

INNER WEST

News

March/April 2021



Inner West Fest

Baludarri, March 19–28.

Local artists, small business owners, collectives, neighbours and community leaders present the very first Inner West Fest, Baludarri (Balmain) – the first of a series of five events and activations across the Inner West in 2021.

Enjoy a community afternoon tea, live music, family art workshops, food events and a mini festival at Leichhardt Bowlo, plus plenty more.

For the full program, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/InnerWestFest

Built Environment Awards 2021

Nominations close Sunday 7 March for the 2021 Inner West Built Environment Awards: the Marrickville Medal for Conservation and the Inner West Urban Photography Competition. The theme of this year's awards is "Our Heritage for the Future".

Go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/BuiltEnvironmentAwards

One rating system

By law, all amalgamated councils must harmonise rates from July 2021. Council is not increasing its overall income, but your rates may change. The changes may be brought in gradually if the NSW government passes legislation.

Council recently consulted the community about the proposed changes which include a new minimum rate. The results were considered by Council at an Extraordinary Meeting on 23 February.

The Independent Pricing and Regulatory Tribunal, which must approve the new minimum rate, will accept community submissions in March.

Find out more about Council's decision and how to make a submission to IPART at yoursay. innerwest.nsw.gov.au/my-rates



Council 2020 grants announced

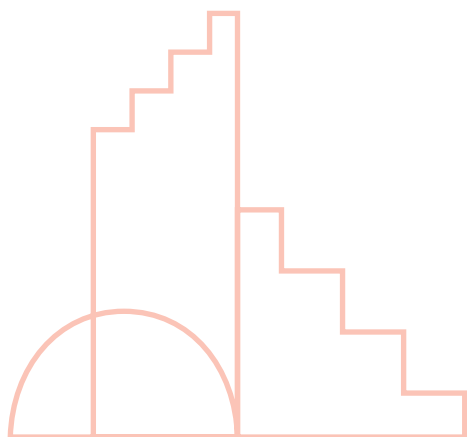
Eighty-nine Inner West projects have received more than \$500,000 in Council funding, as part of the Inner West Council 2020 Grant Program.

Hilary Bell and Luke Styles (pictured) successfully applied for \$5,000 for *The Annette Kellerman Project*, a free music theatre performance celebrating the life of Marrickville icon, Annette Kellerman, at Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre.

"It is a privilege to be supported by funding from Council to undertake the creation of a new work unearthing the extraordinary life of Inner West superstar Annette Kellerman," Luke said. "It gives an artist the confidence and encouragement to be daring and make original work on local themes with international appeal."

Other funded projects include:

- **Diversity Arts Australia** received \$10,000 for *I Am Not A Virus*. Ten Asian Australian artists will respond to COVID-19 racism
- **Inner West Icons** podcast received \$10,000 over two years. Hosted by a historian, each episode presents history through, oral histories, community stories, sound effects and music
- **Mood Active Association** received \$5,000 for a four-week 'wellbeing workout', combining education and exercise and targeted at people suffering from mood disorders including anxiety and depression
- **The Salvation Army** received \$10,000 over two years for *Good Egg Garden*, an environmental and eco-educational chicken and sustainable garden project, engaging children experiencing trauma of family violence
- **Queer Lunar New Year 2021: Year of the Ox** received \$5,000 for a multi-disciplinary event melding traditional oral storytelling traditions with contemporary experimental innovations
- **Marrickville Football Club** received \$8,200 over two years for *Kick On for Women*, an introductory program for women who have never played soccer before but who want to stay active and have fun with friends





Ninety-year-old Ruth Zionzee shows off the new handrail and steps

New handrail and steps improves access

Council installed a new handrail and steps in Ewerton Park in late 2020 to improve access.

The installation was in response to an elderly resident who wrote to Council about her struggle to negotiate the path from her house to the park.

“We try our best to help out our residents - especially the elderly who also have a right to enjoy ease of access to inclusive and welcoming open space,” said Aaron Callaghan, Council’s Parks and Recreation Planning Manager.



New fitness station

Council’s latest fitness station is at Blackmore Oval, Canal Road Leichhardt.

To find all the fitness stations in the Inner West, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/FitnessStations

Haberfield Centre and Library and Mervyn Fletcher Hall upgrade almost complete



Council’s \$4 million upgrade of Haberfield Centre and Library and Mervyn Fletcher Hall will open in April.

The upgrade includes improved accessible lift and toilets. A range of community spaces will also be available for hire.

The new design is by award winning Inner West firm, Lahznimmo Architects

More information and opening celebrations will be posted on Council’s social media and website as it comes to hand.



