



Linda Burney MP, Mayor Darcy Byrne, and Yes 23 Campaign Director Dean Parkin

The Inner West says Yes

We are encouraging our whole Inner West community to help build support for the Yes campaign in the lead up to the referendum on October 14.

The Inner West Council considers recognising Indigenous people in our Constitution, through a Voice to Parliament, to be a moral issue.

We believe that acknowledging that our nation is home to the world's oldest continuous human culture and ensuring Indigenous people are consulted about policies that affect them, will be a great step forward our society.

For months, thousands of Inner West citizens have been volunteering in the community to build awareness and support for a successful referendum.

It's been inspiring to see how hundreds of local churches, sports clubs, charities, and community organisations have contributed to this grassroots effort.

The unprecedented number of local people who have volunteered to help means that our Inner West community is now able to make a major contribution to the national campaign.

Importantly, many local people are reaching out to voters in communities right across Sydney and NSW to help persuade them to vote Yes too.

Please scan the QR code or go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/ForYes to find out information about the referendum and how you can get involved in this historic moment.



FOGO is coming to the Inner West

Here is your guide to everything Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) – the Inner West's new food recycling service.

Scan to find out more:



innerwest.nsw.gov.au/FOGO



Why do I need to recycle food?

Diverting food and garden waste from landfill is the single biggest thing we can do as a community to help combat climate change.

The NSW Government has mandated all households to have food recycling by 2030. The Inner West is one of the first councils in Sydney to implement FOGO because we understand our community wants to help combat climate change.

We understand that this might be challenging at first, but the benefits make your efforts worthwhile:

FOGO will help our goal of reducing food waste by

60% by 2030.

What is FOGO?

FOGO is a new combined Food Organics, Garden Organics (FOGO) food recycling service that turns your green lid bin contents into compost for farmers. Key dates are:

▶ **During September:** houses without a green lid FOGO bin will receive one. If you already have a green lid garden organics bin this will be used as a FOGO bin (well

OK, we'll pop a new sticker on the front of your bin!)

- ▶ **Late September to mid November:** you will receive a FOGO starter kit. This will include a kitchen benchtop bin, compostable bin liners and a 'how to FOGO' info flyer.
- ▶ **9 October:** FOGO begins and you can start putting food scraps in your green lid bin with your regular household garden organics!

What do I need to do?

FOGO is easy! If you already have a green lid bin, you will be able to recycle your food scraps (as well as your garden organics) from 9 October. If you don't have a green lid bin, you will automatically receive one from September.

Council will provide you with a starter kit which will include a kitchen benchtop bin, a pack of compostable bin liners and a 'how to FOGO' flyer.



Starter kits will be delivered to you from the end of September to mid-November, but you don't need to wait for this to get started.

If you don't have your starter kit by 9th October, it's fine to use your own container such as an ice-cream or yoghurt container and empty it into the green bin.

The average Inner West household can offset **one month** of their annual electricity emissions when they choose to FOGO.

The carbon emission savings from diverting food scraps from landfill across the Inner West will be equivalent to taking

8,360

cars off the road for a year.

By introducing food recycling, we will save Inner West ratepayers more than

\$370,000

per year in landfill fees.

Food recycling is already available to all Inner West apartments and is working well.



Food recycling is coming to every home

I am writing to let you know about the new food organics and garden organics (FOGO) recycling service that is coming to every home in the Inner West.

Previously we've successfully expanded food recycling to all apartments, now the service is coming to every free standing home too.

Making food recycling universal is a necessary reform that will massively reduce our community's carbon emissions and save ratepayers millions of dollars in landfill fees over time.

Food that rots in landfill releases potent methane, massively contributing to emissions.

Diverting food and garden organics from landfill is the single biggest thing we can do as a community to help combat climate change.

Food recycling is one way that every Inner Westie can contribute to reducing our emissions.

Making this change depends on everyone changing the way we dispose of waste and will require a change in bin collection schedules.

We understand that introducing food recycling will be challenging at first, but the benefits for our environment and our community will be significant.

The Council is here to help you to make this change, I know that together we can get this done.

How do I FOGO?

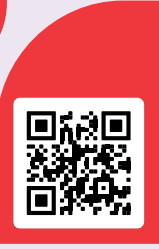
Once you receive your kitchen benchtop bin and liners, you will be able to easily transfer your scraps from kitchen to kerb, in the meantime you can use any container to transfer your food scraps into the green lid FOGO bin.

Remove all packaging then place the following food in the green lid FOGO bin:

- ▶ Fruit and vegetable peels and scraps

- ▶ Meat, chicken, fish (scraps and bones)
- ▶ Dairy products (cheese, yoghurt etc.)
- ▶ Bread, pasta, rice, cereal
- ▶ Coffee grounds
- ▶ Egg shells
- ▶ Out of date food (processed or fresh) and leftovers

From 9 October, your green lid FOGO food recycling bin will be collected weekly.



Bin Collection Changes

Your green bin, where your food waste and scraps are now going, will be collected weekly. Your red lid bin will now be collected every fortnight because we know from the experience of other local Councils it will now contain less waste and food scraps. If you have any questions, scan the QR code.



