



Your newly elected Inner West councillors

Meet your new council

On 8 October, the new Inner West councillors were sworn in to serve our community for the next four years

The newly elected Inner West councillors were sworn in in October with Councillor Darcy Byrne re-elected as Mayor and Councillor Mat Howard elected as Deputy Mayor for the first time.

Eight Labor councillors form an outright majority of the council, for the second consecutive term, with five Greens councillors, one independent and one Liberal councillor making up the 15 councillors.

Deputy Mayor, Mat Howard said, "I am honoured to be

elected Deputy Mayor of the Inner West.

"I am so pleased to give back to the community I love through this important new role, whether it is better managing our waste, strengthening our local services or supporting our local LGBTQIA+ communities."

Mayor Byrne said that building on the success of last term, the new council has an expanded progressive policy agenda to deliver on and there isn't a moment to waste.

"Through strong financial management we have been delivering a huge amount over the last three years but this new Council will go even further," Byrne said.

"We have a vision of the Inner West as the engine room of progressive politics in Australia and we have a new program of ground-breaking reforms and world-class facilities to deliver now," Byrne said.

To read more about the councillors' priorities see the Mayor's column on page 3.



Secret garden

For local Marrickville resident Lyn Vincent, back in 2020, COVID presented an opportunity to give something back to the community.

"I decided to create a garden in the derelict laneway near my home," she says.

Today, the laneway that runs alongside the railway tracks between School Parade and Kays Avenue East, is alive with colour from purple salvia to bright red geraniums and soft grasses.

"I'd choose whatever was in the \$5 section at the local nursery," she explains. "I started with Lomandra grasses up near the mural and I

hand-watered them to make sure they survived," she says.

And from little things, big things have grown. Council now helps with maintenance so that this small slice of biodiversity can thrive. "I thought it would be nice for people," Lyn said.

Be inspired and check out Council's Adopt-a-Spot and Verge Garden programs.

Recently expanded, they are designed to assist community groups and locals to register their interest in revitalising Council-managed spaces with plants, and residents who wish to start their own verge garden.

Scan the QR code for more information.



One year of food recycling



A year of environmental progress

We're celebrating one year of the Food Organics and Garden Organics (FOGO) service, and the results are incredible! Thanks to your efforts, the Inner West community has made a big impact:

- ▶ 16,059 tonnes of organic waste recovered
- ▶ 8,800 tonnes of garbage diverted from landfill

These carbon savings are equivalent to:

- ▶ Powering 9,750 homes for a year
- ▶ Taking 19,025 cars off the road
- ▶ Preventing 56,421 wheelie bins' contents (240L) from entering landfill
- ▶ Preventing waste equal to 5.4 Olympic swimming pools from entering landfill

Thank you to all our residents for embracing FOGO and helping create a greener, more sustainable Inner West! Let's keep up the great work.

Scan the QR code for more information.



How to request a pothole to be fixed

Did you know you can report a pothole or damaged footpath to Council?

With a wet summer forecast, potholes can quickly open up after periods of rainy weather.

Council is responsible for local roads. You can report potholes and other road or footpath damage through Council's online customer request management system.

We have a form on Council's

website that is easy to fill out and can be done anonymously so you can let us know about a pothole or a footpath that needs fixing.

Council will then repair the pothole within 2 days or within 24 hours if it's an emergency, weather permitting.

Scan this QR code to link to the website page for reporting a pothole or damaged footpath.



New Council, more progress

Firstly, I'd like to thank the people of the Inner West for returning a majority of 8 Labor councillors for our new term of 2024-2028.

It's now time to build on the successes of our previous term and we have a clear set of priorities that we will deliver.

We appreciate your trust and support and will be working collaboratively with all newly elected councillors to deliver for you.

Our priorities include:

- ▶ Strong financial management including no special rate rises for the next four years
- ▶ Delivering new planning controls to address the housing affordability and supply crisis
- ▶ Renovating iconic Leichhardt Oval
- ▶ Upgrading and rebuilding Leichhardt Pool
- ▶ Creating a state-of-the-art indoor sports centre at Tempe
- ▶ Opening new special entertainment precincts throughout the main streets of the Inner West
- ▶ Making White Bay Power Station a permanent, world class arts and cultural venue



Darcy Byrne

Mayor, Darcy Byrne
Inner West Council



Tapestries of Time is a new Perfect Match mural

A new Perfect Match mural: Tapestries of Time

Over 170 Perfect Match street artworks have been produced to date, making the Inner West the creative and street art capital of Australia.

One of the latest is the work Tapestries of Time by local artist Sophi Odling at 58-60 Crystal St, Petersham. Inspired by the Port

Jackson fig tree (Damun) the work celebrates local nature and birdlife and the Portuguese migrants who have contributed so much to the area, making it their home.

Scan this QR code for more information on the Perfect Match program.



