

Budget Update

Budget delivers for the community

The Inner West is delivering on key commitments made in the recent local government elections in its 2022 - 2023 Budget, with a focus on a greener, healthier Inner West, dramatically improved main streets, better interactions with residents and even more support for arts and creative industries.

The Budget emphasises continued delivery of valuable local services, maintaining and improving infrastructure and building new facilities for everyone to enjoy.

Key highlights include:

LGA wide

\$12.5 million
Operating our eight libraries

\$87.6 million
Capital works. 43% on new infrastructure and 57% on renewing existing assets

\$3 million
Stormwater works to prevent flooding and reduce pollution

\$15.1 million
Upgrade town centre main streets

\$19 million
Operating our long day care centres, family day care scheme, preschool and outside school hours care services

\$3.8 million
Greenway Bay Run upgrade

\$8.2 million
Road renewal

\$1.2 million
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Paringa Reserve Elliott Street new kiosk

Baludarrri (Balmain)

\$8.5 million
Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre upgrade

Gulgadya (Leichhardt)

\$1.2 million
Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre Refurbishment

Damun (Stanmore)

\$1.4 million
Mary Street to Sydenham cycleway

LGA wide

Midjuburi (Marrickville)

\$2.5 million
New Tempe Reserve amenities building

\$1.4 million
Balmain Town Hall refurbishment

\$2.9 million
King George Park upgrade

\$4.5 million
Footpath improvements

\$700,000
Annandale Town Hall Community Centre refurbishment

\$2.2 million
Petersham Town Hall renewal

\$1.8 million
Newtown Town Hall renewal

\$5.2 million
Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre upgrade

\$1.1 million
St Peters Town hall internal refurbishment

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Inner West Mayor Daroy Byrne and Councillors officially opened the Tempe Reserve upgrade in May

Tempe Reserve

The Inner West completed the magnificent upgrade of Tempe Reserve sports fields earlier this year.

The \$5.9 million upgrade included:

- ▶ A new synthetic multi-purpose sports field with new sports lighting
- ▶ Natural sports field upgrades with new turf and upgraded irrigation
- ▶ Stormwater improvements including stormwater harvesting to service the amenities block
- ▶ New cricket wickets, nets and four new cricket nets
- ▶ New paths, tree plantings and landscaping

The Inner West will spend \$9.8m over next two financial years on improvements to Easton Park, Camdenville Park, Steel Park, Mackey Park, Hammond Park and HJ Mahoney Reserve, including over \$2.9 million on upgrading King George Park this year, plus:

- ▶ \$1.9 million for sports lighting upgrade, as part of the second phase of Tempe Reserve Upgrade
- ▶ Commence the \$8.5 million Leichhardt Park Aquatic Centre upgrade
- ▶ \$880,000 on construction of a new park in Ashfield
- ▶ \$3 million towards cycleways
- ▶ Over \$2 million on the street tree program to help cool Inner West suburbs
- ▶ \$10.6 million towards completing the GreenWay 'missing links'



Where do your rates go? For every \$100 collected, Council allocates:

Capital and Major Projects	\$39	Facilities Management	\$3
Resource Recovery Planning and Operations	\$10	Events, Living Arts, Community Wellbeing, Social and Cultural Planning	\$2
Parks and Streetscapes Operations	\$8	Development Assessment	\$2
Children's Services	\$7	Urban Forest	\$1
Sports and Recreation	\$7	Engineering Services	\$1
Civil Maintenance	\$5	Urban Ecology and Sustainability	\$1
Libraries, History, Community Venues and Centres	\$5	Building Certification, Environmental Health, and Building Regulation	\$1
Parking and Ranger Services	\$4	Traffic & Transport Planning	\$1
Strategic Planning and Economic Development	\$3		



Moving? Decluttering? It's easy to book a free Clean-up

Inner West's free booked Clean-up service is a flexible, efficient and environmentally beneficial way to recycle or dispose of unwanted goods.

At Council's webpage innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CleanUp you can find out how to organise a Clean-up

or explore how to reuse, swap or share by using online groups, resale platforms and local organisations.

So book a free Clean-up now at innerwest.nsw.gov.au/CleanUp or call 9392 5000 for more information.



