

Inner West Arts and Music Summit

Council held a successful Inner West Arts and Music Summit in early June. Musicians, performers, promoters, creative businesses and elected representatives came together at Marrickville Town Hall to work on a blueprint for the post-COVID recovery of the local arts sector. See page 3 for more.

Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne, Fringe Festival Director and CEO Kerri Glasscock and NSW Arts Minister for the Arts Ben Franklin attended the summit



Delivering for our community

Council is delivering on key commitments made in the recent local government elections in its 2022 - 2023 Budget.

Money has been set aside for a greener, healthier Inner West, for dramatically improved main streets, for better interactions between Council and residents and more support for Inner West arts and creative industries.

There are new or expanded services across the whole Inner West – with \$243.5 million for local services and \$176.3 million for infrastructure.

Highlights include:

- ▶ Spending \$9.8m over next two financial years on improvements to Easton Park, Camdenville Park, Steel Park, Mackey Park, Hammond Park and HJ Mahoney Reserve, including over \$2.9 million on upgrading King George Park this year
- ▶ \$1.9 million for sports lighting upgrade, as part of the second phase of Tempe Reserve Upgrade
- ▶ Commencing the \$8.5 million Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre upgrade

- ▶ Expanding the Food and Garden Organics service (FOGO) to all households before the end of this Council term
- ▶ Returning Annette Kellerman and Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre operations to Council
- ▶ Achieving our 2025 100% renewable electricity target early. From 1 July 2022, in one of the largest renewable energy deals for local government, Council operations will be supplied electricity by three NSW solar farms
- ▶ Launching the Reconciliation Action Plan, the Disability Inclusion Action Plan, and the Social and Cultural Strategy

As well, from 2023/24 financial year, Council is forecasting a surplus of \$2.2 million which is estimated to grow over the following eight years.




Turn the page to read more about Council's 2022-23 budget.

Council Operational Plan and Budget 2022-23

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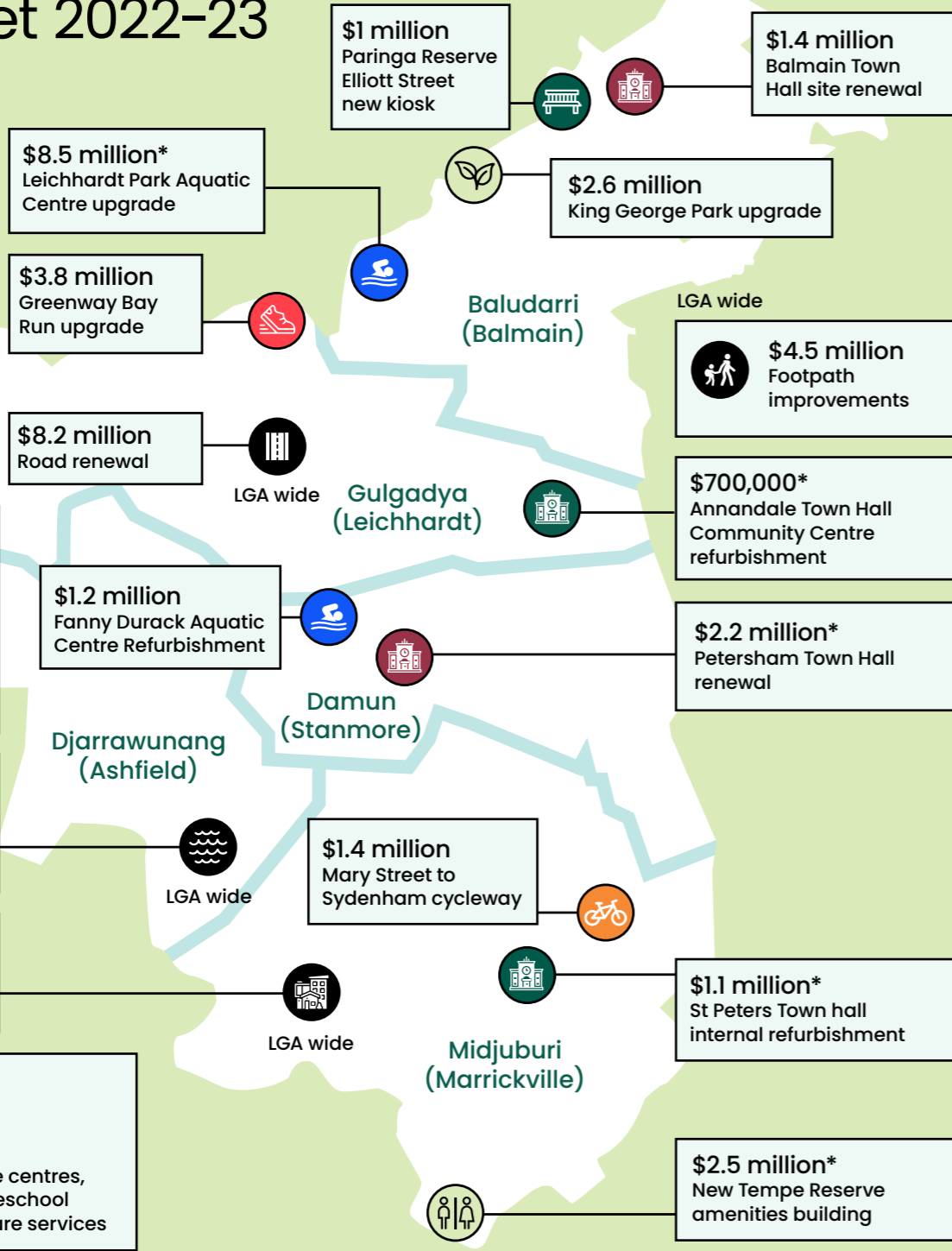
 **\$12.5 million**
Operating our eight libraries

