



A time for Voice, Treaty and Truth

Australia's new Minister for Indigenous Australians, The Hon. Linda Burney MP, and the father of reconciliation, Senator Patrick Dodson, addressed a packed Uluru Statement From The Heart Forum at Marrickville Town Hall in June.

They were joined on stage by Dean Parkin, Campaign Director for The From the Heart Campaign, Cheree Toka, who led the campaign to fly the Aboriginal Flag over the Harbour Bridge and Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne who hosted the forum.

The Uluru Statement from the Heart is a powerful call for national action on Indigenous

constitutional reform. It invites all Australians to walk together towards a better future by establishing a First Nations Voice in the Constitution and a Makarrata Commission to oversee agreement-making and truth-telling.

Mayor Byrne welcomed everyone by saying, "We gather this evening with a new spirit. A spirit of hope and determination."

The Hon. Linda Burney said the "steadfast support and advocacy for First Nations issues in this community is strong and loud and it's heard. And I particularly want to thank you Mayor for your ongoing support as well.

"As we go forward on this journey, Local Government is going to be absolutely crucial to the vision I have for a successful referendum."

Explaining the importance of the Statement and the referendum, Senator Dodson said, "If we are going to systemically change the relations of the First Nations peoples to the Parliament and the quality of this nation then we have to start with a referendum that enshrines a voice in the constitution."



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2022 Citizens of the Year

Indigenous activist Cheree Toka and the long-standing leader of Newtown Neighbourhood Centre, Liz Yeo, are Inner West 2022 Citizens of the Year.

The pair were announced as the Co-Citizens of the Year at a ceremony at Ashfield Town Hall on Monday 4 July.

Cheree Toka is a proud Kamilaroi woman, Dulwich Hill resident and activist who initiated and led the campaign for the Aboriginal Flag to fly permanently over the Sydney Harbour Bridge.

Liz Yeo was until recently CEO of Newtown Neighbourhood Centre



which throughout the pandemic carried out critical work with some of the most vulnerable members of the Inner West community.

As well, Liz's dynamic and compassionate leadership came to the fore after the Newtown boarding house fire.

The 2022 Senior Citizen of the Year is Pui Kuen Li, honoured for her longstanding involvement in Chinese Australian Services Society (CASS) Ashfield Environmental Group.

The group has volunteered to tidy the main streets of Ashfield for over 20 years as part of the annual Clean Up Australia Day.

Two young people have jointly been named Young Citizen of the Year, both for their climate activism.

Nabilah Chowdhury was awarded 2021 Young Conservationist of the Year and received a full scholarship to the National Youth Science Forum. She is a Youth Leader for the Taronga Zoo Conservation Society, a UN Youth delegate, is on the National Youth Leadership Council at the Jane Goodall Institute and has been a key contributor in the School Strike 4 Climate Movement.

Ruby Bron is a leader of School Strike 4 Climate Sydney, involved in events including 'Fridays for our Futures' and 'School Strikes' which thousands of school children and Sydneysiders have participated in. She is also an organiser for the 'It Only Takes One Minute' campaign, reaching out to the Federal Government to act on plastic waste and successfully campaigned for a more gender-inclusive uniform at her Inner West school.

Above: Cllr Mat Howard, Co-Citizen of the Year Cheree Toka, Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne, event MC Kween G and her daughter Yaa, Cllr Mark Drury, Co-Citizen of the Year Liz Yeo and Cllr Philippa Scott
Left: Nabilah Chowdhury and Ruby Bron
Below: Pui Kuen Li





The Hon. Linda Burney MP (middle front) and Senator Pat Dodson (fourth from right) joined Inner West Councillors at the Uluru Forum

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Less than one week after the Forum, Mayors from across Australia at the National General Assembly of Local Government voted to endorse the Uluru Statement from the Heart after hearing a motion from Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne, which committed councils to a grass roots

campaign to build awareness of the upcoming referendum.

Mayor Byrne said, "The success of the referendum depends upon local government stepping up to meet this moment.

"It's time for Voice, Treaty and Truth."

Pop Up Music Marathon

Supporting our local entertainers

Local musicians and performers can apply for paid grants for Council's Pop Up Music Marathon to be delivered across the Inner West until October 2022.

The Music Marathon will bring live music and entertainment to Inner West high streets and villages, help musicians and performers and bring added vibrancy to precincts of the Inner West.



For further information contact Billy Cotsis on 9392 5137 or Bernadette Selve on 9392 5137 or go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/PopUpMusicMarathon

Call back option will save you time

Council has introduced a new call back option.

Once a caller has waited in the hold queue for 60 seconds, they will be offered the option of a call back by leaving and confirming their phone number.

Anyone who selects this option will retain their position in the queue.

Callers can also stay on hold, if they prefer.

Council has also recently replaced its on hold music with tunes from local artists, in an initiative to support local musicians.

Council welcomes Aboriginal Flag decision

I welcome the NSW Government's decision to replace the NSW flag on the Sydney Harbour Bridge with the Aboriginal flag.