Shade sail at Darrell Jackson Gardens in Summer Hill

More shade sails

Council installed a shade sail at Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre in February and at Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre in December as part of the ongoing Shade Sail Program.

A shade sail will be installed at the Elizabeth Street Ashfield pocket park in March.

Since 2018-19, 22 shade sails have been installed in Inner West parks, at a cost of \$850,000 so far.

Arts and music to be legalised in industrial & main street premises

Council has now adopted a policy so small scale artistic and cultural events can take place in industrial zones and main street premises throughout the Inner West.

The policy, which I initiated with Stanmore Ward Councillor Anna York, aims to counteract the shrinking number of live music venues and artistic spaces throughout Sydney.

Live performance and exhibition will be able to take place as “exempt development” with an audience of up to 150 people in industrial premises and 80 people in properties in local centres (based around main streets).

There will be no need for a development application to be submitted, making thousands of new spaces available at low cost for artists to perform, practice and exhibit their work.

This will allow local musicians, actors and visual artists to make use of shopfronts, warehouses and office spaces, which are currently sitting dormant and unused after dark.

The finalised policy has been submitted to the State Government. We are waiting for them to gazette the policy so that these new, common-sense rules can be rolled out in 2021.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



Inner West is Sport NSW Council of the Year



The team at Ashfield Aquatic Centre holding the Sport NSW Council of the Year award.

Inner West Council has won the 2020 Local Council of the Year at the Sport NSW Community Sports Awards.

Inner West won for its work across a wide range of Council teams, projects and initiatives, including:

- Dramatically boosting funding to sporting fields, parks and playgrounds and pools
- Commissioning the Recreation Needs Study: A Healthier Inner West which helped inform policy and strategy in the short and long term
- Establishing an Office of Sport and appointing an Office of Sport Coordinator
- Focusing on increasing participation of girls and women, people from lower socio economic backgrounds, seniors and people with disabilities
- Building, refurbishing and maintaining magnificent facilities such as Dawn Fraser Baths and the new Ashfield Aquatic Centre

Marrickville Library wins

Council's much-loved Marrickville Library won a swag of awards in 2020, including two major prizes at the National Architecture Awards.

The Library was also the overall winner at the 2020 Australian Timber Design Awards, won the top prize at the National Trust Heritage Awards, the NSW Premier's Prize (Australian Institute of Architects (RAIA) NSW Chapter - Architecture Awards) and the Landscape Architecture Award for Civic Landscape at ALIA NSW Landscape Awards.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Awards



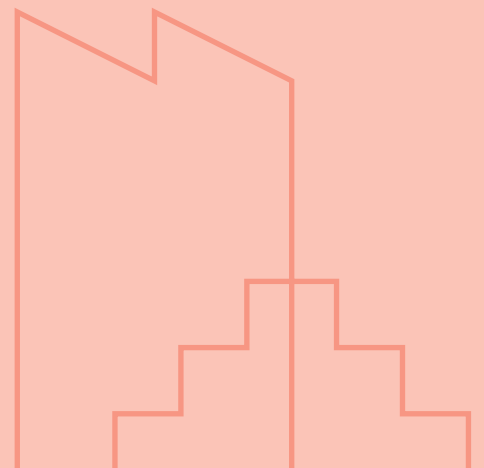
A socially distanced Community Sustainability team with the award

Inner West wins climate award

In November, Council won the Community Engagement Achievement category for the Go Solar campaign at the Cities Power Partnership 2020 Climate Awards.

Council's Community Engagement Award was for 'excellence in a Council that has worked to reduce emissions through community engagement, education and behaviour change projects and programs'.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Solar





Wayne and Mark, sons of Neville Bayfield OAM, in front of the Olympic Pool. Mr Bayfield was President of the Ashfield Amateur Swim Club for 20 years. His sons are also active members of the Club

Spaces at the new Ashfield Aquatic Centre named

Council will soon install interpretive signage at the magnificent new Ashfield Aquatic Centre, honouring local citizens and sports people who are associated with the pool and the community.

Grandstand: Warwick Webster

Olympic Pool: Neville Bayfield OAM

Outdoor Leisure Pool and family area: Edna Wilson's Pond

Marshalling area: 'The Green'



Paul O'Brien and his daughter Monique at the pop up tree

Pop up tree transforms former dump site

Locals celebrated the new 'pop up tree' and public artwork in St Peters in December.

The pop-up tree is part of Council's multifaceted approach to greening our neighbourhoods, tackling unwanted tagging, and illegal dumping.