 **\$87.6 million**
Capital works. 43% on new infrastructure and 57% on renewing existing assets

\$3 million
stormwater works to prevent flooding and reduce pollution

\$15.1 million*
Upgrade town centre main streets

 **\$19 million**
Operating our long day care centres, family day care scheme, preschool and outside school hours care services



*over two years



Dawn Fraser Baths wins

The heritage restoration of Dawn Fraser Baths has won the prestigious President's Prize at the 28th annual National Trust (NSW) Heritage Awards.

The \$8 million heritage restoration of one of Sydney's most-loved assets, the beautiful and historic Dawn Fraser Baths, included replacing the pavilion including

the decking, raising the Baths floor level to mitigate sea level rise and future-proof the facility and other improvements.

The President's Prize went to TKD Architects for the redevelopment, which was commissioned by Inner West Council.

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Balmain & District Football Club members joined Mayor Darcy Byrne to celebrate Leichhardt Oval being chosen as a training base for the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2023

Women's World Cup training base

Leichhardt Oval has been chosen as a training base for the FIFA Women's World Cup in 2023.

It's the latest recognition for the famous ground which has been hosting more and more international and professional women's and men's soccer, league and union.



Inner West Lifestyle Membership

Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre in Enmore and Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre in Petersham are now under Council management.

This means all Council's five aquatic centres now share harmonised services and benefits, including the 'Lifestyle Membership' and rates for seniors, students and concession card holders.

Last year, Council resolved to bring all Council aquatic centres in-house and provide better services and more options for Inner West families.

Bay Run upgrade

Council has commenced the \$5m upgrade of the Bay Run, as part of the \$57m of works in the GreenWay Master Plan.

The upgrade includes new rest and recreation spaces along the Lilyfield Road Bridge and lighting upgrades through Leichhardt Park.

Work is scheduled to be completed in January 2023.

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The upgrade is funded by the NSW Government, in association with Inner West Council, through the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program. For more information about the NSW Public Spaces Legacy Program, visit planning.nsw.gov.au/Legacy



Inner West Arts and Music Summit a success

We are determined to get the Inner West's creative sector back on track after a horror two years of COVID disruption.

As part of our assistance to the creative industries, we hosted the Inner West Arts and Music Summit in early June in partnership with Sydney Fringe Festival.

