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# NORTHSYDNEY NEWS



## IT'S PLAY TIME IN ST LEONARDS PARK

If the laughter and squeals are anything to go by, St Leonards Park's new and improved playground is proving popular with local families. Officially opened in late February, the pre-existing junior playground was renovated, and a new section added for older children aged 12 and up.

Highlights of the playground for older children include a huge 'eagles nest' climbing frame, a giant 360-degree swing and 'skysurfer' swinging and balancing equipment.

The upgrades to the existing junior playground include a refurbished outdoor music room with instruments, a spinner with a new ground level accessible platform and sandpit activities with interactive water and sand play equipment.

New plants and picnic areas have also been added to both parts of the playground. The project received funding from the NSW Government's Public Space Legacy Program.





It seems that when it comes to open space every generation has to fight the same fight to secure and protect it.

When the County of Cumberland Planning Scheme was prepared in 1948 for the Sydney metropolitan area it determined there should be 2.83 hectares of open space for every 1000 people. To put that in a more relatable way, that's 28.3m<sup>2</sup> of open space per person.

In 2021, North Sydney had 17m<sup>2</sup> per person, just 60% of the target set by our post-war city planners. We no longer have access to 72,000m<sup>2</sup> of parkland thanks to temporary and permanent infrastructure for the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway projects, so you can safely assume we now have even less open space per person.

Whilst the “boiling frog theory” may have been discredited as a statement of frog behaviour, it is an apt metaphor for how we have lost public open space over the last few years, even decades.

Over the last 40 years, the residential and commercial population of the North Sydney local government area has doubled. Higher density living was touted by State governments of all political persuasions as the path to urban vibrancy – the promise of larger populations that would sustain more cafes, cultural events and nightlife options. Unfortunately, no one mapped the line where the cost to our health and quality of life outweighed the benefits. No one stopped to look at the dusty County of Cumberland Plan that mapped the amount of open space per head of population and applied it to urban consolidation planning.

Population density is measured by the number of people per square kilometre. North Sydney's population density is 6,150, ranking us third behind the City of Sydney at 8,835 and Waverley at 7,424. More density is on its way. The NSW Government's St Leonards Crows Nest 2036 Plan allows for a population density of 14,400 people in the 1.8km<sup>2</sup> covered in the 2036 Plan.

Can people live happily with this kind of density? Without question. Singapore and Hong Kong have similar densities to North Sydney (8358 and 7120) with much less open space per person (7.8m<sup>2</sup> and 2.8m<sup>2</sup>). They are vibrant, creative cities.

However, density without open space must change the way we live. There will be less room for outdoor exercise and more people competing for access to the same number of sporting fields. North Sydney accounts for 12% of the population in the Northern Sydney Regional Organisation of Councils' footprint, but provides only 4% of its playing fields. Our share of capacity is forecast to drop to 3% over the next few years. Council is working closely with our region and neighbouring councils and will continue to do so. But this can never be enough.

By 2036, we will need another 120 standard rectangular fields on the North Shore to meet demand. Without that, organised sport will become the privilege of the

wealthy and elite, access to a playground will become more difficult and it will be almost impossible to find a quiet green space to daydream, read a book, recharge our batteries or catch up with a friend.

In 2019, the NSW Department of Planning and the Environment's Greater Sydney Outdoors study found that: 85% of people want to walk/run in parks and open spaces close to home, 77% want to relax in open space and 64% want to be able to enjoy a picnic in a park or reserve. Overall, 70% of Sydneysiders consider open space to be an important factor in their lives.

There is a large body of international research documenting the physical and mental health benefits of open space. We cannot overestimate how important open space is to our well being.

Council has prioritised open space in our Community Strategic Plan, but more resources are needed to make a real difference. As a community, we need to engage in a thoughtful and iterative conversation about how much open space we need and are prepared to pay for or perhaps, even to fight for.

Council is being creative about finding pockets of open space or adding to existing parks and reserves, but the density challenge before us is daunting.

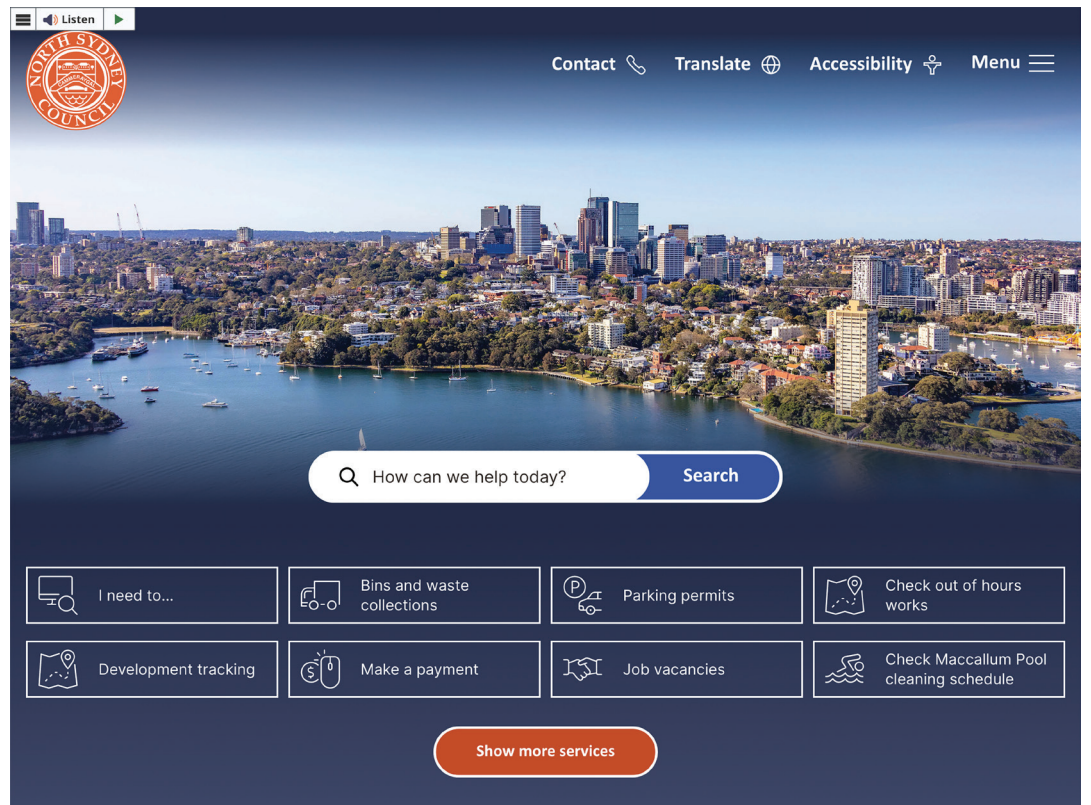
I am putting open space and density on the table as an urgent subject for discussion. I invite you to be part of the conversation so that Council can determine open space and financial priorities that we as a community can own and work towards together.

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# WHERE COUNCIL AND THE COMMUNITY CLICK

Have you visited our new website yet? We've moved to a search and top task structure to make it easier to find the information you want or complete the task you come to do. If you can't find what you are looking for, use the 'hamburger' menu on the top right hand corner to navigate your way to the content.

The new website meets web content accessibility guidelines and automatically adjusts to different devices, such as mobiles and tablets. Users can translate the entire site into the language of their choice and there is a ReadAloud functionality to aid visually impaired users. The ReadAloud tool, which can be found in the top lefthand corner, also has a page mask feature to help users visually highlight a line of text.



## SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT

Willoughby Road, Crows Nest's popular eat street, is getting an upgrade. The design of the streetscape complements the recently opened park between Hume Street and Hume Lane, continuing the elements of sandstone, timber and stainless steel.

The upgrade retains the current outdoor dining areas and will use any vacant areas for public seating or as a temporary pop-up space. The planter boxes will support larger plants to maintain the green edge along the road, one of its much-loved characteristics.

The power lines will be undergrounded to create airspace for new street trees and feature lighting will be installed on trees and furniture elements. There will also be an opportunity to incorporate public art.

The intention is to replace the current privately owned dining umbrellas with alfresco shade structures. This is subject to consultation with businesses on Willoughby Road.

The upgrade was identified as a priority project in the Crows Nest Public Domain Masterplan. Work on the new streetscape is expected to begin in the middle of the year.



# CELEBRATING OUR EVERYDAY HEROES

The North Sydney Community Awards recognise the outstanding contributions that local individuals and groups make to our community. This year the standard of nominations was very high and the judging panel selected more than one winner in each category.



## COMMUNITY BUILDER AWARD

### Janice Hui and Linda Bisnette – *helping skilled migrants find work*

As migrants themselves, Janice and Linda have experienced firsthand the challenges that come when settling in a new country. In 2013, Janice had the idea to launch a program at the Crows Nest Centre to help skilled migrants establish themselves in the workforce. She has a group of dedicated coaches (which is how fellow award winner Linda got involved) who run two workshops every year and a one-on-one coaching service.

“We’ve had very pleasing results,” Janice said. “Over 70 per cent of graduates were able to find jobs matching their profession within the first few months of graduating from the workshop. It’s really rewarding work because it is life changing.”

Linda, who is also involved with Zonta Group, joined Janice a few years into the program. She said there are two things that have kept her involved for so many years. “One is the relationship with the participants. Perhaps the most important outcome for me is that on our evaluation forms, pretty much each one says that what they gained from the program is confidence.

“The second thing is that the coaches are a fantastic group of professionals. They’re all people who care about what they’re doing and who want to help. Working with them is wonderful.”

Janice and Linda both believe that when you volunteer your time and skills, the rewards are huge. “In each one of us, there is something to give – either small or big,” Janice said. “Pull out what you have – your resources – and contribute. I can assure you, based on my experience, it’s really rewarding.”

Honourable mentions went to Matt Dawson, John Hancox and Audrey Tonkin.

## ECO WARRIOR AWARD

### Anne Pickles and Ruth Mitchell – *Wildlife Watch*

Anne and Ruth are recognised for their work with Wildlife Watch – an initiative where volunteers record wildlife observations. Anne spends a lot of her time in the field and has added almost 2,000 entries into Council’s BioCollect database. Ruth has entered more than 300 historic wildlife records into the database, attending Council every Monday morning to do so.

## NEXT GENERATION AWARD

### Patrick Boland – *Bushcare*

Patrick helps rehabilitate local bushland through the Bushcare program. He has logged 43 hours of voluntary service, mostly spent controlling exotic weeds at Forsyth Park, Smoothey Park, Tunks East and Harry Howard Reserves.

### Imogen Wills, Lauren Moloney and Olivia Menzies – *sustainable initiatives at Loreto Kirribilli*

Before graduating last year, Imogen, Lauren and Olivia played an active role in establishing Loreto as a sustainable school. They did this by formally setting up an Environmental Sustainability Framework and initiating programs such as Return and Earn, a War on Waste clean-up day and Plastic Free Canteen.

## LIVING LEGEND AWARDS

Living legends are volunteers who have contributed 20 or more years of service to the community. All winners for 2023 play an important role in the Bushcare program. Turn to pages 6 & 7 for more on Bushcare.

### 30 years

Donald Melrose  
George Barbouttis  
Heather Robson

Mary Lyn Lawrence  
Nicole Bannister

### 20 years

Andy Craig  
Anita Semler  
Ann Lyons  
Bud Coffey  
Dick Gall  
Eddie Tsui  
Frennie Beytagh  
Hilary Walker  
Ian Clarke  
Jan Thomas  
John Brewer  
Joyce Meyer

Kim Shepherd  
Lynne Cook  
Margaret O’Brien  
Margaret Ryan  
Mart Vesk  
Michael Young  
Nancy Heywood  
Penelope Blau  
Penelope Erikson  
Rosslyn Young  
Sissi Stewart  
Victoria Whitney



## A NOD TO HERITAGE IN HENRY LAWSON RESERVE

The western side of Henry Lawson Reserve re-opened in late 2022, just in time for the NYE fireworks. For the past few years, the State Government has used the park as an access point for the construction of the metro tunnel that connects the Barangaroo and Victoria Cross stations.

The Government upgraded the park, returning it to Council with terraced seating, rain gardens and sculptural elements to acknowledge the historical and Aboriginal remnants unearthed during the construction. These archaeological findings included the sandstone foundations of three workers cottages dating from the mid 1800s, artefacts such as tea sets from the same era and cultural lithics connected to the Cammeraygal people.

The end of Blues Point Road has become a shared zone to make it safer for pedestrians walking between Blues Point and Henry Lawson Reserves.



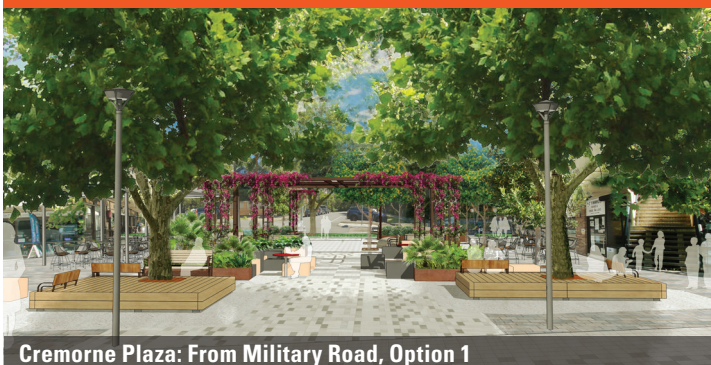
## EAST MEETS WEST

The two halves of Henry Lawson Reserve are set to be united. Council is preparing a Development Application to demolish the building at 1 Henry Lawson Avenue that has lain idle for years and split the reserve in two.

Once demolished, the land will be returned to the community as open space. Council is committed to preserving some of the heritage elements of the building, such as the historic slipways, remnants of the sandstone wall and the building footprint, in the design of the new parkland.

The NSW Government purchased 1 Henry Lawson Avenue from a private owner in mid-2021 and transferred the ownership to Council late last year.

## LAST CHANCE TO HAVE YOUR SAY!



**Cremorne Plaza: From Military Road, Option 1**

Design options for Cremorne Plaza and Langley Place are open for comment until 5pm on Monday 3 April. The designs, which have been on public exhibition during February and March, incorporate initial community feedback gathered over summer.



**Cremorne Plaza: From Military Road, Option 2**

Head to the Your Say page on Council's website to tell us which one is your preferred option. Construction is expected to start in mid-2023. This is the first time the Cremorne Village Centre has had an upgrade in 20 years.



# BUSHCARE CELEBRATES 30 YEARS

This year marks the 30th anniversary of Council's official Bushcare program. Over three decades, volunteers and staff have transformed 12 reserves from weed-invested rubbish dumps to bushland where native flora and fauna can flourish and residents can be immersed in nature.

We pay tribute to the dedication of our hard-working Bushcare volunteers and acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Cammeraygal people, and their expert land management techniques that have informed our Bushcare program.



## A GRASSROOTS MOVEMENT

The systemised approach to bush regeneration as we know it today is a grass roots program, in every sense of the word. Bush regeneration emerged in the 1960s from the work of Mosman residents Joan and Eileen Bradley who pioneered the practice of bush regeneration as we know it today.

Inspired by the Bradley sisters, North Sydney residents started their own local bush regeneration which was formalised as a Council program in 1993. In celebrating this anniversary, Council recognises the foundational work of the original, passionate individuals who not only began and shaped our Bushcare program, but initiated a change in social attitudes towards the environment.

The Bushcare program has been remarkable for its sustained collaboration between volunteers and Council staff that has led to new sub-programs including Wildlife Watch, Native Havens and the annual tree planting trip to Boorowa.

In recent years, Bushcare has celebrated the return of a number of species to our bushland reserves including the:

- Swamp Wallaby (*Wallabia bicolor*)
- Long-nosed Bandicoot (*Perameles nasuta*)
- Superb Lyrebird (*Menura novaehollandiae*)
- Australian Brush Turkey (*Alectura lathami*)



## creating a legacy for future generations

The outstanding work of Bushcare is thanks to many, many hands. One pair of those hands belongs to George Barbouttis, who has volunteered for nearly 30 years.

When he began his journey with Bushcare, he described himself as “a bit awkward and uneducated, but enthusiastic to do something”.

George recalls that in those days the bushland was almost like a rubbish dump, with people tipping local rubbish and green waste into the area. Now, he says, people are taking a lot more care of the environment and the landscape “is a completely different picture, with the Cremorne Point path a showcase for our city”.

George said the support provided by the Council’s bushland team and supervisors has always been educated, enthusiastic and passionate. “The staff explain the aim of each Bushcare session to the volunteers and provide the reasons for what the group is setting out to do,” he said. “This gets the group motivated and gives a greater understanding of the impact they are having.

“The amount of flora and fauna in the area, I can’t tell you how much it has increased.



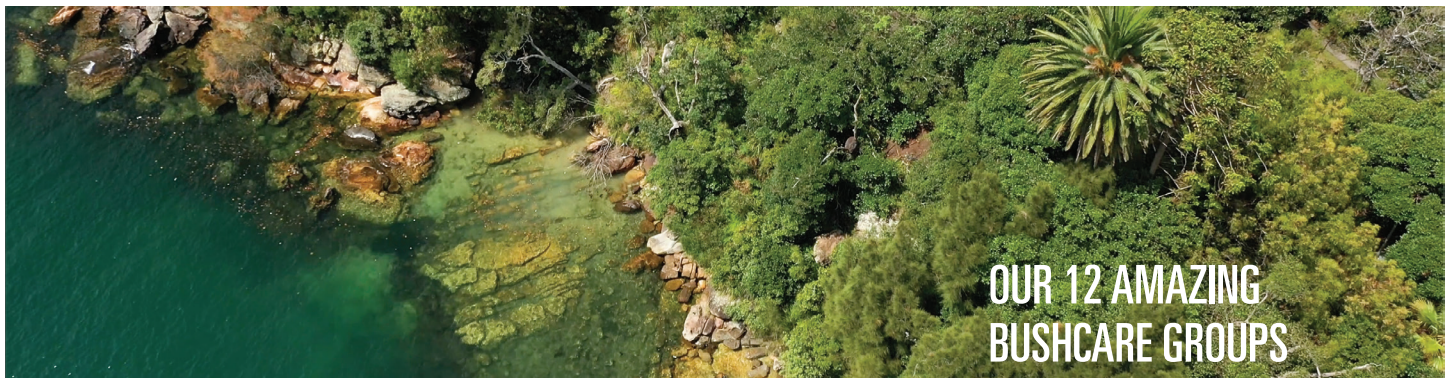
You can just listen to the birds. So many birds and new species coming back to the bush, it’s just fantastic.”

Asked what has brought him back to each meeting, George said it was satisfying to be able to improve on the work of the previous meeting.

“One thing is you’re always learning about the bush, and the bush is always changing with the environment and the seasons. So it’s a great learning experience.”

But it’s not just personal satisfaction and joy that keeps George coming back, but also the knowledge that his work will benefit future generations.

“It’s not for me,” he said. “I’ve got grandchildren and I want to leave a better place for the grandchildren... I won’t see the trees that we plant now grow up, but my grandchildren will.”



### OUR 12 AMAZING BUSHCARE GROUPS

## JOIN BUSHCARE

Apart from being great for our environment, there are many health and social benefits of being a Bushcare volunteer.

- Work in a peaceful natural environment
- Get some healthy low-impact exercise
- Enjoy relaxed social events, make new friends and feel connected to your community
- Learn new skills with hands-on training, workshops and guided bushwalks
- Experience a sense of personal achievement

Groups meet weekly, bi-monthly, or monthly around the North Sydney area. A qualified Supervisor is present at all group sessions and provides on-site training, gloves, tools, and morning tea.

But don’t just take our word for it. Watch the videos on Council’s YouTube channel and hear from some of our long-term volunteers.

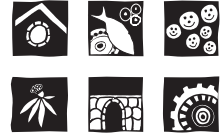
Since 2007, 340 volunteers have contributed 25,475 hours of bush regeneration work, equivalent to \$1,146,375 of value to the North Sydney community.

- Mortlock Reserve, Cammeray
- Primrose Park, Cammeray
- Tunks Park East, Cammeray
- Tunks Park West, Cammeray
- Brightmore Reserve, Cremorne
- Cremorne Reserve, Cremorne Point
- Forsyth Park, Neutral Bay
- Smoothey Park, Wollstonecraft
- Balls Head Reserve, Waverton
- Bushcare community nursery, Waverton
- Badangi Reserve, Wollstonecraft
- Harry Howard Reserve, Wollstonecraft

## TELL US WHAT YOU THINK ABOUT SUSTAINABILITY

We want to hear your thoughts on future events and activations at the Coal Loader and how we can help our businesses and residents reach our net zero targets.

Visit <https://yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/> have your say and go into the draw to win some great prizes.



the Coal Loader  
CENTRE FOR SUSTAINABILITY

## SOLAR ALTERNATIVE

Can't install rooftop solar? You can still go renewable at home by choosing a GreenPower electricity plan.

When you opt for GreenPower some of your money goes

to getting more renewably sourced energy into Australia's electricity grid. It's one of the best things you can do for our planet and you can switch in as little as 10 minutes. Find out why GreenPower is better than a carbon neutral electricity plan at [getgreenpower.sydney](http://getgreenpower.sydney).



## CITY SWITCH

### CITYSWITCH HELPS OFFICE-BASED BUSINESSES GO NET ZERO - JOIN FOR FREE!

Do you work at or own an office-based business? Council provides free professional advice on how to reduce carbon emissions and go net zero through our CitySwitch program. Participants also have access to a wide network of other companies also taking steps to improve their sustainability.

Benefits of joining the program are:

- free online resources with a practical and learning-based approach. This is centred around three campaigns a year involving practical toolkits, case studies and engagement tools
- financial assistance towards the cost of NABERS ratings, as well as advice and insight into incentives and other options for energy investment
- regular local meetups and networking events
- annual awards that celebrate, inspire and reward leadership and achievement



## BETTER BUSINESS PARTNERSHIP

### FREE SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM TO ASSIST SMALL BUSINESS



Any small business in North Sydney can join the Better Business Partnership (BBP) for free. Participants get a full sustainability assessment with tailored advice from Council, and we'll help you develop a sustainability action plan.



The BBP's *Buy Better, Buy Local* campaign promotes sustainable businesses to the local community on its website and social media.

Whether it is saving you energy, water or reducing your waste costs, increasing staff and community engagement or buying better through sustainable purchasing, there are lots of opportunities.



## NEW NESTS FOR DISPLACED WILDLIFE

Our wildlife in Cammeray Park has borne the brunt of land clearing for the Western Harbour Tunnel. With the loss of trees, there are fewer places for native birds and possums to nest.

To address this, Council has installed 10 nest boxes as a trial in Anzac Park and Warringa Road Reserve near the golf course. The boxes will provide a sanctuary for wildlife such as cockatoos, corellas, lorikeets, galahs, kookaburras, rosellas, butcherbirds, possums and wood ducks.

Made with a 3D-printed, UV-stabilised plastic shell for longevity, the nest boxes have thick timber inserts for insulation. This helps to keep the animals cooler in summer and warmer in winter. Some hollows will also be carved into existing trees.



### HOW YOU CAN HELP

Do your bit at home by creating a great place for orphaned animals to explore or nest. Put out fresh and safely accessible drinking water, plant protective local native plants (look up Council's Native Havens program to see how you can get free local native plants) and install suitably sized and placed nest boxes.

You can even go one step further by using organic gardening techniques to protect the food chain, using wildlife friendly netting in your garden and limiting the use of pesticides. It's also important to be a responsible pet owner by keeping your cat inside and your dog on a lead.

If you come across an animal in distress, phone Sydney Wildlife 02 9413 4300 or WIRES 1300 094 737.

## CONNECTING PAST AND PRESENT



Blue Heritage Plaques have been installed to recognise the historic value of May Gibbs' Neutral Bay home Nutcote and Brett Whiteley's residence in Lavender Bay.

May Gibbs was Australia's first full-time, professionally trained children's author and illustrator. In 1925, she moved to Neutral Bay, into the harbourside property that affectionately became known as Nutcote. Gibbs lived there for 44 years, taking inspiration from her surroundings to create iconic characters like the gumnut babies.

Brett Whiteley, an internationally acclaimed artist, conceived many of his paintings from his Lavender Bay home and studio. He and his wife purchased the property in 1974, and he lived and worked there until 1988. Whiteley's paintings were often inspired by his picturesque view of Sydney Harbour.

The Blue Heritage Plaque program launched in Australia in 2022, inspired by a similar scheme operating in the UK. It celebrates heritage by connecting noteworthy people of the past with buildings of the present.

## POP-UP TO STAY DURING METRO CONSTRUCTION

The closure of the left turn slip lane from Pacific Highway (southbound) into Miller Street will be made permanent with a kerb realignment. The lane was closed in October 2021 as part of the Miller Street pop-up which provided additional space, seating and planting. These changes will be staying in place in the interest of pedestrian safety and to ameliorate the major impacts of the Sydney Metro construction, particularly the ongoing footpath closures on the eastern side of Miller Street. Council will continue to advocate for the permanent pedestrianisation of Miller Street from the Pacific Highway to Berry Street.

## DA MEETINGS GET ADVICE ON YOUR DA

Planning advice meetings for Development Applications (DAs) are now in person again. Held every Wednesday, community members, developers and other stakeholders can book a time with Council's planning advisers to discuss proposed developments. It's recommended you bring your development plans or sketches to the meeting so our planning advisers can give you the best possible advice.

## PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETINGS

Compulsory pre-construction meetings have also been introduced for site managers of new building projects. These will allow Council to provide clear directions about the standards we expect when it comes to development conditions, safety and impact on the local community.

## A PUSH FOR SUSTAINABLE DESIGN

**Pre-Development Applications for large developments will now be referred to Council's sustainability team before plans are finalised and lodged. This will help us ensure that future developments in the area have sustainable design integrated at the concept stage, rather than having to retrofit expensive sustainability upgrades.**

# NEUTRAL BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE CELEBRATES 50 FABULOUS YEARS



Community centres are an important hub for locals to connect, learn new skills and enjoy activities and the Neutral Bay Community Centre has been doing that for five decades.

The centre provides many services to the public. From affordable exercise classes, social gatherings and computer lessons to providing a newspaper to read over a cuppa, it is a safe space for many.

Its milestone birthday is being commemorated all year, beginning with a special naming ceremony to dedicate two rooms to former president Pauline Constantine and former volunteer tutor Chris McCormick.

The Neutral Bay Community Centre has had many achievements throughout its existence, including being awarded Community Group of the Year on Australia Day in 2016. In 2020, the building was renovated to make it more purpose-built for members and in late 2021 the first paid employee, Gill Melling, was hired as the Centre Coordinator.

New signage was installed last year, resulting in a higher profile in the community. "At the end of 2021, we had 322 members," Gill said. "And at the end of 2022, we had 425." Gill is confident that growth will continue.

"Our membership base is great. It's always very lively, especially in the morning. Our unique selling point is that we don't require you to pre-book a series of classes. You can pay as you go. There isn't that pressure on people to attend something they're not enjoying or don't feel up to doing."

Maria Spinoulas, the Centre's current President, said members' involvement can be as active or passive as they like. "By having a relaxed centre, there's no pressure to do anything. Our mission is for people to connect, learn and grow."

As for the future, Secretary Sally Leung said they'd like to get more volunteers involved. "Volunteering allows people to give back and be engaged with the community. Volunteers are the backbone of the centre – it's how it all started. We're looking forward to engaging with many different people in the Neutral Bay community."



**HOW GOOD IS YOUR HOOD?**

**WHAT DO YOU LIKE ABOUT LIVING HERE?**

Council is participating in the 2023 Australian Liveability Census. This nation-wide research project will help us understand the concept of liveability from our community's perspective - and see how we are faring compared to the rest of the country. The Australian Liveability Census is open from 26 March to 30 June 2023 and all participants will have the chance to win one of 50 x \$100 vouchers!

The results of the survey are used in conjunction with other community consultation, including our customer satisfaction survey. Please participate in the census by snapping the QR code below or by visiting: [https://placescore.org/lc23\\_do\\_nsw\\_northsydney](https://placescore.org/lc23_do_nsw_northsydney)



**HOW SHOULD WE CONNECT WITH YOU?**

We want to know how you keep up with what is happening in the local area.

Do you read local newspapers and magazines at the cafe? Or do you get your news from a local Facebook group? Would you prefer to get an email reminder of what's on in the area or watch a short 30 second video?

Tell us how you want to connect with Council in a short survey online and go in the draw to win a \$50 voucher.



