



Festivals are back!

Following the huge response to our always-popular festivals late last year, it's clear that our community has greatly missed the chance to be together.

The good news is summer's here, and in 2023 Inner West Council is giving you lots of opportunities to come together and celebrate!

Running until 5 March, Pride Inner West is already in full swing with a mammoth program of events celebrating our diverse LGBTIQ+ community.

We have officially renamed the main square in Newtown as Pride Square. It is the beating heart of Pride Inner West, featuring live performances, workshops, exhibitions, and much more. There's also a huge array of free and low-cost events in our streets, parks, and venues, including a free night-time screening of the Mardi Gras parade in Camperdown Park on Saturday 25 February.

On 18 February we mark Lunar New Year celebrations at Ashfield Town Hall, set to once again be the largest

annual Chinese New Year festival in the inner west. Our Lunar New Year event will be an audio-visual feast for the senses, featuring lion dancing, martial arts, drum dancing and more.

In February, we're also proud to announce a new festival on the Inner West calendar, Summerfest! Join us on Sunday 26 February in Enmore Park for an afternoon of family fun, kids workshops and interactive performances from Magic Yellow Bus and Circusworks, plus live music from Beanies, Bella Donna Gorgonzola, Earthbeats and Spaghetti Confetti.

Pack a picnic and come and join your fellow inner westies for a celebration of community, culture and summer!

See inside for information about all upcoming events.

Cheree Toka, our 2022 Inner West Citizen of the Year.



Citizen of the Year Award

Council has opened nominations for the annual Inner West Citizen, Senior Citizen and Young Citizen of the Year Awards, to recognise excellent community contributions from local people.

Nominations for the Amy Large Volunteer Awards will also acknowledge community members who contribute outstanding charitable effort to local families, organisations or the environment.

If this sounds like someone you know, we encourage you to nominate them so their contribution to our community may be recognised and celebrated.

Applications open from Wednesday 1 March – Sunday 2 April 2023



Customer Service Stalls are back

Weekend Customer Service Stalls are back after positive feedback in 2022. Inner West Council will be increasing the number of stalls and locations to fortnightly, open from 9:30am to 1:30pm. The first on 18 February in Newtown, opposite Newtown Station and then on 4 March at Steel Park in Marrickville.

Please see Council's website www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au for further details.

Sound financial management boosted by purchase

Inner West Council's commitment to sound financial management has been bolstered with the purchase of commercial property which will bring in about \$3 million annually.

The eight-story office building currently has a mix of government, commercial and not-for-profit tenants, containing 7,290 square metres of lettable area with four basement parking levels for 146 cars.

The income from the rent of approximately \$3 million annually is all part of our financial strategy to improve our long-term financial position and ensure the Inner West's financial sustainability.





Above: Mayor Darcy Byrne is joined by Darrell Jackson's daughters, son, granddaughter and extended family at the opening of the refurbished gardens.

Darrell Jackson Gardens Upgrade and the record-breaking Alderman behind the name

Late last year, the widely anticipated upgrade to Darrell Jackson Gardens in Summer Hill reopened to the community.

The park was named after Alderman Darrell Jackson, who is believed to have been the longest continuously serving Alderman in Australia.

Darrell Jackson was an Alderman, Mayor, and Deputy Mayor at Ashfield Council from 1937 until his retirement at age 85 in 1991.

Mr. Jackson was known to say, one reason for his constant re-election, was a broad Irish streak, making him a fighter resistant to getting pushed around.

Mr. Jackson's business was an Ashfield institution for 57 years, servicing the Ashfield community at the pharmacy he owned and operated with his family on both sides of the Hume highway.

Pride Square Opened

It was a great privilege to join with the LGBTIQ+ community to officially open the new Pride Square in Newtown on February 11.

Last year we applied to the NSW Government to change the name of Bedford Square, on King Street outside Newtown Town Hall, to Pride Square.

This is an act of recognition and respect for the LGBTIQ+ community in the Inner West, which has been the beating heart and soul of the struggle for equality and civil rights in this country.

This follows our previous renaming of Little Italy (central Leichhardt), Little Portugal (central Petersham), Little Greece (Marrickville Road) and Little Vietnam (Illawarra Road).

We want to honour and respect all the people who helped build the Inner West into what it is today.

Later this year we will be opening a Pride Centre, a hub for the LGBTIQ+, at Newtown Town Hall to provide a prominent and permanent place to bring the community together and to access services and support.