The summit brought together political leaders and the creative community to explore ways performers, artists and arts-based businesses can recover after the pandemic. Thank you to NSW Minister for the Arts, Ben Franklin, for his keynote address and participation in the Q & A session.

The innovative ideas that came out of the summit will form the basis of a blueprint that we will take to the State and Federal Governments.

I'm confident that both the NSW Minister for the Arts and the new Federal Arts Minister Tony Burke will both embrace the findings of the summit and that a bright future for the creative community of the Inner West and NSW lies ahead.

There was real enthusiasm that together we can breathe new life into Australian culture – and that the Inner West will be the beating heart of this change.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



A Plan for Reconciliation

Inner West Council has adopted a Reconciliation Action Plan, a formal statement of commitment to the reconciliation process.

This follows the incorporation earlier this year of the Uluru Statement from the Heart into Council's Community Strategic Plan.

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.

Council convened a public forum to inform the Inner West community about the Uluru Statement from the Heart, its meaning and its aims. The forum

was held at Marrickville Town Hall on 16 June and was attended by the new Minister for Indigenous Australians Linda Burney, Campaign Director for the From the Heart campaign Dean Parkin, and local activist Cheree Toka, who led the fight for the Aboriginal Flag to fly over the Harbour Bridge.

Council held a consultation in mid-May on the first of the Aboriginal Survival Memorials, attended by the artists and members of Council's members of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Advisory Committee (left to right) Dr Katrina Thorpe, artist Maddison Gibbs, Elder Uncle Allan Barnes, artist Nicole Monks, Council's Cultural Advisor Deborah Lennis and Janelle Scott



Breathe, the first of three Aboriginal Survival Memorials, is planned for Yeo Park Ashfield.

Engraved and carefully placed sandstone rocks will act as portals to ancient stories.

The memorials are one of the initiatives to emerge from the Reconciliation Action Plan. They will acknowledge and celebrate the resilience and survival of Indigenous Australians.

Council will develop a local Inner West Council Anti-Racism Strategy.

The strategy, which comes on the back of the successful Racism Not Welcome campaign, will provide Council and the Inner West with further opportunities to raise awareness of racism and identity, support and foster programs that reduce racism and promote inclusion.



Solar powered Council

Inner West Council has again expanded its solar capacity, this time at its St Peters Depot.

The existing photovoltaic (PV) system of 29 kilowatts (29kW) was expanded last year when Council added another 65kW, bringing the total capacity of the system to 94kW. Now, with even more new solar panels on Buildings A and B, St Peters Depot can produce over 170,000 kW hours of electricity annually.

That's equivalent to the average electricity that 39 Inner West households use annually.

This project is part of Council's Climate and Renewables Strategy, which has doubled the amount of solar capacity on Council buildings in the last three years.

Bystander training



Learn how to keep our community safe and end gender-based violence.

Council's free Domestic and Family Violence Bystander training is open to all. Four sessions from 20 July, delivered online. Find out more at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/dfv



Improved consultation and customer service

Council is enhancing the customer experience, increasing responsiveness and improving transparency with our new Local Matters Forums and mobile Customer Service Stalls.

There's a forum or stall coming to your area soon:

- ▶ Customer Service Stall, Newtown Square, Saturday 6 August, 9.30am – 1.30pm
- ▶ Local Matters Forum – Ashfield/Djarrawunang ward, Emanuel Tsardoulis Community Library, Tuesday 23 August, 6pm – 7.30pm

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

De-amalgamation Community Consultation

At the election on 4 December a non-binding poll was held regarding the potential de-amalgamation of Inner West Council and the results were that 62.49% of voters asked for a de-amalgamation.

Council is preparing a business case for NSW Minister for Local Government to make a final decision on the de-amalgamation.

To inform the proposal Council wants to hear your views on:

1. Whether to proceed with the de-amalgamation.
2. Which options for service provision under a de-amalgamated model are preferred by the community.

