



The Buuja Buuja dancers performed at the launch of Creative Town Halls at Petersham Town Hall

Creative Town Halls opened

All 7 of the Inner West's town halls have now been converted to arts and cultural venues available free of charge as spaces for live performance, rehearsal and exhibition.

The town halls have been made even more attractive for use by artists with an \$800K investment in sound systems, audio-visual equipment, performance and recording studios to be used across all the venues.

Council has also created a concierge service to assist artists and organisations to identify the best venue for them and to curate the best use of these amazing spaces.

These conversions into fully fitted-out venues secure the Inner West as the national capital of independent arts and culture. The upgrade to all seven town halls expands the spaces available for our artists to display, practice and perform their work.

The converted Marrickville Town Hall is the flagship for the program with the basement to be reinvented as a major performance space.

Council's investment in local arts and creative industries will transform the capacity of both professional and

community arts organisations to rehearse, perform and attract new audiences.

For more information on Creative Town Halls scan this QR code





History Highlight

New heritage pub trail

Back in the day, the Balmain peninsula had 55 hotels. The first pub, the Balmain Hotel, opened in 1842

Many of these pubs didn't survive the Great Depression and, later, the changing demographics of the peninsula. Of the original 55 pubs, today the Balmain peninsula still has an impressive 19 pubs in operation. In the 1970s Balmain became the home of the "pub crawl" thanks to the Sydney Push movement which attracted an intellectual subculture of predominantly left-wing

libertarianism and included artists, writers, students, academics, manual workers, musicians, lawyers, criminals, journalists and public servants all congregating in various Balmain pubs.

As part of our \$7.5 million Main Streets Revitalisation Program, we have created Inner West's first ever Heritage Pub Trail.

With 19 famous pubs included, from the Three Weeds to the Sackville and the Cat and Fiddle Hotel, check out our heritage trail and discover which pub is your favourite.

Scan this QR code for more info:



A new cycleway to help you get where you're going

Carrington Rd Cycleway

Inner West Council has upgraded the existing cycleway along Carrington Road in Marrickville. The upgrade covers five side streets between Myrtle Street and Renwick Street.

The project involved installation of a dedicated cycle lane at the intersections of Harriet Street, Schwebel Street, Ruby Street, Warren Street and Renwick Street, Marrickville, to provide continuity access and safe priority to cyclists at the intersections.

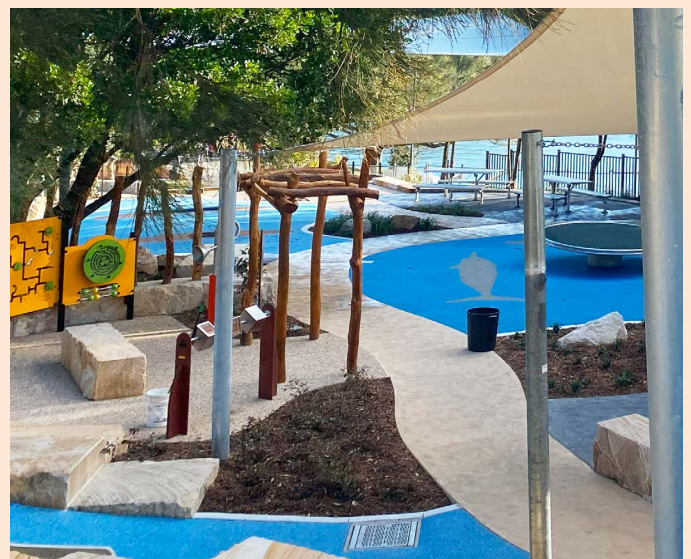
King George Park inclusive playground

Inner West Council has committed to building a range of inclusive playgrounds throughout our suburbs

Council's new inclusive playground gives children with and without disability a space to play together. This means accessible parking, toilets and ramps, wide pathways to get around the full site, accessible BBQ, seating, and picnic tables.

