

Council News Inner West

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P2 and 6 Council goes solar



P4 Camperdown Park upgrade



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Council is creating **Stronger Communities**

Thirteen local projects have received \$300,000 in 2018 Stronger Communities Grants funding.

Youth Off The Streets will spend \$50,000 refurbishing their Addison Road Centre kitchen, which provides cooking and storage facilities to over 40 local non-profit and community groups.

Sydney Underground Film Festival's Grassroots Film Hub, which showcases and strengthens the diversity of local filmmakers, was awarded \$20,000.

A free event celebrating Aboriginal culture was granted \$15,000. The NAIDOC Family Fun Day 2019 will be produced by Aboriginal Child, Family and Community Care State Secretariat.

Other grants went to:

- The Big Issue: A hand up for Inner Western Sydney – \$20,280
- Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative for art exhibitions, cultural activities and artistic workshops and programs – \$50,000
- Rozelle Neighbourhood Centre: Teen Theatre Crew – Part of the Red Door Arts Program – \$16,844
- Newtown Neighbourhood Centre's Boarding House Community Linkers Project – \$25,382
- Solar energy at Petersham Bowling Club – \$14,284
- Twenty10: Glitterball Pride – \$10,700

- Inner West Vietnamese Community Language School Musical Band – \$13,000
 - Milk Crate Theatre Inner West Creative Workshop Hub – \$30,000
 - A multi-purpose vehicle for the Asylum Seekers Centre – \$29,254
 - Addison Road Centre: The Runway Community Bus Project – \$29,254
- Stronger Communities Grants assist incorporated non-profit community groups to build more vibrant, sustainable and inclusive communities. 2018 is the final year of the three year NSW Government funded program.
- See more on Council's grant programs on page 4.**

On the **EDGE**

The new arts and cultural program, EDGE, was launched to the community in an amazing night of music, projection, paste-ups and pop-up performances in Ashfield in early September. Watch out for the first of the rolling series of arts events and activations in 2019 at the GreenWay in early April.

www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/EDGE



Council opposes WestConnex

WestConnex Stages 1 and 2 (M4 East and New M5) are having a devastating impact in the Inner West, and now more disruption is to come as WestConnex Stage 3A (M4-M5 Link mainline tunnel) is unleashed. Contractor LSB (Lendlease, Samsung C&T and Bouygues Construction Australia) has been appointed and works are underway.

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne recently appeared at the NSW Parliamentary Inquiry into WestConnex, restating Council's continued opposition to the project and presenting Council's concerns, including traffic, air quality and noise pollution.

Unfortunately for Inner West communities, another major infrastructure project, the Western Harbour Tunnel proposal, seems to be bearing down. We will keep you informed as more information becomes available in the New Year.

For further information on WestConnex and Council's activities in relation to the project, or to sign up for the WestConnex information email, visit www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/westconnex

To voice your concerns regarding WestConnex and its impacts, email WestConnex at info@westconnex.com.au or call 1800 660 248, or contact Inner West Council at westconnex@innerwest.nsw.gov.au or on 9392 5329.

For further information on the Western Harbour Tunnel proposal, see www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WesternHarbourTunnel

New look for Leichhardt Town Hall



The refurbishment of the Leichhardt Town Hall involves reinstating the original colour scheme and restoration of original windows

Now the scaffolding has come down from Leichhardt Town Hall, Inner West citizens can see the hugely dramatic difference a 'lick of paint' can make.

The makeover of Leichhardt Town Hall is on track to be completed in time for Christmas.

Hector Abrahams (inset), principal architect at Hector Abrahams Architects Pty Ltd, who is overseeing the restoration, explained that the new paintwork is meant to mimic stone, just as the Town Hall was originally decorated.

"We know it was like that because we found the original finishes. It means two things: You paint it in a stone colour and you try and introduce some variation in that colour to mimic the variation in stone," he said.

Innovative solar agreement

A quarter of all Council's energy usage is now supplied by the Moree Solar Farm.

Council entered into a contract to purchase power from the Farm through a power purchase agreement (PPA) being coordinated by Southern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils (SSROC).

