

SPRING 2023

NORTHSYDNEY NEWS



OUR LIVING FUTURE

Want to be more sustainable? Get inspired at the North Sydney Living Futures Sustainability Festival, coming to The Coal Loader on Sunday 29 October.

Don't miss this fantastic day which is packed with fun-filled sustainable activities, demonstrations, tours, talks and stalls that will inspire and entertain you.

Costa Georgiadis, host of the ABC's *Gardening Australia*, will join Charleen Aguiar Dos Santos from Koori Kinnections (both pictured) on the main stage to introduce music, demonstrations and mini talks. Costa is an expert on all things green, while Charleen has a wealth of knowledge on traditional Indigenous skills including dance, weaving, wood carving and painting.

The festival has things to do, see, discover and learn for people of all ages. Here are some ideas to get you started:

Refresh your wardrobe at the clothes swap for adults and kids, then zhuzh up your home at the Salon de Refuse art swap which will launch on the day and continue until 12 November.

Discover sustainable solutions for home gardening, eco cleaning, solar panels, heat pumps, gifts and more at our diverse and interesting stalls.

Get hands on making recycled products with Banish, creating a box city with Reverse Garbage, sorting straws surrendered in the NSW plastics amnesty or creating community art with the Seahorse Project.

Ask questions about electric vehicles; head to the EV display and talk to experts about what it's like to own an EV in real life. Then chat with Council staff about waste and recycling, bush regeneration, arts and culture, and community engagement – they are there to help!

Give your small electrical appliances, textiles or bike a new lease on life at the repair stations.

Eat more sustainably with great advice at the OzHarvest and The Sustainable Food Kitchen cooking demonstrations, then visit our planet-friendly food and ice-cream trucks for lunch or a yummy snack.

Learn more about The Coal Loader's Indigenous and industrial history and current activities with tours by the Aboriginal Heritage Office, volunteer gardeners, Heritage Centre, Koori Kinnections, Bush to Bowl and Bushcare.

Visit Tunnel One to hear talks about sustainable fashion, snacks and hacks for families, and how to reach net zero.

Live like an A-lister with free valet parking for your bicycle on Balls Head Drive.

EVENT DETAILS

Sunday 29 October | 10am - 4pm | Free

The Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability
2 Balls Head Drive, Waverton
northsydney.nsw.gov.au/livingfutures

ECO KIDS!

Children embrace sustainable living with open minds and will love our line-up of activities just for them. Our kids area will feature The Kings and Queens of Green, live music, bubble play and eco face-painting, story time, wildlife shows, a scavenger hunt and creating a box city. Keep an eye out for Costa Georgiadis' alias – Costa the Garden Gnome.





It is customary, in columns such as this, for mayors to extol the virtues of living in a place like North Sydney – blessed with access to the foreshore and urban bushland, close to the city, well served by public transport and with an exceptional community committed to environmental sustainability, diversity and tolerance. All of these things are, of course, true.

However, many of us feel under siege: utterly overwhelmed and disempowered in the face of the terrible impacts of State Government major roads projects and the driving development pressure and construction where we live, study and play.

For example, over the last 18 months, the Warringah Freeway Upgrade/ Western Harbour Tunnel works (WFU/WHT) have caused the devastating loss of thousands of trees along the whole of the project corridor from Cammeray to the Harbour Bridge. They continue to disrupt our local streets and our peace of mind with the levels of noise, vibrations, loss of access to properties, loss of on-street parking and changes to local traffic conditions (many of which severely reduce pedestrian safety, in particular around schools such as Cammeray Public and Anzac Park).

These works are being carried out for Transport for NSW (TfNSW) by two separate contractors (CPB Downer and Acciona) under a single contract and will continue for at least another two years.

TfNSW and their contractors routinely advise residents that they have ‘consulted’ Council on various aspects of the works and construction arrangements. Council’s experience is that ‘consultation’ is, at best, the provision of information and usually at the very last minute.

It is understandable then, that frustrated and angry residents turn to Council and reasonably ask: “what is Council doing?”

The answer is: we are doing all that we can, within the limits of our power, to secure a better outcome for this community – whether it is to assist residents with the daily issues of the construction like returning access for garbage trucks in Alfred Street North, or the longer term goal of the return of public open space to the community and the delivery of improved pedestrian and cycling infrastructure as part of the works.