FOGO support

To support this transition, two new "Waste Busters" will be available to provide on-the-ground support with tips and advice on how to reduce your food waste.

Keep an eye out on our website and social media to find out how to access free tailored advice to suit your household and lifestyle to avoid, reduce, reuse and recycle more. Email wastebusters@innerwest.nsw.gov.au



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council

We're growing our Customer Service Team to better meet your needs.



New customer service outreach

Say hello to our brand-new Customer Service Outreach Team.

We've allocated an additional \$350K in the 2023/2024 budget to bring our council services directly to you. You'll find our team at a variety of council services such as libraries and aquatic centres, community festivals, train stations and shopping centres and out and about in the Inner West.

This Mobile Customer Service team is part of our plan to be even more connected with you. We want to hear what you have to say so we can make the Inner West a great place to be.



Outdoor pool summer opening dates

It's time to dig out your togs or cossie or swimmers.

Our award-winning outdoor pools are getting ready to swing open their gates.

Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre
Opens 1 October until 31 March 2024

Dawn Fraser Baths
Opens 30 September until 1 April 2024

With a hot summer forecast, make the most of chilling out at the facilities we proudly run and operate by checking out the Inner West Fitness Pass.

The pass gives you access to five magnificent aquatic centres and three gyms on one universal card!
Scan this QR Code for more information



Did you know?

Across our 8 public libraries in the Inner West, we provide a range of services and programs to the community. From special collections such as Arts and musical instruments, to events and programs and house history searches, there's truly something for everyone. Here's a snapshot for the year.



- ▶ Total circulation of all items – book, non-book and serial 1,054,043
- ▶ Online database downloads 33,556
- ▶ Visits to library website 566,035
- ▶ Number of visits to libraries 1,062,143
- ▶ Total number of information requests (people coming to the counter) completed 199,690
- ▶ Total number of events / programs delivered 1,907
- ▶ Total number of people that attended an event or program 45,204
- ▶ Home library customers: 250



Dulwich Hill Festival

It's time to enjoy this year's Dulwich Hill Festival. Come down and celebrate all that is loved about the village and community. There will be foodie delights galore from local eateries, local live music curated by Butchers Brew Bar, a takeover of Seaview Street car park by Dulwich High School of Visual Arts and Design with a kids stage, abundant tales from local authors courtesy of Gleebooks, plus much more!

When: Sunday 17 September 2023, 10am - 4pm



Free ice-cream drew an appreciative crowd!

Pocket park packs a punch in Annandale

The promise of free ice-cream was always going to bring the crowds!

The opening of the Cahill Street Playground was a celebration of imagination and creativity.

Council asked the community to share their ideas on what makes for a dream playground, encouraging adventure and stimulating the senses.

The \$1.35 million upgrade, proudly funded by the NSW Government in

association with Inner West Council, boasts rope and wall climbing, sliding and water play for mixed ages and intergenerational play.

There are new and accessible pathways, new picnic settings, bench seating and landscaping including native trees and a water bubbler.

And it's certain to be a dream playground for kids of all ages and abilities for generations to come.

Marrickville Music Festival

Marrickville Music Festival is back and bigger and better than ever before.

Surely one of Sydney's coolest festivals, come and celebrate Marrickville's colourful culture with a day of free live music and entertainment on the main street and surrounding laneways. As the Inner West's home of live music, Marrickville Music Festival is a chance to see local creatives in a diverse program that includes a variety of musical genres and styles.

Discover seven music stages, including the Main Stage with Haiku Hands as the major headline act and enjoy exciting partnerships with the Inner West Artist Market, One Off Traks, FBi Radio and more local outfits. Plus there will be a number of local after party venues to experience from 6pm. Marrickville Music Festival is a chance to explore the vibrant shops, bars and restaurants that make Marrickville the perfect place for this all-day festival extravaganza.

Where: Marrickville Rd and surrounding laneways

When: 12-6pm, Sunday 15 October 2023

Scan this QR Code for more information



Don't miss Haiku Hands on the main stage



Dementia support

Dementia Action Week 2023, September 18 to 24.

Dementia Awareness is a key priority for Council and the community. Did you know Council's Wellbeing Team co-chair a Dementia Alliance, partnering with key service providers and those with lived experiences. The aim is to diminish stigma, create community awareness and help create a more dementia-friendly community.

Dementia, marked by memory, thinking, and behaviour changes, is more prevalent beyond 65 years of age and especially after 75 years of age.

For help, support, education and upcoming events and initiatives scan the QR code or contact the Healthy Ageing staff to leave a message: seniors@innerwest.nsw.gov.au or phone 9392 5863.



Cir Mat Howard and Marrickville Red Devils celebrated the lighting upgrade

Lights on at Tempe Reserve sports field

The lights are bright at Tempe Reserve sports field!

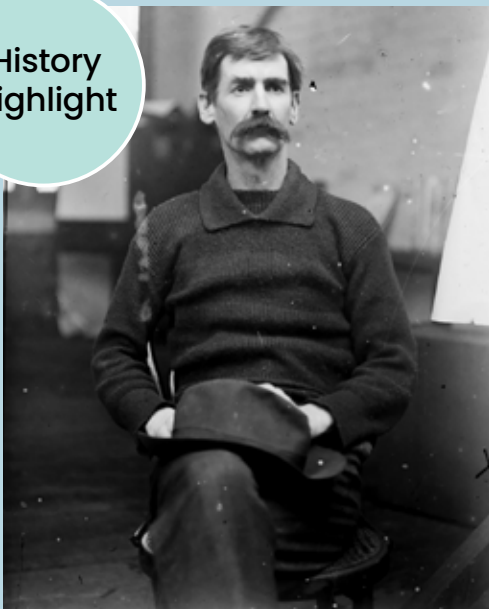
The upgrade is complete and provides new lighting to the five natural turf fields and complements lighting for the

new synthetic sports field in 2022.

Eight new lighting towers were installed, offering a whopping 200 lux lighting level, easily catering for night sports.

Council invested \$1.25 million to complete this valuable project.

History highlight



Henry Lawson in the Inner West

“For where the nearest suburb and the city proper meet My window-sill is level with the faces in the street”

These lines are from Henry Lawson's iconic poem 'Faces in the Street' and the suburb he's talking about is Petersham.
















While waiting for a train on Petersham station one rainy night in 1888 he noticed the “sallow, sunken faces that are drifting through the street” and was inspired to write perhaps

his greatest poem. At the time he was living with his future brother-in-law and future NSW Premier, Jack Lang. Henry and Jack eventually married sisters Bertha and Hilda Bredt and the families lived together in Dulwich St, Dulwich Hill between 1899 and 1902.

These years were Lawson's most prolific and possibly his most sober as well. While he rambled across the country and is widely considered a “bush poet”, Henry often came back to live with Jack and Hilda so should also rightly be considered an Inner West poet.

Your Councillors

Find your ward - innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WardMap

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

Aquatics

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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



What's On Inner West

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Members of Bower, who will be appearing as part of Sydney Fringe Festival

Sydney Fringe Festival

Sticking to its roots, The Sydney Fringe is staying true to their Inner West stomping ground and transforming the basement of the Marrickville Town Hall into a cozy listening haven with over 20 acts across the month celebrating music in all its forms. Settle into a divine sofa and enjoy the sounds of Billie McCarthy, The Versace Boys x Gimme Gimme, Abby Dobson and David Lane, alongside many more.

When: through to September 30

Tickets: sydneyfringe.com

More customer service stalls popping up

We are making it easier for you to be heard by hosting customer services stalls weekly.

At the August meeting, councillors passed a motion to increase the number of stalls from fortnightly to weekly.

From September, you can visit a service stall between 930am - 130pm at:

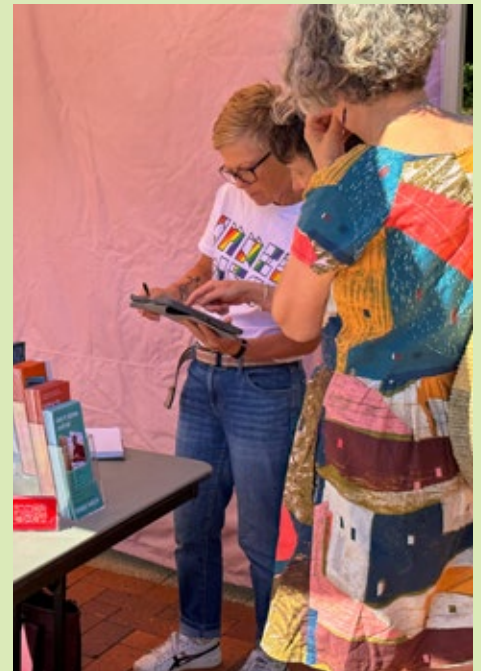
- ▶ Enmore Park, Saturday, 30 September
- ▶ Pioneer Memorial Park, Leichhardt Saturday, 7 October
- ▶ Yeo Park, Ashfield, Saturday, 14 October
- ▶ Loyalty Square, Balmain Saturday, 21 October

Residents are also urged to make their voices heard by attending a Local Matters Forum.

- ▶ Stanmore-Damun - Tuesday 26 September, 6pm at Petersham Service Centre, 2-14 Fisher St, Petersham
- ▶ Leichhardt-Gulgadya - Tuesday 24 October, 7pm at Balmain Town Hall

Tell us what local matters you would like discussed at the face-to-face meetings by submitting a question when you register for an event in your neighbourhood.

Scan the QR code to find out more



Henson Park welcomes the AFLW

AFLW is back in the inner west with Henson Park hosting the Sydney Swans against West Coast Eagles.

Tickets are on sale now for Sunday 24 September with a 1.05pm kick off. Go Swannies!

Inner West Council celebrates women in sport and is proud to host the AFLW at Henson Park.

Tickets:
ticketmaster.com.au