# BOOK HIVE

## *The book group for busy people*

Do you love to read but don't have time to join a book club? Book Hive could be for you.

Book Hive is a new online group hosted by Stanton Library.

The group runs a little differently to others because there are no set books to read. Members are simply asked to bring their enthusiasm for something they've enjoyed reading or listening to.

Each session is hosted by a librarian who'll also offer title suggestions to inspire your next read.

Book Hive meetups are held on the second Tuesday and Thursday of each month from 6.30pm on Zoom. To attend [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/book-hive](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/book-hive)



## CALL FOR SPONSORS



Council is seeking expressions of interest from organisations that would like to sponsor major events, concerts, markets and festivals in 2023. These are excellent opportunities to promote your brand to residents in the North Sydney local government area.

Sponsorship may be as simple as donating a prize for a competition through to naming rights for a major event. Benefits provided to sponsors will be determined by the value of the sponsorship in dollar terms, the length of the sponsorship and the type of asset, service, function or program being sponsored.

Sponsorship is welcome from a broad range of organisations, with the exception of those selling tobacco, addictive drugs, products harmful to health or products in conflict with Council's policies and responsibilities to the community.

For more information, or to register interest as a sponsor, please email [commsevents@northsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:commsevents@northsydney.nsw.gov.au)

## CALLING ALL BUDDING WRITERS

Now in its 34th year, entries for the Nan Manefield Young Writers Award are now open. Young people aged 11 to 18 years old are invited to submit either one poem or one short story, up to 750 words. Submissions close Sunday 30 April.

The competition is about celebrating the writing talents of young people in our community with a panel of established authors judging the entries. This year's judges include Erin Gough, Ursula Dubosarsky, Tim Sinclair, Will Kostakis, and Sue Whiting.



## A MARKET for EVERYONE

### The Artisans Market

1 Balls Head Road, Waverton  
9am to 3pm | **4 June**

### Rotary Crows Nest Market

Ernest Place, Crows Nest | 9am to 4pm |  
**15 April, 20 May, 17 June**

### Kirribilli General & Fashion Market

Burton Street Tunnel, Kirribilli  
8.30am to 3pm | **22 April, 27 May, 24 June**

### Kirribilli Art Design & Fashion Market

Burton Street Tunnel, Kirribilli  
8.30am to 3pm | **9 April, 14 May, 11 June**

### Northside Produce Market

Ted Mack Civic Park, 200 Miller St, North Sydney | 8am to 12pm | **1 April, 15 April, 6 May, 20 May, 3 June, 17 June**

## Stanton Library



### Heritage Festival 2023 'Shared Stories'

**17 April** | Create a unique Shared Story of North Sydney 10am to 12pm, Stanton Library

**10 May** | Create a unique Shared Story of North Sydney 3pm to 5pm, Stanton Library

**21 April** | Australian Fairy Tale Collage Workshop 11am to 12.30pm, May Gibbs' Nutcote

**5 May** | Walking Old Wollstonecraft 10am to 12pm

### April School holidays

**1-30 April** | Where's Wally themed scavenger hunt and craft activities

### Green events

**18 April** | Family Bush Walk, 10.30am to 12pm

**19 April** | Family Kayak, 10.30am to 12pm

**20 April** | Family Spotlight Walk, 5.30pm to 8.30pm

**29 April** | Home compost check-ups, 10am to 4pm

**12 May** | Bushcare Visit – Kurrajong, 7.30am to 3pm

**14 May** | Trees for Mum, 9.30am to 11am

**17 June** | Working with Woody Weeds, 10.30am to 1.30pm

**22 June** | Battlers for the Bush Tour, 9am to 3.30pm

**25 June** | Aboriginal Cultural Heritage Walk, 9am to 2pm

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# Living Futures

Sustainability Festival

24 to 30 April 2023

A free, week-long event across North Sydney to create a bright and sustainable future

### Living Futures Talks

24-29  
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A series of talks exploring food, the impact of youth in climate action, circular economy and the built environment. Various locations across North Sydney.



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### Living Futures Festival

Electric cars & bikes, workshops, recycling, demos, talks solar, heat pumps & induction cooking exhibits music, kids' activities, food, stalls, and more. The Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability, Waverton



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