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4 December



### Council provides community COVID-19 support

Addi Road food relief is one of many local community organisations to benefit from recent Council financial assistance. Full story page 3

## Getting back to business

Council is helping Inner West get back to business with a raft of measures aimed at getting hospitality and retail back on its feet:

- ▶ New Outdoor Dining and Live Performance guidelines to allow for safe use of public spaces by local restaurants, cafes, bars and licensed premises
- ▶ Inner West Fest grants to find new ways of delivering events and activations which adapt to this new environment
- ▶ Establishing the Inner West Economic Recovery Taskforce which last year helped Council plan and coordinate the post-pandemic economic recovery
- ▶ LGA-wide fee-free footpath dining since 2017
- ▶ Supporting the arts industry with \$300,000 in grants for COVID-19 relief projects
- ▶ Investigating the creation of a Special Entertainment Precinct around the Enmore Theatre and Enmore Road
- ▶ Adopting the Night-Time Economy Action Plan
- ▶ Developing campaigns to generate local footfall such as the recent Celebrate South King project which included 90 activations

## Let's get vaccinated





# A new Inner West plaza

Council is creating a new park, new cycle and GreenWay connections and improving streets surrounding Parramatta Road, thanks to a grant of more than \$20 million dollars from the Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program.

One of the projects currently under construction is Petersham Street Plaza (pictured).

The tiny street opposite Norton Street will be reinvented as a place for community events and gatherings. It will feature new concrete pavements and granite paving, deciduous flowering trees and an art wall.

Find out about other current works in your area. Our new Council projects page lists all park, building and road projects in one searchable place with details and updates on project status by suburb. Go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CurrentWorks](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CurrentWorks)



## Now everyone can enjoy Inner West pools

Council is ensuring everyone can enjoy its popular aquatic facilities by lowering fees to \$1.20 for social security recipients.

"We consulted with the community on this proposed change in fees and it received overwhelming support," said Inner West Mayor Rochelle Porteous.

The standard casual swimming fee of \$1.20 for social security recipients is available to all, not just residents of the Inner West.

Social security recipients will need to show their Pensioner Concession Card. [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Aquatics](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Aquatics)

## Local Government elections

Inner West voters go to the polls Saturday 4 December to elect 15 Councillors – three for each of the five wards. Voting is compulsory.

This year, Inner West voters will also be asked:

*In May 2016, Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville councils were amalgamated into one local government area by the State Government.*

*Do you support the Inner West local government area being de-amalgamated, so as to restore the former local government areas of Ashfield, Leichhardt and Marrickville?*

For more information on the election including the de-amalgamation poll, go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Elections](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Elections)



## Mayor's Message

The pandemic and the recent lockdown in Sydney have been challenging for all of us. Council has been working hard to keep residents safe, encourage vaccination, minimise economic impacts and look after those most at risk in our community.

I'm very proud that Council is working closely with a number of local not for profit organisations which are supporting those most vulnerable.

In August we gave \$25,000 to Addison Road Food Pantry and \$25,000 to Bill Crews Exodus Foundation.

In September we allocated another \$250,000 to 10 local organisations, including Asylum Seekers Centre, Deadly Connections and Sanctuary House Women's Shelter.

This was in addition to the \$250,000 Council provided during last year's lockdown to partner organisations such as Addi Road, Exodus and Headspace Ashfield.

As Mayor I formed the Council and Community Covid Crisis Intervention Taskforce to bring council and the not for profit sector together to deliver direct assistance to vulnerable people – emergency relief, food security, shelter and mental health support.

This Pandemic has taken a lot from us but it has also given back a greater sense of belonging and a greater value on community. As we navigate our way back to "normal" I hope we continue to value the local and the kindness, compassion and altruism we have shown towards each other.

Mayor, Rochelle Porteous  
Inner West Council



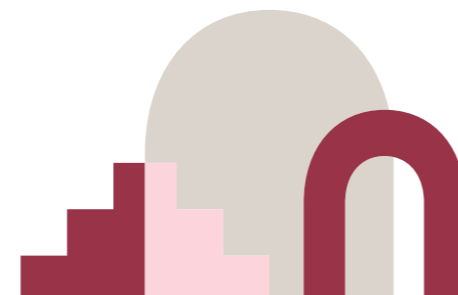
## Footpath inspections coming your way

Keep an eye out for camera-equipped, transporter style inspection vehicles travelling around local roads, and quad bike style inspection vehicles on footpaths.

Council is inspecting its 845 kilometres of footpath along the entire road network, together with kerb and gutter, traffic facilities and all roadside assets, during November and December.

