FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON COUNCIL’S 2015/16 BUDGET

Sutherland Shire Council’s Draft 2015/16 Budget is on exhibition until Tuesday 19 May 2015 and community feedback is invited. The budget is focused on addressing the Shire’s infrastructure backlog and the NSW Government’s Fit for the Future requirements as well as providing a balanced budget that responds to the needs and expectations of the community.

The budget papers can be viewed on Council’s website or in hard copy in all Shire library branches and Council’s Administration Centre in Eton Street, Sutherland. Council is interested in your feedback and has made it possible to respond in a number of ways:

- Online through Council’s online engagement platform, Join the Conversation. Visit Council’s website and click on the Join the Conversation logo to fill out a short survey on the budget and provide your comments.

Play Underway on New Synthetic Playing Fields at Kareela

Hundreds of players, ranging in age from five to 45 years old, have begun training and playing on two new synthetic playing fields (fields 2 and 3) at Kareela Sports Centre. Built by Council, the $2.9 million synthetic fields are certified FIFA 1 and have been designed for use by a number of sporting codes including soccer/football, oztag, touch football and cricket. There are two full-sized synthetic soccer/football fields which have been line marked to also accommodate eight quarter football fields.

Work is also nearing completion on two natural turf fields (fields 1 and 4) which are being refurbished at a cost of $600,000 with drainage, pavement, fencing and landscaping works, bringing the total of the project to $3.5 million.

Sutherland Shire has one of the highest rates of participation in sport in Australia and therefore there is a constant demand placed on our playing fields. The investment in these new synthetic playing fields will mean a much greater number of games can be played in all weather situations.
2015/16 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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- By participating in the survey you should have received with this copy of Our Shire (please return completed surveys in the reply paid envelope provided), by writing to the General Manager, Locked Bag 17, Sutherland 1499 or by emailing scc@ssc.nsw.gov.au.

The results of the feedback received will be reported to Council after the exhibition period closes.

A comprehensive $42.7 million program of works is proposed in the Draft 2015/16 Budget, including $11.387 million for road surface and kerb and guttering upgrades, more than $7 million to be spent on sports field upgrades and capital works, passive reserves and park upgrades worth $3.345 million, $1.776 million devoted to leisure centre upgrades, $1.275 million for stormwater quality improvements works and $1 million for footpath construction.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS BY WARD

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- Completion of skate park, two synthetic hockey fields and a playing field at Greenhills Parklands
- Lugano Avenue Wharf upgrade
- Lifeguard tower upgrades
- Improvements to Dunningham playground, picnic areas and paving
- Upgrades to Gunnamatta Park including the large shelter and main entry
- Silver Beach shared pathway
- Stage two of the Roger Summers Park in Bundeena
- Lilli Pilli Baths public toilet upgrade
- Seawall reconstruction at Hordens Beach, Bundeena

B WARD
- Shopping Centre upgrades in Caringbah and Sylvania
- Stage one of the Grays Point Reserve upgrade
- Upgrade of the Gymea Community Centre playground
- Construction of a new footbridge and track repair works at Coonong Creek
- Drainage improvements at Dents Creek, Gymea, Wonga Road Reserve, Yowie Bay, Forest Road, Kirrawee and Kareena Creek, Caringbah
- Pool maintenance works at Caringbah Leisure Centre

C WARD
- New amenities building and floodlighting at Sylvania High School
- Stage three of Captain Cook Drive upgrade between Wooolooware Rd, and Elouera Rd
- New pool deck at Como Leisure Centre
- Como Railway Bridge shared path, retaining wall and lighting upgrade
- Upgrade to Tom Ugly’s Wharf
- Kareela Sports Field amenities upgrade
- Stage two of the Soldiers Road baseball field footpath
- Como Pleasure Grounds path and boardwalk upgrades

D WARD
- Sutherland Leisure Centre indoor pool facilities and filtration upgrade
- Heathcote Shopping Centre upgrade
- Masterplan for Waratah AFL/ Cricket Field development to regional AFL facility
- Roof replacement at Waratah Park dog training facility
- Forum Drive Reserve, Heathcote playground upgrade
- Refurbishment of Anzac Oval, Engadine
- Drainage upgrades in Forest Road, Sutherland and Fourth Avenue, Loftus
- Wetland maintenance in Tudor Road, Sutherland
- Speed calming in Lantana Road, Engadine near Glenview Place

E WARD
- Relocation of Illawong Men’s Shed to the Ridge
- Boat ramp upgrade at Burnum Burnum Reserve, Woronora
- Stage two of Old Ferry Road Reserve upgrade
- Barden Ridge Park design and construction
- LED lighting upgrade at The Ridge Sports Complex
- Construction of Menai Rural Fire Station
- Softfall replacement at Timbrey Circuit playground, Barden Ridge
- Wetland maintenance at Still Creek, Menai
- Refurbishment of Billa Road Oval
- Planning for BMX facility at The Ridge Sports Complex
ATKINSON ROAD TAREN POINT SHARED PATHWAY

Council will commence work to install a new concrete shared pathway in Atkinson Road, Taren Point. The scope of work includes narrowing of the road carriageway, to provide for a 3m wide shared pathway and provision of angled parking, including motorcycle parking.

This preliminary work of the Woolooware Bay Stage 6 Recreational Pathway forms an important part of the Sydney Metropolitan Strategic Cycle Network and the NSW Coastline Cycleway that will take the walker or cyclist around the foreshore of Botany Bay where there are significant heritage and environmental values.

This will work towards the realisation of the Woolooware Bay Shared Cycleway which will be between Atkinson Road and the St George and Sutherland Shire Anglers Club.

EWEEY CREEK MIRANDA REHABILITATION

More than 1,350 tonnes of sandstone rock was used in a project to rehabilitate sections of Ewey Creek. The works have included bank stabilisation, vegetation removal, landscaping, foot bridge reconstruction and other flood mitigation measures.

Highlights of the project include 14,700 plants established on the site and the reuse of 336 tonnes of excavated material back into the area that would otherwise have been disposed at landfill.

Due to close monitoring of the construction program, productivity rates, and continual improvement of construction methodology the project came in under budget to achieve a cost saving of over $228,000.

Completion of the project within budget was also a result of sourcing unwanted sandstone rock from the excavation industry which saved Council approximately $120,000.
COMMUNITY

TEN REASONS WHY YOU SHOULD JOIN THE CONVERSATION

1. Tell us how Council is performing via the Community Satisfaction Survey that is now open.
2. Make comment on Council’s $260m Draft Budget that is currently being exhibited.
3. Interested in development in the Shire? The latest proposals for residential, commercial and other guidelines are online now.
4. Find out how your input has been considered in Council decisions.
5. Keep up to date with the latest community consultations via the Join the Conversation newsletter.
6. You’ll be the first to know about major proposals that may impact your area.
7. Be invited to participate in surveys, submissions, focus groups and forums.
8. Learn more about Council’s approach to Fit For the Future.
9. Be an active part of the Shire’s future.
10. Join the community of residents who are already registered.

Register online at www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au or for more information call 9710 0695 or email jointheconversation@ssc.nsw.gov.au

AGE-FRIENDLY GYM EQUIPMENT AT SUNNYSIDE RESERVE, CARINGBAH

Council has installed outdoor gym equipment at Sunnyside Reserve in Caringbah with funding from the Age-Friendly Community Local Government Grants Scheme and is inviting the community to give it a try.

The pilot project is part of a larger Council commitment to develop designated age-friendly parks and public spaces that will provide suitable access and facilities for visitors of all ages.

Sunnyside Reserve is located close to Caringbah Station and is an ideal place to spend time with the grandchildren, family and friends. There is a children’s playground, BBQ facilities, shaded areas, seating and a perimeter footpath that is suitable for use as a walking track.

TAKE ACTION AGAINST GRAFFITI ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

It can be incredibly frustrating to have your property ‘tagged’ by graffiti vandals. Prompt removal of graffiti lessens the likelihood of an offender returning, so it is important to take swift action.

Council is making graffiti removal easy, safe and affordable by offering free individual graffiti removal kits to local residents and business owners. Each graffiti removal kit provides the necessary equipment to enable property owners to quickly remove tags, including an environmentally friendly cleaning solvent, a scrubbing brush, gloves and a paintbrush.

Graffiti removal kits are free of charge for Shire residents and businesses, and can be collected from Council’s Customer Service Centre. Remember that graffiti vandalism is a crime. It is not only important to remove graffiti quickly, but to also report it to NSW Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

COMMUNITY SERVICES & ARTS GRANTS PROGRAM 2015/2016

Council continues to support local not-for-profit organisations through the Community Services and Arts Grants Program. In the last grant round 23 community organisations were provided with $170,000 to support the local community.

Grants of up to $20,000 are available to community organisations to support projects, activities and initiatives that enable residents of Sutherland Shire to live, work and enjoy community life.

In the 2014/15 grant program the Bundeena Community Band received grant funds to further develop and expand their group. These funds enable the band to continue to grow in numbers, music and equipment and support the unique intergenerational feature of the band. Members age range from eight years to 80 plus.

THE VISITOR ECONOMY

Did you know visitors to NSW pump $53,000 into the State’s economy every second – $3.2 million per hour, every hour, each and every day of the year? NSW leads Australia in visitor numbers, visitor nights and visitor expenditure.

So what does this mean for the Shire?

According to Destination NSW’s visitor profile for the Sutherland Shire, visitor numbers continue to increase. For the three years ending September 2014:

• The average total number of visitors was almost 1.2 million per annum (up 19% from 2009-11)
• The average number of domestic overnight visitors was 265,300 per annum (up 15% from 2009-11)
• The average number of international overnight visitors was 23,700 per annum (up 11% from 2009-11)

In terms of contribution to the Sutherland Shire economy, National Economics (NEIR) valued total tourism and hospitality sales in 2013/14 at $579.3 million, and accommodation and food services at $634.69 million.


SUTHERLAND SHIRE BUSINESS SURVEY

Late last year nearly 1200 business owners completed the Sutherland Shire Business Survey.

Your responses gave Council insight into how we can help local business owners by providing programs and initiatives over the coming years. In each issue of Our Shire, we'll list how we're responding to the issues you raised.

You told us:

You want the ability to list your business on a free local business directory.

So we've compiled a comprehensive list of online business directories where you can list your business free.

You'd like financial support in the shape of subsidies and grants for business.

So we're sharing the Federal Government's Grant Finder along with some other useful links at www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/business

We're here to help Shire businesses. www.facebook.com/shirebusiness

GET CONNECTED

Promote your tourism-related business online through Destination NSW’s Get Connected website membership program. Simple and easy to use, membership is free and is open to all tourism operators within New South Wales.

In addition to your business being listed on visittheshire.com.au, your details will be listed on:

• visitnsw.com
• sydney.com
• australia.com


ATTRACT VISITORS TO YOUR BUSINESS

Shire Tourism is inviting expressions of interest from relevant businesses to become official distributors of visitor information and Shire Tourism ambassador.

If your business:

• is open 5-7 days
• has space to store and display the Shire Guide, Cartoscape Map and I love the Shire stickers
• has staff with excellent customer service skills and a basic knowledge of the Sutherland Shire

…we would love to hear from you.

Council will provide approved businesses with an information sticker/sign to display in the window and promote it as a visitor information point.

For more information and to express interest go to www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/business or email tourism@ssc.nsw.gov.au.

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STUDENTS PLANT TREES TO COMMEMORATE ANZAC CENTENARY
A group of young students from Miranda Public School have joined Sutherland Shire Mayor, Kent Johns and members of Miranda RSL Sub-Branch to plant trees surrounding the Miranda War Memorial to commemorate the ANZAC Centenary.

The Miranda War Memorial was built by local residents in the grounds of Miranda Public School after World War I to honour soldiers from the Miranda district. The school was one of only three in the whole Shire at the time, so there is a strong link between the memorial and the school.

The trees are a mix of species including Sydney Turpentine and Grey Ironbark, which are in fitting with the area's native bushland. Planting these new trees helps highlight a pivotal time in our nation's history to the young students and the opportunity to educate them about the impact that World War I had on our country.