That said, here is just some of what we have been doing to help residents impacted by the construction and to mitigate the longer term impacts of the projects:

- Council has a dedicated Public Projects Interface Manager as well as Traffic and Engineering officers who daily liaise with TfNSW, other government agencies and the contractors, on behalf of Council and the community
- Council is working to hold TfNSW and the contractors on their promise to provide the 2:1 replacement of lost trees, that will return the vital canopy and habitat to our streets and parks
- Council’s Traffic and Transport staff are working to make changes to on-street parking arrangements to prioritise resident parking on streets which have not been acquired for the project in Cammeray and along the rest of the project corridor impacted by these works

- Council is strongly lobbying and advocating to TfNSW to make more ambitious commitments to active transport as part of these works and for better management of construction of these projects to stop the on-going destructive and pernicious impacts of these works on residents
- I have written, and continue to write, countless letters to the Minister for Roads, Minister for Transport, Minister for Planning and Public Spaces and to TfNSW on behalf of impacted residents requiring that they act to ensure that their contractors comply with their own conditions of consent, particularly in relation to access, parking, noise and vibration, and to direct their contractors to provide respite measures for residents from construction such as hotel vouchers for night works
- Recently I met with the Hon. John Graham MLC, Minister for Roads and raised the impacts of construction on residents along the whole of the construction corridor. I asked the Minister to ensure that:
 - (a) the 1.5ha of public open space at Cammeray Park is returned to the community at the end of the works
 - (b) that Woodley’s Shed at Berrys Bay is made safe and returned to the community and not to regard the Berrys Bay masterplan and park as compensation for the loss of Cammeray Park
 - (c) a commitment to comply with the conditions of consent applying to the construction of the project to mitigate impacts on affected residents
 - (d) delivery of pedestrian and active transport infrastructure now – as part of the obligation to ensure safe access to residents and students

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including around Anzac Park Public School.

(e) a commitment to the public domain works at Miller Street (known as Miller Place) to coincide with the opening of the Metro.

- In recent weeks I also met with the Chief of Staff to the Minister for Planning and Public Spaces together with senior bureaucrats from the Department seeking urgent action to enforce compliance with conditions of consent.
- I also met with, and continue to lobby, the Minister Administering Crown Lands for the return of Cammeray Park and the

land at Berrys Bay to Council's care and control at the end of the projects.

I will not stop lobbying the State Government on your behalf. Your experiences and stories are a powerful tool of persuasion when meeting with Ministers and TfNSW. Please continue to:

1. Email me (mayor@northsydney.nsw.gov.au) with particular issues or just copy me on any communication that you have with TfNSW or their contractors so that Council may urge them to address your particular concerns.

2. Write to the Minister (John Graham - john.graham@parliament.nsw.gov.au) directly.

It is easy to feel helpless as these huge changes are wrought around us. But... I know that North Sydney has a fighting spirit. We do not lie down in the face of a challenge. Generations before us were successful in conserving and protecting this wonderful community and public spaces.

It is that fighting spirit that we must continue to draw on to sustain us through these challenging times.

NO TICKETS NEEDED FOR NYE

You won't need a ticket to watch the New Year's Eve fireworks from Council's main vantage points this year – Bradfield Park/Mary Booth Reserve, Lavender Bay Parklands and Blues Point. These sites will be free and open to the public until they reach capacity. Bags will be checked on entry for alcohol and other prohibited items. Residents living in areas affected by road closures will receive a brochure in December. For other details, please check Council's website or visit www.sydneynewyearsve.com



EXPLORE THE FORMER QUARANTINE BOAT DEPOT

Nestled in the picturesque Balls Head Peninsula, looking out onto Berrys Bay, sits the former Quarantine Boat Depot. Council acquired the Waverton site from the State Government in 2022 with a plan to turn it into useable open space for the community. It sat idle for many years so needed lots of work before it could reopen to the public. We're pleased to say that we've now opened the gates, giving everyone an opportunity to explore this unique snippet of Sydney's maritime history.

In 2024, we'll be seeking expressions of interest for community-based uses for the two cottages. Keep an eye on Council's website for details.



ORIGINS OF THE DEPOT

The Quarantine Boat Depot opened in 1912 to service the boats travelling to and from the Quarantine Station at North Head. The site has two cottages, which the crew used as accommodation. Their job was to ferry medical personnel or patients between sites and to fumigate passenger ships arriving in Sydney. More recently, the site was leased to the Australian National Maritime Museum and used to maintain its heritage fleet. The two cottages were also privately leased for some time.

DISCOUNTS FOR LONG-TERM PARKING

Residents can apply for reduced monthly parking rates in some of Council’s car parks. Businesses hiring five or more car spaces are also eligible for discounted prices. Contact Council to check availability in these locations: Crows Nest’s Alexander Street, Holtermann Street or Hume Street; Wollstonecraft’s Nicholson Street; North Sydney’s Ridge Street or Ward Street.