We are all very proud of Inner West Citizen of the Year Cheree Toka for her five-year long campaign to make this happen.

You might recall that during Cheree's campaign to permanently install the Aboriginal flag above the Bridge, Premier Perrottet said this would necessitate installing a new flagpole at a cost of \$25 million.

I said at the time this was pretty ridiculous. If Inner West could vote – as we did back in April – to simply prioritise the Aboriginal flag over the NSW state flag, then so could the NSW Government.

Replacing the NSW flag with the Aboriginal flag on all Inner West buildings was achieved at zero cost to ratepayers.

In the very same week Cheree's campaign came to a successful conclusion, we named her our Co-Citizen of the Year.

Congratulations Cheree – From little things big things grow!

And now the flag of the oldest continuous human society on earth will fly forever over Sydney Harbour. This a victory for respect and recognition.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



Ashfield Ward Councillors Dylan Griffiths (far left) and Mark Drury (far right) with Deputy Mayor Jessica D'Arienzo and Mayor Darcy Byrne turn the first sod at the new reuse and recycling hub at the former Summer Hill depot

New reuse and recycling hub

Council's new reuse and recycling hub at the former Summer Hill depot will house the popular Bower Reuse & Repair Centre and the Green Living Centre.

During the pandemic, the site was used as a drive-through COVID-19 testing centre.

Initial works involve upgrading amenities and ensuring the former depot buildings are fit for their new use. A later stage of works will include infrastructure to support EV charging stations.

More inclusive playgrounds

Inclusive playgrounds will be established in all five Inner West wards.

Future playground upgrades will be assessed for suitability as inclusive play spaces, including King George Park in Rozelle.

\$50,000 will be allocated this year for consultation, planning and design, and \$2 million next year for construction, with further grant and funding opportunities to be explored.

Council opened its first inclusive playground in 2019, in Steel Park. That playground was designed in collaboration with locals and the Touched By Olivia Foundation, which assists communities to create special places that encourage and invite social inclusion through play.

Moving? Decluttering? It's easy to book a free Clean-up

Inner West's free booked Clean-up service is a flexible, efficient and environmentally beneficial way to recycle or dispose of unwanted goods.

At Council's webpage innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CleanUp you can find out how to organise a Clean-up, or explore how to reuse, swap or share by using online groups, resale platforms and local organisations.

So book a free Clean-up now at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CleanUp or call 9392 5000 for more information.



From left: student leader Rita Munoz, P&C member Chloe Wyatt, student leader Sienna Coxon, former P&C member Dr Jess McLean, Jo Haylen MP, student leader Sophia Ross, Mayor Darcy Byrne, student leader AJ Bungara, P&C President Kelda Richards, student leader Billy Hartas, Clr Mat Howard and Acting Principal Davida Thomas

Latest Solar School

Wilkins Public School in Marrickville recently celebrated the installation of a new 43kw solar system, as part of Solar my School, a free Council initiative.

Council provided an independent solar feasibility report and assistance with securing project funding, a \$20,000 NSW Community Building Partnership project grant.

The solar system will cover around 19% of the school's electricity consumption.

Each year for the next 25 years, the solar panels will:

- ▶ Produce clean green energy equal to powering 284 school computers, 403 lights, or 10 homes
- ▶ Avoid 50 tonnes of carbon emissions each year, like taking 18 cars off the road
- ▶ Save the school thousands of dollars a year in electricity costs

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Solar

New toilets for Camperdown

Council is upgrading Camperdown Memorial Rest Park to include new public toilet facilities.

The project is part of Council's Parksafe program in collaboration with local police, Newtown Neighbourhood Centre and other community representatives.

The design and location of the new amenities will improve safety and accessibility for all park users.

Weather permitting, the project should be completed in October.

Council is spending over \$3 million on a number of new and upgraded public toilets across the Inner West.



Lewisham to Newtown railway stations cycleway update

The Regional Route 7 (RR07) cycleway, Lewisham to Newtown railway stations, is now complete. Council recently finished the final section: Longport Street Lewisham to Petersham Station.

RR07 is an important east-west route which links the Inner West to Sydney CBD. Major destinations along RR07 include Lewisham Station, Stanmore Station, Camperdown Memorial Rest Park and Newtown Station.

The NSW Government identified RR07 as a priority route and funded the upgrade.

RR07 is funded by Transport for NSW



Exciting new chapter for Henson Park

A major funding deal of more than \$10 million will see Henson Park become the home ground of the Sydney Swans women's team as well as the home of the Newtown Jets.

The NSW Government announced \$5 million for the iconic ground in its budget, on top of the \$2.85 million provided by Inner West Council, \$2.5 million from the AFL, and a \$2.5 million

election commitment from Anthony Albanese.

The funding will be used for upgrades to the grandstand, including female friendly change rooms, multi-use clubroom and lighting and broadcast facilities.

The funding announcement came just in time for the commencement of Season 7 of AFLW, the first for Sydney Swans.



More magic for Ferris Lane

Council has commenced the process to permanently close Ferris Lane, site of the 'The Magic Lane'.

