



Come and join in the family-friendly fun

Mardi Gras screening

Join the fun at our two free events

This year, Council is hosting two free events to celebrate Mardi Gras on 1 March. Our annual Feel the Love celebration in support of our LGBTQ+ community kicks off at the new Inner West Pride Centre at Pride Square in Newtown, opposite the train station.

Come along to the official opening at 1pm for the launch and speeches. Then join the walk of

solidarity down Australia Street to Camperdown Memorial Rest Park for the full Feel the Love festival experience. Discover food, music, entertainment and a host of fun and inclusive activities for the whole family.

There'll be a free BBQ, DJ, face painting, food trucks, dog show, drag show, stalls and a sensory space van.

At 5.30pm, stay around and grab your best viewing spot for the free Mardi Gras screening.

When: 1pm, 1 March, 2025

Where: Inner West Pride Centre, 1a Bedford Street, Newtown and Camperdown Memorial Rest Park from 1.30pm, Federation Road, Lennox and Church Streets, Newtown.



Dogs will love the new park

New Lewisham dog park opens

Inner West Council has reached an exciting milestone in the \$45 million GreenWay project, opening a new off-leash dog park in Lewisham West.

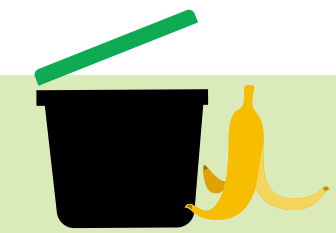
The Lewisham West off-leash dog park is the first part of the GreenWay missing links project to open to the public.

The Inner West has one of the highest numbers of dog owners in Sydney so the new park is sure to be a hit.

The park includes a fully fenced dog off-leash area, natural play spaces for dogs to explore, a new concrete pathway surrounding the park, shaded trees areas for resting and a separate off-leash area for smaller dogs.

The GreenWay project, a partnership between Inner West Council and the NSW Government, is nearing completion and will open in mid-2025.

Scan the QR code for more info



Summer tips for recycling

While the weather is still warm, here's some tips for keeping your recycling under control.

If you have room, freeze your bones, prawn shells and dairy until bin night

Store your benchtop bin away from direct sunlight

Make sure your benchtop bin is airtight (old Tupperware, biscuit barrels or ice-cream tubs work well)

Use leaves, branches and grass clippings to line the bottom of your bin - this will help aerate your food scraps

Consider using a bin tag to keep your bin safe from pests when the weather is warm

Cover your scraps with newspaper, mouldy bread or spent coffee grounds

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Charging your electric vehicle has never been more convenient



We are rolling out new EV chargers for residents

The Inner West's transition to sustainable transport is well underway, with more than 80 public electric vehicle (EV) charging ports already installed across the community. Council is well on track to meet our target of 136 new EV charging stations installed in the Inner West by April 2025!

These chargers, ranging from seven to 60 kilowatts, include pole-mounted and kiosk-style stations at convenient kerbside locations.

This initiative is especially important for residents without off-street parking, providing 24/7 public charging access throughout the Inner West.

The project demonstrates our commitment to reducing emissions and supporting a cleaner, greener future.

The placement of these EV charging stations was determined through extensive public feedback from Inner West residents, ensuring maximum convenience and usability of these chargers.

With electric vehicle ownership projected to skyrocket, Inner West Council is proud to be ahead of the curve, leading the way for sustainable transport and providing our residents with the infrastructure of the future.



Seniors Week 3-16 March

Seniors Week is back!

The annual Seniors Festival is back from 3-16 March with an exciting line-up of events.

Don't miss the flagship talk with Bec Wilson, author of *How to Have an Epic Retirement* and host of the popular Prime Time podcast, sharing insights for a fulfilling retirement.

Other highlights include an author talk with Anne Johnston, author of *Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife*, financial literacy workshops, art and movement days, games afternoons, and more. Join us to celebrate and connect with the seniors community.

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Verge garden winners

Congratulations to the winners of our verge garden competition!

Inner West Council announced the inaugural Miwa Gawaian Living Streets Verge Garden Competition in 2024, celebrating residents' incredible dedication to greening our streets. Council has now assisted in creating 100 verge gardens. Congratulations to our first-place winners: Jane Messer, Bradley Saywell, Isabel Muldoon, Angeline Drinan and Graham Hunt!