All Council car parks are open 24/7, so you can be let out after-hours without needing to pay a call-out fee.

Email council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au for more information.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER YOUR PETS

If you buy your cat or dog through a registered breeder, it will be microchipped when you take it home. However, microchipping isn't all that needs to be done. You also need to go to petregistry.nsw.gov.au to officially register your fur friend in the area you live.

The register gives councils important information about whether pets are de-sexed or have a secondary owner, and the fees help fund a range of facilities and services including pound services for lost animals and dog recreation areas. Council regularly checks pet registrations and will mail out reminders. If your pet isn't registered by the time they're six months old, you could be fined.

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT BUS TO BOOKS?

On the last Friday of every month, many local residents eagerly await the arrival of the Community Connect Transport bus. It picks them up from their front door and takes them directly to Stanton Library where they can borrow books, enjoy morning tea and chat with friends. The service is called Bus to Books, and it's an opportunity for those who don't drive or have limited mobility to visit the library.

Valerie Wojtulewicz, who lives in Cremorne, hasn't missed a Friday of Bus to Books since the program began in September last year. "I see it as *my* day of the month," she says. "Before, I would come to the library with someone else and I felt I had to rush; they were watching their watch. This program gives me time to

wander. I can load up with books, it doesn't cost me anything, and I get a cup of tea and a biscuit. In my mind, it's the most brilliant program and I don't understand why more people wouldn't take it up!"

Each visit, Valerie's canvas tote gets filled to the brim with books across a range of genres, everything from murder mysteries to Australian histories. "You can borrow as much as you want – if you can carry it!" she says with a smile. Valerie uses the outing to also browse DVDs on the shelves and flick through the latest magazines, before she joins her friends from the bus for morning tea.

As part of Bus to Books, a dedicated staff member from the library is also on hand to

help with any questions. "They look after us," Valerie says. "It's like VIP treatment going to the library."

To reserve your spot in Bus to Books, call Stanton Library on 9936 8400 or visit northsydney.nsw.gov.au/bus-books



DINGHY STORAGE PERMITS

Own a dinghy or kayak? You can apply for a permit to leave your watercraft in a Council-approved storage area. Using our storage racks helps to ensure there is safe access to the harbour and beaches for everyone. Call or email Council to find out if there's availability in a storage facility near you.

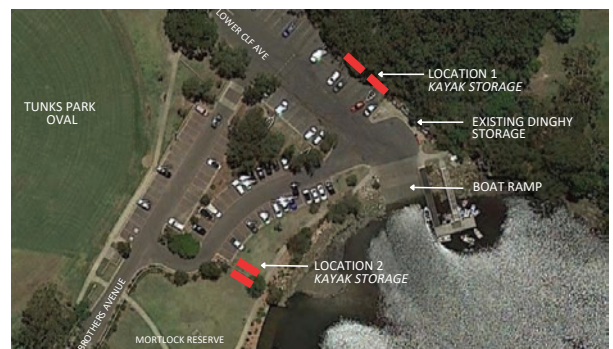


BETTER WATER ACCESS

Access from John Street, Waverton, to the Berrys Bay foreshore will be impacted in early 2024. Council is constructing a new staircase to make it easier for small watercraft users to get to the water. When the works are complete, permits will be issued for locals to store kayaks at the bottom of the stairs, to avoid people leaving their vessels there illegally.

CALLING ALL KAYAKERS

If you use Tunks Park in Cammeray to store your kayak, you might be interested in our plans for a new storage area. We're exhibiting two locations, with each allowing for a different capacity and design. Option one is to have storage for eight to 10 kayaks on Lower Cliff Avenue, with a one-sided multilevel kayak rack positioned parallel to the kerb. Option two is to have the storage in Mortlock Reserve. Here, two designs are possible – one is to have the storage low to the ground, the other is to have a multilevel two-sided rack. Storage in Mortlock Reserve would accommodate between eight to 20 kayaks, depending on the design.



Check out the concept plan at yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au and give your feedback on your preferred location by 19 November.



THE BRIDGE IS BACK

After being badly damaged late last year, the footbridge over Hunts Creek in Cremorne Reserve has been replaced and is ready for use. The original timber footbridge was partially destroyed by a large coral tree, which fell in December 2022, smashing through a section of the footbridge on the Mosman side. In January 2023, Council removed the tree and associated debris, before appointing a civil works contractor to construct the new footbridge. These works are now complete and the footbridge has been reopened to the community.

TRIAL OF LIME ELECTRIC BIKES

Shared electric bikes could be coming to North Sydney streets after Council resolved to finalise negotiations for a 12-month trial with supplier, Lime. Initially, the plan is to deploy 250 trial ebikes across the local government area and, if they prove popular, this number could increase. Lime ebikes are a sustainable transport option. They're fitted with real-time GPS tracking, anti-vandalism features such as wheel locks and integrated wiring and advanced geofenced speed limiting capabilities. If the trial goes ahead, there will be measures in place to keep riders safe. This includes customers undertaking a road rules quiz prior to use and penalties for improper riding. Lime will also have an experienced team of field staff and mechanics working 24/7, as well as a foot patrol rapid response team to ensure the bikes are parked appropriately.

WHT AND WARRINGAH FREEWAY

Council receives many enquiries each week about the Western Harbour Tunnel and Warringah Freeway upgrade projects. These projects are being delivered by Transport for New South Wales (TfNSW) which has created an interactive map of current works. Head to caportal.com.au/rms/wfu/map to see what works will affect you. The map will be regularly updated with information on the projects and work sites.



TREES TO REMEMBER *loved ones*

If you'd like to commemorate a local identity who has passed away, you can now submit a request to have a tree planted in their honour. This comes after Council adopted a Memorials in Open Space Policy. The new policy means applications can be managed in a consistent and transparent way. Having trees as memorials aligns with Council's goal to increase canopy cover in the local government area.

PLAY IS THE WAY

Local children will be excited about our plans to upgrade the playground in Lodge Road Park, Cremorne. We'll be making it safer by installing things like rubber safety zones, as well as increasing functionality and accessibility, and adding in some fun new play elements. Check out the concept plan and give your feedback until 27 November.



Visit yoursay.northsydney.nsw.gov.au

Trees for Newborns

From Banksias to Jacarandas, Council has been busy delivering lots of trees to families of new babies in the local area. Crows Nest's April Whitmarsh jumped at the chance to get one for her newborn daughter, Sophie, who is now four months' old. "I thought it would be a nice memento to watch grow alongside the baby," she said. "When I was born (in Lindfield) there was a similar thing so I thought it would be a special thing to do for Sophie too. We definitely need more trees in our local area so it's a great initiative." April chose a Jacaranda for baby Sophie. "When Sophie grows up, I thought it would make it extra special to see the tree flowering each November."

If you've recently had a baby or are expecting soon, you can register for a free tree (native or exotic) which Council will deliver to your door for you to plant on your private property. Visit Council's website for more details about the Trees for Newborns program.





A NEW ERA FOR NORTH

Preserving heritage charm

While we redevelop North Sydney Olympic Pool, we're being careful not to lose all the things that make it special. From the heritage-listed stair tower and the classically inspired arches to the whimsical aquatic motifs – featuring frogs, swordfish, pelicans and seashells – there are a lot of things that give the Pool its charm and contribute to the fond memories people have of it.

These design features have led many people to believe the Pool's design is inspired by the Art Deco movement, which was a popular trend in the mid 1930s when it was built. However, that's a common misconception, according to Dr Mark Ian Jones, Design Historian at the University of NSW Art and Design.

"Art Deco is a very broad term that encompasses a lot of styles. We can make the association, there are some similarities, but it's not strictly correct. The Pool's design is interwar neo-classical which flows on from the free-classical movement. There were no rules that the architects [Rudder & Grout] were following. It really was this free, quite liberating style. While there is some symmetry, the architects weren't necessarily slavish to that. Their choices were a bit experimental, underpinned by classical design style."

Dr Jones says these design choices play a role in why a visit to the Pool is such a special experience. "Heritage is an important part of belonging. It offers something comforting and familiar, reminding us of the past and more innocent times. There is great history in the way we design and why we design. There's an argument that keeping part of something is worse than keeping all of it, but in this instance [with the Pool redevelopment], the decorative elements shouldn't be superfluous in that.

“*Heritage is an important part of belonging.*”

"When you understand the original architects' intention with the Pool, and the historical relationship of those elements to

the other landmarks [the Harbour Bridge and Luna Park], it would seem nonsensical to lose them. The Pool works in concert with the Harbour Bridge and Luna Park which were all 1930s builds. There's a nice community of buildings there; they're in conversation with each other."

