



Meet your new Council

Inner West has a new Council.

General Manager Peter Gainsford congratulated the successful candidates and said he and his leadership were looking forward to working with the new Council.

"I'd like to welcome new Councillors and welcome back those who've been re-elected," he said.

"I know I speak on behalf of all staff when I say that everyone at Council is looking forward to working in partnership with elected representatives in what

promises to be an exciting and challenging term ahead."

Darcy Byrne was elected Mayor and Jess D'Arienzo Deputy Mayor at the inaugural meeting of the new Council on Wednesday 29 December 2021.

Mayor Byrne said, "Our new, youthful team will bring enthusiasm, expertise, experience and passion to the task of making Inner West Council work for local people.

"We are determined to work collaboratively with all elected representatives, from all parties

and groups, to make sure the organisation is focused on serving local people."

Deputy Mayor D'Arienzo said, "We are a progressive, passionate and inclusive community. I will work collaboratively with all Councillors to ensure the needs and interests of local citizens are prioritised."

Inner West Councillors (left to right): Clr Da Cruz, Clr Shetty, Clr Lockie, Clr Drury, Clr Scott, Clr D'Arienzo, Clr Smith, Clr Byrne, Clr Griffiths, Clr Langford, Clr Stamolis, Clr Atkins, Clr Howard, Clr Stephens and Clr Tsardoulis

Inner West Fest

25 Feb – 10 Apr

Inner West Fest celebrations and activations coming to a precinct near you. See page 5

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Update on Tempe Reserve upgrade

The \$6 million upgrade of Tempe Reserve will be completed in April.

The upgrade includes:

- ▶ New synthetic multi-purpose sports field and five natural turf sports fields
- ▶ Irrigation upgrade and stormwater drainage and harvesting
- ▶ Four new synthetic cricket nets and two cricket wickets
- ▶ Sports field lighting upgrade
- ▶ Tree planting



"We are excited about the new synthetic and turf fields. It will make it possible for our girls and women's programs to expand. Our biggest challenge is not having enough training space - we certainly have the demand!"

- Gary Schmidt, President Marrickville Football Club

Demerger poll

At the Election on 4 December a non-binding poll was held regarding the potential demerger of the Inner West Council. Citizens were asked the following:

"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?"

The results of the poll were 62.49% in favour of a demerger.

Under the Local Government Act, Council is to initiate its business case for de-amalgamation.

The business proposal should outline matters including but not limited to the financial advantages and disadvantages

of demerging, attitudes of residents and ratepayers to the demerger, impacts on service delivery, facilities and the staff of the Council.



The proposal is submitted to the Minister who then seeks advice and recommendations from the Boundaries Commission on whether the proposal in terms of a demerger should proceed. The Boundaries Commission is an independent statutory body which is tasked to assess the proposal.

The Minister may or may not act on the advice and recommendations of the Boundaries Commission.

Council is committed to listening and responding to the message citizens have sent and will continue to deliver and improve services for the Inner West community.



New local Route 3 cycleway

The northern section of the Livingstone Road cycleway, Marrickville Road - Marrickville Oval is now complete.

Council is improving bicycle routes right across the Inner West to make it safer, more convenient and enjoyable for people of all ages and abilities to ride a bike.

Expected completion is June 2022. The total budget is \$3 million.



Council's latest GreenWay work

Council completed GreenWay local street works in December, making GreenWay streets more inviting for all users through the creation of green, low speed traffic areas.

This includes traffic calming, shared paths and landscaping along various streets in Dulwich Hill.

Next up, Council will be undertaking works to relocate

a high voltage electricity feeder within the inner west light rail corridor to make room for the GreenWay path, landscaping and trees.

The GreenWay Master Plan includes proposals for \$57 million of works to be implemented over the long term. Around \$47 million of works are anticipated to be completed by 2024.

Art celebrating Aboriginal culture and heritage wins major award

Inner West's public art celebrating Aboriginal culture and heritage wins major award

Council has won the prestigious Leo Kelly OAM Arts and Culture Award for the Gadigal Wangal Wayfinding Project.

The Gadigal Wangal Wayfinding project works comprise:

- Gurugal - Yagu - Barrabugu by Jasmine Sarin (2020), Camperdown Memorial Rest Park, Newtown. Reflecting Midjuburi (Lillypilly) Marrickville Ward
- Gadigal mural (2019) by Tim Phibs, PJ Simon, Kevin May and Joanne Cassady at Gadigal Reserve, Summer Hill. Reflecting Djarrawunang (Magpie) Ashfield Ward
- Fish Traps by Edwards Clarke (2019), King George Park, Balmain. Reflecting Baludarri (Leather Jacket) Balmain Ward
- Cadi - The Clansman by Blak Douglas aka Adam Hill (2019), Hawthorne Reserve, Leichhardt. Reflecting Gulgadya (Grass Tree) Leichhardt Ward
- Nawi by Joe Hirst (2019), Steel Park, Marrickville. Reflecting Midjuburi (Lillypilly) Marrickville Ward



New Council will serve the whole community

At the Election in December eight Labor Councillors were elected, forming an outright majority on the new Council.