By creating and maintaining verge gardens, participants enhance biodiversity, support ecological health, and beautify our streets.

If you would like help to create a verge garden in your street, scan the QR code for more info.



Community coming together to fight antisemitism

The vandalism and attempted firebombing at the Newtown Synagogue was a shocking escalation of the antisemitic attacks that have been escalating in the Inner West for many months.

Throughout the past year there has been increasing incidents of local Jewish citizens being harassed, antisemitic graffiti, vandalism and threats of violence.

I never thought we'd see the day in the Inner West when places of worship become targets for firebombing.

Unfortunately, this is far from a one-off incident. In fact, antisemitism has been building in our local community for many months now.

Antisemitic slogans and Nazi memes are continually being plastered on local walls, windows, and bus stops.

Hamas assassination targets are being repeatedly painted on the offices of local politicians and local Jewish people are feeling real fear.

Enough is enough. This has to stop.

As a community we must stand strongly in solidarity with the Jewish community and stamp out this growing antisemitism.

Earlier this month I hosted a joint roundtable with the Mayors of Liverpool and Waverley with an open invitation to all Mayors on February 6 to collaborate on solutions to this.

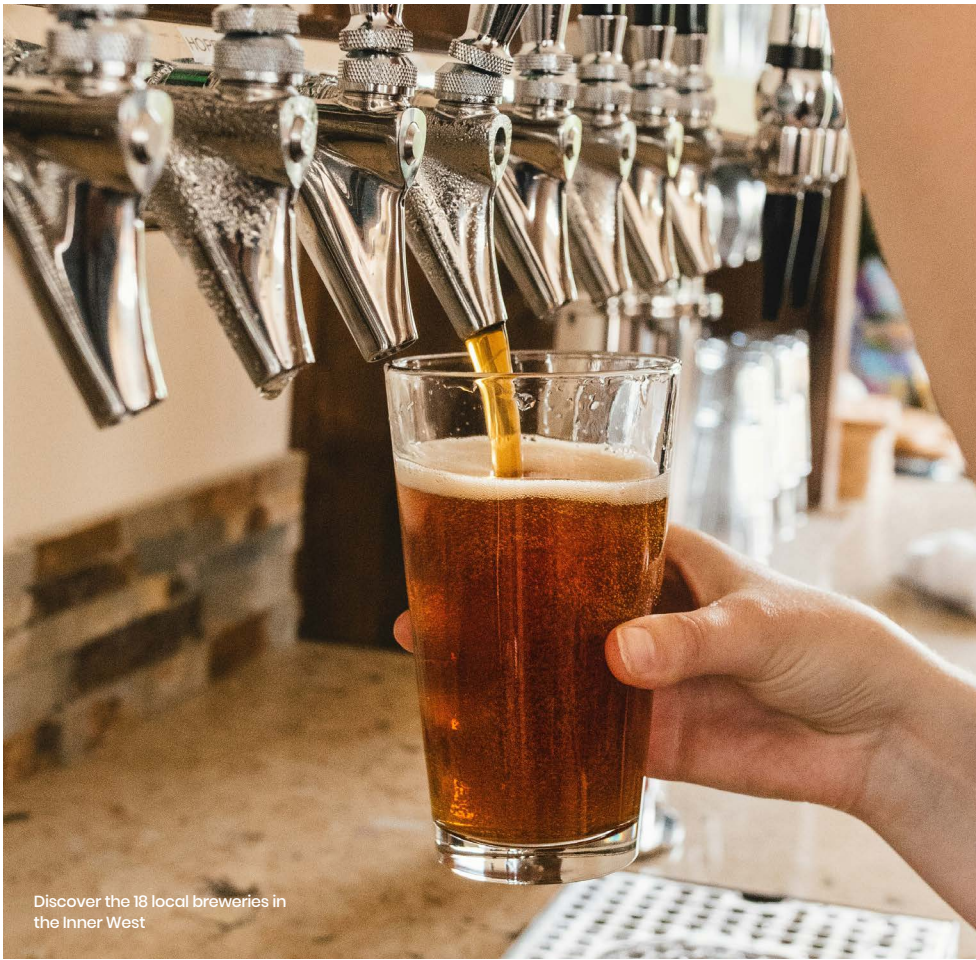
Together we all agreed on the need to combat racism in all its forms at the grassroots level.

It's time to combat antisemitism, not inflame it.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



Inner West Ale Trail

The Inner West is celebrated as ground zero for Sydney's thriving artisan brewery scene.

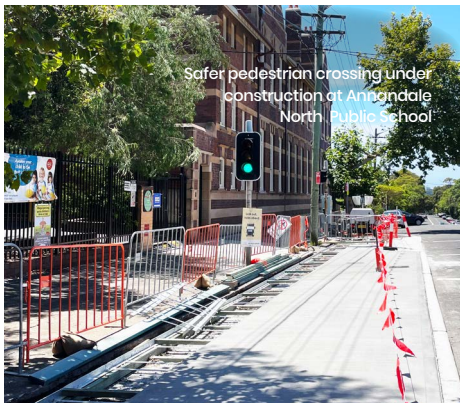
With NSW Government funding of \$500k, Council has assisted the Inner West Ale Trail project to promote our 18 local, independent breweries across six of our suburbs, including Marrickville, Newtown, St Peters, Camperdown, Enmore and Rozelle. There's a huge choice of brews to discover.

Mix this with some of Sydney's best restaurants, performance spaces, music venues, distilleries and cafes, and the Inner West Ale Trail makes it easy to discover and sample all that's on offer.

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Discover the 18 local breweries in the Inner West

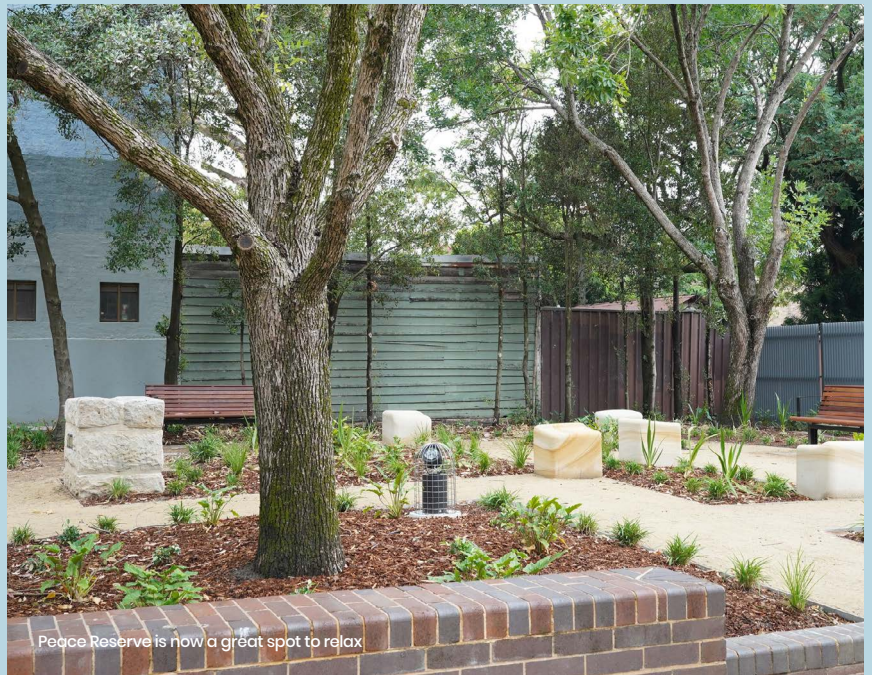


Safer pedestrian crossing under construction at Annandale North Public School

Johnston Street Annandale pedestrian crossing

The much-needed crossing near Annandale North Public School on Johnston Street is being delivered. The design that Council undertook and advocated for, alongside the school community, is now finally being built.

These works will deliver pedestrian safety for kids and parents and reduce speeds along Johnston Street. Thank you to the whole school community for their advocacy in making this happen.



Peace Reserve is now a great spot to relax

Peace Reserve upgraded

We've completed the upgrade to Peace Reserve, Newtown.

Council invested \$455k including over \$163k in funding from the NSW Government Local Small Commitments Allocation to

deliver new park furniture, seats and tables. Works also included new landscaping and greenery, a short section of path and improved lighting. Peace Reserve is now a great spot to enjoy and relax in along busy King Street.



The new block is fully accessible

New amenities block at Tempe Reserve

Tempe Reserve Alexandra Canal has a new amenities block for the community.

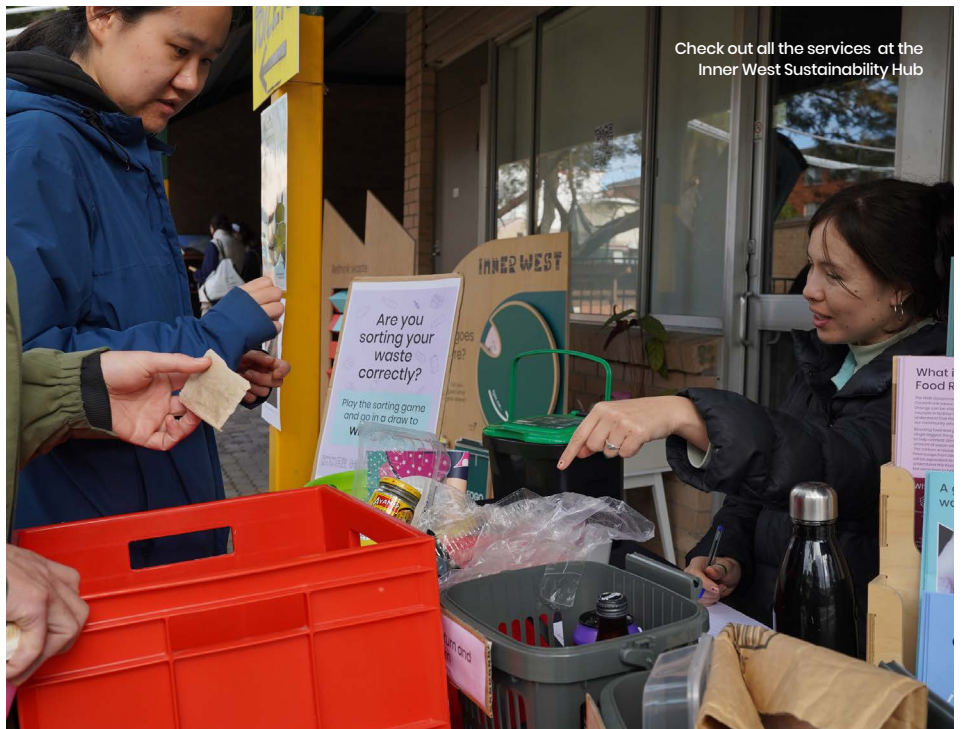
This upgrade is part of our \$10.4 million investment in buildings across the Inner West this year.

The upgrade includes:

- ▶ New modular sports amenities
- ▶ Change rooms, storage and a canteen
- ▶ Accessible amenities and pathways
- ▶ New public toilets including an accessible toilet



The new, modular amenities block



Check out all the services at the Inner West Sustainability Hub

Visit the Inner West Sustainability Hub

Have you been to the Inner West Sustainability Hub yet? This former depot has been repurposed, recharged and revitalised for all things sustainability!

Whether it's rummaging for the best vintage fashion finds and second-hand steals at the Re Place monthly markets for eye-wateringly low costs, or dropping by the Bower for a free bike tune-up or a low-cost fix to your broken furniture - the Inner West Sustainability Hub makes it easy and affordable to enjoy yourself sustainably.

Conveniently located in Summer Hill, the Sustainably Hub has curated a

myriad of environmentally focused, social enterprise groups under the one roof. Offering an array of donated items to shop for, regular free workshops and events, ample opportunity to attend educational talks and even charge your electric vehicle (coming soon) - you name it, we've got it.

The Inner West Sustainability Hub is located at 7 Prospect Road, Summer Hill.

Check out our website to see the full opening hours of our tenants and upcoming events:



More verge mowing in summer

Did you know Inner West Council is one of the few councils who deliver verge mowing?

Council has a team of staff members who maintain our streets on a full-time basis, delivering verge mowing services to the whole community.

Verge mowing is carried out on a 20 working day cycle in the warmer season from October to March.

You can search your street name and find out when the next verge mowing is scheduled on our website.

Scan the QR code for more info:



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1978 Mardi gras, police arrest Robyn Pleaister of CAMP Inc

History highlight

CAMP Inc. from Balmain to the first Mardi Gras

CAMP Inc. (Campaign Against Moral Persecution) was founded in 1970 by a group of Inner West activists, as one of the earliest organizations advocating for LGBTQI+ rights in the country. Its founding members, motivated by a desire to challenge laws criminalizing homosexual acts, came together in Balmain at a time when homosexuality was illegal in Australia.

CAMP Inc.'s first social gathering took place in January 1971 at the parish hall of St John's Anglican Church in Birchgrove.

CAMP Inc. campaigns led to significant milestones, including lobbying for the decriminalization of homosexuality and the establishment of the first pride march in Australia in 1978. This first Mardi Gras ended with police assaults and the arrests of several of these courageous Inner West pioneers of queer pride.

CAMP's legacy as a trailblazer in LGBTQI+ advocacy remains a crucial part of the history of the Australian queer rights movement.



Hancock Lane is now a local street plaza for the community

Hancock Lane gets an upgrade

Council recently completed works to upgrade Hancock Lane in Rozelle.

Previously a narrow and unloved lane, the upgrade has transformed this space into a new, permanent

street plaza for the local community to enjoy.

New trees have been planted, streetscape improvements have been delivered and the plaza has new pavers, seating, bins and bicycle hoops.

This is now a great spot for relaxing and socialising.



Elkington Park Cottage is being put to good use

Elkington Park Cottage update

With the community feedback in 100 per cent support, Council has agreed for parts of the Elkington Park Cottage to be used by a social enterprise group.

For a 12-month trial period, Elkington Park Cottage will be used by social enterprise group

(Lumiere Café Pty Ltd.) to provide training for people facing barriers to employment.

Specialised barista classes and education programs will be offered 3 days per week, each session lasting 3 hours with up to 12 attendees per training session.

It's good news for locals using the park as trainees will be happily giving away the coffees they make as part of their training.



Inner West Theatre Co. perform at Petersham Town Hall in 2024 as part of Creative Town Halls

Creative Town Halls program continues success
















Inner West Council's conversion of our seven town halls into free arts venues is going from strength to strength. With over 3,572 bookings from January 2024 to January 2025,

our creative town halls program is being embraced by the community.

This translates into a 263% increase in the use of town halls for arts and cultural events since the pilot program kicked off in May 2023.

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Petersham

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Illawarra Road, Marrickville South



What's On Inner West

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

Customer Service Stalls and Local Matters Forum

The next Customer Service Stall is on Saturday 5 August at Petersham Park, from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

Residents of the Inner West are also urged to make their voices heard by getting along to their Local Matters Forum on Tuesday 25 February at Ashfield Community Rooms, 3 and 4, Ashfield.

Tell us what local matters you'd like discussed at the face-to-face meeting by submitting a question when you register for an event in your neighbourhood.

Scan the QR code to find out more and register.



Come and have your say



Join the community to celebrate Summer Hill

Summer Hill Social

Come together to celebrate Summer Hill's community culture with a day of local fine and delicious food, accompanied by grooving tunes.

The event will see the main streets transformed into a pop-up long lunch precinct, with the opportunity to dine from one of the many local foodie outlets.

There will be entertainment from local musicians, kids workshops and specials from the local businesses.

Where: Lackey and Smith Streets, Summer Hill

When: Sunday 9 March, 11-5pm

Scan the QR code for more info



Bairro Portugues Festival

Bairro Português celebrates the Portuguese cultural heritage of Petersham in this vibrant street festival featuring traditional and contemporary food and entertainment, encouraging local and cultural connection. Enjoy fado under the stars as you sample Portuguese delights from local businesses.

With licensed bars serving wines, beer and sangria, the invitation is open for all to celebrate Petersham's history and residents.

Celebrate the good life as the streets of Petersham come alive with the best of Portuguese culture.

Where: Audley and Fisher Streets, Petersham

When: Saturday 22 March, 3-9pm

Scan the QR code for more info



Petersham celebrates Bairro Portugues Festival