Council's historian Dr Ian Hoskins agrees and offers a deeper perspective on the relationship between the three buildings. "You have the monolithic Bridge on one side, a serious engineering feat that showed the rest of the world just what Australia was capable of. In the middle, the Olympic Pool – about to show the world that this country, with a tiny population compared to the US, has some astonishing athletes. It marks the beginning of Australia's sporting identity; the Golden Age of swimming is coming. Then, on the other side of the Pool, all sense of seriousness is gone with Luna Park which is the epitome of Australian larrikin culture.

"We go from the sublime to the ridiculous," he continues. "The sublime, which is the Bridge – something that overawes you and almost terrifies you with its size – to the ridiculous, which is Luna Park. And in the middle of both of those structures is the Pool. It balances the seriousness with the fun. It sums up Australia in this era."



SYDNEY OLYMPIC POOL

Work out with a view

The new Pool gym will have some of the best views in the house! While you run on the treadmill or push through a cycle session, you'll get to take in the sights of the Sydney Harbour Bridge and city skyline. "It's a pretty spectacular set-up," according to Duncan Rennie, Manager of Leisure and Aquatics. "There will be windows along the entire south wall, so it will be all glass looking out towards the 50-metre pool, with the Harbour Bridge and the Sydney CBD in the background." The main gym will sit on level two of the three-story complex, with its own changerooms, toilets and showers (no tokens necessary!). This means no wet floors as you won't be sharing the amenities with pool users.

On level one there will be two rooms for group fitness classes. The smaller one will be a dedicated reformer Pilates studio, while the larger will be used for classes such as Les Mills' BodyPump, HIIT training, boxing, yoga, floor Pilates and Zumba.

Spin enthusiasts won't be left out either, there will be plenty of freestanding bikes on the main gym floor, as well as some with the functionality to do virtual cycling classes. This means you can get the same motivation you would from a spin class, but at a time that suits you. Council is

also looking to set up some small training spaces with self-service screens that will let you play a chosen workout routine.



APP Group appointment strengthens project

Council has resolved to appoint APP Group to provide project management services for the Pool redevelopment. APP brings a high level of industry experience and expertise to the project. They'd previously provided short-term assistance, allowing Council to reduce the number of outstanding variations in the Pool redevelopment from 60 to 39.

Works in progress

The redevelopment is on track to be finished by mid-2024. Here are a few things in the works at the moment:

- In early October, Council went out to tender for the gym equipment and will soon seek an operator to run the level 3 café.
- We're full steam ahead on recruitment, starting with key leadership positions. In total, there will be around 150 staff employed at the Pool in full time, part time and casual roles.
- We've restored the Eastern Stair Tower windows.
- We've started tiling the internal walls of the 50 metre pool.
- A comprehensive AV/PA system has been designed and will be installed throughout the centre.
- We're investing in an internationally recognised timing system for the 50m Olympic pool.

RECOGNISING OUR EVERYDAY HEROES

There are many locals who volunteer their time and talents to help the wider community. The perfect way to recognise their altruistic efforts and say thank you is to nominate them for the North Sydney Community Awards. There are five categories to choose from:

Community Builder

this person or group has helped build a stronger community

Next Generation

a young person or group of young people who inspire and help others

Eco Warrior

an individual or group who has helped the local environment or sustainability in North Sydney

Trailblazer

a person or group who has used innovation to drive positive change in the North Sydney community

Living Legend

for individuals who have given back to the community for 20 years or more

Nominations are open now and close 14 February 2024. It takes just 10 minutes to submit an online nomination form. Winners will be announced around March/April next year.

THE QUESTIONS YOU ASK

Our customer service team helps more than 400 customers each day. The questions they are asked range from resident parking and tree removal, through to how many metres the toilets are from the BBQ in a park. Here are three of the topics we get asked about most frequently.

How do I check out a neighbour's DA?

You can track Development Applications using the DA Tracker on our website (it's a top task on the home page). DAs can be searched by their DA number or street address.

Once you've found the DA, you'll be able to view a description of the works and where Council is up to in the assessment process. You can also view supporting documents by clicking the Show All tab. If you want to receive notifications, register using the Notify Me tab.

If you haven't been notified of your neighbour's works, they may have applied for a Complying Development Certificate through a private certifier. In this instance, you will need to contact the certifier directly for information.

How do I order a new bin?

If your household waste bin (red lid) goes missing and isn't returned by a neighbour who collected it by mistake, call our customer service team on 9936 8100 and they will organise a new bin for you. You can also collect an 80-litre red bin from customer service.

If it's just the lid that is missing or the wheels have fallen off, you can call the URM hotline on 1300 799 019 to replace the missing part. URM is Council's waste contractor.