Council has invested \$2.9 million to deliver five flagship inclusive playgrounds. The King George Park playground, designed with play experts Touched By Olivia Foundation, has adapted play equipment including a wheelchair-friendly trampoline, swings with modified seating, quiet and social spaces and a sensory room with sound and tactile components. There is also a nature trail, a water feature, slides, climbing opportunities and a flying fox.

The King George Park inclusive playground will open this September.



Council staff from the
Resource Recovery team



Inner West litter less

Inner West Council is undertaking a 4-year litter prevention project led by the Resource Recovery Planning team.

In good news, Council has been successful with our application to the NSW Environment Protection Authority for \$400,000 to fund the next 3 years of this project.

Council will work closely with partners Cooks River Alliance and the Parramatta River Catchment Group to deliver an ambitious local litter prevention target of 30% reduction in plastic litter by 2025 and a 60% reduction in overall litter by 2030.



Sign up for our Fitness Pass

Active Inner West

With spring around the corner, Active Inner West allows you to make the most of where you live.

With a wide variety of group fitness classes, indoor and outdoor heated pools, and state-of-the-art gym facilities across the Inner West, our Fitness Pass is the perfect way to discover everything our Inner West aquatic facilities have to offer.

Our Fitness Pass gives you unlimited access to five aquatic centres and three gyms.

Check out details by scanning this QR code:



Balmain Town Hall reopens

The historic Balmain Town Hall and Library reopened after an extensive \$4 million renovation by Council. Some of new features include:

- ▶ Restoration of the heritage facade and tower stairs
- ▶ Enhanced library layout with new furniture, carpet, shelving, expanded work and flexible study areas
- ▶ Reinstating the connection between the Old Council Chambers, now called the Uncle Bob Webb Chambers, that will provide the community with additional seating, if the space is not being used for a program or hire
- ▶ Upgraded roof, air conditioning and humidity control, electrical systems, and lighting services

Come and check it out!



The refurbished Balmain Town Hall has reopened



The popular playground has been upgraded

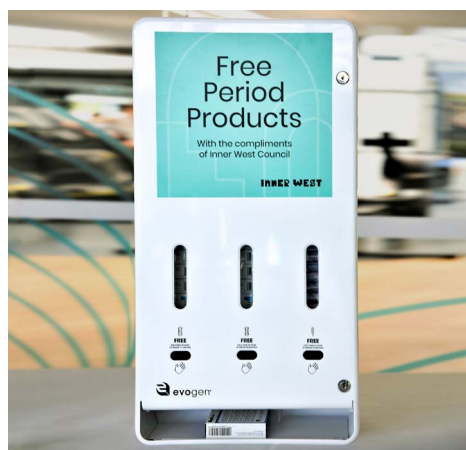
Wangal Nura Park Playground is better than new

Wangal Nura Park (translates as People's Place) Playground upgrade is finished and looks better than ever.

Everyone will love the new shade cloth, climbing equipment, slide and grass softfall, and the popular new twin bucket swing.

Many local schoolchildren came up with their parents, grandparents, and carers to celebrate the recent opening.

