

OUR SHIRE

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Sutherland Shire Council acknowledges the Dharawal people as the Traditional Custodians of the land within Sutherland Shire. We value and celebrate Dharawal culture and language, and acknowledge Dharawal people's continuing connection to the land, the sea and community. We pay respect to the Elders and their families, past, present and emerging, and through them, to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



YOUR COUNCIL

AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND 2024

LET'S COME TOGETHER TO REFLECT. RESPECT. CELEBRATE.

Join us at Sutherland Shire's biggest program of free events taking place over the Australia Day long weekend.

- Learn about First Nations culture and storytelling at our **Sunset Cultural Ceremony** on **Thursday 25 January**.
- Enjoy headline performances by Jon Stevens, Paulini, Isaiah Firebrace and more at our iconic **Concert** on **Friday 26 January** at Cronulla Beach, plus a spectacular 15-minute fireworks display.
- Sit back and enjoy performances from a host of talented local musicians on **Saturday 27 January** while watching the sun set over the beautiful beach at the **Cronulla Vibes Concert**.



PLUS **pool parties** at our **Leisure Centres**, and **Cinema Under the Stars** taking place **across Sutherland Shire**.

See what's on at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/ADOS24

CINEMA UNDER THE STARS IS BACK

Enjoy free outdoor movie experiences this summer! Grab your family and friends, and bring along a picnic plus a cosy rug or low chairs, for an evening of cinema magic in these picturesque locations across Sutherland Shire:

- **Thursday 25 January** – *Blueback* (PG) at Cronulla Park, Cronulla
- **Friday 26 January** – *The Super Mario Bros Movie* (PG) at Anzac Oval, Engadine
- **Saturday 27 January** – *Sonic the Hedgehog* (PG) at Parc Menai, Menai
- **Friday 16 February** – *Charming* (PG) at Biddy Giles, Kirrawee



- **Friday 23 February** – *Red Shoes and the Seven Dwarfs* (PG) at Oyster Bay Oval Netball Courts, Oyster Bay

Find out more at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/cinemaunderthestars

LATEST NEWS

CRONULLA PLAZA JUMPING WITH JOY

The first of two new destination playgrounds opened in December as part of the refreshed Cronulla Plaza. The whale tail, already very popular and getting lots of use over summer, is set to be an iconic part of Cronulla. The whale tail includes slides, all access carousel, climbing tower, play panels, trampolines and more!

Shade structures around the play space, new seating and lighting will be included in the next phase of the Plaza upgrade, ready in June 2024.

Work on Cronulla Plaza will continue from February 2024.

To find out more visit the project website at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/cronullaupgrade



MAJOR UPGRADES UNDERWAY FOR BOX ROAD RESERVE SPORTS FACILITIES

Work is officially underway to upgrade the upper playing fields and facilities at Box Road Reserve in Sylvania.

The upgrades will enhance the sporting experience and safety for sports clubs and community users, delivering two levelled grass playing fields, LED floodlighting, a new cricket pitch and improved pathways. The project will also improve our ability to cater for the continued growth in women's football locally. Completion is expected by the end of 2024.

Proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with Sutherland Shire Council, Sylvania Heights Community and Youth Club and CricketNSW.

Find out more at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/box-rd-sports-upgrade



NEW WARATAH PARK CARPARK OPEN, WITH INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUND TO COME

The new carpark within Waratah Park, Sutherland is now open! Located between the Leisure Centre and Athletics Track, the formalised parking area improves accessibility and safety for visitors.

The carpark will provide parking close to a new inclusive and all-abilities playground currently being designed.

Construction of the playground is set to start in mid-2024 - stay tuned for more updates.

Find out more at bit.ly/WaratahCP



UNATTENDED WATERCRAFT IN PARKS AND RESERVES

It's important that our public open spaces are safe, accessible and can be enjoyed by everyone.

Dinghies and other watercraft are often used to access our public foreshores. However, leaving watercraft unattended can impact the environment and people's ability to enjoy public land.