Importantly, 10 of the 15 Councillors elected across all Wards are new faces, meaning there has been a real changing of the guard in the Inner West.

We know that the election of a Labor majority comes with a big responsibility to govern for the whole community - no matter who you voted for.

We need to listen to and represent all local people and include all viewpoints in decision making.

Our priority is to promote cooperation amongst all elected representatives, from all parties and groups, to make sure the organisation is focused on serving local people.

We can't wait to get started on implementing the program of positive and ambitious policies that we took to the community at the Election.

Please don't hesitate to contact myself and your newly elected Councillors if you need assistance or have an idea about how to make the Inner West an even better place.

Thank you for your support, we won't let you down.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



Council announces successful grants

Seventy-nine Inner West projects have received more than \$440,000 in Council funding, as part of the Inner West Council Grant Program.

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

Last year, 89 Inner West projects received more than \$500,000 in Council** grant funding.

*In addition, in August Council allocated \$50,000 of the Community Wellbeing grants budget to Addison Road Food Pantry and Bill Crews Exodus Foundation to improve food insecurity for families in the Inner West during the pandemic.

**Some grants were funded over two years.

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

Left: Artsabout received a \$7,800 Arts Projects grant for The Walking Arts Tour, a permanent audio walk capturing the migrant, industrial and creative histories of Marrickville



Inner West Fests will be lighting up the Town Halls in Djarrawunang (Ashfield) and Midjuburi (Marrickville) – just like previous Inner West Fests in Balmain and Leichhardt. Photo: Daniel Kukec Photography



Outdoor dining-led recovery

Council introduced grants and new regulations to boost outdoor dining, as part of Inner West's post-COVID economic recovery.

Restaurants, cafes, bars, pubs, small bars, breweries, and other food and drink businesses benefitted from the new interim guidelines which includes footpaths and kerbside parking spaces.

Go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/OutdoorDining to find out more.



Refugee Centre wins award

Council's Community Refugee Welcome Centre (CRWC) has won the inaugural 2021 Salvos Multicultural Welcome Project Award.

The awards celebrate the contributions of multicultural communities to Australian society.

CRWC Coordinator Moones Mansoubi said, "We are very grateful to receive this award. It would have not been possible without our partners, people from refugee backgrounds, people seeking asylum, and Inner West locals who have collectively created a place that people feel safe and sense of belonging."



Community Refugee Welcome Centre Coordinator Moones Mansoubi (right) with Settlement Services International's Naushin Rahman

The CRWC has been operating since March 2017 through a partnership between Settlement Services International (SSI), Inner West Council and the Catholic Diocese of Sydney.

Progress Pride flag

Late last year, Council voted unanimously to fly the new Progress Pride flag.

The flag was designed by non-binary artist and graphic designer Daniel Quasar in 2018.

It incorporates both the existing six-colour Rainbow Flag designed by Gilbert Blake, and a chevron of white, pink, and blue colours of the Trans Pride Flag designed by Monica Helms to represent trans, non-binary and gender diverse people.

The black and brown stripes represent marginalized people of colour, people living with AIDS, and those no longer living.

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Heritage fence for Birchgrove Oval

Council has replaced the heritage picket fence at Birchgrove Oval. The beautiful oval on Sydney Harbour is the birthplace of rugby league in Australia and was National Trust listed in 1988. Work was completed in early February 2022. Council spent \$290,000 on the fence replacement, sandstone wall repairs and an accessible walkway.

Inner West Fests coming soon

Djarrawunang (Ashfield) Midjuburi (Marrickville) and Damun (Stanmore)

25 February – 10 April 2022

Inner West Fests are coming to Midjuburi, Damun and Djarrawunang.

Six weeks of community-led activations, including vintage sideshow, music galore, photography exhibition, family friendly rock 'n roll, markets, workshops – plus two more Town Halls will be lit up with local Aboriginal stories.

Go to innerwest.nsw.gov.au/InnerWestFest



100 years of Marrickville Town Hall

About 20,000 people witnessed Mayor Henry Morton officially open Marrickville Town Hall on Saturday 11 February 1922.

The site on which the Town Hall stands was previously a market garden owned by nine-time Mayor Joseph Graham.

Described in the Official Souvenir as "undeniably the finest civic hall outside the City of Sydney", the brick building's sandstone dressings were taken from Council's quarry at Undercliffe.