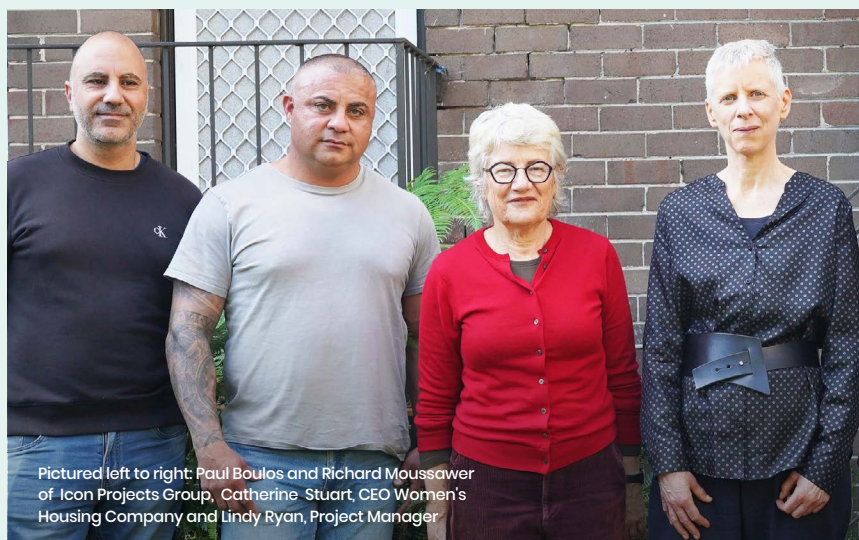
Council's investment in play and recreation spaces like this is crucial to improving the health and well-being of our community.



Period poverty

In 2023, Inner West Council became the first Council in NSW to provide free pads and tampons as a trial in public toilets.

By providing free period products, council is making these essential items as accessible as other sanitary necessities like toilet paper and soap. Council's program is vital to combating period poverty, a pressing issue affecting people who struggle to afford essential menstrual hygiene products. Based on the success of the initial trial, Council has decided to continue the program for the 2024/2025 financial year.



Pictured left to right: Paul Boulos and Richard Moussawer of Icon Projects Group, Catherine Stuart, CEO Women's Housing Company and Lindy Ryan, Project Manager

Women's Housing energy trial

Council takes action to combat energy bills for vulnerable residents.

In a bid to alleviate the financial strain on low-income households, Inner West Council has launched a pioneering energy efficiency service pilot program, allocating \$25,000 towards the initiative.

Teaming up with the Women's Housing Company non-profit, the project supports the energy refurbishment of eight residences in the local government area, identifying key areas for energy improvements and implementing tailored upgrades.

With many households faced with soaring energy bills and cost-of-living pressures, this initiative eliminates the energy costs of coal and gas, and instead supports the implementation of state-of-the-art, cost-effective sustainable energy sources for the residents to enjoy.



Inner Westies' food and garden waste is turned into compost

FOGO update

In the first eight months of FOGO, the new food recycling service, 6,000 tonnes of food waste were diverted from landfill. This meant that our community reduced carbon emissions by an extraordinary 12,600 tonnes.

As a result, Inner Westies have been creating top-quality FOGO compost generated from the food waste of residents and converted into fertile compost. So it was fitting that on National Tree Day at Richard Murden Reserve in Haberfield, locals planted trees using the rich FOGO compost.

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to all residents who joined Council in the festivities by planting native trees and helping to restore local biodiversity and foster future habitats for local wildlife.



Young locals planting trees for the future of the Inner West



Greening the streets of the Inner West

Create a verge garden

Calling all eco-friendly Inner Westies, creative minds, and community champions.

Council's Adopt-a-Spot program is here to breathe new life into community spaces, and we need YOUR help.

We're inviting schools, businesses, friend groups, and eco-focused individuals alike to register their creative ideas or interest in revitalising Council-managed

spaces with plants. If you envision colourful gardens or bustling wildlife habitats on public land, or want to embark on a fun community project, we warmly welcome you to register your interest and share your ideas with our Urban Ecology Team, who will provide you with guidance, support and loads of helpful tips.