If you want a larger red bin, there is an additional charge on your rates for the waste disposal. To order a larger bin, you will need to email or write to Council. Once it is organised, we will deliver the bin to you.

How do I receive rates by email?

If you'd like to receive your rate notice by email, the quickest way to make this change is via our website. Search for rates on our homepage, or go directly to www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/ratesemail and complete the online form. You will also find information on changing the names or addresses for a rate notice on this page.

WEST STREET CYCLEWAY

Council has finished the first stage of its West Street cycleway – a cycling, walking and streetscape upgrade between Ridge Street and Pacific Highway in North Sydney. This brings us a step closer to connecting the full length of Cammeray to the Sydney Harbour Bridge via a dedicated cycleway, as identified in Council's Integrated Cycling Strategy 2014.

The Stage 1 upgrade aims to deliver safety improvements for cyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities. It includes 100 metres of separated cycleway, a new pedestrian and cyclist crossing between Pacific Highway and Church Street, a slow speed shared path, kerb realignment and additional trees planted along West Street. Stage 2 of the West Street cycleway is currently in development and will connect North Sydney and Cammeray, between Ridge Street and Amhurst Street. Stage 1 of the West Street cycleway was made possible thanks to a significant grant from the State Government.



SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS MOVES

All North Sydney businesses can access free advice from Council's dedicated Sustainable Business Officer. They'll teach you how to reduce energy, waste, water consumption and carbon emissions to benefit you and your customers. You'll also get invited to networking opportunities and sustainability awards! For more information, fill out the form at www.surveymonkey.com/r/GCMHRFN.



IMPERFECTLY SUSTAINABLE

No matter where you are on your sustainability journey, our Imperfectly Sustainable workshop series is for you. Practical and hands-on, each month there's a new topic to upskill, inspire and make you feel good about reducing your waste, growing food and nurturing your home eco-practices – no matter how imperfect they might be. You just have to be committed to trying. Topics will include:

- water-wise gardening
- gardening on a budget
- harvesting, foraging and food scrap gardening

THINK BEFORE YOU THROW

Before you book in your bulky household waste for clean-up, which goes to landfill, consider donating or giving away good quality items. Landfill produces harmful greenhouse gases and Sydney's landfill sites will be nearing capacity soon. Here are four questions to ask yourself before booking in a bulky waste collection.

1. Can the item be repaired?

Council subscribes to The Bower Reuse and Repair Centre which offers a pick-up service for North Sydney residents. It accepts furniture, bikes, some electronic appliances, bric-a-brac and more. The centre also has a Repair Café, which you can visit to learn how to fix things from skilled repairers. The Coal Loader is launching its own Fix-It Hub on 11 November.

2. Have you tried giving the item away?

Another option is to make a free online post about the item through Facebook Marketplace, Gumtree, Freecycle or Street Bounty. This allows the item to be rehomed and reused.

3. Can the item be donated?

If the item is still in good nick, check if charity stores would like it. The Salvation Army, Vinnies, Red Cross and Lifeline all operate in the North Sydney local government area. The Sydney Library of Things at The Coal Loader also accepts donations.

4. Can all or part of the item be recycled?

Consider recycling the item through a metal recycler or the Community Recycling Centre which accepts a number of household wastes including e-waste. Learn more at: northsydney.nsw.gov.au/crc

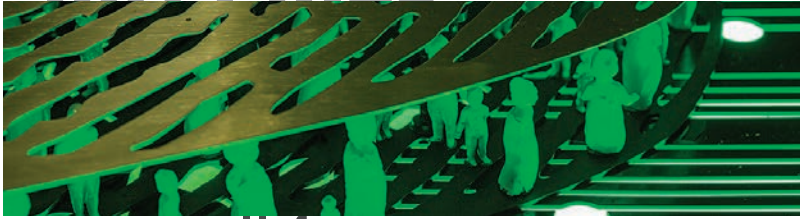
After these steps, if you still have items for household bulky waste collection, book in your clean-up and place the items out the day before the scheduled collection. Items placed out too early can attract illegal dumping and are an eyesore for your neighbours. Book a clean up here: northsydney.nsw.gov.au/cleanup

ENERGY SAVINGS FOR YOUR APARTMENT BLOCK

Council wants to help apartments become more sustainable. Our Futureproofing Apartments program, now open for Round 4, aims to introduce the idea of renewable energy and rooftop solar to strata buildings, providing great cost-of-living benefits for residents. You can register for a free energy and water assessment with a strata specialist in your apartment block to identify the best opportunities for energy savings. The value of this service is up to \$1,500 which Council fully subsidises.