In conjunction with the RSL Sub-Branch, Council has installed new signage that details both World Wars and other conflicts.

NO PUBLIC ROAD ON WORONORA FIRE TRAIL
Council does not intend to build a northern access road at Woronora and is working to ensure there is no way a road can be built on the fire trail at the northern end of Woronora. Council is liaising with NSW Planning Minister, Pru Goward requesting to insert a special clause into the new Sutherland Shire Local Environmental Plan preventing a road being permissible in that location.

As per the SSLEP 2000 Council is requesting the inclusion of the special clause prohibiting a public road being built on the fire trail between The Crescent, Woronora and Bundanoon Road, Woronora Heights into SSLEP 2015. The current fire trail is for emergency access only.

EFFICIENCY PERFORMANCE UPDATE
Electricity, gas, water and street lighting are all large but essential operational expenditure items required to support the services that Council delivers.

From lighting pathways, parks and buildings to air conditioning, irrigating playing fields, providing fresh water in public places to drink or facilitating the use of community spaces for the vast array of activities conducting in our buildings – the use of utilities is required.

Through the pursuit of energy efficiency and low-energy consuming technologies, Council is paying less for utilities that it would otherwise have to, and in some instances is providing an improved service for the community. Organisation-wide electricity consumption has decreased by 5% year-on-year.

Amongst recent energy efficiency projects is the LED lighting along Cronulla Esplanade which will provide high-quality, low-energy lighting for evening walkers through the coming winter months.

UPDATE ON SHIRE TRANSPORT 2030
A series of stakeholder workshops were held with relevant local government, State Government agencies and community organisations during February and March 2015. Through these workshops key transport issues, opportunities and constraints were identified from which a range of potential actions and priorities are proposed.

The ideas arising from these workshops will be incorporated into the draft Our Shire Transport 2030 strategy which is expected to be released for public comment and information during May 2015. More information on the release of the Draft Transport Strategy will be posted on Council’s website as it becomes available.
WASTE WISE LIVING WORKSHOPS
Make 2015 the year to make a green change. Take the first steps to living a waste wise lifestyle by attending one of Council’s FREE Waste Wise Living courses. Learn everything from composting and worm farming to chook keeping. You could even go on a recycling tour and find out what happens to your rubbish once it leaves the kerbside.

RECYCLING TOUR
Saturday 23 May 8.30am to 12.30pm
Out of sight out of mind? If you have ever wondered what happens to the material from your bins once it has been collected, join us for a tour of the recycling and waste management facilities.

ORGANIC GARDENING
Saturday 2 May 9am to 1pm
Attend this fun, informative practical workshop where you will learn to create an abundant, healthy ecosystem by understanding nature and replicating it in your garden at home. Learn how to make rich healthy soil, manage pests organically, build your own no dig garden and prepare and plant a delicious edible garden.

CHOOK KEEPING
Saturday 6 June 10.30am to 12.30pm
Keeping Chickens is a terrific way to create a sustainable future. They also produce fresh, free eggs – which helps you save money on groceries. If you are interested in housing chooks attend the workshop to find out more.

BOKASHI COMPOSTING
Saturday 20 June 9am to 1pm
Learn how to hold food in an air tight container ‘Bokashi Bucket’ for many weeks before burying the contents in the garden. This method is an ideal composter for people with limited space or who live in units. It provides a quick, easy-to-use system to treat your food waste, directing food waste away from landfill, reducing greenhouse gas emissions and reducing your carbon footprint. It doesn’t take up much room and can be stored under the kitchen sink. Best of all its vermin free. Part of the practical component of this workshop will involve participants making their own Bokashi mix and bucket to take home to get you started.

To place a booking or for more information on any of our workshops call Council on 9710 5744 or visit www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au. Bookings for workshops will only be accepted three weeks prior to the workshop date.

D AND E WARD GREEN WASTE TIPPING VOUCHERS
Just a quick reminder for Residents in D and E Wards, your green waste vouchers will be posted to you in September. We ask residents that they keep an eye on them as any lost or misplaced vouchers cannot be replaced. These vouchers are to be used during the daylight saving months.
WHAT’S ON IN THE SHIRE

MAYORAL BALL
Saturday 13 June
Sutherland Entertainment Centre
Tickets to the 2015 Mayoral Ball are now on sale. For $95 each you will enjoy a pre-dinner drink, three course meal, the presentation of our 2015 debutantes, and an evening of fabulous entertainment and dancing.

The Sutherland Shire Mayoral Debutante Ball is being held this year to raise funds for Headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation – Miranda.

This traditional event is always a hit, with the emphasis of the evening celebrating the achievements of the Shire’s young men and women while fundraising for a local charity.

For more information, contact the Communications and Events unit on 9710 0554 or visit Council’s website.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATION
Thursday 9 July
10am to 3pm
Gunnamatta Park & Hall
NAIDOC Week Celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island people.

Join our celebrations this year where there will be an official opening and flag raising at 10am, along with art and craft stalls, live entertainment with Descendance, Col Hardy, didgeridoo and traditional dance performances, information stalls, a sausage sizzle and fun activities for kids.

For more information contact Kurranulla Aboriginal Corporation on 9528 0287 or visit www.kurranulla.org.au.

CRONULLA MARKETS
Second Sunday of the month, Cronulla Plaza
When off the shelf, chain store items just don’t feel unique enough, head to Cronulla Market for something different. You’ll find original gifts, fashion, homewares and accessories with an emphasis on hand made, plus entertainment and activities for the kids.

Shop in the fresh air and take advantage of Cronulla’s famous cafés for a relaxed Sunday out.

2015 SUTHERLAND SHIRE & ST GEORGE YOUTH MUSIC AWARDS
The closing date for applications is Friday 15 May and auditions will be held on Saturday 30 May. The Finals Concert is on Friday 26 June 7pm at the Sutherland Memorial School of Arts. Michelle Leonard (Artistic Director of Moorambilla Festival and Leichhardt Expresso Chorus) will be the adjudicator and this year’s composition theme is The Anzac Story - 100 years since Gallipoli.

