

Council News

Winter 2019

Inner West

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New Marrickville Library this spring

Opening soon: The new Marrickville Library will be an incredible asset for the local community. **See page 3 for more details**

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GreenWay



Council's inaugural EDGE GreenWay creative precinct activation was a huge success, attracting thousands of people from across Sydney.
Next up, EDGE Sydenham 2-11 August.
www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/EDGE

News in brief

Inner West Council has a new CEO. He is Michael Deegan, with a background in public and private sectors.



A night-time garbage collection in the former Marrickville Council area will be introduced later this year, which will result in better services and significant cost savings.

Council has received a \$600,000 grant to plant more trees. More than 1,000 trees will be planted next planting season.



A new online customer service system allows residents to make and track requests by mobile phone, PC or any device, making Council more responsive and accountable to the community.

Did you know?



St Peters Depot is home to honey producing beehives maintained by local beekeepers. This is a small step in the fight against the worldwide decline in bee numbers that's threatening the long-term production of food crops and the survival of plants and trees.

Celebrating our community



Open Inner West

Don't miss Open Inner West from 14-23 June. The 10 day event celebrates the culture and diversity of the Inner West through storytelling, music, dance, film, art, theatre, food and workshops. www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/OpenInnerWest

Honourable Women

Council's International Women's Day Honour Roll celebrates local women and girls who have made a contribution to empowerment, equality, social justice and inclusion.

This year's women are:

- Anju Srivastava** outstanding volunteer for the migrant community
- Annabelle Daniel** Women's Community Shelters campaigner
- Barbara Ramjan** vulnerable and marginalised people advocate
- Elena Lambrinos** empowering women through dance (pictured)
- Jakalene Williams** outstanding volunteer for the Indigenous community
- Joanna Karalis** supporting disadvantaged families through We All Care
- Lois Dillon** creating jobs for people exiting the justice system
- Stella Kim** keeping older people active and connected
- Vanessa Gonzalez** supporting LGBTIQ families through Rainbow Families



Investing in our future

New Marrickville Library

The new library, on the site of the old Marrickville Hospital, is nearing completion and is set to open to the community this spring.

Showcasing the very best in sustainability, the building will serve as a vibrant and accessible community hub that features the latest technology including Wi-Fi, wireless printing, computer training areas, self check-in-and-out machines and smart screens.

20,000 new books will be added to the collection, alongside a historic art book collection available for public use. Kids will enjoy a dedicated children's library, and the 'Marrickville Pavilion' will be available to the community for functions.



Over 70,000 books

New junior library and garden

Art Stack with over 4,000 art books

4 meeting spaces

6 study rooms

1,200 sqm of garden space

Year of the Library

Around the time the new Marrickville Library opens its doors, St Peters Library will close temporarily for installation of a lift, and Haberfield Centre and Library and the Mervyn Fletcher Hall will close for 12 months for a major upgrade.

Council will spend nearly \$4 million on upgrading the Centre and Library, its community rooms, garden and refurbishing the Hall.



A new era

Spring will see the opening of Council's newest facility, and it is one of which we all have a right to be extremely proud.

The new Marrickville Library is being built on the site of the old Marrickville Hospital.

With over 70,000 books, a new junior library and garden and an art space with over 4,000 art books, it will be an amazing resource for all parts of our community.

The architecturally-designed library combines the old with the new and will also hold four meeting spaces, six study rooms and over 1,200 square meters of garden space.

The building itself is designed by the award-winning BVN Architects, one of Australia's largest architectural practices. They've worked on major projects like the Royal Randwick Racecourse redevelopment and they've designed something spectacular for the Inner West.

I've been on a tour of the library during construction and it is a truly amazing space – we can't wait to invite the public in and share it with you. It's like no other library I've visited.

Keep your eyes open for a notice about a community day where we will open the doors and invite you in to explore and experience everything the new library will have to offer.




Darcy Byrne

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Inner West Mayor

A healthy, sustainable Inner West



Council paves the way
Council is paving the way for environmentally sustainable roads by using new road resheeting made from recyclable material. Reconophalt is 65 per cent more durable than normal asphalt and made from printer toner cartridges, plastic bags, packing material and glass bottles. The innovative asphalt product is also recyclable itself and can be reused into the future.



New waste app
Find out 'what goes where' with our Waste App. The App gives you a personalised waste calendar, bin collection reminders, a bin guide and drop off locations for recycling, e-waste and chemicals.
www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WasteApp



Helping local needs
Inner West individuals and community groups are urged to apply for Council's 2019 grants, which include Arts and Culture, Community, Environment, Local History and Recreation. Applications close 30 June.
www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/grants



Business database
Council is working with local business chambers to create the Inner West's first comprehensive database of local business owners to strengthen ties within the business community, and help to boost the local economy.
www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/BusinessContact



Get active
Join one of our walking groups across the Inner West and meet regularly to connect, have fun and stay healthy. There are groups for seniors, parents and people of all ages.
www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/walking

Spotlight on the Inner West



Built Environment Awards

The awards program recognises contributions that celebrate the Inner West's built heritage and sustainable practices in three categories:

- Marrickville Medal for Conservation
- Sustainable Design Awards
- Urban Photography Competition

Jessica Lee won the 2019 photography award for her work *Iron Cove Passage* (pictured).