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ART PRIZE



call for entries

CALLING FOR ARTISTS to exhibit works at the renowned Coal Loader site, 2 Balls Head Drive, Waverton

ENTRIES CLOSE 30 NOVEMBER 2023
APPLY ONLINE AT northsydney.nsw.gov.au/artprize



LOST BIRD FOUND

Our popular Lost Bird Found Project has taken flight again for its 10th year. It's an initiative to help raise awareness for Mental Health Month in October, while also bringing joy to someone's day. Individuals and community groups have been creative in handcrafting birds of all shapes and sizes.



Throughout October, they'll be perched in peculiar places all around North Sydney – from bus shelters and café windows to park benches. When a bird is found, the finder gets to keep it or release it again into the wild for someone else to enjoy. You'll know the birds are part of the Project if they have a signature Lost Bird Found tag attached with information on how to access mental health information and support. Have you found a bird yet? Let us know on Facebook@LostBirdFoundProject.

WHAT'S ON AT THE RIDGE STREET WINDOW GALLERY?

Visit 43 Ridge Street in North Sydney to see what art exhibitions are on over the spring/summer seasons.

8 Oct to 20 Nov
Primrose Park Art and Craft Centre

24 Nov to 8 Jan
Janet Parker Smith

12 Jan to 26 Feb
Alma and Brett Studholme



THE COAL LOADER SUSTAINABLE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Calling all ethical shoppers! Need help with your Christmas gifts? Purchase sustainable items including ceramics, jewellery, fashion, food, children's products and more. The Coal Loader Sustainable Christmas Market in Waverton is back to give customers an opportunity to purchase original and creative handmade products directly from emerging and contemporary designers and artists.

Andrea and Mark Hamilton from The Sustainable Food Kitchen sell handcrafted pickles and preserves from local growers to create delicious food with a focus on waste reduction. Pop by their stall to buy some cherry and chestnut fruit mince with brandy, mango, lime and passionfruit jam for pavlovas or some smoked mulled wine, among many other festive options. The products they sell vary depending on season.

"We also offer a discount for people returning their jars for a

refill or to try something new," Andrea said. "The Sustainable Christmas Market is a great vibe and people really start to think differently about gifts and making a small difference by buying locally made products."

Her top tips for buying sustainable gifts over Christmas are:

- look for local producers who source local ingredients
- buy from makers and artists who have an ethical mindset
- make it a thoughtful and useful gift that the receiver will want to keep coming back to

The market will take place on Sunday 3 December, 3pm to 8pm. Please bring a keep-cup, reusable water bottle, and cloth bags to avoid single-use plastic.

Green events

28 Oct | Bushcare Visit - Scheyville NP
| 8am to 4pm

11 Nov | Weed Recognition & Control
Workshop | 10am to 1pm

12 Nov | Floating Landcare - Hungry
Beach | 7am to 4pm

24 Nov | Getting off Gas lunchtime
chat (webinar) | 12.30pm to 1.30pm

8 Dec | Choosing a Green Electricity
Plan (webinar) with NSW Office of
Energy and Climate Change
12.30pm to 1.15pm

SALON DE REFUSE

Art swap launch event
Sunday 29 October, 10am to 4pm

Based on wordplay of the iconic Salon de Refusés, this free art exhibition/shop aims to promote the recycling and rehoming of artistic assets, keeping curbs cleaner, landfill emptier and wallets fuller.

If you'd like to take something on display, bring treasures from home or street kerb-side to exchange for something hanging in the gallery that's set up in The Workshop at The Coal Loader. Or, simply have a stroll through and enjoy the artworks. Salon de Refuse then continues daily from 7am to 7pm until 12 November.

www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/salonderefuse



EVENTS AT THE COAL LOADER

2 Balls Head Drive, Waverton

25 Oct to 3 Apr | Wednesday Wellness |
every Wednesday 7.30am to 8.15am

29 Oct | North Sydney Living Futures
Sustainability Festival | 10am to 4pm

30 Oct to 12 Nov | Salon de Refuse at
The Workshop | Open daily, 7am to 7pm

18 Nov | Indigenous Cultural Tour |
2pm to 3.30pm

25 Nov | Imperfectly Sustainable:
Composting and Worm Farming |
10am and 1.30pm

3 Dec | The Coal Loader Sustainable
Christmas Market | 3pm to 8pm

9 Dec | Seasonal Feasts | 1.30pm to 3pm

16 Dec | Imperfectly Sustainable: Urban
Ecosystems | 10am and 1.30pm

27 Jan | Imperfectly Sustainable:
Waterwise Gardening |
10am and 1.30pm

Tour The Coal Loader First and third
Saturday of the month | 10.30am

The Coal Loader Fix-It Hub Second
Saturday of each month from
11 November | 10am to 1pm