For more information email sutherlandyouthmusic@hotmail.com
SHIRE CLOTHES SWAP PARTY
Sunday 17 May 10.30am to 12.30pm
Sutherland Basketball Stadium
Update your wardrobe for winter at Council’s free Clothes Swap Party. Swap parties are fun, free and good for the environment. Every year Australians throw out thousands of garments which end up in landfill. By swapping your clothes or donating them to charity you extend the life of those garments and reduce the amount of waste going to landfill.
This event will be focused on women’s clothing and registration prior is essential. Clothes will not be accepted on the day. (You cannot use cash or card to purchase clothes at the clothes swap.)

HOW TO REGISTER
Simply drop off up to five items of clothing at one of the stalls listed below. You will then be given a voucher for each item to ‘spend’ at the Swap Party.

Sutherland Library: 30-36 Belmont Street, Sutherland
• Saturday 9 May 9am-midday
• Thursday 14 May 3pm-7pm
• Friday 15 May 3pm-7pm
• Saturday 16 May 9am-midday

Engadine Library: 16 Caldarra Avenue, Engadine
Saturday 16 May 9am - 12pm

WHAT TYPES OF CLOTHING CAN I SWAP?
Tops, jackets, pants, jeans, skirts, dresses, shirts, hand bags, hats and scarves. Items that cannot be swapped include pyjamas, jewellery, sunglasses, socks, shoes, swimming costumes and undergarments. All items must be clean and in good condition, without major faults.

For more information on the Shire Clothes Swap Party visit www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/clothes-swap

JOIN YOUR LOCAL CHAMBER FOR HALF PRICE IN MAY
If you have ever thought about joining your local Business Chamber, May is the time. All Sutherland Shire Chambers are offering half price membership during the month of May.*
Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Business/Business-Support or contact your local Chamber directly to start your business benefits now.

*New members only

SHIRE BUSINESSES MAY MEET-UP
Wednesday 13 May from 5.30pm
Hazelhurst Regional Gallery and Arts Centre, 782 Kingsway, Gymea
Our next Shire Businesses Meet-Up is a great way to grow your network base and connect with like-minded, local business people. This free event is also an opportunity to engage with your local Chamber of Commerce.
Held at Council’s Hazelhurst Gallery the night is a great chance to take a break from the hustle and bustle of work, get some artistic inspiration from the current exhibition (The Triumph of Modernism) and network with fellow business owners.
Register by 11 May at shirebizmaymeetup.eventbrite.com.au.
For more information contact Council’s Economic Development unit on 9545 7777 or economicdevelopment@ssc.nsw.gov.au
This event is proudly brought to you by Sutherland Shire Council, the Sutherland Shire Chambers of Commerce and the NSW Business Chamber.
FREE TODDLER ACTIVITIES
Tuesdays (during school term) 9.30am to 1pm
Pavilion Stage, Cronulla Plaza

Make new friends and meet old ones at Toddler Tuesday with free play every week in Cronulla Plaza. The Pavilion Stage becomes a hive of activity designed to delight your toddlers. Enjoy an undercover, safe and fenced area with new play equipment each week.

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### WHAT'S ON IN THE SHIRE

#### CRONULLA ON ICE IS BACK

**Daily from 27 June to 12 July** (evening sessions Friday and Saturday)

**Pavilion Stage, Cronulla Plaza**

Cronulla Plaza’s ice skating rink will be bigger and better than ever in the July school holidays. With a rink that is almost 70% larger than last year, you’ll be swizzling and twizzling like never before! Most sessions book out in advance so be sure to get your friends together early and buy tickets online (bookings open 16 June).

Tickets $10 per person, for more information visit www.cronullabeachcbd.com.au

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**JUNE**

- **SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE (SEC): CALL 9521 8888**
- **SUTHERLAND SHIRE COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION CENTRE: CALL 9710 0333**
- **SUTHERLAND SHIRE LEISURE CENTRES (SSLC): CALL 8536 9777**
- **WASTE SERVICES: CALL 9710 0333**
- **THE RIDGE GOLF COURSE: CALL 9541 4960**
- **MENAI INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE: CALL 9532 0444**
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: CALL 9710 0109**

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**CENTRESTAGE**
What’s on at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre

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**MOVIE DAYS**

**A LITTLE CHAOS**
**Wednesday 27 May**
A female landscape-gardener is awarded the esteemed assignment to construct the grand gardens at Versailles, a gilt-edged position which thrusts her to the very centre of the court of King Louis XIV. Starring Kate Winslet.

**THE AGE OF ADALINE**
**Wednesday 24 June**
After miraculously remaining 29 years old for almost eight decades, Adaline Bowman has lived a solitary existence, never allowing herself to get close to anyone who might reveal her secret. But a chance encounter with charismatic philanthropist Ellis Jones reignites her passion for life and romance.

**MOVIE TICKETS**
**Movie & Lunch:** 11am
- General $11 - Concession/Child $10
**Dinner & Movie:** 6pm
- $25 Bookings essential for dinner
**Movie Night (Movie only):** 7.30pm
- All tickets $8

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**CAROLINE MOORE PRESENTS:**
**BRIAN KENNEDY**
**Saturday 30 May 8pm**
Huge in his homeland of Ireland, Brian Kennedy returns to the Sutherland Entertainment Centre with the Australian launch of his latest album, *A Love Letter to Joni* featuring his interpretations of classic Joni Mitchell songs.
- General $45, concession $42, group 6+ $39, cabaret dining +$28pp

**BACK TO THE GOLDEN YEARS & SUTHERLAND ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE PRESENT:**
**HIGHLIGHTS OF BROADWAY**
**Monday 1 June 11am**
Highlights of Broadway will feature many of the great songs from Broadway’s famous musicals including ‘The Phantom of the Opera’, ‘Rich Man’ (Fiddler on the Roof), ‘Ol Man River’ (Showboat), ‘Hey Big Spender’ and ‘As Long as He Needs Me’. The line-up includes Black Tie, an international, classically trained act, Donna Lee, ventriloquist Darren Carr and The Dianne Donovan Showgirls.
- General admission $25, concession $24, group 10+ $23