The artwork, by Kim Siew, is inspired by the area's native flora.

The former dump site is now not only a contemporary art pop up but also a community garden – with locals contributing numerous pot plants to the industrial spot at the end of their street.



Artist Liz Shreeve with Mayor Darcy Byrne

Public art partnership

The Marrickville Metro redevelopment will feature striking and eye-catching public art, though a partnership with Inner West Council.

Local and internationally renowned artists selected through the open EOI process include Georgia Hill, Liz Shreeve, Helen Proctor and Fintan Magee.

The first round of commissions were installed in September and October 2020, with further works commencing this year.

The redevelopment is expected to be completed mid-2021.

Food organics success

Council has recovered 350 tonnes of food organics in the six months since commencing the new collection service in Marrickville.



Food recycling is now available to more than 16,000 units



80% of properties present their bins for collection every week

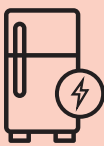
Recycling 350 tonnes of food waste translates to 770,000 kg CO₂-e, or equivalent to:



Powering 222 average Inner West homes for a year



Taking 306 passenger vehicles off Sydney roads for a year



Cooling 1,736 fridges for a year

The food recycling service is based on the Leichhardt service which has been operating since 2008 and the Marrickville service area which was introduced in September last year. Combined, the food service now includes more than 650 apartment buildings recovering an average of 520 tonnes of food waste annually.

Apartment buildings in the Ashfield area are scheduled to receive this service in 2021.



2020 GreenWay art prize

The winner of the 2020 GreenWay Open Art Prize is Nicole Robins who has won a prize package valued at \$6,000 for her work *Agave Attenuata* (pictured).

Prize winners were announced at the opening night of the GreenWay Art Exhibition on Friday 6 November at Art Est. Art School and Gallery, Lords Road Leichhardt.

Other winners were:

GreenWay Local Artist Prize: Jody Graham for *Australian Golden Whistler*

Cooks River Small Sculpture Prize: Jayanto Tan for *Ceng Beng, Ghost Ships in The Cadigal Reserve*

Youth Prize: Declan Walsh for *Valuable Real Estate*

Adult Photography Prize: Jason McDonald for *River She-oak, Moths and Bees*

Youth Photography Prize: Sophia Lau for her *Crow Province*

Packer's Prize: Michelle Henry for '*...be in your pleasures like the flowers and the bees*'

People's Choice Prize: Kimaya Deshmukh for *Bird Bridge*



The Melody of Humanity
















Council and the Community Refugee Welcome Centre observed Human Rights Day in December with the launch of *The Melody of Humanity*, a cross-cultural and multilingual music video.

The eight-minute video features many iconic Inner West Council locations. Twenty two artists – newly arrived refugees, Aboriginal community members and local Inner West musicians – contributed to the project.

To see the video, go to [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search "The Melody of Humanity".

Your Councillors

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

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Monday – Sunday: Ashfield, Balmain, Leichhardt and Marrickville

Monday – Saturday: Dulwich Hill, Stanmore 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

Water Play Park

Illawarra Road, Marrickville South

Apply for Perfect Match 2021

Council's Perfect Match is back in 2021 and applications are now open. Property owners are invited to nominate their wall to be transformed by an artist. Artists submit their designs and ideas. Council then brings the two together to create a perfect match.

Applications close midnight Thursday, 22 April 2021. For more information, guidelines and to apply, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/PerfectMatch



(from left) Artist assistant Momo Maurino, property owners Ewan Samway and Matt Vagulands, artist Wendy Sharpe and Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne



The 2019 International Women's Day nominees

International Women's Day 8 March

Council will honour inspiring women to mark International Women's Day 2021 by adding new nominations to the Women's Honour Roll.

The Honour Roll celebrates women and girls who have made a difference to the lives of those around them.

To see past nominees and to find out more about Council's plans for IWD, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/IWD

Seniors Festival 2021 13 - 24 April

Council's annual Seniors Festival celebrates the role seniors play in our community and acknowledges the important contribution they make.

Celebrate with us at a series of free events, designed to relax and reflect, entertain and inform.

Full program online:
innerwest.nsw.gov.au/SeniorsFestival

Or contact seniors@innerwest.nsw.gov.au or 9392 5863



Youth Week 2021 16 - 24 April

Council will celebrate the 2021 Youth Week theme "Together more than ever" in April. Service providers and young people are welcome to get in touch for further information or to get involved.

Go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/YouthWeek or email youth@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

What's On Inner West

Discover local events or submit a listing innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn