



Come and stroll the streets of Petersham and enjoy live music

Bairro Português to light up Petersham at night

It's back and better than ever

Don't miss out on one of the Inner West's most vibrant multicultural festivals. Bairro Português is back for 2024. Due to community demand, this year the festival stretches into the evening.

Famous for its celebration of Portuguese culture, Bairro brings alive the streets of Petersham with free entertainment, music, dance, cultural activities and delicious traditional and contemporary foods.

Sweet Spanish churros, vegan lemonade, spicy piri piri chicken and artisan gelato will be on offer.

Entertainment includes the 5-piece Alma Orquestra playing famous Portuguese tunes, the traditional

dancers and folk music of the Grupo Folclórico Da Madeira Inc with performers from the ages of 4 to 70. Everyone will swoon to the ballads of the rapidly rising Portuguese star Elvio Santiago – catch him here for free.

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

Where: Audley and Fisher Streets, Petersham

When: 3pm – 8pm, Saturday 23 March

Scan the QR code for more info





Legs on the Wall at White Bay Power Station

Biennale opens in style

The many years of advocacy by the Inner West to preserve the White Bay Power Station are about to pay off.

The Biennale was opened by the Prime Minister Anthony Albanese and Mayor Darcy Byrne on March 9 at a glittering night at this new Inner West icon. Finally, the Inner West can realise their vision of the power station being a cultural hub.

EDGE Inner West, our local annual arts festival has partnered with the Biennale this year.

Prepare to be dazzled by leading local performers such as Legs on the Wall and Force Majeur.

Council has resolved to work with local restaurants and bars to offer a free shuttle service between the Power Station and Darling St during the Biennale.