Scan for more info

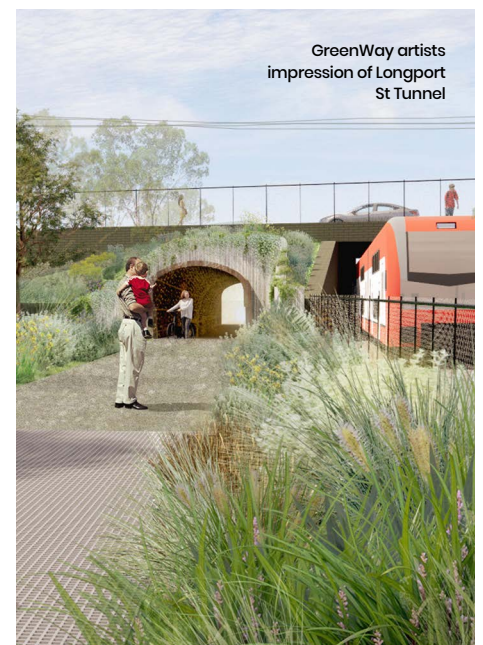


GreenWay update: Longport Street tunnel, Lewisham

Council is working on connecting the final links of the \$57 million GreenWay active transport corridor.

We are delivering the new Lewisham section and constructing the Longport Street tunnel to connect Cadigal Reserve to Lewisham West station.

This takes us one step closer to completing the GreenWay in May 2025, our green link between the Cooks River and Iron Cove.

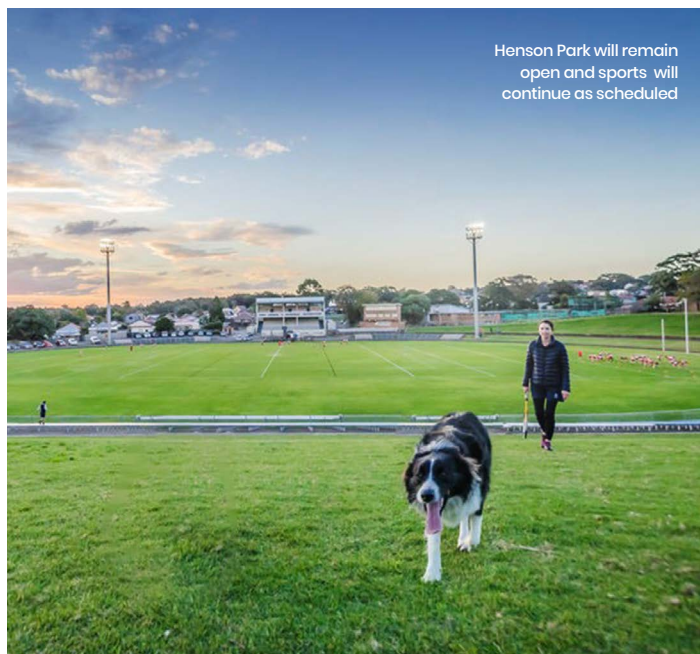


GreenWay artists impression of Longport St Tunnel

Henson Park works begin

The \$12.5m Henson Park grandstand and amenities renovation is underway. This will make Henson Park a permanent home for the Newtown Jets and Sydney Swans women's team, plus a hub for women's AFL and the community. Funded by NSW AFL, Inner West Council, and Federal and State Governments, the completed upgrades will include:

- ▶ Refurbished King George V Grandstand
- ▶ Female-friendly changerooms
- ▶ Refurbished referee and first aid area
- ▶ New gymnasium for tenant sports clubs
- ▶ New multi-use club room for sporting and community users
- ▶ Building an elevator to the grandstand to improve accessibility



Henson Park will remain open and sports will continue as scheduled

Did you know?



Fun facts about pets in the Inner West

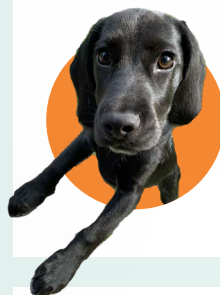


The current dog and cat population is almost 82,000. That's more than 45,500 dogs and more than 36,400 cats!

There are currently more Inner West households with dogs, than households with children.



The most popular dog breed is a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel x Poodle, known unofficially as a 'Cavoodle', followed by Labrador, then Staffy.



Marrickville has the largest dog population in the Inner West.

The Lilyfield/Balmain area has the most dog off-leash parks.



The most popular cat breeds are Domestic, Burmese and Ragdoll.