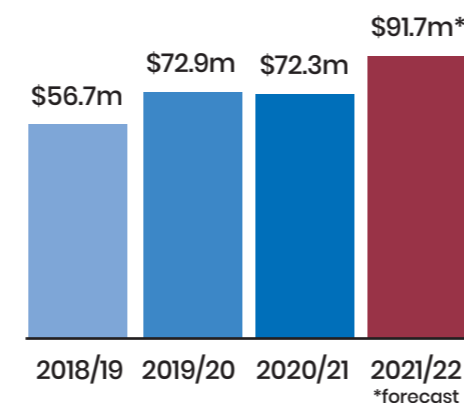
It all means better management of these important community assets and increased spending on essential maintenance and renewal, delivering improved connectivity, accessibility and safety.

Council has a full-time team of staff who maintain our streets. View the cleaning and mowing schedule at [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/StreetscapeMaintenance](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/StreetscapeMaintenance)



## Capital works spend year on year

Since 2018, Council has increased the capital works program from \$56.7 million to a forecast \$90.4 million this financial year.







## Dibble Avenue Waterhole works now complete

As part of Council's 10-year Plan of Management and landscape Master Plan for Marrickville Parklands, works to stabilise Dibble Avenue Waterhole are now complete.

Described as "the Inner West's magical hidden place", the Biodiversity Site provides refuge for aquatic plants and animals.

Originally a brickpit, in the late 1990s, Council sought to protect and enhance its environmental features and listed it as local heritage item in 1999.

Works included:

- ▶ Building up the upper bank levels with crushed sandstone fill to allow for landscaping and revegetation
- ▶ Planting of native species
- ▶ Sandstone blocks placed across the waterhole to provide habitat for aquatic animals

There is no public access, but the waterhole can be viewed from AB Crofts Playground on Dibble Avenue. Council spent \$1.5 million on the works.



## Food recycling takes off

We're celebrating one year since the expansion of the food recycling service across the Inner West.

Since 2020, 400 tonnes of food waste has been diverted, and 840,000kg of CO2 emissions saved. That's equivalent to:

- ▶ Powering 242 average Inner West homes for a year
- ▶ Taking 334 passenger vehicles of Sydney roads for a year
- ▶ Running 1,995 desktop computers for a year, or
- ▶ Cooling 1,896 fridges for a year.

*"Love the service. We hardly put anything in the red bin now! Good on the council for making this a priority, I hope it continues to grow and catch on."*

- Resident, Inner West Council

## Love our natural areas

Council has 21 hectares of managed natural areas at 39 locations across the Inner West, maintained by contractors and community volunteers under the watchful eye of staff.

These natural areas contain remnant and planted local native plant species including grasses, groundcovers, vines and shrubs and provide food and shelter for native wildlife.

Like to know more? Go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/BushcarePrograms](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/BushcarePrograms)



## Found injured wildlife?

A lucky female brushtail was recently released to a new home after being discovered by residents in a stressed state in the stairwell of an apartment block in Marrickville.

"The Inner West is an easy place to relocate native animals because of its fantastic Biodiversity programmes," said Rowena Morgan, a Sydney wildlife rescue volunteer.

[sydneywildlife.org.au](http://sydneywildlife.org.au)

## Young Creative Awards 2021



Congratulations to all the winners of the 2021 Young Creatives Awards.

A record 176 entries were received this year.

"The Young Creatives Awards go from strength to strength every year – even during lockdowns," said Inner West Mayor Rochelle Porteous.

"As usual, the writing and artworks are remarkable, showing incredible maturity and ingenuity."

For more details and to read and see the works go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/YoungCreatives](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/YoungCreatives)



Winners clockwise from top left: 12 to 15 years writer Hirkaran Gim, 19 to 24 years art Tilda Clarke, 16 to 18 years art Yesha Young



## Planting trees in your neighbourhood

Council has commenced extensive tree planting across the Inner West, aiming to substantially increase the tree canopy. It's funded by the biggest investment in green infrastructure in the history of the Inner West – over \$3 million spent on planting 900 trees.

Having more trees on our streets brings numerous benefits - from providing shade and habitat for native wildlife to improving well-being and beautifying our community.

Did you know you can request a street tree outside your property? Go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/StreetTrees](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/StreetTrees) to find out more.



From left: Nico Nicoson, Kim, property owner Marty Bernhaut's mum Gabriella and Marty, with Dora the dog

## Perfect Match

The old lolly shop in Camden Street Newtown was transformed recently by the Perfect Match public art program.

