



Inner West Fest

Gulgadya precinct, 14–23 May

The second Inner West Fest takes over the Gulgadya (Leichhardt) precinct with comedy, youth theatre, dance, historical costumes, geocaching adventures, food and so much more.

Gulgadya is the second in the series of five events and activations across the Inner West in 2021, brought to you by the community for the community, supported by Inner West Council.

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

Council grants

Council has a range of grants to enable the community to develop projects and programs to address local needs. The next round opens in September.

To find out more, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/grants

Citizen awards

Council's Citizens of the Year and Amy Large volunteers of the year will be announced at a joint ceremony during National Volunteers Week 17-23 May 2021.

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

Marrickville Library wins

Marrickville Library has added another two significant wins to an already impressive tally, taking out the Public Libraries and Members' Choice categories at the 2021 Australian Library Design Awards.



Get ready for the new Haberfield Centre and Library

The historic Haberfield Centre and Library reopens in May after major renovations.

The upgrade gives the local community a modern, bright space to work, study and meet:

- Four community rooms with A/V available for hire
- Refreshed collection including bilingual picture books, school resources, junior graphic novels and readers, robots and new Italian fiction
- Plenty of space to work and study with wifi, laptop benches, computers, scanning and printing facilities

- The building is fully accessible to wheelchairs and prams
- Improvements in energy use and water management have been built into the design

As well as the library's normal programming there are a number of free activities and programs for the first month to celebrate the new space.

Bring friends and family to an event or just come by and say hello to the library team who are looking forward to welcoming you.

Book an event and see more about Haberfield Centre and Library at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/HCL

Radar speed displays

Council's new digital radar speed displays are not enforcement devices. They assist in reducing speeds on roads by showing vehicles speeds to motorists – a way to alert drivers they are exceeding the speed limit.

Driving too fast is the single biggest contributor to death and injury on NSW roads.





Town hall upgrades

Petersham Town Hall

Petersham Town Hall portico now has an integrated access ramp.

The Crystal and Frederick Street entrance fully accessible ramp/walkway provides equitable and inclusive access.

Tactile indicators and handrails have been installed, along with new pavers and tiles. The landscaping includes some seating and bike rails.



Leichhardt Town Hall

The much-loved and iconic Leichhardt Town Hall's interior has had a heritage makeover, in line with the dramatic exterior facelift undertaken two-and-a-half years ago.

Marrickville Town Hall

The upgrade of Marrickville Town Hall façade is expected to be completed in June.



Council asks government to speed up 'exempt developments'

Council has written to the NSW Planning Minister requesting the urgent approval of the Extended Trading Hours and Cultural Activities planning proposal.

The proposal would speed up planning rules so musicians, actors and visual artists could use vacant spaces in industrial zones and main streets for small scale artistic and cultural events.

"The finalised policy has been submitted to the State Government. We are waiting for them to gazette the policy so that these new, commonsense rules can be rolled out in 2021," Inner West Mayor Darcy Byrne said.



Chief Executive Officer of Newtown Jets Stuart McCarthy checked out the Henson Park Upgrade in early April

Henson Park upgrade

The \$2.558m upgrade of Henson Park will be completed in late May.

Works included:

- Upgrade the turf and underlay soil to suit elite standard sport
- Install a stormwater harvesting and treatment system to reduce the use of town water for irrigation
- Install new field drainage system, including recycling of water
- Upgrade irrigation system
- Renew wiring to sports light poles

\$24 million to save live music and performance venues

Following the announcement that iconic Newtown live music venue The Old 505 Theatre would close at the end of March, I held a crisis summit to discuss ways to help the ailing industry.

Attendees of the summit unanimously called for immediate action from the NSW Government to save venues across Sydney, while also discussing other ways to resuscitate the industry.

Three days later, our community's grassroots campaign was successful. This saw the NSW Government finally agree to a \$24 million stimulus package to save live music and performance venues impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.

I extend my sincere thanks to Save Our Stages and Music NSW, who led the campaign over many months.

Without this funding, dozens of iconic venues across Sydney were set to close their doors within weeks. The situation is still dire for live music in this city, but this win means we live to fight another day.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



Spider Swing by Gabrielle Bates – Artist in Residence, EDGE GreenWay

You're invited to Art Camp on the GreenWay – EDGE 2021

Iron Cove Bay (Hawthorne Canal – Lilyfield Road to Café Bones) until 9 May

Art Camp on the GreenWay – EDGE 2021, is a 24-day onsite artist in residence project.

Over 20 new projects have been developed across diverse forms involving hundreds of local creatives and community.

Temporary residency spaces have popped up in shipping containers, under bridges, in nooks –

or are hosted by community groups like The Wanderers, Café Bones and Canal Road Film Centre.

Everyone's invited to experience this hive of inspiration and creativity – wander the site, meet creatives and interact with artworks in development.

For more information, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/EDGE



Person who would rather not be in Marrickville by Emmanuel Angelicas, 1985.

Heritage Festival

The 2021 Heritage Festival celebrates the local Greek community in this year of the 200th anniversary of Greek Independence.

Everyone's invited to a book launch, photography exhibition and a talk on Greek life in Sydney in the 1950s:

- Book launch, *Little Athens* by Vasilis Vasilikis, Marrickville Town Hall, Sunday 9 May
- Photography exhibition, *Marrickville Eikons* by local photographer Emmanuel Angelicas, Marrickville Library, May 1-30
- Lecture: *Shopping, the cinema and neighbourhood: Greek Life in Sydney in the 1950s* at Marrickville Library Pavillion, Thursday 20 May

Other activities include an architect presentation and discussion on reimagining the recently updated Haberfield Library and a talk on the little known history of the factory buildings in the vicinity of Chapel Street and Victoria Road, Marrickville.