**SYDNEY COMEDY FESTIVAL SHOWCASE**
**Friday 26 June 8pm**
The Sydney Comedy Festival Showcase will be tearing up the freeways of Australia for the third year in a row, featuring the crème de la crème of the 2015 Festival right on your doorstep.
- Boasting a line-up of the best local and international comics and showcasing some of the funniest and freshest emerging talents, you will be left sore from belly laughs.
- Recommended for mature audiences 15 years and over. May contain coarse language and adult themes.
- General admission $35

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**OPERA AUSTRALIA PRESENTS:**
**CINDERELLA**
**Saturday 4 July 11.30am**
Performed in English, this 50 minute production of one of opera’s classics will open the eyes, ears and hearts of young audiences with a wonderful mix of magic, drama and excitement.
- General admission $25, concession $22, group 6+ $15, child under 12 $15

**CHRISTINE HARRIS & HIT PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS:**
**THE KAZOOS: WHAT’S UP CROC? A MUSICAL ADVENTURE...**
**Saturday 27 June 11am**
Join The Kazoos as they take you on a musical journey to find Chomper the Friendly Crocodile. This show is fast-paced, highly interactive and perfect for ages one to eight years.
- Children under 12 $10 (must be accompanied by an adult), adult $15, family ticket $30 (any four tickets)

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**$99 Kids Club Discount Subscription:** Your chance to see three children’s shows: Cinderella, The Kazoos and The Gruffalo’s Child (coming soon) at a discounted price. Buy a Kids Club Discount Subscription for $99 and receive four tickets to each show.
RHONDA BURCHMORE STARS IN VINYL VIAGRA  
Saturday 27 June 8pm  
Channelling the sex appeal and songs of divas from Marlene Dietrich, Shirley Bassey, Cher, Chrissy Amphlett, Madonna, Kylie, Beyonce, Katy Perry and Lady Gaga, with just a hint of Berlin cabaret and taste of burlesque, the sultry Ms B invites you to an adventurous evening of sublime sensuality. Songs like 'I Touch Myself', 'Don't Tick My Toes', 'Got to Use What You’ve Got', 'It's a Man’s World', 'Better the Devil You Know', 'Whatever Lola Wants', 'I Am Woman', 'But I'm a Good Girl', 'Rehab' and more will feature in this devilish fantasy. General admission $49, concession $44, group six+ $39. Dining packages are available for this show.

AUSTRALIAN GLOBAL ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS:  
CHRISTMAS IN JULY WITH THE MUSIC OF ‘ANDRE RIEU’ SPECTACULAR  
Saturday 11 July 8pm  
Australia’s most acclaimed international violinist, Ian Cooper, is joined by opera stars, prima ballerinas, Australia’s current champion Pipe Band and the Blue Danube Orchestra to evoke the sheer exuberance of André Rieu in concert.  
Join us as we celebrate Christmas joy with traditional carols and music from the masterpieces of the Viennese court, to the works of Brahms, Verdi, Puccini, Bizet and Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, along with haunting renditions of Irish favourites, a touch of the Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo and the romance of the Hungarian Gypsy Orchestras.  
General admission $35, concession $32, group six+ $29  
Cabaret general admission $63, cabaret concession $60, cabaret group six+ $57

DOWNDUNDER PROMOTIONS PRESENTS:  
TOM BURLINSON: SINATRA AT THE SANDS  
Saturday 18 June 8pm  
Australian star of stage and screen Tom Burlinson stars in a new special performance of the classic live album Sinatra at the Sands.  
Accompanied by his All Star Big Band, Tom sings all the wonderful songs from this sensational recording of Sinatra in his prime. 'Come Fly with Me', 'I've Got You Under My Skin', 'One for my Baby', 'You Make Me Feel So Young', 'Fly Me to the Moon', 'It was a Very Good Year', 'My Kind of Town' and many more!  
Tom will also perform a Bonus Set of more of Sinatra's greatest hits, including 'Strangers in the Night', 'That's Life', 'My Way' and, of course, 'New York, New York'.  
Don't miss this wonderful new show as Tom will once again do justice to the marvellous musical legacy of The Chairman of the Board, Frank Sinatra.  
General admission $64.50, concession $59.50, cabaret $28pp

@ A GLANCE

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SUTHERLAND SHIRE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA PRESENTS:  
FROM RUSSIA
WITH LOVE  
Sunday 14 June 2.30pm  
Conductor Sven Libaek  
Program includes: Glinka, Overture to Ruslan and Ludmila, Borodin's Symphony No. 2 in B minor  
General admission $25, concession/student $20, child under 12 years, one free ticket with every paying adult.

Preview dining menus and book tickets to most shows online. The Centre’s counter is open Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. MOBILITY ACCESS All ground floors of the SEC are wheelchair accessible, with ramps at the Eton Street entrance and at the rear in Merton Street. A limited number of designated parking spots are available in Eton Street. Please advise when booking tickets if wheelchair access is required.
EXHIBITIONS IN THE REGIONAL GALLERY

THE TRIUMPH OF MODERNISM IN THE ART OF AUSTRALIA
Until 24 May 2015
Presenting over 50 key works by 26 artists who have shaped the development of art in Australia. Curated by Edmund Capon from the distinguished collection of TarraWarra Museum of Art in Victoria, Australia’s first public art museum to be funded by a private donation.
Artists include Sidney Nolan, Russell Drysdale, Arthur Boyd, William Dobell, Fred Williams, John Olsen, Brett Whiteley, Charles Blackman, John Brack, Jeffrey Smart, Howard Arkley and more.

IN THE GARDENS

TIANLI ZU: SHADOW MAZE
Currently in the Hazelhurst Gardens is a new commissioned work by Tianli Zu, which takes viewers on a journey exploring the history of Hazelhurst and its original owners Ben and Hazel Broadhurst. The work is a giant maze, constructed from a steel pole structure with outdoor banner material combining hand-painted images with various cut-outs. An absolute haven for curious little minds, the maze features cut-out peep holes, paper cut installations, and animations that provide a shadow effect. Explore the details of Hazelhurst’s history via this fun, interactive art installation.

