw.gov.au/lgbc or by contacting the Executive Officer on (02) 4428 4160.

The inquiry proceedings will be webcast live. The webcast will be accessible through the Boundaries Commission webpage.

Submissions can be made by email to eo@lgbc.nsw.gov.au or by mail to LGBC Executive Officer Locked Bag 3015, Nowra NSW 2541 and must be received by COB 31 January 2024.

The final decision and the legal power to undertake the de-amalgamation rests solely with the NSW Minister for Local Government.



Safer streets

The *InnerWest@40* study proposes to make the speed limit on local streets a maximum of 40 km/hr.

The benefits of the lower speed limit are many, including a safer environment for walking and cycling for the whole community. In terms of times travelled, the study showed an addition of a mere 26 seconds to travel times during weekdays. The study contains next steps for Council to work on with Transport for NSW to establish the 40 km/hr speed zones.

Scan the QR code for more information



Street tree planting in progress

1000 new trees being planted

Residents will notice new trees popping up across the Inner West as part of council's ongoing commitment to increasing our tree canopy.

We are planting 1000 trees across the five council wards in the current financial year.

The trees range from 45-litre to 500-litre size and be planted on Council land, mainly on nature strips, parks, along concrete footpaths and legacy in-road planting.

The tree planting program will provide site-specific trees in keeping with the character of the street and include regular watering and maintenance for 12 months.

Last year, we also planted 1000 trees, with more than 1500 trees planted in 2021.

FOGO food recycling is go, go, go!

Well done Inner Westies. You've sorted your waste, put your food scraps in your green-lid bin, checked your waste calendar, put your bins out and exceeded all expectations. Your commitment to our new FOGO Food Recycling Service diverted more than 1000 tonnes of organic waste from landfill in the first three weeks of the program, well beyond what had been projected. That's the equivalent of 12 Boeing 737s! We are here to help. If you have questions, or to book an extra collection, check out our information hub.

For more info scan the QR code.



Reusable sanitary product rebates return

Inner West residents can again claim a 50% rebate on the purchase of eligible reusable nappies and sanitary products, making it more affordable to minimise waste.

Up to \$150 per household is offered for reusable cloth nappies, inner liners and wipes and a range of other products.

For sanitary products, up to \$100 per household is available for reusable pads, cups, period underwear and wet bags.

To claim for products purchased post July 1, 2023, go to www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/reusable-sanitary-product-rebate



Happy socialising

During COVID 19, loneliness increased and Sydney Local Health District with support from Inner West Council's Community Wellbeing Team delivered a Social Connection program for older people.

The groups continue to happily multiply, often creating permanent social connections. Two years on, one group meets for tennis, another attends yoga and a resident formed an online social group.

"There's nothing more vital for health and wellbeing than connection to other human beings. Connection is a super-power that

gets us through hard times," Jane Massa, the Sydney Local Health District's Suicide and Depression Prevention Coordinator, for Older People's Mental Health, said. The groups assist people to obtain some of the intimacy they crave and the joy that comes from connecting with others.

If you want to register your interest for future programs, email seniors@innerwest.nsw.gov.au or call Mary Ciantar or Mark Jones on the dedicated seniors phone number: (02) 9392 5863.

To find out about other social activities, scan the QR code



Making friends and social connections



Marrickville District Lawn Tennis Club premiers, 1934



Marrickville District Lawn Tennis Club (circa 1930's)



Marrickville District Lawn Tennis Club (circa 1930's)

History highlight

Game, set, centenary

Marrickville District Lawn Club turns 100

In October 1923, a group of Marrickville locals founded the Marrickville District Lawn Tennis Club at Marrickville Park. 100 years later, the club is just one of a handful of remaining grass court clubs in Sydney and still retains the six grass courts that were created all those years ago. The Prime Minister is a long-term club member and the Club Patron for the last 10 years and plays in the Sydney Badge Competition when he can. The Club has just settled a new 20-year lease with Council and has completed significant upgrades to facilities and the Clubhouse, so the future is looking bright.



Beat the heat

As the weather starts to warm up and summer heat sets in it's very important to be aware of the risks and dangers that hot weather can cause. Hot weather can cause serious health problems, especially for older people, anyone with pre-existing medical conditions, babies and young children, outdoor workers, socially isolated people, homeless people and pregnant women. One of the single most important things you can do is to maintain a steady water intake. Don't replace water with sugar drinks or alcohol and drink water regularly even if you don't feel thirsty. You can learn how to recognise the signs and symptoms of heat-related illness at Beat the heat by scanning the QR code here.


















Trans and Gender Diverse Swim Night at Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre



Mayor Darcy Byrne and councillors D'Arienzo, Howard and Atkins at the Inner West Pride Centre sod turning

Inclusion for all

November 20 marks the international Transgender Day of Remembrance. The Trans flag will be flown at Town Halls at half-mast and for Transgender Awareness Week from the 13-19th November, Camperdown Memorial Rest Park will be lit pale blue, pink and white. As work continues on the new Inner West Pride Centre and our commitment to holding Trans & Gender Diverse Swim Events throughout the year, we are proud to support and celebrate our LGBTQ+ community.

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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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Customer Service Stalls and Local Matters Forums

We are making it easier for you to be heard by hosting Local Matters Forums and Customer Service Stalls. Come along.

Local Matters Forum

Tuesday 28 November, 7pm
Leichhardt-Gulgadya

Annandale Community Centre,
Annandale

Local Matters Forum

Monday 4 December, 6pm
Marrickville-Midjuburi
St Peters Town Hall, Sydenham

Saturday Customer Service Stalls

25 November – Marrickville,
Marrickville Metro

2 December – Haberfield,
Federation Place

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Inclusion Festival

Our Inner West Inclusion Festival is a celebration of the International Day of People with Disability and the vibrant contribution people with disability make in the arts and cultural sector.

Discover up-and-coming local bands, musicians and performers who identify as having a disability in a showcase of the best of live music and culture in a one-night event.

The event will include Auslan interpretation, live captioning, mixed accessible seating, a quiet zone, a floor stage and haptic vests. Service animals are welcome.

Inclusion Festival is an opportunity for supporting and celebrating local creative performers.

Where: Petersham Town Hall.

When: December 8, 6.30pm.

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Thriller on the stage

Don't miss the new play *Terminus*, a darkly thrilling play currently on at the Marrickville Town Hall Basement. Set in an abandoned library (spooky!), discover a tale told by three characters, including a shy serial killer, a mother on a vigilante crusade and a young woman looking for love. Written by Irish playwright Mark Rowe, *Terminus* is part of the Creative Use of Council Venues Pilot Program which ties into the Arts and Music Recovery Plan. *Terminus* is one of the creative outcomes supported by the Pilot Program and their experience in the space will inform a long-term framework to support inclusive, accessible and equitable access to space for individuals, collectives and organisations in the creative industry.

When: From 22 November to 15 December, 2023

Where: Marrickville Town Hall Basement