Join our Local Democracy Groups

Help shape Council's decision making

Council will shortly be recruiting new community members for its Local Democracy Groups (LDGs). The groups cover areas such as environment, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, access, young leaders, LGBTQ+ and more.

Members are chosen for their relevant lived experience and knowledge.

The purpose of the LDGs is to provide input to support Council's decision-making and membership is on a voluntary basis.

For more information go to yoursay.innerwest.nsw.gov.au or call Peter Jackson, Community Engagement Officer on 02 9392 5694.



Pollys Club turns 60 this year!

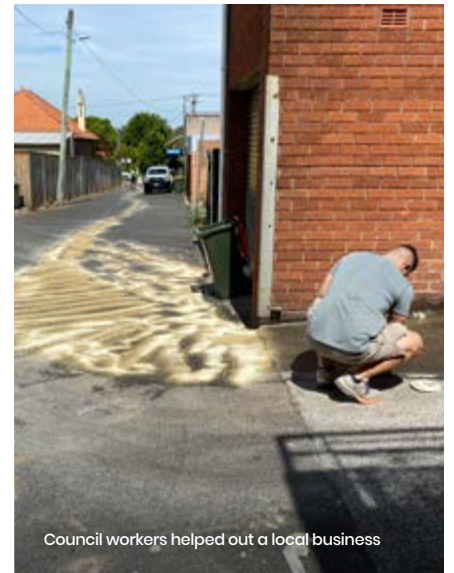
Pollys Club 60th anniversary

The much-loved Inner West LGBTIQ+ social group Pollys Club celebrates their 60th anniversary this year.

They are the longest continuously running LGBTIQ+ social group in Australia. Founded in 1964, the club has an unbroken connection with the Inner West, holding their first large dance in November 1964 at Petersham Town Hall.

The Pollys Club's contribution has included raising money for charities focused on men's health, women's health, youth health, mental health and animal welfare.

There is a plaque on the Rainbow Seats on Marrickville Road recognising the Pollys Club and their deep, ongoing connection to Marrickville Town Hall.



Council workers helped out a local business

Teamwork saves the day

When a grease trap overflow in Haberfield sent wastewater trickling into the laneway and stormwater pit, our Environmental Health team jumped into action to turn a sticky situation around.

Upon arriving, they found wastewater flowing towards the gutter due to a blockage in the grease trap. The plumber on site faced a tricky job – unable to clear the line with his equipment. The Council team quickly arranged for a street sweeper, sucker truck, and a crew with kitty litter to tackle the cleanup.

The kitty litter was spread and swept over the wastewater, soaking up the spill like magic! The sweeper truck then made several passes to gather it up, while the sucker truck worked hard to empty the stormwater pits and clean the gutters down the lane.

The local business owner was grateful for the team's support and it's a great example of how our Environmental Health team is always ready to lend a hand and go the extra mile to support our local businesses and our health and safety.



The BayRun celebrated 20 years in 2024

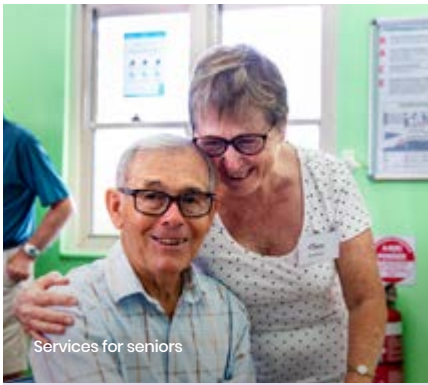
BayRun turns 20

The popular family fun run hit a milestone birthday this year, turning 20.

The famous Inner West race brings families, school kids and elite competitors together to run the 7km course. The BayRun is a flat course around the iconic Iron Cove Bay Run, then passes through Leichhardt, Rozelle, over the Iron Cove Bridge and back through Drummoyne, Five Dock and Haberfield. Everyone is welcome – runners, walkers and even dogs. The 2025 BayRun will be in August next year.

For more information, scan this QR code or visit: www.bayrun.com.au





Services for seniors

Healthy Ageing Hub

The new Healthy Ageing Hub in Ashfield has just opened for seniors throughout the Inner West.

Run by 3Bridges, the hub offers a range of comprehensive free services designed to support Inner West seniors in leading their best lives. One-on-one appointments and home appointments are available with their healthy ageing advisors.

If you want to find out more, get in touch on 1300 327 434 or at healthy.ageing@3bridges.org.au

For more information, scan this QR code:



The GreenWay will be complete in June 2025

GreenWay almost complete

This month, the Lewisham West dog park is the first part of the GreenWay missing links to open to the public.

The \$57 million GreenWay is an active transport corridor that will link the Cooks River to Iron Cove.

The Lewisham West dog park has been brought forward in

the construction schedule to allow Inner West dog owners to enjoy this part of the GreenWay upgrades sooner.

The whole GreenWay is expected to be completed in June 2025.