HAZELHURST ART ON PAPER AWARD 2015
30 May to 26 July 2015
Don’t forget to vote for your favourite work in the People’s Choice Award of $1,000, which closes on 10 July 2015. You too could be a winner! Each nomination goes into a draw to win a $100 gift voucher from Hazelhurst.

*SPECIAL EVENTS

HAZELHURST AT NIGHT WITH MODERNISM
Friday 22 May 6pm to 9pm
Hazelhurst comes alive at night with an exciting event to celebrates The Triumph of Modernism exhibition and includes live music, tapas and cocktails, art making stations, ten minute gallery tours, art talk, special Wild Ones suitcase market and much more.

EXHIBITIONS IN THE COMMUNITY GALLERY

FRIENDS OF HAZELHURST: FRIENDS ON SHOW
Until 12 May

CLAUDIA CITTON: SONGBIRD
16 to 26 May
A look at the intricate relationships and interconnections between people, animals and nature.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

Hazelhurst family programs offer the perfect opportunity for your child to interact with art, and maybe even create their own.

Tiny Tours: (0 to 18 months) Thursday 14 May and 18 June at 10.30am to 11am
Little Looks: (18 months to three yrs) Thursday 14 May and 18 June at 9.30am to 10.30am
Preschoolers: (three to five yrs) Wednesday 13 May and 10 June at 9.30am to 11am
Visit us online to find out more about our exciting programs specifically tailored for you and your little one. Bookings essential on 8536 5700.
ART ENGAGE
Art Engage is a FREE program for people with dementia. It engages the viewer using the language of art in conversation, looking at artworks and making art. It enables people with dementia to connect with their world and sense of identity. Trained gallery Educators and Volunteer Guides lead the group in discussion, making memories and art. The program is available for individuals and groups with dementia. For further details and/or bookings please contact Kate Milner on 8536 5745 or Stephanie Bray on 8536 5738.

Sessions run from 10am to 11.30am on Friday 8 May, Wednesday 20 May and Friday 22 May; and Wednesday 3 June, Friday 5 June, Wednesday 17 and Friday 19 June.

JOIN HAZELHURST FILM CLUB
Enjoy great films in a friendly and relaxed environment
For a minimal membership fee of $30 per year, enjoy a great variety of films on Monday evenings at 6.30pm, Thursdays at 11am and Sundays at 2pm, including art house and eclectic, modern and contemporary, foreign and independent films. Visit our website for the current film program.

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Children (6 to 13 years)
Monday 29 June to Friday 10 July
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TERM 3 2015
ART CLASSES
Commence 13 July 2015
Choose from over 40 classes. Enrolling from Monday 17 June 2015. For further information visit our website.

ART FEST + WILD ONES
ART & DESIGN MARKET
Sunday 3 May 10am to 4pm
Discover and enjoy art in all forms FREE! View the exhibitions, take a guided tour, check out the Wild Ones Art & Design market, take part in an art making workshop. Enjoy the music on the Hazelhurst Garden lawn, browse the Gallery Shop and grab a bite to eat from Hazelhurst Café. Further details and program available online.

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BUSHWALKS & GUIDED TOURS

SPOT LIGHTING IN THE ROYAL
Wednesday 6 May 7.30pm to 9pm
Wednesday 10 June 7.30 pm to 9pm
Wednesday 8 July 7.30 pm to 9pm
Join another successful venture in the dark of night. Be sure to book early as this event fills quickly. BYO torches and all children under the age of 16 are to be accompanied by an adult.

THE LUCAS HEIGHTS WALK AND PLANT DAY
Thursday 14 May 8am to 12.30pm
An abbreviated version to our ‘Long way round’, this 5km guided loop trail walk will take you to a Council secret, the Lucas Heights Conservation Area. Keen to join us? The walk is graded medium, and of course, involves a little bit of native planting along the way. Bring all your walking supplies including morning tea, lunch and water.

INTERNATIONAL BIODIVERSITY DAY - BONNET BAY INFO WALK
Friday 22 May 9.30am to 12pm
Celebrate International Biodiversity Day with a leisurely stroll through ‘The Glen’ located in the leafy surrounds of Bonnet Bay. The walk is graded medium with some with a few stairs to climb. Bring all your walking supplies, morning tea, lunch and water.

CAPE BAILEY COAST WALK
Thursday 25 June 9am to 1.30pm
This spectacular guided coastal 8km walk at Kamay-Botany Bay National Park will take you around sand dunes, heathlands and hanging swamps. You’ll see great cliff top views and the Cape Bailey Lighthouse. Bring morning tea, lunch and water. Note: National Parks parking fees apply.

COAST WALK: WATTAMOLLA TO EAGLE ROCK (RETURN)
Saturday 20 June 8am to 3pm
Meet at the Wattamolla Beach car park nearest the creek for a walk south along the Royal National Park coast with noted bird expert Steve Anyon-Smith. There should be lots of birds to see including albatross and maybe even a whale or two. Bring morning tea, lunch and water. Note: National Parks parking fees apply.

BONNET BAY NEEDS A HELPING HAND
Sutherland Shire Council is blessed with well over 900 hectares of bushland under its management. All of which are impacted in some way shape or form by weeds. This is where you come in.

Council’s famous Bushcare program is looking for volunteers to assist in the protection and restoration of the Bushland reserves in and around the Bonnet Bay area. So if you are available on the second Monday of the month (9am to 11am) or the fourth Sunday of the month (8.30am to 11.30am) we would like to hear from you.

Just remember, being a Bushcare volunteer isn’t just about weeding. Our volunteer program covers a range of other activities such as native plant propagation, free training courses in bush regeneration, weed and native identification, and track building.

What to know more?
Call the Sutherland Shire Council Bushland Unit on 9524 5672, email bushcare@ssc.nsw.gov.au or check us out on Council’s website.