The agreement delivers 4,127MWh of solar power to Inner West Council each year.

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne said that the agreement was the first of its kind for NSW councils.

"This new solar initiative will power almost all of Council's daytime power needs and reduce our carbon footprint by almost 4,000 tonnes a year," he said.

The PPA is the latest initiative in Council's climate strategy and renewables plan that includes:

- Aiming for 100% powered by renewable energy
- Achieving 100% divestment from fossil fuels (currently at 75%, the most divested of any NSW Council)
- Establishing an Office of Renewable Energy within Council
- Retrofitting all Council buildings with appropriately sized solar PV cells
- Upgrading street lights to more efficient LED lighting

See page 6 for more on Council's commitment to renewables.



Outing Disability

Outing Disability, an exhibition at Chrissie Cotter Gallery in October, showcased portraits by photographer Belinda Mason, that told the stories of 26 lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and questioning (LGBTIQ) people with disability.

The project received a \$6,000 Stronger Communities grant last year.

The exhibition was opened by Deputy Mayor Councillor Vic Macri.

To find out more, visit www.fpnsw.org.au/who-we-help/disability/disability-resources/outing-disability-photographic-journey

Access to Council info now online

Council's latest innovation, live financial reporting, is another step towards "total transparency and accountability," said Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne.

Together with the capital works monthly reporting, which Council has been trialling since earlier this year, the new live financial reporting provides unprecedented access to Council budgets and decision-making.

The webpage shows both revenues and outgoings, how that stacks up against the budget for the month and the financial year, and the total of the budgeted figure.

While the page is extremely useful to those with a good understanding of budgets, accounting and costings, it is also very readable for anyone without extensive financial knowledge.

"The final column on the page is a 'Commentary' which even the most budgetary-challenged can understand, with information such as how much revenue has been obtained from bus shelter advertising, or how much a project has spent on casual staff," Mayor Byrne said.

The success of the capital works monthly reporting shows that Inner West citizens are hungry for as much information as possible about where their rates go.

It's a snapshot of current capital works – where it's at, whether it's ahead or behind schedule, or on budget. It also shows how much has been spent on each project so far.

The trialled site is already receiving at least 10 visits per day – 317 views during the month of September alone.

"We want our citizens to be as informed as possible about their Council and how their rates are spent," Mayor Byrne said.

Go to www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/monthly-reporting

Also new online is Council's improved Customer Request (CRM) System. The new CRM is faster, more efficient, and will better meet residents' needs.

"The new CRM is the first step in Council consolidating key customer processes across the three former councils," Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne said.

"The new technology brings all our data management information into one place, using powerful autonomous intelligence.

"This means that our citizens can more easily lodge a customer request, it will be dealt with more rapidly, and during the process, the request can be tracked in real, live time," Mayor Byrne said.

World class skate facilities for our young people



For too long politicians have shied away from delivering new skate parks and in the process have ignored the needs of young people. In the Inner West we are doing the opposite.

Sydenham Green skate park has been extraordinarily popular and well used since we opened it in February.

In October, I had the great thrill of seeing some of the world's best skaters – Zion Wright, Kyle Walker, Ishod Wair and Chima Ferguson – put on a demonstration there, cheered on by several hundred local people.

This new Sydenham Park has been generating plenty of buzz among professional skaters.

Council worked hard with our young people to deliver a facility that was exactly what they wanted, and we are now proud to offer the best skating destination in Sydney.

Now it's time to deliver another top class skate park, a park next to Leichhardt Oval Number 3 on the Bay Run.

After years of frustrating delays by the NSW Government to our proposed skate park in Callan Park we have found a different location and are getting on with the job.

This is a great safe site and we hope to make this another hub for Inner West and Sydney skaters.

We have the full funding allocated and aim to get this new facility built and opened in 2019.

Darcy Byrne

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Inner West mayor



Camperdown Park upgrade opening

Council and the community celebrated the magnificent upgrade to Camperdown Park with a free barbecue in late September.

The upgrade is part of Council's \$65 million investment in parks, sports grounds and aquatic facilities over 2018-2021.

"This is the largest and most comprehensive funding commitment to support community sport and recreation in the history of our community," Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne said.

The complete upgrade of the park, worth \$3.67 million, has included:

- Upgrading the sportsfield with new turf surface, irrigation, drainage and improving the standard and performance of the field for local sport, in particular cricket and rugby union
- New sports lighting which meets training and match play standards and controls 'light spill' to adjoining residences

- The old grandstand was demolished and replaced by a new amenities building with two accessible public toilets, sports change rooms, kiosk, storage and community function room
- New playground for younger and older children, and a 'youth zone' with removable art walls, outdoor table tennis tables and upgraded basketball courts
- New loop pathway and upgrade of all pathways and lighting
- New sportsfield picket fence
- New tree and garden plantings
- WWI memorial \$36,000 restoration, part-funded by a NSW Community War Memorials Fund grant of \$10,000
- Seating and picnic areas upgrade using a \$600,000 Stronger Communities Fund grant

To find out what trees, parks and sportsfields works are going on near you, check Council's new Capital works monthly reporting at www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/monthly-reporting



Get a **slow down in my street** bin sticker

Want a free 'Slow down in my street' sticker for your wheelie bin?

Council is providing the stickers to highlight road safety. Help encourage drivers in your area to slow down when driving on local streets.

To get your free sticker, email Council's Road Safety Officer Chris Johnson at chris.johnson@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 'Slow Down in My Street' is a local road safety project jointly funded by Inner West Council, and the Roads and Maritime Service (RMS), with support from NSW Police.



2018-19 Council grants announced

Ninety-one Inner West community projects have received more than \$350,000 in Council funding, as part of the Inner West Council 2018-19 Grant Program.

The grants are divided into Arts and Culture, Community Wellbeing, Environment, History and Heritage, and Recreation.

Mayor Byrne said the grants enable the community to develop projects and programs that address local needs.

"I congratulate all the recipients of the grants announced last night," he said.

"I've seen for myself the amazing work that has been achieved by previous year's grant winners. I can't wait to see results from this year's funded projects," he said.

Some of the funded projects include:

- Artist Thomas Joseph Jackson received \$6,000 for a large-scale public artwork celebrating native fauna and flora. He intends to invite Visual Arts students from Dulwich Hill High School to participate in the project
- The New South Wales Federation of Community Language Schools received \$7,500 to employ a community worker to deliver translated health information sessions to the Inner West Nepalese community
- Olivetree Women's Network received \$6,375 to offer first aid, learner driver knowledge test, power tools and financial literacy courses to marginalised or isolated women
- \$5,000 has been allocated to produce a photographic book commemorating The Ashfield Infants Home's 145th anniversary
- Defy Plastic Waste now has \$7,500 to involve the community in crafting functional objects from plastic waste with small scale recycling machines
- The very popular all-inclusive Heaps Gay event received \$7,000 and will return for its third year, with a day featuring Inner West artists, musicians and creators
- Queen of Concrete's girls-only skateboarding event received \$6,500



Recognition for Council

Inner West Council has taken out the Keep Australia Beautiful NSW Overall Sustainable Cities award.

Inner West also took out the Recycled organics individual award, and was Highly Commended for the Waste Less, Recycle More award.

Council's win of the individual and Overall awards acknowledged Council's various food waste recycling programs www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/food-waste

Addison Rd Community Centre received a Highly Commended in the Renewable Energy award.



Council's continued efforts to harmonise and improve services were recognised recently with a citation for improved performance and almost a million dollars in procurement savings for 2018.

The annual Local Government Procurement Awards recognise excellence and best practice in the field of procurement within the local government sector.

The award is also a recognition that Council is on track to meet the four per cent savings target identified in this year's budget.

Some of the savings included consolidating cleaning tenders (\$600,000) and combining with Strathfield, Burwood and Canada Bay councils on a new Library Management System (\$80,000).

For more on the awards, go to lgp.org.au/councils/training-professional-development/procurement-awards

Council has been named an "outstanding host employer" in the large host employer category at the Apprentice Employment Network NSW & ACT Awards.