The Inner West Council Companion Animal team has provided more than 3,000 free, personalised, pet ID collars and tags to our residents.



Inner West Council is leading the way with disability employment opportunities

Disability traineeship program

In a local government first, Inner West Council has committed to map out opportunities for disability employment throughout the whole organisation. With service units across a vast array of different types of employment, the Council is ideally placed to provide systemic employment options

for people with disability. Council engaged with disability specialist Ability Advocate, who will provide recruitment talent search, as well as ongoing training and support for the trainee and their respective Council supervisor in the team within which they will be stationed.

Kindness Cupboard

Established to connect people in need with donated goods and services that change their lives for the better, Project Kindness assists vulnerable people to feel more connected to their community.

Their Kindness Cupboards are free resources for individuals and families around Sydney who are doing it tough. They are filled with non-perishable food and toiletries that may seem like basics, but for people living below the poverty line, they are everything.

There's a Kindness Cupboard at Balmain Town Hall, and Project Kindness encourages people to take what they need and leave what they can.



The Kindness Cupboard at Balmain Town Hall



Dr Floria Tosca

GreenWay artists announced

Inner West Council has announced the eight successful artists commissioned to create public artworks along the GreenWay. The GreenWay, an active transport, biodiversity and public art corridor connecting the Cooks River to Iron Cove, is on track for completion in 2025.

The \$57 million investment for the GreenWay is one of the most significant public space projects in the Inner West's history.

Council has commissioned eight artists to create site-specific works that will deliver one of Sydney's largest free outdoor galleries.

The eight successful artists are:

- ▶ Jasmine Sarin: Gadigal Reserve Nature Play
- ▶ Benjamin Muir: Gadigal Reserve
- ▶ James Gulliver Hancock: Lewisham West
- ▶ Dr Floria Tosca: Davis St Tunnel
- ▶ Carla Gottgens: Johnson Park
- ▶ OxKing: Constitution Rd Tunnel
- ▶ Mark O'Ryan: Hercules St Parklands Entrance
- ▶ James Voller: Hercules St Parklands

Scan this QR code for more details about the artists and the GreenWay





What's On Inner West

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

Customer Service + Local Matters Forum

The next Customer Service Stall is on Saturday 14 September, 9.30am to 1.30pm at Camperdown Park, Camperdown.

Check the QR code for other mobile customer service timings. You can also have your voice heard at your Local Matters Forum. Come along and have your local matters questions discussed at the face-to-face meeting.

Balmain-Baludarra residents can take part in their next Local Matters Forum on Tuesday 29 October, at 6pm at Balmain Town Hall.

Scan the QR code to find local customer service activities



Enjoy the fun at Dulwich Hill festival

Dulwich Hill Festival

Come and celebrate the community and delights of Inner West village Dulwich Hill on Sunday 29 September, 12pm to 5pm. A local hidden gem, Dulwich Hill is ready to shine for the festival's return to the streets. Footpaths and streetscapes will come alive with live music, foodie treats, artisan stallholders and more!

Dulwich Hill Festival will celebrate all that is loved about the village and community and attracts approximately 8,000 people to the event.

Think cheese plates, artisan bakeries, book stores, live entertainment and family friendly activities all afternoon at the Dulwich Hill Festival!

Where: Marrickville Road, Dulwich Hill

When: Sunday 29 September, 12-5pm

Re Place preloved clothing shop

Buy high quality resued clothing for affordable prices and help divert clothes from landfill!

With sizes ranging from XXS to XXL, there's something for everyone. Discover jeans, shirts, suits, winter coats and even formal dresses. Even better? All items are under \$20. Dogs on leashes are also welcome. Accessible shop, change rooms, parking and bathrooms are available.

Where: Inner West Sustainability Hub, 7 Prospect Rd Summer Hill

When: Saturday 14 September 2pm-6pm



Find your next fave outfit