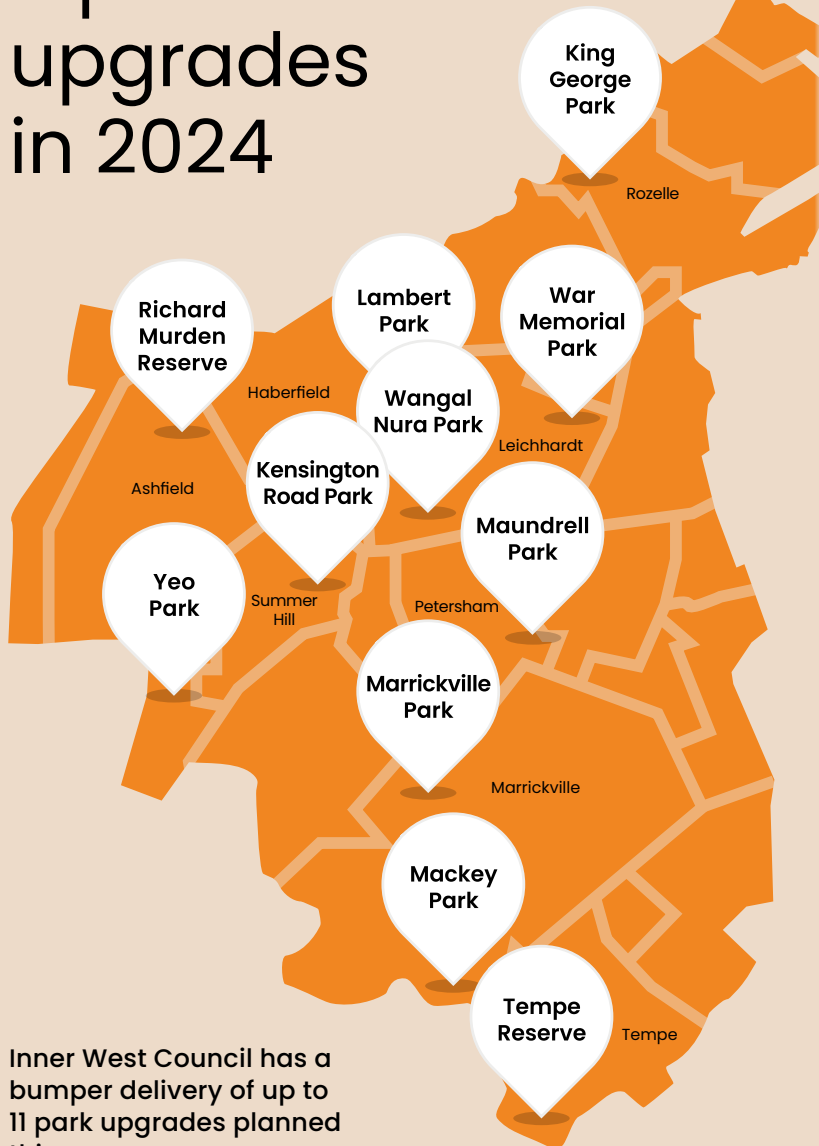
Where: White Bay Power Station

When: 12 March-13 June

Scan the QR code for the full program



11 park upgrades in 2024



Inner West Council has a bumper delivery of up to 11 park upgrades planned this year.



Park upgrades benefit the whole community

Inner Westies love their precious parks and Council is investing \$7.6 million to upgrade them this year.

- ▶ Yeo Park \$500K
- ▶ Marrickville Park \$70K
- ▶ Tempe Reserve \$1.05 million
- ▶ War Memorial Park Leichhardt \$130K
- ▶ Wangal Nura Park \$130K
- ▶ Maundrell Park \$260K
- ▶ Richard Murden Reserve \$2.4 million
- ▶ Mackey Park \$800K
- ▶ Lambert Park \$140K
- ▶ King George Park \$2 million
- ▶ Kensington Road Playground \$120K

Councillor Mark Drury, actor Miranda Otto, Mayor Darcy Byrne, Deputy Mayor Chloe Smith and Councillor Timothy Stephens at last year's launch



Inner West Film Festival

Grab your popcorn and choose your seat. The Inner West Film Fest is back for its second year after the standout success of its launch in 2023.

With the support of Inner West Council, this year's festival has a focus on comedy, genre and local film productions. Check out gripping dramas, heart-warming comedies, family films and thought-provoking documentaries. There's also Q&A sessions with well-known filmmakers, workshops and

panel discussions. Don't miss this celebration of film culture and the diverse voices that bring it to life in the vibrant Inner West.

When: Opening night 12 April at Marrickville Golf Club

Where: Palace Norton St, Leichhardt; Dendy Cinemas, King St Newtown; Actors Centre Australia, Leichhardt; Marrickville Golf Club

Scan here for more info:



Standing up to the State Government

For 12 years under the previous NSW Government, the Inner West community was short-changed and neglected.

Westconnex impacts, grants rorts, and the privatisation of our bus network are just some of the examples of mistreatment that we all experienced.

The new Minns Labor Government has a responsibility to give our community a fairer deal and a more respectful approach.

Since the Government was elected one year ago, Inner West Council has been working hard to advocate for more funding for community projects, a seat at the table in planning decisions, and a progressive policy agenda.

One thing we've made crystal clear to the Premier and his Ministers is that our Council will always stand up for our community's best interests. We'll never shy away from taking on the Government where necessary. The Government's current rezoning proposals is one example of this.

We've told the Government that we are capable of delivering increased housing supply through local planning and we are insisting upon a real say for our local community over our own neighbourhoods.

We are insisting upon real negotiation with the Government over their rezoning proposals and will continue to push back if they don't start listening to our legitimate concerns.



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council

Greenway Update

► Constitution Street Tunnel

The Greenway continues to take shape by creating footpaths, cycleways and parks to connect the Cooks River and Iron Cove at Sydney Harbour. This green corridor will be for the whole community to enjoy.

The latest construction update is the near completion of the tunnel under Constitution Rd, Dulwich Hill and an elevated pathway through the light rail corridor from Constitution Rd to New Canterbury Rd. It's exciting to see it come together for the community to enjoy.



The missing links of the Greenway are coming together



All-weather surfaces can increase sporting opportunities for teams like the Balmain Tigers (pictured)

Helping more kids play sport

Council is working with local sporting clubs to deliver a new all-weather sporting surface. The former NSW Government deleted the planned all-weather surface from the final plans for Rozelle Parklands and Council has fought successfully to receive additional funding from the new State Government to be able to deliver the facility at a park nearby.

With women and girls participation in local sport going through the roof local clubs are advocating for new facilities so that local kids aren't turned away from the health and social benefits of sport. An all-weather surface can be used more intensively to allow more children to train and play, as well as reducing cancellations due to rain. Council is working with all local clubs to find the right location for this new facility.