The award recognises that Council staff, including supervisors and tradespeople, make every effort in the way we manage and provide support to apprentices – often going the extra mile for young people under Council's care.



Long-term Council employee Charlie Coorey, Children & Youth Programs Team Leader, has received a Lifetime Achievement award for services to young people at the NSW 2018 Youth Work Awards.

The awards recognise those who provide an outstanding contribution to the health, safety and wellbeing of young people in NSW.

Free solar services

Council is offering a free solar advice service and an exciting new online solar mapping tool, making it easier than ever for residents and businesses to harness the sun's energy.

The SunSPot solar tool, together with Council's Our Energy Future service, takes all the guesswork out of going solar.

SunSPot is a partnership with University of NSW and the Australian Photovoltaic Institute. It easily shows how much solar can be generated by every single roof in the Inner West.

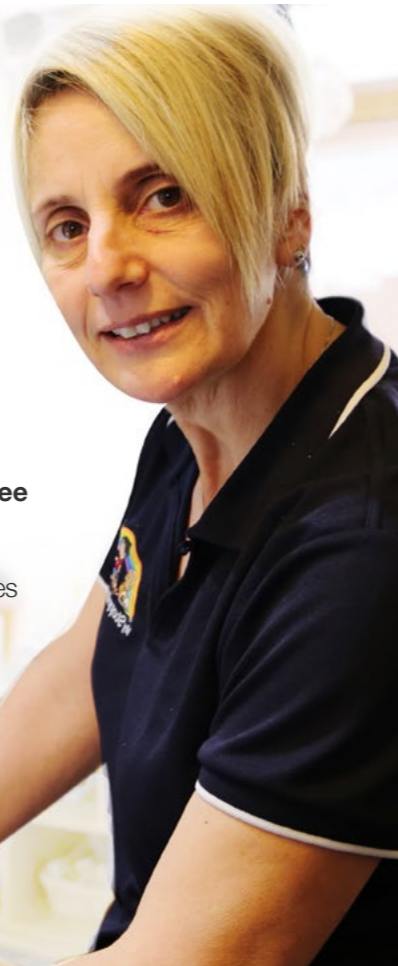
Our Energy Future offers bespoke advice and obligation-free quotes from tried and tested suppliers.

These initiatives come on the heels of Council's innovative new power purchase agreement that will source 25% of power needs from a solar energy farm in Moree (see page 2). Council is also putting together a plan to help local schools get the support they need to go solar.

Homeowners who install solar before 1 January 2019 will enjoy greater financial incentives provided under the federal government's Small-scale Renewable Energy Scheme.

For more information, go to www.ourenergyfuture.org.au or call 1300 339 915.

For SunSPot, go to www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Sunspot



Bigger and better Waterplay Park

Council's popular Steel Park Waterplay Park in South Marrickville has opened for the summer season – and is now bigger and better than ever.

The water playground, which features water fountains and sprinklers, was recently expanded and underwent general improvements.

The park features water sensitive design. Water for the park comes from the roof of the Debbie and Abbey Borgia Centre.

It also includes:

- A 'source' feature representing the water flowing from the mountains
 - A 'rills' section representing water flowing in a river across plains, and
 - An 'estuary' feature which includes a collection of jets and sprays
- The Waterplay Park operates daily between 10am - 6pm, October - March

New waste app

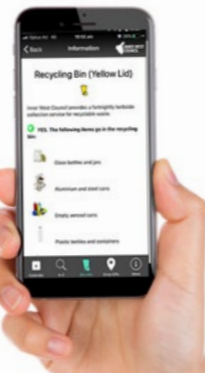
All things waste are now at your fingertips

Council's new free waste app has all your waste problems sorted:

- Waste calendar with individual collection reminder
- Bin info with everything about recycling
- A-Z guide to find out what goes where
- Drop off locations for e-waste, chemicals and other problem waste

It's free from the App Store and Google Play. Anyone with a smartphone or mobile device can use Council's online waste calendar.