To book events at
The Coal Loader,
scan QR code



UNIQUE CHRISTMAS GIFT IDEA

Looking for an unusual gift? Helen Ashley is a regular stallholder at The Coal Loader Sustainable Christmas Market. Her homewares and other products are a creative mix of sustainable and unique designs. She handmakes, sculpts and paints using locally made porcelain and has a quirky range of ceramics and homewares. "I make my own moulds from fruit and vegetables. So a watermelon becomes a fruit bowl, a pineapple a toothbrush holder or a pomegranate a vase," she said. "It's useful art with a sense of humour!"

Helen is probably best known for her cat and dog head spoons and she can even make a portrait spoon for your furry friend. It's the perfect gift for someone special or difficult to buy for. Check her stall out at The Coal Loader on 3 December to stock up on goodies.

SHORELINK SUMMER READING CLUB

1 December to 31 January

Ready for a challenge these school holidays? Stanton, Lane Cove and Mosman Libraries are hosting a Shorelink Summer Reading Club together, with loads of prizes to be won! Search Summer Reading Club on our website and then it's as easy as logging each book you read over the break, along with a review, for the chance to win prizes. Every book logged and reviewed counts as additional entries into the major prize draw. Children of all ages can participate. This fun initiative aims to get kids reading over the summer break.



MARKETS FOR ALL

Kirribilli General & Fashion Market
Burton Street Tunnel & Kirribilli Bowling
Green, Kirribilli | 8.30am to 3pm
28 October, 25 November

Northside Produce Market
Ted Mack Civic Park, 200 Miller Street, North
Sydney | 8am to 12pm
4 & 18 November, 2 & 16 December

Kirribilli Art, Design & Fashion Market
Burton Street Tunnel & Kirribilli Bowling
Green, Kirribilli | 8.30am to 3pm
12 November, 10 December

Rotary Crows Nest Market
Ernest Place, Crows Nest | 9am to 4pm
18 November, 16 December, 20 January

Stanton Library



2 Nov | Diwali Fun-Festival of Lights | 5pm

3 Nov | World Movies Series: *The Crow's Egg*
(Indian) | 10.30am

8 Nov | Scams Awareness Week: Protect
Yourself Online | 10.30am

16 Nov | National Philosophy Day | 6pm

19 Nov to 9 Dec | Photo Exhibition: The Planet
of Possibilities

22 Nov | The Planet of Possibilities: on
Photography and Beauty in a Time of Global
Crisis | 1pm

23 Nov | Law Week: Wills and Estates | 5.30pm

14 Dec | Christmas Storytime | 6pm

Go to Council's website to book

200 Miller St, North Sydney NSW 2060

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TWILIGHT FOOD FAIR

TED MACK CIVIC PARK

FRIDAYS 4.30pm to 8.30pm

27 OCTOBER to 1 DECEMBER 2023 / 2 FEBRUARY to 8 MARCH 2024

Enjoy the warm evening air and grab a spot on the grass with delicious food at the Twilight Food Fair. Held Friday evenings during the warmer months, there's an array of international food stalls, live music and free children's entertainment to enjoy. BYO picnic rug and some loved ones to soak up the atmosphere.

Follow Twilight on Facebook to keep up to date with all the latest stalls, entertainment and activities: www.facebook.com/twilightfoodfair

WBBL AT NORTH SYDNEY OVAL



Get excited as the Women's Big Bash League takes over North Sydney Oval for summer. Watch the Sydney Sixers and Sydney Thunder give it their all! Don your green or pink gear to show your support.

24 Oct | Gates open at 5.10pm
Sydney Sixers vs Brisbane Heat |
6.10pm to 8.55pm

6 Nov | Gates open at 5.30pm
Sydney Thunder vs Brisbane Heat |
6.10pm to 8.55pm

10 Nov | Gates open at 3pm
Sydney Thunder vs Melbourne Stars |
3.20pm to 6.05pm
Sydney Sixers vs Hobart Hurricanes |
7.10pm to 9.55pm

16 Nov | Gates open at 2.30pm
Sydney Sixers vs Perth Scorchers |
3.30pm to 6.15pm

18 Nov | Gates open at 6.10pm
Sydney Sixers vs Adelaide Strikers |
7.10pm to 9.55pm

To book tickets go to sydneysixers.com.au

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