For more information, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/HeritageFestival



World renowned street artist Fintan Magee has commenced his Marrickville Metro work which will celebrate local female artists Wendy Sharpe and Rachael Lafferty.

Bold contemporary public artworks feature at the redeveloped Marrickville Metro.

The large-scale and hidden pockets of art were commissioned from local artists through Metro's partnership with Inner West Council and the EDGE Inner West public arts program.

Inner West Council will host free art tours on opening day, Thursday 10 June. For more information, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LivingArts



Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan

Jump onto Your Say Inner West to give feedback on these new ten-year plans:

Draft Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan - improving safety and access for people moving around the Inner West

Draft Cultural Strategy - shaping arts and culture

Draft Healthy Ageing Strategy - supporting people to live active, healthy, and fulfilling lives at any age.

For more information, go to yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au



Vietnamese precinct

Council will recognise the significant contribution of the Vietnamese community by naming a Vietnamese precinct along Illawarra Road.

You are invited to share your experiences and have your say on the new precinct.

Tell us:

- Where the precinct should start and finish along Illawarra Road
- If you support the name Little Vietnam

Final day for comments is Monday 17 May 2021.

For more information, go to yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au



Councillor Pauline Lockie, who brought the idea to Council, with one of the street signs

#RacismNotWelcome in the Inner West

Inner West Council, along with the Inner West Multicultural Network, has installed 40 #RacismNotWelcome signs throughout the local government area.

The initiative is designed to start conversations, encourage collective action and make it clear that racism, injustice and bigotry are not tolerated the Inner West.





2020 winners Kiet Phan (far left) and Oliver Whitehouse (far right) are pictured with judge Ursula Dubosarsky and Kiet's English teacher Maruti Lyons

Young Creatives Awards 2021

The Young Creatives Awards are now open to young people aged between 12 – 24, who study, work or live in the Inner West Council area.

- Young Writers Award
- Young Artists Award

Each award has three categories: (12–15 years), (16–18 years) and (19–24 years).

The inspiration can come from any item in the Inner West Library collections including newspapers,

magazines, DVDs, audiobooks and digital books and the local history online archives or the physical collection.

First prize for each age group in each category is \$500. Runner-up receives \$250.

Submissions close Saturday 31 July 2021.

For more information, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/YCA



Michael reunited with his animal companion Buster

Reuniting Buster and Michael

Reuniting lost pets with worried owners is all in day's work for Council's Companion Animal team.

Buster went missing for two days before being left at a local vet. Luckily, even though his microchip was found to be listed to the owner of a rescue group it also included information on his new owner, Michael.

"Michael was very emotional on the phone call and very relieved that Buster was safe," said Companion Animal Officer Talei Kirkpatrick.

Buster and Michael were reunited outside Leichhardt Service Centre (pictured).

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Pets



Garbage heroes
















Riaan from Ashfield has been obsessed with garbage trucks since he was a toddler.

So much so, his family has created an entire comic book series and songs about the superhero, Garbage Man (his catch phrase is "It's a treat to clean the street!").

Recently, Riiaan took a guided tour of an Inner West Council waste depot with Lyall Thomas and Matt McDonald from the Resource Recovery team (pictured right).

Access the ebooks by Googling "Adventures of Ri - The Garbage Man".



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Monday – Sunday: Ashfield, Balmain, Leichhardt and Marrickville

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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

Newtown's ArtSeat

The latest ArtSeat is *Creative Space, Creative Capital* by Elia Bosshard (pictured).

"Who is the beating heart of Sydney, the creative-creators or profit-makers? Sydney is one of the most expensive cities to live and work in the world," Elia said.

"For local artists, it is an ongoing struggle maintaining access to the cultural centre, which paradoxically, thrives on and profits from the arts community."

The next ArtSeat will be installed in early June and is by Sharon Billinge. She says it will be a partnership with advocacy group Mums4refugees.

"This Artseat puts a face to refugee families and highlights a shared goal of wanting a safe, stable place to bring up our families supported by the community around us," Sharon said.



The Gulgadya (Grass Tree) Walking Tour, co-led by local elder, Aboriginal horticulturalist and proud D'harawal man Terry Lennis, is one of the many Reconciliation Week activities

Reconciliation Week and Refugee Week

Council will celebrate Reconciliation Week (27 May - 3 June) and Refugee Week (20 - 26 June).

Reconciliation Australia's theme for 2021 is 'More than a word. Reconciliation takes action' - urging the reconciliation movement towards braver and more impactful action. For more information, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/ReconciliationWeek

Refugee Week raises awareness about the issues affecting refugees and the positive contributions made by refugees to Australian society. The 2021 theme, 'Unity - The way forward', calls for the spirit of unity as we recover from the isolation endured in 2020. For more information, go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/RefugeeWeek

Celebrating Mardi Gras

Council's Family Day Care held a special event for FDC educators and children to mark Mardi Gras, with Wonder Mama sharing a Story Time with the excited children.

The Fabulous Wonder Mama is a Super Hero Diva from Glamazon Island that stands for Peace, Love, Equality, and outright fabulous fun.

"It was a wonderful morning for the Family Day Care children, educators and staff," said FDC Service Coordinator Rosie Pupo.

"Wonder Mama had a tough crowd of under fives, but the children were captivated," she said.



What's On Inner West

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