Storage of private watercraft is not permitted anywhere in our parks and reserves. This includes dinghies, kayaks, stand up paddleboards and surfboards.

Private watercraft left unattended in our parks and reserves will be removed.

Our Dinghies and Other Watercraft Management Policy outlines our approach for managing dinghies and other watercraft left unattended on public land.

For more information visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/unattendedwatercraft



CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

For all consultations and surveys, unless otherwise stated, visit
Join the Conversation at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/jtc

HAVE
YOUR
SAY
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DRAFT SUTHERLAND SHIRE OVERLAND FLOOD STUDY

We have prepared a draft Sutherland Shire Overland Flood Study to help keep people and properties in our community safe from the impact of severe, sudden rain, which causes 'over land' flooding.

View the draft Flood Study and share your feedback to help shape our flood management strategies.

The draft Flood Study is open for community consultation **until 31 March 2024** via Join the Conversation.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

SCIENCE OF THE SURF 2024

Learning how to read beach conditions and spot a rip can ensure a nice swim at the beach doesn't turn into a nightmare. Rips form fast and even strong swimmers can get into trouble.

We'll be hosting Dr Rip (Dr Rob Brander) on Wednesday 24 January. He will explain what a rip is and - if the conditions permit - release dye into the surf to help us see how a rip works.

Register now via go.nsw.gov.au/SotS



REMINDER: SOLID FUEL-FIRED BBQS NO LONGER ALLOWED IN CROWN RESERVES IN SUTHERLAND SHIRE

Solid fuel BBQs are no longer permitted in Crown Reserves in our local government area. This includes heat beads, wood, coal and other solid material.

This follows a 3-year trial of coal bins in the reserves. Unfortunately hot coals and other materials were still regularly left behind. These materials, when not correctly disposed, have the potential to cause hazards to visitors and the environment.

Until February, Council staff will be visiting Crown Reserves to advise users that these types of BBQs are no longer allowed. The coal bins will be removed from Gunnamatta Park and Shelly Park after January 2024.

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS THE POOP FAIRY!

Did you know that under the NSW Companion Animals Act 1998, it's an offence to leave your dog's poo on public land?

That's why you'll see more signage reminding pet owners to be responsible and pick up after their dog.

For more information visit

go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/ResponsiblePets



We understand this is a disappointing outcome, however **visitors are still welcome to use a portable gas BBQ in these reserves.**

Alternatively, we have many sites with free electric BBQs - for locations visit

sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/bbqs-in-reserves

ECO NEWS AND WASTE WISE LIVING

GOT A GREEN THUMB BUT DON'T HAVE YOUR OWN GREEN SPACE?

Join a local community garden - meet like-minded people and enjoy growing produce and sharing gardening information.

There are several community gardens in Sutherland Shire - some located on Council land and some on private land.

We also consider applications for new community gardens.



Find out more about existing gardens, and what you need to consider before applying for a new one, at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/communitygardens

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION - RECYCLING

The beginning of a brand-new year is the time to set goals or intentions for the year ahead. So what better time to make some resolutions around recycling and reuse solutions?

Here are some ideas to add to your list:

- choose sustainable and second-hand fashion
- give up one thing that is single use and non-recyclable
- start to compost food scraps
- recycle better: check before you chuck it. Learn more at bit.ly/CheckLabels



- recycle tricky items such as soft plastics, clothes, household batteries, light globes and Vapes through RecycleSmart's pick-up service: visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/recyclesmart

SUMMER WOODCHIPPING SERVICE

Turn your bulky tree branches into woodchips. You can even take a load of mulch home with you when you bring a bucket (no bags). Please note that the woodchipper will not be onsite on the day.

Tree cuttings must be no more than 250mm in diameter and cuttings with sharp thorns or spikes cannot be accepted.

This is a free service for Sutherland Shire residents and not for commercial operators or commercial vehicles.