This project is a NSW EPA Waste Less Recycle More initiative funded from the waste levy.



Council honours Ann Cashman and Rae Jones

Mayor Darcy Byrne recently unveiled a new plaque honouring Mayor Ann Cashman at the Ann Cashman Reserve in Balmain (far right).

Alderman Cashman was Leichhardt Council's first female Mayor, from 1963 to 1965.

And in Summer Hill (right), a plaque was unveiled in memory of poet, novelist, teacher and ex-Mayor of Ashfield, Rae Jones, who passed away in 2017.

The Summer Hill Forecourt, a central focus for the community, exists because of Rae's activism against overdevelopment planned for the site.



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What's on Inner West

Saturday, 8 December 2018

Carols by Candlelight, Ashfield Park, Orpington Street, Ashfield, 6-9pm.

Join the locals for some of your favourite Christmas carols. Performances by community choirs, bands and special guests. Light snacks including coffee and ice-cream will be available.

www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Carols



Monday, 10 December 2018

Christmas storytime, St Peters/Sydenham Library, 10:30am

Suitable for ages 2-5 years



Tuesday, 11 December 2018

GLC Energy Know How December, Leichhardt Service Centre, 7-15 Wetherill Street, Leichhardt, 10am-midday.

Free Green Living Centre workshop. Increase your knowledge in energy use and efficiency. Bookings essential. www.greenlivingcentre.org.au

Tuesday, 11 December and Wednesday, 12 December

Christmas storytime, suitable for ages 2-5 years

Tuesday, 11 December:

Stanmore Library, 10:30am

Wednesday, 12 December:

Leichhardt Library, 11am.

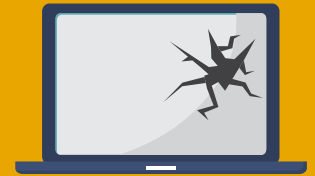
Marrickville Library, 10:30am

Bookings required at Leichhardt Library at www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LittleLibraryLovers or call 9392 5966



Wednesday, 12 December 2018

Summer Hill e-waste only drop-off, Inner West Council Works Depot, 7 Prospect Road, Summer Hill



Thursday, 13 December 2018

Christmas storytime, Balmain Library, 11am

Suitable for ages 2-5 years. Bookings required at Balmain www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LittleLibraryLovers or call 9392 5938



Sunday, 16 December 2018

Carols on Norton, Pioneers Memorial Park, Leichhardt, 7-9pm.

Bring a picnic and enjoy traditional and contemporary festive music by the

Leichhardt Espresso

Chorus and the Carols

on Norton Children's Choir. www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Carols



Monday, 31 December 2018

NYE In The Park, Sydney Victoria Park, Camperdown

Includes fireworks, gourmet food trucks, pop up bars and live music from The Presets, The Jungle Giants, Confidence Man, Hayden James, Thundamentals, Hot Dub Time Machine and more <https://nyeinthepark.com/>



Saturday, 26 January 2019

Australia Day Picnic, Enmore Park, Enmore Road, Marrickville, 2:30-9pm.

Citizenship Ceremony and announcement of the Citizen, Senior Citizen and Young Citizen of The Year, followed by live local entertainment, before a spectacular fireworks display. Free activities for all the family.

www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/AustraliaDay



13 February - 24 February 2019

'It's a 'Seniors - A- Fair', Seniors Festival.

Check Inner West Council's Seniors pages for further details www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Seniors

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Saturday, 16 February 2019

St Peters Household chemical and e-waste drop off, Inner West Council Works Depot, 15-17 Unwins Bridge Road, St Peters. Entry via Bolton Street and exit via Unwins Bridge Road (left-hand turn only), 9am-3.30pm

Sunday, 24 February 2019

Carnival of Cultures, Ashfield Park, cnr Orpington St and Parramatta Rd, Ashfield, 10am-4pm.

Celebrate the many cultures that make up our vibrant inner west community www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CarnivalofCultures



Sunday, 10 March 2019

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

Largest Portuguese cultural fair in Australia, with live music and entertainment including traditional and contemporary dancing.

