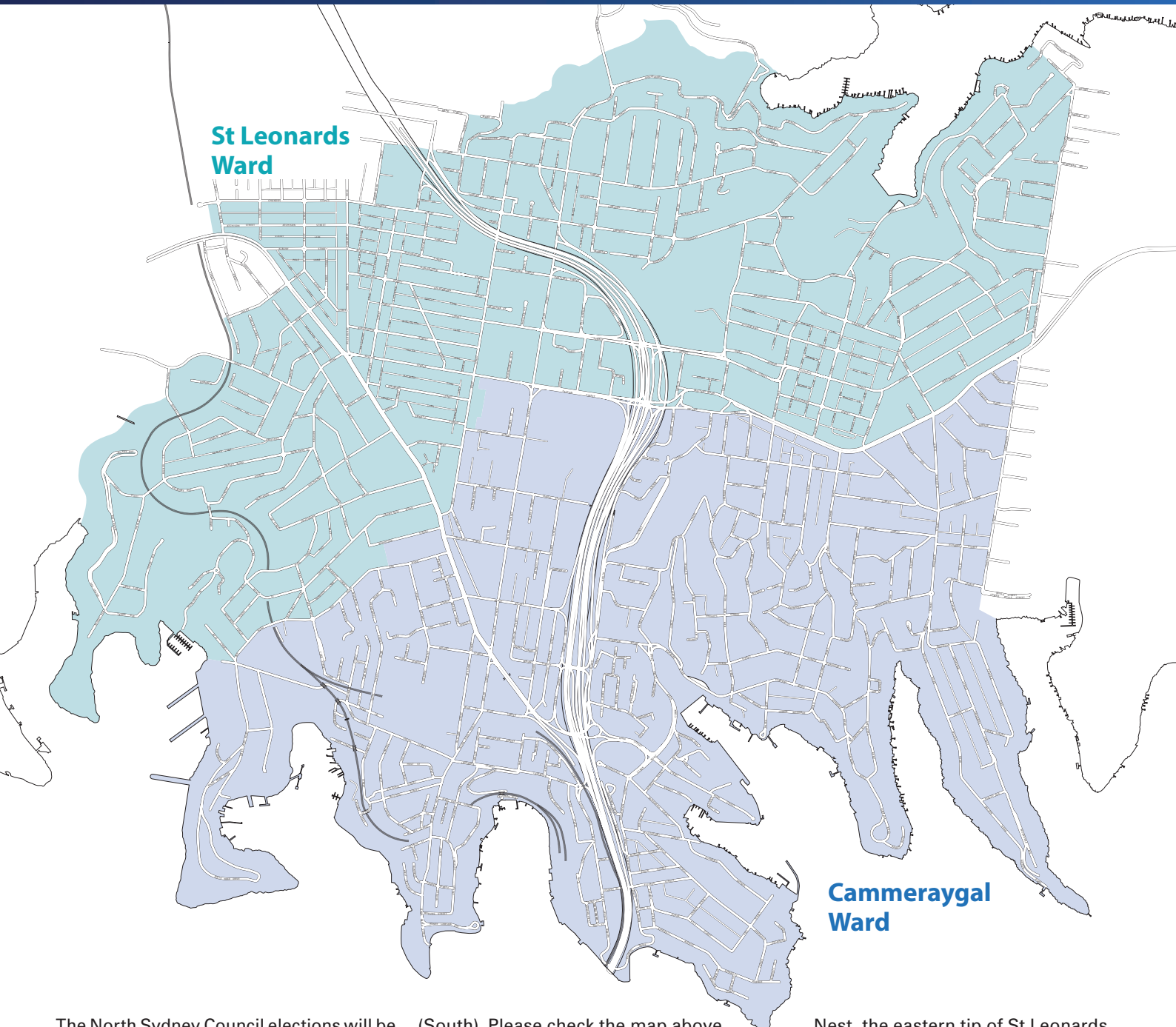


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NORTH SYDNEY COUNCIL ELECTIONS What you need to know



The North Sydney Council elections will be held on Saturday 4 December and voting is compulsory for all residents who are registered on the electoral roll. The NSW Electoral Commission is running the election on behalf of Council. See inside for details on what's new and where to vote.

This year there will be two Wards – St Leonards (North) and Cammeraygal

(South). Please check the map above to see which Ward you are in or visit the NSW Electoral Commission website and use the find my electorate tab under the local government elections section.

St Leonards Ward

- Broadly covers the suburbs of Cammeray, Cremorne and Neutral Bay (North of Military Road), Crows

Nest, the eastern tip of St Leonards and Wollstonecraft

Cammeraygal Ward

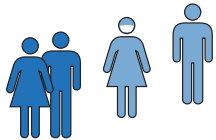
- Broadly covers the suburbs of Cremorne Point, Kurraba Point, Cremorne and Neutral Bay (south of Military Road) Kirribilli, Lavender Bay, Milsons Point, McMahon's Point and Waverton.

VOTING IS COMPULSORY

All residents who are registered on the electoral roll must vote in the election. If you do not vote, and cannot provide a valid reason for not voting, you risk being fined.

OPTIONS FOR VOTING

On election day



If you vote on election day, you must vote at a polling place within your Ward between 8am and 6pm (see list of polling places on page 3). Please note, if you are not in the North Sydney local government area on election day, you will need to vote another way.

Pre-poll



Due to COVID-19, pre-poll voting is encouraged and will take place from Monday 22 November to Friday 3 December at two pre-poll venues in North Sydney and Neutral Bay (see details on page 3). You can vote in either pre-poll venue if you choose this option.

Postal voting



You can apply for a postal vote pack from Tuesday 26 October until Monday 29 November. Completed postal votes must be returned by 6pm, Friday 17 December.

iVote



iVote allows eligible residents to cast their vote online. To apply for an iVote visit www.elections.nsw.gov.au

iVote applications open on Monday 22 November and close at 1pm on Saturday 4 December. iVote voting closes at 6pm, 4 December.

WHAT IS NEW THIS ELECTION?

This year 10 councillors will be elected to serve a two year and nine month term on Council. The term was initially reduced from four to three years to bring all local government elections on to the same cycle, and was further reduced due to the pandemic. Five councillors will be elected in each of the two Wards.

This election, the mayor will not be elected by popular vote but by a vote of councillors at their first meeting. The mayor will serve a two-year term and then councillors will vote on the position of mayor again for a nine-month term.

What prompted the change?

Since the 1980s, the mayor of North Sydney has been popularly elected by voters. In 2017, voters were asked via a Constitutional Referendum

whether they favoured the election of the mayor by councillors for a term of two years. The majority (52%) voted yes so the change has been implemented for the 2021 election.

As a result of this referendum, the NSW Electoral Commission advised Council that we must have an equal number of councillors in each Ward. It also advised that we would have 10 councillors, not nine, as the Council had thought when it proposed and adopted the referendum question.

This meant two Ward options were possible – five Wards of two councillors or two Wards of five. The North Sydney local government area is only 10 square kilometres, so two Wards of five was considered the better option.

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 26 October

Postal vote application opens

Monday 22 November

iVote applications and voting opens

Pre-poll voting opens

Monday 29 November

Application for postal vote closes

Friday 3 December

Pre-poll voting closes

Saturday 4 December

ELECTION DAY
8am to 6pm

Friday 17 December

Postal vote closes

POLLING PLACES AND RETURNING OFFICE

North Sydney Returning Office Suite 501, 1 James Place, North Sydney
Monday to Friday 8am to 6pm
25 October to 4 December
9am to 5pm
7229 8610 or 1300 135 736

Pre-Polling Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council Chambers
200 Miller Street, North Sydney
22 November to 3 December
9am to 5pm

Neutral Bay Pre-Poll
Shop 1-2, 138 Military Road, Neutral Bay
22 November to 3 December
9am to 5pm

POLLING PLACES

St Leonards Ward

Anzac Park Public School
2 Anzac Avenue, Cammeray NSW 2062

Cammeray Public School
Bellevue Street, Cammeray

Cammeraygal High School
192 Pacific Highway, Crows Nest

Middle Harbour Public School
Macpherson Street, Mosman

Naremburn Cammeray Anglican Church
Merrenburn Avenue, Naremburn

Neutral Bay Public School
Bydown Street, Neutral Bay

North Sydney Boys High School
Falcon Street, Crows Nest

North Sydney Demonstration School
Bay Road, North Sydney

North Sydney Girls High School
Pacific Highway, Crows Nest

St Peters Anglican Church Cremorne
29 Waters Road, Cremorne

Waverton Uniting Church Community Centre
75 Bay Road, Waverton

Cammeraygal Ward

Cammeraygal High School
192 Pacific Highway, Crows Nest

Forsyth Park Community Centre
Forsyth Park (Off Montpelier Street), Neutral Bay

McMahons Point Community Centre
165 Blues Point Road, McMahons Point

Neutral Bay Public School
Bydown Street, Neutral Bay

Neutral Bay Uniting Church
49a Yeo Street, Neutral Bay

North Sydney Boys High School
Falcon Street, Crows Nest

North Sydney Demonstration School
Bay Road, North Sydney

North Sydney Girls High School
Pacific Highway, Crows Nest

St Aloysius' College Junior School
29 Burton Street, Milsons Point

St Augustine's Anglican Church Neutral Bay
75 Shellcove Road, Neutral Bay

St Peters Anglican Church Cremorne
29 Waters Road, Cremorne

Waverton Uniting Church Community Centre
75 Bay Road, Waverton

PLANNING NORTH SYDNEY'S FUTURE

If you were having dinner with friends and they asked you to tell a story about the North Sydney Council area, what story would you tell? If they handed you a magic wand and allowed you to change one thing, what would you change?

Don't just tell your friends the answers to these questions – tell us too. Council is currently reviewing the Community Strategic Plan and we'd like to know what your priorities are for the coming years.

We already know you love the harbour, our parks, the community feel of our village centres. Feel free to tell us what you value about these things, but don't hesitate to go further. Do we have a good variety of playground equipment, the right mix of buildings, a strong enough commitment to sustainability, events to suit a wide range of interests, enough services for the vulnerable, and infrastructure that meets your needs?

Our Community Strategic Plan is built around five themes and these may prompt your thinking. They are:

- our living environment
- our social vitality
- our built infrastructure
- our civic leadership
- our future planning

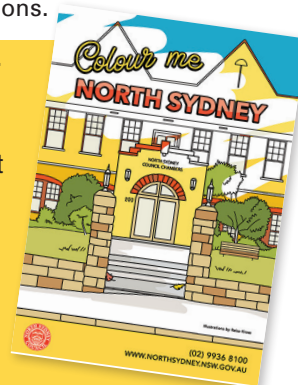
There are many different ways to have your say.

- **Mapping Tool** – use the online map on Council's website to pin-point the location of your identified issues/priorities.
- **Photo Album** – take a photo to share what you love most about the North Sydney LGA via Instagram, Facebook or email yoursay@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

- **Story Sharing** – tell us a story about an experience you have had within the North Sydney LGA. Share it on Facebook, Instagram or email it to yoursay@northsydney.nsw.gov.au
- **Survey** – complete the online survey which will help us prioritise the outcomes of the current Community Strategic Plan and identify new or emerging issues.
- **Artwork** – ask the children you know to draw or paint their vision of the future. Artwork templates with the prompt "When I grow up North Sydney will look like..." are available from Council's website, or can be posted on request. A4 PDF artwork will also be accepted.
- **Submissions** – use the online submission form or email yoursay@northsydney.nsw.gov.au to tell us your thoughts about any or all of the current directions.



The deadline for feedback is Sunday 12 December 2021. As a thank you for taking time to tell us what you think, interested participants will receive a colouring book designed by a local artist Raisa Kross and a mini pencil pack. The colouring book is suitable for children and adults and showcases iconic North Sydney landmarks and hidden gems. Everyone who makes a submission will also go in a draw to win one of six \$50 gift vouchers for a local business.



UNDERSTANDING COUNCIL PLANNING

What is a Community Strategic Plan?

North Sydney Council has had a long-term strategic plan since 1996. The purpose of the plan is to identify the community's main priorities and aspirations for the future, and to plan strategies for achieving these. The plan must take into account the pressures affecting the community and the level of resources realistically available to achieve its aims.

How is it developed?

The Community Strategic Plan is developed and delivered by Council in partnership with NSW Government agencies, business and industry groups, community groups and individuals. In addition to the feedback gathered from residents, ratepayers and other stakeholders, Council will draw on the results of the 2020 Customer Satisfaction Survey, the 2021 Liveability Census and recent consultations relating to other strategies and plans.

How is it resourced?

For its part in implementing the plan, Council lists its responsibilities within the accompanying long-term Resourcing Strategy and a four-year Delivery Program. The Community Strategic Plan guides the development of the four-year Delivery Program which becomes the single point of reference for how Council will spend its funds and what projects and services it will deliver during the term of the elected Council. The Delivery Program will include financial estimates for Council's budget position for the period 2022/23 to 2025/26.

TIMELINE

Oct to Dec 2021

community provides ideas and feedback for the development of a Community Strategic Plan/Delivery Program

March/April 2022

draft Community Strategic Plan goes on public exhibition for comment

May 2022

draft Delivery Program and draft Resourcing Strategy go on public exhibition for comment

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