For more information, scan this QR code:



Preserving Dawnies' precious history

An exciting project is underway for students and history buffs of the Inner West.

New cutting-edge technology will allow you to look at the pool today and click into its rich history. You'll be amazed by what they've uncovered.

The finished work complements the Dawn Fraser History Curriculum Site Study, which will be available online for teachers.

If you have any local history memorabilia or stories you'd like to share, please contact Amie Zar at amie.zar@innerwest.nsw.gov.au



A swimming and water polo carnival in 1899. Credit: Image courtesy of Inner West Library and History Collection



Trailblazer Inner Westie, Fanny Durack

History
Highlight

The woman who broke world records and the glass ceiling

Sarah 'Fanny' Durack was not just Australia's first female gold medallist – she was also a woman who didn't meekly succumb to petty officialdom.

Fanny came to prominence when the sport of swimming was segregated by gender and women were only allowed to compete in breaststroke. Male and female swimmers were prevented from swimming on the same program and men were not allowed to watch women compete.

But Fanny was an independent soul, a tomboy and a rebel. She won her first state title in 1906 while still a schoolgirl and bucked the rules by then changing to freestyle. In 1912, the year of the Stockholm Olympics, she set world records in the 100 and 220 yards freestyle.

The public were now demanding she be included in the Olympic team and after much protest and debate, officials relented but refused to pay for her travel.

So, Fanny held fundraisers, paid her own way and set a new world record to win gold in the 100m freestyle final. Australia's only gold of the games.

Fanny died at her home in Stanmore in 1956 and The Fanny Durack Aquatic Centre in Petersham is named in her honour.



New facilities for the local teams

Leichhardt Oval Number 2 gets new amenities block

We have just delivered a new amenities block and clubhouse at Leichhardt Oval Number 2.

The \$1.15 million works include new modular changerooms, a kiosk and repurposed spaces for more storage. This is great news for the many sporting clubs who regularly use this oval including the Balmain Rugby Club, the Balmain Junior Rugby Club and Balmain District Junior Rugby League.


















Making roads and footpaths safer

Wardell Road, Dulwich Hill safety upgrade

We've just completed a \$100,000 upgrade to bring the intersection of Bedford Crescent and Wardell Road in Dulwich Hill up to Australian safety standards. This is part of our Pedestrian Access and Mobility Plan spend of \$2 million.

Works included new landscaped kerbs, repairing the damaged footpath and road and upgrading the pedestrian crossing lighting.

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Annette Kellerman Aquatic Centre
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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

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 16 November, 1pm to 5pm at Stanmore Music Festival, Stanmore.

Check the QR code for other mobile customer service timings.

You can also take part in the upcoming Leichhardt-Gulgadya Local Matters Forum on Monday 25 November, 7pm at Annandale Community Centre, Annandale.

Residents are invited to come along, have their voices heard, and have their questions discussed at this face-to-face meeting.

Scan the QR code to find local customer service activities.



Community Strategic Plan: have your say

Look out for Council's pink stall at upcoming local festivals where we're asking "what's your priority for making the Inner West an even better place to live, work and visit?". All the answers will be used to update the key plan that guides Council's work now and into the future. The plan will also be informed by what we heard at a deliberative forum held in August, with 99 residents recruited to broadly match Inner West's demographics as well as consultation with our 13 Local Democracy Groups.

When: Saturday 16 November from 12.30pm to 7pm

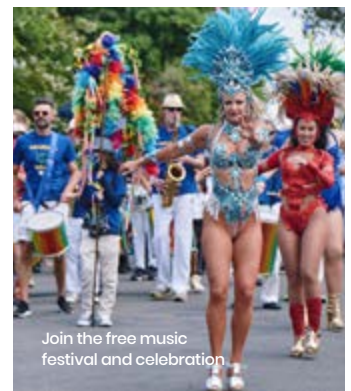
Where: Stanmore Music Festival (see details below)

Stanmore Music Festival

An annual community music festival held in the Inner West suburb of Stanmore was always a wish of the late Richard Gill, a renowned Australian musician, conductor and educator. A not-for-profit association was also formed to work with Inner West Council to organise and administer this free festival, together with several committees with local volunteers who have generously donated their time and expertise. The festival aims to give all musicians, young and old, well-known and first-time performers, a platform to play and share their passion.

When: Saturday 16 November from 12.30pm to 7pm

Where: Percival Road, Stanmore



Jazz in the Park

Jazz in the Park returns in 2024 for an afternoon of live jazz! Enjoy a picnic and bring the family to experience an afternoon in the park with the best of Inner West jazz. Featuring an outstanding line-up of award-winning musicians, be prepared to be moved and inspired by the breadth of local talent, featuring Microfiche, Steve Hunter Band, Spectra Jazz Orchestra, Jiem and Balmain Secondary College.

When: Saturday 7 December from 1pm to 6pm

Where: Gladstone Park, Balmain