COUNCIL’S NURSERY IS FULL
After an excellent growing season, we have a full range of native plants (all from the Sutherland Shire) ready to be planted in your garden. If you still have your ‘rates plants voucher’ or would like to fill your garden with local, indigenous plants now is the time to visit the Nursery. Located at 345 The Boulevarde Gymea, open from 7am to 3pm, Monday to Friday.

Not sure what you’re after? Head to the Council website and check out the ‘Native Plant Selector’ or our ‘Current Stock Listing’.

FREE COURSES AND WORKSHOPS

INTRODUCTION TO BUSH REGENERATION COURSE
Saturdays 2 and 9 May, 8.30am to 4pm
Learn about the impact of weeds, stormwater and altered fire regimes and the basic skills required for Bushcaring. The course involves both theory and hands-on practical components including site visits and identifying weeds and the variety of control methods.

The Sutherland Shire Bushcare Facebook page is a hub to share information, photographs and video. Just log onto Facebook, search for ‘Sutherland Shire Bushcare’ and ‘like’ our page.

Please note that bookings are essential for all activities, so call 9524 5672 to register.
ANNUAL LIBRARY BOOK SALE
Sutherland Library
A wide range of fiction and non-fiction books for kids and adults on sale at great prices.
Friday 22 May 9am to 8.30pm
Saturday 23 May 9am to 3.30pm
Sunday 24 May 12noon to 3.30pm
Cash only, no EFTPOS available.

HSC LECTURES
HSC Students can get ahead with their studies by attending the HSC Lectures at Sutherland Library in May and June. Lectures are presented by highly qualified, experienced speakers, head teachers and senior HSC markers.

ENGLISH - Discovery
Wednesday 6 May 6pm to 8pm
Larry Grumley, head English teacher, study guide author and HSC marker will share his expertise on answering English Paper 1: Area of Study.

ACING YOUR TRIAL - Study and exam tips
Wednesday 13 May 6pm to 7.30pm
What you need to do to score top marks. Rowan Kunz will help you manage your time and maximise your marks.

LEGAL STUDIES
Wednesday 3 June 6pm to 8pm
A talk presented by Neil Kusi-Appauh, head teacher at Five Islands Secondary college, author and senior marker in HSC Legal Studies.

BUSINESS STUDIES
Tuesday 16 June 6pm to 8pm
Bill Bourke is an experienced Business Studies Head Teacher, HSC marker, lecturer and tutor. This lecture covers subject content, hints and tips to maximise your HSC marks.
Lectures are just $5 each. Bookings essential: online or in person at any Sutherland Shire Library. www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/library/hscstudents

AUTHOR TALKS
DEBORAH O’BRIEN
Thursday 11 June
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Sutherland Library
Deborah O’Brien, author of the bestselling Mr Chen’s Emporium, presents a talk about her latest novel, The Trivia Man. Drawing on her experiences as a teacher, Deborah explores a range of issues in this novel including the dangers of labelling people and the need we all have to find a place to belong in a world which values conformity over idiosyncrasy. This is a quirky and heart-warming tale about finding your true place in the world.

SALLY MATTERSON
Wednesday 17 June
6.30pm to 7.30pm
Sutherland Library
One of Australia’s foremost personal trainers, Sally Matterson has revolutionised the way her customers and followers think about conventional means of weight loss. Join Sally as she discusses her new book, Healthy Body, sharing lifestyle tips, meal plans and recipes. Learn how Sally’s book can help you to lose weight, boost your metabolism and stay lean for life.

LIBRARY EVENTS
THE MAN FROM COXS RIVER
Thursday 4 June 5.30pm to 8.30pm
Cronulla Library
Watch the National Heritage Trust award winning documentary, The Man From Coxs River followed by a discussion with the film’s producers Russell Kilby and Amy Scully. Can a mission to save a mob of doomed brumbies in an inaccessible wilderness in the Blue Mountains bring fiercely independent horseman and feral control National Parks Ranger to see the world through each other’s eyes?

CRIMES AND CURIOSITIES:
STORIES FROM THE SHIRE’S PAST
Tuesday 23 June 2pm to 3pm
Cronulla Library
In 1935 a man’s arm was found near a shark in captivity… How did it get there? Local Studies Librarian, Helen McDonald will present an illustrated talk on unusual and quirky tales and places from the Shire’s past including the Shark Arm Murder and the Windsor Palace of Shells.

JUDY STOVE-WILSON PRESENTS
GEORGE ELIOT
Wednesday 24 June 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Sutherland Library
Judy Stove-Wilson presents a talk about George Eliot and the novel famously described by Virginia Woolf as “one of the few English novels written for grown-up people.” Middlemarch by George Eliot has been popular since its first publication and remains a favourite with readers today.

PROPERTY STYLING
Thursday 7 May 10.30am to 11.30am
Menai Library
Jodie from Jodie Carter Design will share the ‘tricks of the trade’ to help get your property ready for sale without spending a fortune.

BOOKINGS AND CONTACTS
www.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Library

IN THE LIBRARY
Bookings to attend events in the library are essential unless otherwise specified.
GET ACTIVE

COUNCIL LIFEGUARD PATROLS
Cronulla Beach 7.30am - 3.30pm (7 days), North Cronulla 12noon - 2.30pm (Mon-Fri), Elouera, Wanda, Greenhills are not patrolled

SUTHERLAND SHIRE LEISURE CENTRES
www.sslc.com.au
Sutherland Leisure Centre
Rawson Avenue, Sutherland
Mon to Fri: 5am to 9pm
Sat: 5.30am to 7pm
Sun: 7am to 7pm
Phone: 8536 9777

Caringbah Leisure Centre
Jacaranda Road, Caringbah
Mon to Thu: 5.30am to 9pm
Fri: 5.30am to 6.30pm
Sat: 6am to 7pm
Sun: 7am to 7pm
Phone: 9525 6777

Engadine Leisure Centre
Anzac Avenue, Engadine
Mon to Fri: 5.30am to 9pm
Olympic pool closes at 6.30pm on Fridays for swim club.
Sat: 6am to 7pm
Sun: 7am to 7pm
Phone: 9548 4200

Menai Indoor Sports Centre
98 Crescent, Menai
Mon to Thu: 9am to 10pm
Fri: 9am to 9pm
Sat: 7.30am to 3pm
Sun: By booking/event
Phone: 9532 0444

THE RIDGE GOLF COURSE
AND DRIVING RANGE
New Illawarra Road, Barden Ridge
Mon to Fri: 7am to 9pm
Sat/Sun: 6am to 8pm
Public Holidays: 6am to 6pm
Christmas Day Closed
Phone: 9541 4960
Hours subject to weather

PUBLIC GOLF COURSE PRO SHOPS
Kareela 9521 6279
Woolooware 9523 3882
The Ridge 9541 4960

TENNIS COURTS
Council has 13 facilities with courts available for casual or permanent hire. Check our website for contact details.