Stopping the spread of tobacconists and vape stores

Inner West Council has resolved to stop the spread of tobacconist and vape stores in the Inner West.

Mayor Darcy Byrne raised a Mayoral Minute at the February council meeting proposing new regulations to cap store numbers.

Council is asking the State Government for new powers to require all tobacconist and vape stores to submit a development application and a social impact assessment.

Balmain Town Hall upgrade now under way

Inner West Council is investing nearly \$4 million to revitalise the Balmain Town Hall and Library.

Re-enlivening the Town Hall will help convert it into a modern public performance venue for local artists and musicians.

Works include restoring the beautiful heritage façade and tower stairs and a new connection to the Balmain Town Hall meeting room for better library use.



Balmain Town Hall will look brand new



More light for longer at Henson Park

Lighting up Henson Park

Council unanimously voted to keep the lights longer on at Henson Park.

Led by Councillor Mat Howard, this means that Council will continue to light the oval until 8pm through the winter months.

This makes it safer for joggers and dogwalkers to enjoy the oval for their health and wellbeing.

Council will also investigate further options to light the pathway surrounding the oval. Inclusive and accessible improvements are also planned.



The first of an innovative way to build more Inner West housing

Inner West leads the way in innovative, affordable housing solutions

By waiving the \$1.2 Million discretionary developer contribution, Inner West Council has helped transform a disused Church into 54 new affordable housing units.

This meant that the site could be developed swiftly. The partnership with FreshHope Housing Incorporated and not-for-profit Nightingale Housing will see

the build-to-rent complex of 54 apartments ready in late March. Nightingale Housing were grateful for the practical support of Inner West Council. Former chief executive Jeremy McLeod said "We hope Nightingale Marrickville, made possible with Inner Wests Council's support, sets a precedent for similar innovative housing projects across the country."



Volunteer to spend time in nature and learn new skills

Calling all green thumbs!

Get involved in the Inner West Council's Bushcare Volunteer Program—a fantastic initiative empowering the community to play an active role in nurturing and contributing to the ecology of the Inner West.

Join with Council staff and fellow volunteers to cultivate vibrant, natural green spaces for communal enjoyment, with a strong commitment to sustainable urban forestry and mindful Bushcare practices. This hands-on, community-driven initiative help fosters community involvement in building a more sustainable Inner West, while gaining invaluable knowledge and experience in local urban sustainability. Tasks include weed removal, nurturing seedlings, mulching, and more. Volunteer shifts typically span 3 hours, commencing at 9 am, and are held at various locations across the Inner West.

For further details and to participate, scan this QR code to explore Bushcare programs at Inner West Council





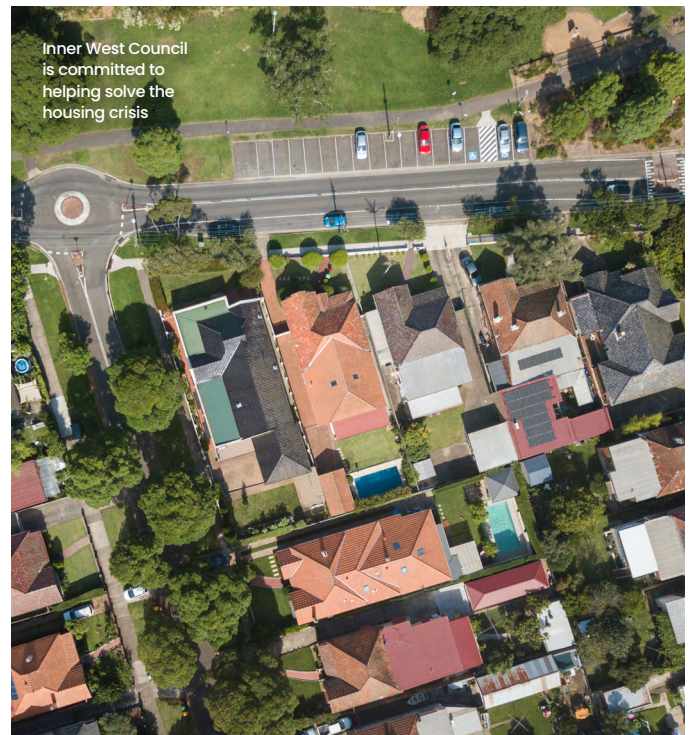
Customer service stalls FAQ

At our mobile customer service stalls, we're here to assist with a range of issues and questions.