The Inner West is a community in which every citizen is welcome regardless of their ethnicity, sexuality, cultural or religious background. Let's keep it that way.



Free period products at Council facilities

Women using a number of Council's aquatic centres and libraries now have access to free period products from recently installed vending machines.

Inner West council is the first council in Australia to provide this service. The devices were launched in January. We believe that products such as tampons and pads should be available freely and treated just like toilet paper, towels and soap.

The vending machines are in:

- ▶ Ashfield library/ Ashfield Service Centre
- ▶ Marrickville Youth Resource Centre
- ▶ Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre
- ▶ Marrickville Library
- ▶ Balmain Library; and
- ▶ Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre in Marrickville.

The machines are state-of-the-art allowing access to the products hands free.

They can hold 36 pads and 50 tampons at the same time and machines are restocked every two weeks.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council

Pride Inner West

11 February to 5 March 2023



Mai Kanhukamwe and Dyan Tai
Dynasty: Queer Asian Pride
at Pride Square
Photograph: Joey K



Big Slice of Pride for Inner West

The inner west has glammed up for a sparkling three-week festival, **Pride Inner West**, celebrating the rich history of our LGBTQ communities.

The festival kicked-off in spectacular fashion with the official naming ceremony of **Pride Square** in Newtown on Saturday, 11 February.

For three weeks our sporting fields, community centres, art spaces and public domains will be illuminated with free and low-cost

events for all. Make a splash in our aquatic centres; honour LGBTQ+ trailblazers in our libraries; compete for the top title on our sporting fields and discover legendary legacies in our art spaces.

Inner West Council has curated a vibrant mix of performances, workshops and activations that reflect our diverse inner west LGBTQ+ communities, and presented alongside Sydney WorldPride.

Festival Snapshot

11 February to 5 March

Libraries

- ▶ Speaker series – Australia's pioneer 78ers, Robyn Kennedy and Robyn Plaister
- ▶ Rainbow Family Storytimes

Sporting Fields

- ▶ International Gay and Lesbian Football Association
- ▶ Amazon Tennis Tournament, Baseball Pride Round

Aquatic Centres

- ▶ Family Swim Day and Aqua Festival.

Pride Square

- ▶ Big Thick Energy
- ▶ FAMBO Pop Up
- ▶ Alli Sebastian Wolf.

Arts

- ▶ Miss Wolf Drag-O-Rama
- ▶ Sydney Pride Dance Championship
- ▶ Behind the Zip Exhibition
- ▶ Youth Ball and Vogue Workshop.



Pride Square festival hub

Pride Square in Newtown is the beating heart of Pride Inner West, inviting community to gather and experience a hive of activity.

Recently rejuvenated, Pride Square outside Newtown Town Hall, features a towering progress flag beacon and illuminated seating across the square while rainbows spill out throughout nearby Camperdown Park.

Packed with dynamic programming, Pride Square has a series of free events including Big Thick Energy's celebration of body positivity and liberation; FAMBO's series of creative workshops for little loves; the honouring of Queer Asian Excellence with Dynasty: Queer Asian Pride and more!

Left: Performer Alli Sebastian Wolf.

Peer Behind the Zip

Uncover the big and bold history of Drag Kings in Behind the Zip, a multimedia exhibition taking over Chrissie Cotter Gallery. A striking visual history of national talent, Behind the Zip traces a timeline of Drag Kings down under with photographs, print media, videos, objects and materials on display.

Behind the Zip is much more than an exhibition with performances on opening night and a panel discussion and workshop throughout the exhibition period.



Demon Derriere,
Big Thick Energy

Big Thick Energy take over Pride Square

The brainchild of performance artist Demon Derriere, Big Thick Energy (BTE) has proven a massive hit promoting body positivity and liberation through movement, creativity and community.

Across two days, Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 February, BTE will

take over Pride Square with local artisan markets, panel discussions, workshops and high-energy entertainment, with thick, curvy performance artists breaking stereotypes and celebrating self-love.



From left: Clr Justine Langford, Clr Liz Atkins, Clr Matt Howard, Clr Jessica D'Arienzo
Photograph: Joey K.

Pride of the Inner West

A community photoshoot was borne out of a wish by the Pride Inner West Advisory Committee to honour the diverse individuals and groups who have championed pride in our local areas.

Following a callout on social media, community were invited to strike a pose in a free photoshoot and the response was overwhelming, with 55 folks, two cats and a dog taking centre stage for their portrait.