Internally, there is beautiful wainscoted, French-polished Queensland maple, and the stairs are Terrazzo marble, with wrought iron balustrades.

Council marked the centenary with talks and a special concert featuring the historic Wurlitzer Theatre Organ, one of the few working pipe organs left in Sydney.



Be the Good Sort

Be the Good Sort and recycle right. Find out what goes where at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Recycling

RecycleSmart

Council has teamed up with RecycleSmart, which means you can book a collection of recyclables that can't be put in the yellow lid bin, like soft plastics, batteries and polystyrene.

Go to recyclesmart.com



Booked clean-up collections for all

Council's booked clean-ups have replaced Council clean up days across the entire Inner West local government area.

Booked clean-ups are more convenient and can be booked any time of year.

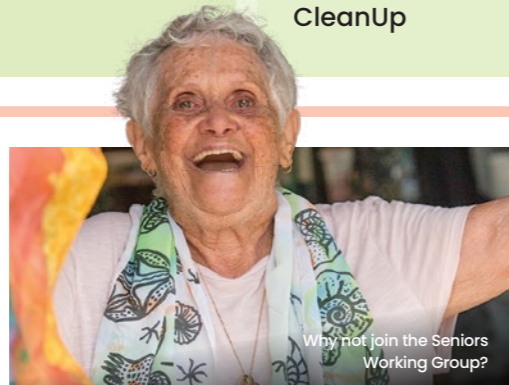
Find out more at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CleanUp

Help shape the Inner West

Have your say on park upgrades, access at Dawn Fraser Baths, verge gardens and more at yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au.

Here's what's happening in March:

Increasing access at Dawn Fraser Baths for people with disabilities
If you or someone you know want to be involved in the consultation, contact Engagement Coordinator Annie Coulthard on 9392 5328 or annie.coulthard@innerwest.nsw.gov.au



Why not join the Seniors Working Group?

Are you a senior? Want to be part of Council's decision making? Join the Seniors Working Group!
Contact Healthy Ageing Programs Supervisor Mary Ciantar on 9335 2108 or mary.ciantar@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Are you Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander and interested in joining Council's Advisory Committee?

Contact Cultural Advisor Deborah Lennis on 9392 5755 or deborah.lennis@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Yeo Park upgrade
We want advice on design improvements.

Plus coming soon:

Our Place – Harmonisation of the Inner West Local Environmental and Development Control Plans is underway and we want to know – are we on the right track?

Verge garden policy
Help us develop sensible rules for anyone who wants to create gardens on Inner West verges.

Your Councillors

Find your ward - innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WardMap

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Baludarrri (Leather Jacket)



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Monday – Sunday: Ashfield, Balmain, Leichhardt and Marrickville

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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



What's On Inner West

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



Pictured front centre with members of the Vespa Club Leichhardt, Council and Create NSW staff and Leichhardt locals are Inner West Council General Manager Peter Gainsford and NSW Dept of Planning Program Manager Andrew Hargraves

Improving Parramatta Road

The first of three exciting public artworks has been installed in Leichhardt as part of the Parramatta Road Urban Amenity Improvement Program (PRUAIP).

The \$198 million initiative by the NSW Government will improve open space and active transport links along Parramatta Road. In the Inner West, this included more than \$20 million for a new park, new cycle and GreenWay connections.

Moto Baccio by Karl Meyer, on Renwick Street Leichhardt, is Vespa-inspired seating painted Rosso Corsa (red), the colour used internationally by Italian motor racing teams.

This work sits seamlessly with the new precinct in central Leichhardt named Little Italy.

2022 Seniors Festival 23 March to 3 April 'Reconnect'



Everyone's had to distance socially and physically the past year or two - which is why the 2022 Senior's Festival theme is 'Reconnect'.

Find out what Council is doing at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/SeniorsFestival

Do you want to know more about what's available in the community for older people?

Visit innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Seniors or innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn

Or contact the Healthy Ageing team on 9392 5863 or seniors@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Meals on Wheels is available in the Inner West and has been working to help our community for over 60 years. Go to nswmealsonwheels.org.au

Tom Phillis celebration

Family and motorcyclists gathered in Marrickville Park on 15 October 2021 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Tom Phillis winning the 1961 World 125cc Motorcycle Championship.

Tom's achievement is marked by a plaque in the Marrickville Sporting Walk of Honour, which opened in

2017 to recognise the Inner West's sporting heritage.

Tom's widow Betty and daughter Debra attended, with Betty saying Tom lived at two addresses in Charles Street Marrickville and began his competition career racing his bicycle at Henson Park.



New summer opening hours at Ashfield Aquatic Centre

AAC is now open until 8pm on Sat/Sun/Public Holidays during daylight saving period 7pm outside of daylight saving | innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Aquatics