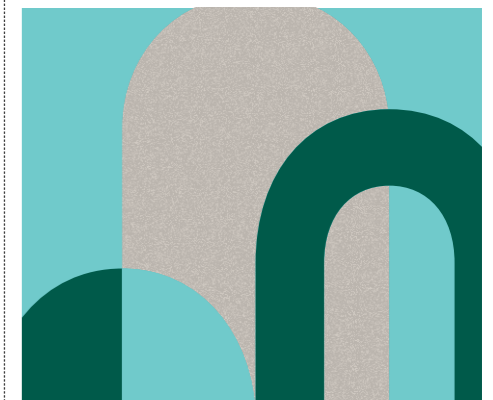
Council has prepared a draft business case for community consultation which is open to Sunday 31 July.

All households will receive a summary in the letterbox shortly.

View the full business case at Council's service centres or website, attend an online forum Thursday 21 July 6.00–7.30pm, and tell us your thoughts by completing a survey.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Deamalgamation

The outcome of the community consultation will be reported to the September Ordinary Council Meeting and only the NSW Government has the power to de-amalgamate Council.





Deputy Mayor Jessica D'Arienzo and Ashfield Ward Councillor Mark Drury turned the sod in April to mark the commencement of the upgrade

Darrell Jackson Gardens upgrade

Council is investing \$1.8m to upgrade Darrell Jackson Gardens in Summer Hill.

Works include:

- ▶ Upgrade of the unfenced playground
- ▶ Skatepark and tennis court resurfacing
- ▶ Footpath and cricket wicket upgrades
- ▶ New rock swale to improve surface drainage

The upgrade is expected to be completed in September.



Last year, Kween G received \$5,000 Individual Artist grant for 'Sensible Rebel', an EP of eight songs with remixes and music videos

Council grants open soon

Inner West Council grants program opens Wednesday 10 August.

Last year, 89 Inner West projects received more than \$440,000 in Council grant funding.

The grants are for Individual Artists, Arts Projects, Community Wellbeing, and Multicultural.

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



For your diary: Midjuburi Creative Trails

Creative spaces in Tempe, Sydenham, Marrickville, St Peters and Dulwich Hill will throw open their doors on 13 and 14 August.

Creative Trails is an opportunity for the public to engage with the thriving Inner West independent arts scene, meet local artists and makers, view art in progress and purchase art at studio prices.

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.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CreativeTrails

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Monday – Sunday: Ashfield, Balmain, Leichhardt and Marrickville

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
Water Play Park
Illawarra Road, Marrickville South

Celebrate National Tree Day, 31 July

Collect your free tree or take part in a tree planting
innerwest.nsw.gov.au/NationalTreeDay



Food organics success

Residents have now officially recycled 1,115 tonnes of food scraps, avoiding 1,673 tonnes of CO2 emissions.

That's equivalent to powering every home in Lewisham for 12 months or taking 484 passenger vehicles off Sydney roads for a year.

Council is preparing to provide a food service (FOGO) to Inner West houses by 2024. If you live in a house and need a green lid garden bin order one by visiting innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Waste.

Still time to find your Perfect Match

Perfect Match is Council's unique initiative that tackles unwanted graffiti with beautiful art in public spaces.

Property owners are invited to nominate their wall to be transformed by an artist. Artists submit their designs and ideas. Council then plays Cupid!

2022 applications close soon – 1 September.

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/PerfectMatch



Celebrating Bairro

Council celebrated Portuguese National Day at a special evening at Petersham Town Hall on Friday 10 June.

The Town Hall was ablaze with festive lighting in Portuguese colours and around 500 community members came together to enjoy Portuguese music, dancing, food and drinks.

In 2019, the centre of Petersham was officially renamed 'Little Portugal' to honour and celebrate the long-standing relationship between the Inner West community and the people of Portugal.

Left: Consul General of Portugal Antonio Correa De Aguiar, Cllr Pauline Lockie, Ambassador Of Portugal His Excellency Mr Pedro Rodrigues da Silva, Mayor Darcy Byrne, Uncle Allan Barnes, Deputy Mayor Jess D'Arienzo, Cllr Liz Atkins, Cllr Justine Langford and Cllr Zoi Tzardoulis at the Celebrate Bairro event



What's On Inner West

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