The lane is a community inspired and maintained inclusive green space in Annandale.

For the past six years, local volunteers have transformed the space into a neighbourhood garden with furniture, potted plants and sculptures.

Now Council will protect the space with new kerb and gutter, footpath

and grass verge works that will better manage storm water runoff. A tap has already been installed to assist with watering.

Kathy O'Donnell, who took over the neglected alleyway in 2015, said, "We are extremely appreciative of Council's support of formalising the permanent road closure of Ferris Lane Annandale and funding a beautiful pollinator verge garden."



Christa Hughes will star as Annette Kellerman in *The Mermaid*, written and directed by Hillary Bell and with music by Luke Styles. The free family performances are at Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre, Friday 12, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 August from 6.30pm. Bookings essential

EDGE Sydenham – 12 to 21 August

Over two wintry weekends experience art and performance in the Inner West's industrial heartland.

Weekend 1



- ▶ Friday 12, Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 August – The Mermaid, Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre
- ▶ Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 August – Creative Trails

Creative spaces in Tempe, Sydenham, Marrickville, St Peters and Dulwich Hill throw open their doors.

Join the hundreds of people spending the weekend discovering art in hidden artists' studios, independent galleries and quirky artist run initiatives, and taking part in various workshops.

Celebrate 2044

- ▶ Saturday 20 August – Sydenham Green, from 10am

Art and community unite for a dynamic celebration of postcode 2044

See *The Soul Movers* (featuring Murray from the Wiggles), local bands and school music showcases on the Celebrate 2044 stage.

Be first to witness new works by Shaun Parker and Co, Sarah Joan Harvie, Living Room Theatre and Glitch by Tortuga Studios. Join *Legs On the Wall* for free physical theatre lessons, skateboarding, and the making of bold art installations.



2023 venue hire EOIs now open

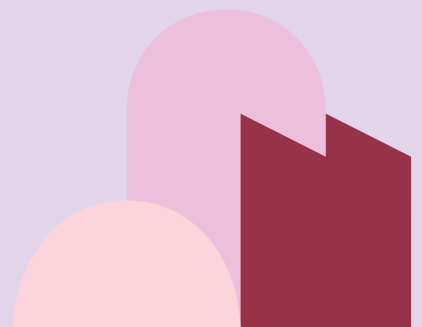
Council's venues come in all shapes and sizes with a range of facilities and AV. There's very competitive rates and discounts for not-for-profit organisations. The annual Expressions of Interest (EOI) is now open for 2023 (January - December). Applications close Sunday 9 October.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/VenueHire2023

Weekend 2

- ▶ Friday 19, Saturday 20 and Sunday 21 August – The Hive, St Peters Town Hall, sunset 'til late
















An immersive honey trap of delights of 107 Projects and Collaborators, pollinated by Inner West creatives. Come and experience pop-up installations, performances and panel discussions, DJs and more.



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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

Water Play Park

Illawarra Road, Marrickville South



What's On Inner West

Council grants open Wednesday 10 August.
Find out more at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Grants

Footprints Ecofestival is back

Footprints Ecofestival is back at Whites Creek Valley Park, Saturday 3 September, 11am – 3pm.

Enjoy panel discussions, walks and talks, workshops, music, kids programs and activities on sustainability.

Explore the local food forest, wetland, community garden and the on-site community nursery.

Find out more at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Footprints



Local Litter Checks

Council is working with Marrickville Football Club (MFC) to reduce litter and increase recycling, through a recently awarded litter prevention grant from the Environmental Protection Authority.

The project brings together Council, community, and sports clubs for a common goal of 50% less litter reaching the Cooks River by 2025.

After completing a Local Litter Check, Council is now trialling recycling bins at Mackey Park. The bins are locked in a cage during the week to prevent contamination. Only MFC and Council have access to the cage.

Find out more about Local Litter Checks. Contact Inner West Resource Recovery Officer Emily.Moore@innerwest.nsw.gov.au or call 9392 5291.

At Mackey Park, Inner West Council, Marrickville Football Club and Cooks River Alliance came together to educate and involve the community in litter prevention

Keeping your pets safe

Our Companion Animal Services pop-up information stands rotate through local Inner West parks each month.

At a recent visit to Weekley Park in Stanmore, more than half the microchips checked were out of date.

The Officers were able to update every microchip scanned. Keep an eye on the Inner West Pets Facebook group to find out when and where the next info stand will be held, or go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Pets

Bella, Renee, Jess and Talei from Council's Ranger Services at the Companion Animal pop-up stand in Weekley Park Stanmore



Next Local Matters Forum and Customer Service Stall

Local Matters Forum

Ashfield Djarrawunang ward,
Emanuel Tsardoulis Community Library,
362–372 New Canterbury Road, Dulwich Hill
Tuesday 23 August, 6pm – 7.30pm

Customer Service Stall

Marrickville Midjuburi ward,
Marrickville Metro Shopping Centre,
Victoria Road entry
Saturday 3 September, 9.30am – 1.30pm

Councillors Tim Stephens and Philippa Scott at the Haberfield Customer Service Stall in July