Q&A with Lara Sabbadin, pictured left with her with sons Lui and Archie Sabbadin-Wells.

Q: What is your hope for the future of the LGBTIQ+ community?

That by the time my kids grow up, their next generation don't see the LGBTIQ+ community as different.

Q. How do you celebrate pride?

Attending community events, watching shows, getting to parties and marching in the parade to name a few.



For the full Pride Inner West program check out www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/prideinnerwest

Inner West wins top sustainability awards

Council's innovative sustainability work was recently recognised at the 2022 Local Government NSW Excellence in the Environment Awards.

Powering Towards Zero Emissions project: Overall and the winner Local Sustainability Award

This prestigious award recognises outstanding achievement by a NSW council to implement Ecologically Sustainable Development (ESD) and strive for a sustainable future for their local community.

Through the Powering Towards Zero Emissions project, we've:

- ▶ achieved our 100% renewable electricity target three years early
- ▶ reduced street lighting emissions by 20%
- ▶ recycled 1,115 tonnes of food waste
- ▶ become the first Council in Australia to be 100% divested from fossil fuels and powered by 100% renewable electricity.

Behaviour Change in Waste Awards Division C winner

This award recognises outstanding behaviour change initiatives in waste and recycling.

We've been working with the community to decrease unnecessary food waste. Through Food Recycling Champions, we've been able to:

- ▶ help residents compost more than 1,300 tonnes of food scraps.
- ▶ Introduce a Food Recycling for Apartments service that has been operating across Council for 18 months.

Find out more about food organics and composting, visit innerwest.nsw.gov.au/live/waste-and-recycling/organics



Above: Enmore residents Fiona Court and Dale Bartley making the first ever GoGet trip in Australia - a 4 hour shopping trip to Auburn.

GoGet car share was born in inner west

This year marks the 20th anniversary for GoGet CarShare and the long road to success began right here in the inner west.

Back in 2002 the two company founders had a great idea. Tired of seeing cars not being used, they thought surely there is a better way that gives people access without ownership.

So they bought three vehicles, coaxed 12 locals to become members and registered a business name, Newtown CarShare.
















Fast forward 20 years and Newtown CarShare is now GoGet and boasts more than 3,500 cars and 200,000 members nationally.

There are more than 15,000 GoGet members in the Inner West and council has provided dedicated spaces.

GoGet at a glance in Inner West:

- ▶ 324 cars in the Inner West
- ▶ 15,000 members
- ▶ 115 council dedicated car spaces
- ▶ One local GoGet car services about 47 residents, removing 12 privately owned cars that would have been parked on council's streets
- ▶ Carbon dioxide emissions reduced by more than 6000 tonnes per year

Councils welcomes interest from other carshare operators wishing to explore opportunities in the LGA.

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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

Waterplay Park

Illawarra Road, Marrickville South



What's On Inner West

For more information about what's on visit innerwest.nsw.gov.au

International Women's Day

Council will be holding several International Women's Day (IWD) events on March 8 as part of our commitment to building a more equitable community.

These events will be held in multiple languages, targeting participants of different backgrounds and ages to promote the empowerment of women.

International Women's Day brings important attention to systematic, social and economic discrimination against women. This year's IWD theme is "Cracking the Code: Innovation for a gender equal future" - highlighting the importance of access to digitalised education for women as a tool against inequality and underrepresentation.

See our full event list at www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au/explore/whats-on/events-in-detail/international-womens-day



Bairro Português Petersham Festival

On 19 March, we celebrate the Portuguese cultural history of Petersham at Bairro Português - Petersham Festival, bringing you the very best in Portuguese culture, music, dance, and traditional and contemporary foods. :

Please see Council's website www.innerwest.nsw.gov.au for further details.

Summer Fest

Join us for an afternoon of family fun on Sunday 26 February featuring The Beanies, Magic Yellow Bus, Earthbeats and more.

There'll be workshops, on-stage action and performances that'll keep you entertained while you celebrate community, culture and summer.

See you at Enmore Park, Marrickville, 3-7pm



We need you!

Inner West Council is looking for learn to swim instructors and lifeguards to join our fantastic aquatics team! Our state-of-the-art aquatic centres in Leichardt, Marrickville, Ashfield, Petersham and Balmain are looking to expand their dedicated staff and encourage any individuals 16+ seeking active, rewarding work with plenty of perks and on-the-job training to apply at any of these locations!