Inner West will expand the Food and Garden Organics service (FOGO) to all households before the end of this Council term

Inner West has become the first local government in Australia to be both 100 percent divested from fossil fuels and 100 percent powered by renewable energy. The renewable energy deal commenced on 1 July. Council is sourcing solar energy from Moree Solar Farm, helping our community eliminate carbon emissions and save money into the future.



Delivering on commitments we made to you

At the election last December we made a commitment to make the Inner West Council work for you. This first Budget of the new term is dedicated to your priorities.

We are massively expanding face-to-face engagement and customer service through monthly town hall meetings and new customer service stalls to be held in every neighbourhood across the Inner West.

Our plan to expand food recycling to every home in the Inner West is progressing well.

We are making big investments in main street revitalisation, improving roads and footpaths in high traffic areas, but also through new street furniture, public art, decorations and outdoor dining and live performance.

Our program of town hall refurbishments is expanding with the aim of having more of these facilities used for the arts and music as well as being opened to the public for much greater use.

We are also continuing to increase our investment in parks, pools and sporting facilities to meet the growing need for more and better active and passive recreation spaces.

These investments are possible because of sensible financial management throughout the COVID-19 crisis which sees the Inner West in a much stronger budgetary position than most councils in NSW.

Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



Award winning infrastructure

In March, three of the Inner West's major infrastructure projects won prestigious NSW Master Builders Excellence in Construction Awards.

The Haberfield Centre and Library, Dawn Fraser Baths and Ashfield Aquatic Centre were all recognised for high quality design.

In the first major upgrade and expansion of the Haberfield Centre and Library in 30 years, the building's heritage features were carefully restored and improvements made in functionality and technology. The result is a striking, multi-purpose community hub that will serve the needs of our diverse community.

The \$8 million heritage restoration of one of Sydney's most-loved assets, the beautiful and historic Dawn Fraser Baths, included replacing the pavilion and decking, raising the Baths floor level to mitigate sea level rise and future-proof the facility and other improvements.

The Ashfield Aquatic Centre project involved the complete redevelopment of the site and the delivery of a state-of-the-art facility for the Inner West community.



The \$8 million restoration of Dawn Fraser Baths also won the prestigious President's Prize at the 28th annual National Trust (NSW) Heritage Awards, announced in May

Sensible financial management

Despite the continued impacts of COVID-19, the Inner West remains in a sound financial position.

Throughout the year we identified further savings and received Grant Funding earlier than anticipated. This has reduced the budget deficit to \$2.2 million for the 2021-22 financial year.

The Budget includes a strong capital program of \$176.3 million, made up of asset renewal (\$49.6 million) and asset expansion (\$119.2 million). This asset expansion includes our newly purchased commercial property to replace Council-owned property compulsorily acquired by Transport for NSW. This purchase will provide Council

an ongoing revenue of \$4 million in rental income.

Other asset expansion includes in ICT, operations and facilities management.

In the past five years, the Inner West has identified more than \$22 million worth of efficiencies and harmonised services and we are committed to further budget repair.

We will continue with our adopted program of continuous improvement, measure our progress against the Australian Business Excellence Framework and benchmark our services against other organisations.

Going forward, we are committed to further fiscally innovative and responsible decision-making, improving our long-term financial position and ensuring the Inner West's financial sustainability.

Connect with us and tell us what matters to you

At Inner West's new Local Matters Forums, you can meet with your Ward Councillors and the executive staff of Council, who will listen to your ideas and concerns about how your community can be improved.

And our new mobile Customer Service Stalls are staffed by members of our community engagement and customer service teams. They can take queries and feedback, and log and follow up on your requests.

There's a forum or stall coming to your area soon:

Customer Service Stalls

Newtown Square, Saturday
6 August, 9.30am – 1.30pm

Marrickville Metro Shopping Centre,
Saturday 3 September,
9.30am – 1.30pm



Cllrs Tim Stephens and Philippa Scott attended the first mobile Customer Service Stall in Haberfield in early June

Local Matters Forum

Ashfield/Djarrawunang ward,
Emanuel Tsardoulis Community
Library, Tuesday 23 August,
6pm – 7.30pm

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