To learn what green waste is acceptable and any requirements for attending this event, visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/woodchippingservice

Where: Council Depot, 13-15 Ethell Road, Kirrawee

Time: 9:00am to 3:00pm

Upcoming dates:

- Saturday 13 January 2024
- Saturday 10 February 2024
- Saturday 09 March 2024



SAVE THE DATE

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEAN OUT

Saturday 10 to
Monday 12 February 2024,
9:00am to 3:30pm

Full details at
sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Chemicalwaste

E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 March 2024,
9:00am to 3:00pm

Full details at
sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Ewaste



LIBRARIES

sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/libraries
Book online for all events

WHAT'S ON

KIDS SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Various dates and library locations

Summer is here and we're diving into the school holidays with loads of fun, sea-themed activities for little landlubbers. There will be ocean adventure workshops, beach safety talks for kids, and plenty of fishy craft and stories. Tickets book out quickly, so don't miss out, or be prepared to walk the plank!



YOUTH SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Various dates and library locations

Grab your besties and join us at the library this summer for some terrific workshops and craft activities designed just for teens. Make some candy sushi. Design your own tie dye t-shirt, watercolour sneakers and friendship bracelets. Or just drop by for a game or two from our new collection of board games.



RESOURCES OF THE MONTH

ADULT RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

Haynes Manuals AllAccess

Do you have time to tinker over the holidays? With hundreds of car, motorcycle, and outboard motor makes and models covered, you can be confident you're doing it right with Haynes Manuals AllAccess. There are even diagrams and videos available illustrating both routine maintenance and more complex service needs.



KIDS RESOURCE OF THE MONTH

National Geographic Kids

Explore extraordinary adventures in science, nature, archaeology, and space in a fun and informative way. Kids can discover 18 ways to save the ocean, read wacky facts about awesome athletes, watch videos from amazing destinations across the globe, and more!

LIBRARIES: JANUARY OPENING HOURS

Our libraries look forward to welcoming you back to the library in 2024 when we reopen with our summer hours on 2 January.

All libraries will be closed on Friday 26 January for the public holiday. Normal opening hours resume on Monday 29 January 2024.

Details at bit.ly/SummerHours2023-24

More service hours on **page 8**.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR LIBRARY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Receive the latest news and events from Libraries at bit.ly/yourlibraryevents

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hazelhurst.com.au

IN THE MAIN GALLERY

OBSESSED: SOUTHERN SYDNEY COLLECTORS

Until 28 January

Discover unique and rarely seen private collections from southern Sydney and the people and stories behind them. Collections include uranium glass, Beatles memorabilia, vintage fashion, surfboards, model trains, stamps, art, ceramics and more. Open 10am to 4pm daily. Free admission.

Images: Photograph by Silversalt Photography.



IN THE BROADHURST GALLERY

ART RULES 2023: HSC VISUAL ARTS FROM SOUTHERN SYDNEY

Until 21 January

Selected works by students undertaking the HSC in 2023 from the southern Sydney region. Awards for outstanding work are provided by Eckersley's Art & Craft and Friends of Hazelhurst.

TIME TO PAINT: HAZELHURST THURSDAY PAINTING CLASS

27 January to 6 February

An exhibition featuring 22 artists from Hazelhurst's Thursday painting class responding to the theme of the Hazelhurst Gardens. By exhibiting these works together to express a shared experience, the artists will explore and revel in their diversity.



Images (L to R): Anabelle Liew, St George Christian School, *Untold identity* (detail) 2023; Kristen Tall, *Still Life on Thursday Morning* (detail) 2023.

WHAT'S ON

COLLECTORS TALK

Saturday 20 January at 2:00pm

Join us for a fascinating gallery talk featuring:

- surfboard collector Adam Scard
- vintage fashion collector Glennis Murphy
- contemporary art collector Graham Blondel
- vintage Australian ceramics collector Michael Vardakis.

Hear their stories and discover insights about their unique collections and how they came to be. Free event, bookings essential.



Images: Graham Blondel, Contemporary Art Collection; Adam Scard, Surfboard Collection; Glennis Murphy, Vintage Fashion Collection; Michael Vardakis, Vintage Australian Pottery Collection. Photograph by Jasmin Poole.