We asked our mobile teams what the most frequent issues were that residents asked them. Garbage pickup and recycling dates came in at number one. Help with potholes, cracked footpaths and unruly trees made second place. Third was sorting out the correct parking permits. Quick website demos for easy online service access are also very popular.

Whatever challenges you're dealing with, our Customer Service team is available every Saturday at various convenient locations around the Inner West to help with tailored solutions and assistance.

Scan this QR code for info on upcoming Mobile Customer Service Stalls



Inner West calls for stronger action on housing affordability

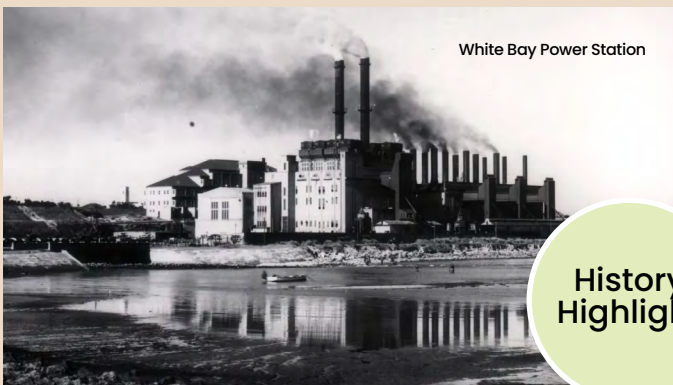
Inner West Council has made a submission in response to the NSW Government's housing rezoning proposals.

While Council wants to make a contribution to addressing the housing supply crisis we need more information from the Government including how heritage will be protected and what the targets are for new dwelling numbers.

We are firmly insisting on negotiation over these proposals and planning to be done locally with community involvement.

As part of its submission Council has also officially proposed a range of actions that the NSW Government needs to take to address housing affordability, including:

1. Establishing a state-controlled corporation to build homes and increase supply for the private sale and rental markets.
2. Committing to partnering with Council on our offer of converting 10 Council-owned carparks and depots to be used for public housing.
3. Legislating the promised new protections for renters and resourcing the office of the Rental Commissioner to provide advice and assistance to tenants across NSW.
4. Replicating the Victorian Government's \$5.3 billion investment in building 12,000 new public housing dwellings.
5. Releasing the results of the NSW Government's long-awaited audit of Government owned lands on which housing can be provided.


















Balmain had a coal mine and two power stations

In 1897 the deepest coalmine ever to be sunk in Australia was opened next to Birchgrove Public School and only ceased operation in 1931. The coalmine employed about 300 men, working three shifts a day. It's no wonder then that the Balmain Power Station and the White Bay Power Station were founded close by not long after. White Bay was built to power the new electric tram system, the electrification of the railways and the construction of the underground rail lines in the city. It was fully operational from 1917 until it was decommissioned in 1984.

Today the White Bay site is about to become a powerhouse in Sydney's cultural and artistic life as the host of the spectacular Biennale of Sydney and a permanent rededicated arts precinct thereafter.

Your Councillors

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

Balmain Ward Baludarrri (Leather jacket)	 <p>Mayor Darcy Byrne (LAB) darcy.byrne@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 02 9335 2157</p>	 <p>Councillor Kobi Shetty (GRN) kobi.shetty@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0417 427 654</p>	 <p>Councillor John Stamilis (IND) john.stamilis@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0408 448 285</p>
Stanmore Ward Damun (Port Jackson Fig)	 <p>Councillor Liz Atkins (GRN) liz.atkins@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0407 239 951</p>	 <p>Deputy Mayor Chloe Smith (LAB) chloe.smith@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0412 985 935</p>	 <p>Councillor Pauline Lockie (IND) pauline.lockie@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0434 690 544</p>
Ashfield Ward Djarrawunang (Magpie)	 <p>Councillor Dylan Griffiths (GRN) dylan.griffiths@innerwest.nsw.gov.au</p>	 <p>Councillor Mark Drury (LAB) mark.drury@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0448 722 942</p>	 <p>Councillor Jessica D'Arienzo (LAB) jessica.darlenzo@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0408 505 622</p>
Leichhardt Ward Gulgadya (Grass Tree)	 <p>Councillor Marghanita Da Cruz (GRN) marghanita.da.cruz@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0490 788 943</p>	 <p>Councillor Philippa Scott (LAB) philippa.scott@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0412 935 713</p>	 <p>Councillor Timothy Stephens (LAB) timothy.stephens@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0418 474 248</p>
Marrickville Ward Midjuburi (Lillypilly)	 <p>Councillor Mat Howard (LAB) mat.howard@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0412 645 115</p>	 <p>Councillor Justine Langford (GRN) justine.langford@innerwest.nsw.gov.au 0481 452 283</p>	 <p>Councillor Zoi Tsardoulis (LAB) zoi.tsardoulis@innerwest.nsw.gov.au</p>