THE RIDGE GOLF MEMBERSHIP STARTS 1 JULY

As announced in the last issue of Our Shire, the wait is over golfers. From 1 July, The Ridge Golf Course will launch its membership program with a low annual fee of just $199.

Members will receive a Golf Australia Affiliated Handicap, access to weekday competitions and be able to play in open competition at other golf courses. The competitions, which will initially be run on Tuesdays and Thursdays, will be open to men and women. For competitions the relevant green fee will apply with an additional $2 ball comp fee.

Online registrations will be open from 1 June 2015 at theridgegolf.com.au. Don't miss the opportunity to be an inaugural member of one of Sydney's finest public golf course, The Ridge.

MENAI SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
Menai Indoor Sports Centre has a bumper program these school holidays. As well as the ever popular Learn To Play activities we have introduced a full day session for the younger ‘Kids Club’ kids starting at age five.

For more information contact Menai Indoor Sports Centre 9532 0444 or check out our website www.sslc.com.au.

SPLASHERS SWIM SCHOOL

DATES FOR THE DIARY
Week commencing 25 May & 1 June - Assessment Weeks
Week commencing 15 June - Re-enrolments for term 3
INDOOR POOL UPGRADE AT SUTHERLAND LEISURE CENTRE
This project will include the installation of new water features and redesign of the toddler pool as well as other essential maintenance. We will be installing sophisticated new disinfection and filtration systems which offer a number of benefits including improved health standards and water quality, significantly less cost to operate and are more environmentally friendly.

These essential works are scheduled to be completed in July/August. Unfortunately these works require the indoor pool, toddler's pool, indoor pool change rooms and the sauna and spa to be closed for this period. All other facilities including the outdoor pools, gymnasium, fitness studios, crèche, café and supporting services/facilities will remain open. For more information and updates on the pool closure visit our website www.sslc.com.au.

HAVE YOU CONSIDERED SWIMMING SQUAD?
Squad programs are available for anyone who simply enjoys the sport of swimming to athletes wanting to compete at a national level. The Squad program is divided into three tiers: Development Squads, Emerging Talent Squads and Adult Squads.

Visit the website for more information on the squad groups, the benefits of joining a program and to see the weekly squad timetable.

TRX SUSPENSION TRAINING AT ENGADINE
If you haven’t already, be sure to give TRX Training a go. It can be used to improve strength, balance, flexibility and core stability simultaneously. Originally developed by the US Navy SEALs, TRX Training uses tools and movements that challenge the entire body in every plane of motion. So no matter what you do or how conditioned you are TRX Training can help you improve by applying the minimum dose of effort to get maximum results. Visit our website for class times.

ENJOY WALKING? YOU’LL LOVE OUR WALK FIT CLASS
Tuesdays 9.30am
Sutherland Leisure Centre
Your activity level is considered sedentary if you walk less than 5,000 steps a day. Turning your normal walk into a fitness stride requires good posture and purposeful movements. This enjoyable, social class will take you through the basics of good walking technique.

WINTER DOESN’T END WATER DANGER
As it gets colder it is important to remember that danger in and around the water does not diminish just because it is winter. Children are still curious about water and drowning is the major cause of accidental death in Australia for children under five. While swimming can’t substitute for proper barriers and supervision, being able to swim well provides more protection for your child.

That’s why Learn to Swim classes are important all year round. In winter your kids can still enjoy classes in heated pools at Sutherland Shire Leisure Centres. Our swim instructors are all Austswim and Swim Australia accredited. They are the best teachers to ensure your child knows the basics of how to stay safe in the water, all in a fun and friendly environment.

Contact Sutherland, Engadine or Caringbah Leisure Centre for class times and pricing or visit www.sslc.com.au.

Council is committed to providing quality facilities so our community has the opportunity to participate in a variety of sport and leisure pursuits. To find out how you can get active in the Shire, check Council’s website under Recreation.
COUNCIL’S EARLY EDUCATION CENTRES

Council’s 11 Early Education Centres have been providing quality early education and care to local children for decades. The children at our Canberra Road Early Education Centre were all smiles recently as they celebrated the centre’s 30th birthday. Also celebrating milestone birthdays this year are our centres in Bradman Road Menai (30 years), Hobart Place, Illawong and Franklin Road, Woolooware (25 years), and Allison Crescent, Menai (20 years).

With a long and strong history in childcare, we ensure quality and safety are at the forefront of every Council centre.

Our centres also enjoy strong connections with neighbouring community organisations and primary schools. Among our planned Early Education curriculum is a highly effective preparation for school program, equal to those offered by preschools with the benefit of longer opening hours.

Centre Tours are periodically available. Please check Council’s website for details. For all childcare enquiries please call 9710 0466.

FREE PARENT TRAINING

Children’s Services offers a range of free parent training workshops. Learn about toddler behaviour and development, eating and toilet training and the essential parenting topic, settling techniques for sleep.

Coming Up

- Listening, Talking and Social Skills (1 to 5 years), 18 May
- Eating and Toilet Training (1 to 5 years), 11 May and 22 June
- Toddler Behaviour and Emotional Wellbeing (1 to 5 years), 1 June
- Sleep (1 to 5 years), 4 May and 15 June
- Play, Movement and Development (1 to 5 years), 25 May

Bookings are essential. Phone 9710 0827. Limited child minding on site at a nominal fee of $15 per family per session.