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR HAZELHURST EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Sign up to receive the latest news from Hazelhurst at bit.ly/HazelhurstNews

OBSESSED TREASURE HUNT

**WEDNESDAYS 17 AND 24 JANUARY
AT 11:00AM TO 1:00PM**

Embark on a treasure hunt in the Hazelhurst Gardens, where you can follow the map to find all the objects and claim your prize. Plus, enjoy roving performances from Imaginary Menagerie Puppetry!

Suitable for children 12 years and under. Free event, bookings essential.

Image: Photograph by Flore Vallery-Radot.



ART CLASSES

**TERM 1 2024 ART CLASSES - ENROLMENTS
OPEN NOW**

Classes begin Monday 5 February

There are creative learning opportunities for all ages at Hazelhurst in Term 1 2024.

Start the new year by learning a new skill, return to a previous pastime or develop your creative practice.

Choose from painting, pottery, drawing, illustration, sculpture, mosaics and more.

**SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART CLASSES -
ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW**

Monday 8 January to Friday 19 January

Our summer school holiday program is packed with fantastic classes for children and teens to try in January. Browse the program online and book today!



SUMMER SHORT COURSES FOR ADULTS - ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW

**JEWELLERY, ETCHING, PRINTING WITH
SUSANNA STRATI**

Thursday 11 and Friday 12 January at 10:00am to 3:00pm

Join artist Susanna Strati to learn about etching base metals including brass and copper and using a roller to create textured surfaces. Then transfer your designs onto card and make a ring out of your textured metal.

**INTRODUCTION TO CERAMIC STUDIO
PRACTICE WITH DIANNE BROCK**

Monday 15 January at 10:00am to 4:00pm

Curious about setting up your own ceramic studio? Join us for this informative workshop that will guide you through best studio practice – learn about clay bodies, packing, firing, unpacking a kiln and a variety of surface treatments.

SURF ART WITH DUSHAN MRVA-MONTOYA

Thursday 18 January at 10:00am to 4:00pm

Take a tour of *Obsessed: Southern Sydney Collectors* to get inspired by the incredible collaborations between artists and surfboard makers then head to the studio to create a painting motivated by the ocean, art, and your inner surfer.

**COSTUME AND THEATRE WITH ANDREW
ANTONIOU**

Wednesday 24 January at 10:00am to 4:00pm

Visit *Obsessed: Southern Sydney Collectors* and be inspired by the fabulous collection of theatre costumes and vintage fashion.

Be guided by artist Andrew Antoniou to make preliminary sketches within the exhibition space and return to the studio and create with soft mediums such as charcoal and pastels.



Happy
New Year

BE PREPARED THIS SUMMER

While summer is the time to get out and enjoy the warmer weather, it also comes with increased risk of fires, storms, floods and heatwaves.

It's important to stay informed, take preventative measures where you can and plan the steps you need to take when an event occurs.

Start by knowing your local risk and any evacuation plans in place. If you are in a high-risk area have your own emergency plan and emergency kit ready.

Together, we can prepare, protect and strengthen our community to face any challenges ahead.

For more information visit nsw.gov.au/get-ready



Get Ready NSW

A new home for emergency
preparation information

CHILDREN

EARLY EDUCATION AND CARE SERVICES

If you're thinking about childcare, to learn about our 11 Early Education Centres located throughout Sutherland Shire see our website where you can:

- apply for care
- learn about our nurturing and supportive programs for infants, toddlers and pre-schoolers
- register for our first 2024 childcare webinar.

Our website also details any current vacancies.

Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/childcare or call our Customer Service team on 02 9710 0466 to discuss your specific childcare needs.



COUNCIL SERVICES' OPENING HOURS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Some of our services change their hours during the summer holidays.

For any changes to hours or closures for our Customer Service, Libraries, Hazelhurst and Leisure Centres, keep an eye on our website at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/holidayhours

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