Contact us

innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Phone: 02 9392 5000 | Email: council@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Facebook: [/innerwestcouncil](https://www.facebook.com/innerwestcouncil) | Twitter: [/IWCouncil](https://twitter.com/IWCouncil) | Instagram: [@innerwestcouncil](https://www.instagram.com/innerwestcouncil)

Request a service

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Request

Have your say

yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Development applications

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/RecentDAs

Council meetings

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Meetings

Waste and recycling

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Waste

Libraries 9392 5588

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Libraries
library@innerwest.nsw.gov.au

Monday – Sunday: Ashfield, Balmain, Leichhardt and Marrickville

Monday – Saturday: Dulwich Hill, Stanmore, Haberfield and St Peters/Sydenham

Aquatics

innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Aquatics

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

Discover local events or submit a listing innerwest.nsw.gov.au/WhatsOn
Subscribe to our regular eNewsletters innerwest.nsw.gov.au/Newsletters

Customer Service Stalls

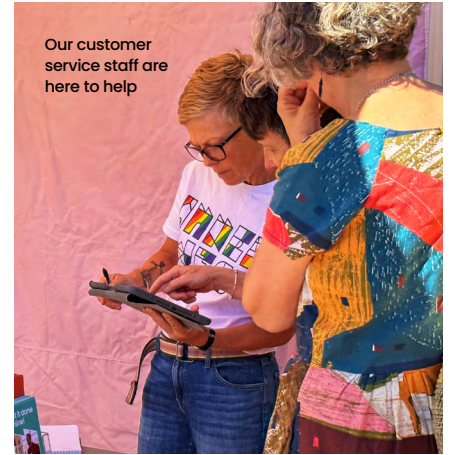
The next Customer Service Stall is on March 19 at The Piazza, Summer Hill.

Check the QR code also for mobile customer service timings. You can also have your voice heard by getting along to your Local Matters Forum.

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.

Stanmore residents can take part in their next Local Matters Forum on Tuesday 26 March, 6pm, at Petersham Service Centre, Level 3 Council Chambers, Petersham.

Scan the QR code to find local customer service activities.



The Crooked Fiddle Band



Sham Fest Live Music

Petersham Sham Fest will be a big two days of diverse live music at Petersham Bowling Club. There will be workshops, activities and local brews. The program line-up will feature some Sea Shanty style singing from Ultra Violet as well as folk and bluegrass rhythms from The Morrisons and The Crooked Fiddle Band.

When: 1pm-10pm on the 6th and 7th of April

Where: Petersham Bowling Club

Wurridjal Festival

The Wurridjal Festival is a proud collaboration with the Inner West Council and fellow councils situated along the Cooks River. There's over 30 free events, to foster engagement with the sacred history and beauty of the Cooks River. Discover age-friendly experiences such as native bush care, riverside yoga sessions, film screenings, guided bike rides and walking histories.

When: 14 March to 7 April

Scan the QR code for the full program



Bersama exhibition

Refugee Art Project will host members of Taring Padi in Ashfield's Thirning Villa residency to create *Bersama* - a graphic collaboration which explores the care, ethics and politics of art-making in a community setting with a strong focus on knowledge sharing, storytelling and cross-cultural understanding. This project is part of Council's new program Cultural Connections Program - showcasing diverse representation in the arts.

When: Opening night: Saturday 16 March 5pm to 7pm, Friday to Sunday, 11am to 4pm

Where: Chrissie Cotter Gallery, 31A Pidcock St, Camperdown