Keeping pedestrians safe

Inner West Council is taking a holistic approach to pedestrian safety, in response to figures showing that pedestrian casualties continue to rise. Data reveals the Inner West local government area has the highest percentage of casualties amongst pedestrians, bicycle and motorbike riders:

Casualty rate of Inner West pedestrians is 11.8%, compared to 8% for the Sydney region

426 pedestrians were hit by vehicles between 2011-15, that's 85 people each year

Most at risk are pedestrians aged 30-39 and over 70, motorcycle riders aged 30-39 and drivers exceeding the speed limit. Council's focus to combat those at risk include:

- 40km/h limits in residential streets
- Trouble spots such as St Peters WestConnex interchange
- Education campaign targeting high accident spots

Your rates at work

Council is investing over \$3 million this year to improve local infrastructure. Recent projects include \$1,180,000 to reconstruct road, footpath, stormwater and traffic facilities between Milton and Holden streets in Ashfield.

Over \$130,000 has also been spent to renew the footpath on Edgeware Road in Marrickville as part of \$3million project to improve footpaths, kerbs and gutters this financial year.



Before After



Illegal parking puts children's lives at risk

Council parking officers are patrolling school zones

Spotlight on the Inner West

Your say Inner West



Get involved in important projects that shape the future of the Inner West. Have your say on decisions affecting your local area. yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Supporting live music



Take advantage of our hands-on and face-to-face service for venues, providing advice on the planning and development process to host live music. www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/LiveMusicPlanning

Cyber Seniors



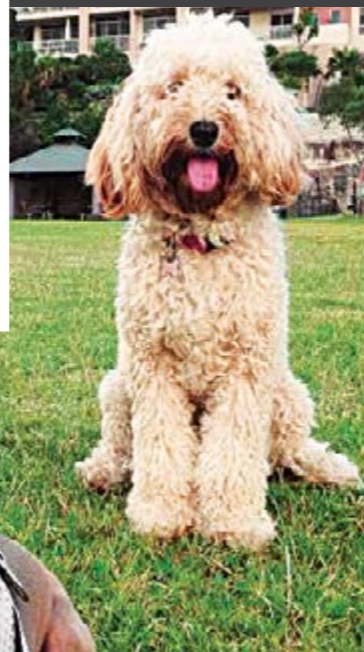
During May and June we've been helping over-55s who want to learn computer skills by partnering them with local high school students willing to share their time and expertise. Thanks to students at Ashfield Boys High and Casimir College Marrickville. www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/seniors

Speak out



We've been proudly flying the flag as part of our Speak Out campaign in support of Youth Week and Domestic Violence Prevention Month, to raise awareness in the community and highlight access to help and support. www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/SpeakOut

Pet ownership



Our Companion Animal Officers are out and about in parks, dispensing advice and free responsible pet ownership items like water bowls and leads. We also offer free engraved pet tags. www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/pets

Waterfront Drive Sporting Grounds opening

Council unveiled the Waterfront Drive Sporting Grounds upgrade at Callan Park in April with a community day featuring BBQ, jumping castle, face painting and football clinics. The upgrade included sports field lighting, irrigation, sub-surface drainage, regrading, new turf, cricket wicket, cricket net and new fencing.



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What's on Inner West

**Event details
and bookings**
[www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/
WhatsOn](http://www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn)

**14-23 June
Open Inner West**

10 days celebrating culture and diversity
www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/OpenInnerWest



**16-22 June
Refugee Week**

Celebrate through sharing food and stories from around the world
www.refugeeweek.org.au



**25 June-1 July
What life is this,
if full of care**

Chrissie Cotter Gallery

**27 June
Under construction**

Kids can build a masterpiece using our collection of LEGO. Fourth Thursday every month.
Leichhardt Library

**28 June
Game of Thrones
trivia night**

Ashfield Town Hall



**2-15 July
Falling Down and
Gathering Up**

Chrissie Cotter Gallery



**7-14 July
NAIDOC Week**

www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/NAIDOC



**9 July
Virtual Songlines:
Kamay**

Brett Leavy's digital mapping and virtual worlds showcase the deep-seated connection of Indigenous peoples to their land.

St Peters/
Sydenham Library

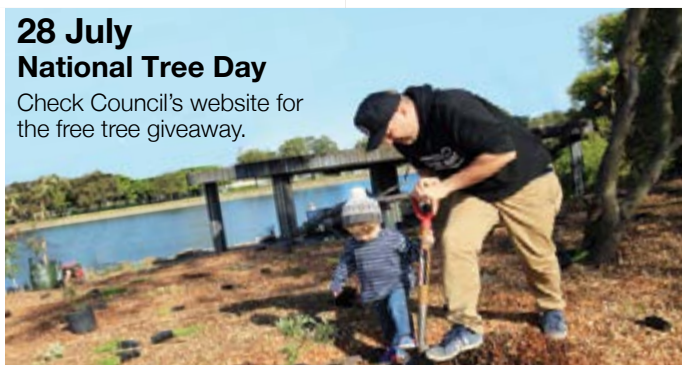
**16-29 July
Two Blocks Away:
Urban Nature**

Chrissie Cotter Gallery



**28 July
National Tree Day**

Check Council's website for the free tree giveaway.



**30 July-12 August
Local Flora**

Chrissie Cotter Gallery



**31 July
2019 Young
Creatives Awards**

Entries close today for the young writers and artists awards.

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

**13-26 August
Looking at the
Overlooked,
Still Life in
Contemporary
Practice**

Chrissie Cotter Gallery

**21 August
Development
Application
Information
Seminar**

Leichhardt Town Hall

**25 August
Footprints
Ecofestival**

Whites Creek
Valley Park,
Annandale



**1-7 September
Child Protection
Week**

Council will fly Speak Out flags to raise awareness about family violence

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

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