Artists Kim Siew and Nico called their work "All Sorts".

Perfect Match is a unique Council initiative tackling unwanted graffiti and fostering legitimate creative expression and art in public spaces.

The program brings artists, residents, businesses, property owners and community partners together to collaboratively create fantastic new street artworks in public places.

[innerwest.nsw.gov.au/PerfectMatch](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/PerfectMatch)





Peter Stevens from Wollie Creek Preservation Society points to the Bluff and rock face that would be impacted

## Save Wollie's Two Valley Trail

Wollie Creek Regional Park is much-loved and valued bushland just outside Inner West LGA.

Recently, Council wrote to the NSW Government asking them to urgently review Sydney Water's proposed Odour Control Unit industrial plant right across from the popular Two Valley Trail, which will destroy forever a lovely natural sandstone cliff face.

Sign the petition against this proposed environmental vandalism and eyesore [nature.org.au/get-involved/take-action/save-wollie-creek-regional-park/](http://nature.org.au/get-involved/take-action/save-wollie-creek-regional-park/)



## Helping the Afghani community

Council has a long history of welcoming and providing refuge and safe haven for people from other countries who are fleeing violence and political persecution.

Tens of thousands of Afghani people are now seeking refuge from oppression by the Taliban.

Council has called on the Australian Government to grant permanent protection visas to Afghan refugees who hold temporary visas and increase the intake of Afghan refugees from 3,000 to 20,000.

Find out how you can help. Go to [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/AfghanRefugees](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/AfghanRefugees)



Addison Road Food Pantry is providing food boxes to newly arrived Afghan refugees as well as helping with logistics and administration for families in Afghanistan trying to get out.

## Refugee Art Project at Thirning Villa

The Refugee Art Project is a non-profit, community arts organisation working out of Council's Thirning Villa.

They facilitate art workshops, mentoring and skills programs for asylum seekers and refugees in the Villawood detention centre and for refugees living in the Western Sydney community.

Want to know more? Find them at [facebook.com/TheRefugeeArtProject](https://facebook.com/TheRefugeeArtProject) or [instagram.com/refugeeartproject](https://instagram.com/refugeeartproject) [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/ArtistResidencies](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/ArtistResidencies)



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**Monday – Sunday:** Ashfield, Balmain, Leichhardt and Marrickville

**Monday – Saturday:** Dulwich Hill, Stanmore and St Peters/Sydenham

**Aquatics**  
[innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Aquatics](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Aquatics)  
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

Discover local events or submit a listing [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)



## Garage Sale Trail

The Garage Sale Trail is back in 2021 – and this year, like last, it's a COVID-safe version.

Where restrictions mean garage sales in the community are not permitted, there are options to set up shop online with a virtual garage sale or attend a Trail Tutorial online masterclass.

The 2021 Garage Sale Trail is over two weekends 13 and 14 November, and 20 and 21 November 2021.

[innerwest.nsw.gov.au/GarageSaleTrail](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/GarageSaleTrail)

## Inclusive Film Festival

Come together and support and elevate the voices of people with disability at this uniquely inclusive and accessible event at the Petersham Town Hall and streaming live online.

The fifth Inclusive Film Festival is at Petersham Town Hall on 17 December, 6pm. For the full program and streaming details, visit [innerwest.nsw.gov.au/InclusiveFilmFestival](http://innerwest.nsw.gov.au/InclusiveFilmFestival).

Presented by Inner West Council in partnership with Accessible Arts, PWD and supported by Mable, Exodus and Settlement Services International.



Australian dramedy *Groundhog Night*, featuring Robyn Nevin, John Batchelor, Susan Prior and Chris Haywood will screen at the 5th IFF



## Council thanks Joe

Giuseppe 'Joe' Panetta ran his much-loved grocer shop on Darling Street Balmain for 57 years. In September, he hung up his apron and retired.

Joe, his wife Maria and their three daughters Luisa, Loredana and Romina have contributed richly

to their Balmain community. Inner West Mayor Rochelle Porteous said, "Joe has been there for everyone, whether for a paper, some flowers, some groceries or just a chat."

Council wrote to Joe and his family, thanking him for his service to the Balmain community and asking him to accept the title of "Local Balmain Hero".

## Western Harbour Tunnel online Public Meeting

Council opposes the Western Harbour Tunnel – it's a project that brings no benefits and significant negative impacts to the Inner West. Attend an online meeting and hear about Council's recent submission to Parliamentary Inquiry.

Thursday 11 November, 6pm-7.30pm | [yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au](http://yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au)

