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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

### SEYMOUR SHAW ACTIVE PRECINCT IS NOW OPEN!

Hordes of local skaters have taken the opportunity to 'drop-in' on our newest skating facilities in Miranda, following its official opening last week.

There's something for everyone, including a half basketball court, parkour and climbing elements, new children's playground and a world-class skate 'plaza' course. The two new skate bowls have drawn the most attention so far, including the 3.8 metre deep bowl that's among the deepest found in Sydney. Check it out today!



Proudly funded by the NSW Government in association with Sutherland Shire Council.

Find out more: [bit.ly/SeymourShaw](https://bit.ly/SeymourShaw)

### AUSTRALIA DAY LONG WEEKEND 2024

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

Save the dates! You're invited to our biggest program of free events taking place across Sutherland Shire over the Australia Day long weekend.

Come together and take time for reflection and story telling at the Sunset Cultural Ceremony, bring a picnic and blanket to one of the Cinema Under the Stars locations, soak up the fun at our Leisure Centre pool parties, get your groove on at the traditional Australia Day Concert featuring Jon Stevens, Paulini, Isaiah Firebrace, and topped off with a spectacular fireworks display, or savour the



sounds of the Shire's incredibly talented musicians at the Cronulla Vibes concert.

Visit [go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/ADOS24](https://go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/ADOS24) for program updates.

### CINEMA UNDER THE STARS RETURNS IN 2024

Cinema Under the Stars returns in January and February 2024, offering free outdoor movie experiences under the open sky. Grab your family and friends, along with a picnic, cosy rug or low chairs, for an enjoyable evening of cinema magic in these picturesque locations:

- Thursday 25 January: Cronulla Park, Cronulla
- Friday 26 January: ANZAC Oval, Engadine
- Saturday 27 January: Parc Menai, Menai
- Friday 16 February: Biddy Giles Park, Kirrawee
- Friday 23 February: Oyster Bay Oval, Oyster Bay



The movies will be announced in the next edition of Our Shire, our Facebook page and our website [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/cinemaunderthestars](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/cinemaunderthestars)

## ECO NEWS AND WASTE WISE LIVING

### PRESERVING BATE BAY'S BEAUTY AND CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT

With stunning beaches and coastal vistas, the stretch from Cronulla to Kurnell is the go-to destination this summer. However, the same waves that draw crowds can lead to short-term erosion and long-term recession, as evident from the East Coast Low major weather event in 2022.

To safeguard our coastline, we work with the NSW Government Soil Conservation Service (which acts as site manager on behalf of Council and Crown Lands) to maintain and manage coastal dune and vegetation.

Find out more about the "40-year Kurnell Dune Program" our Coastal Management Programs and other coastal rehabilitation work by visiting [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/coastalmanagement](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/coastalmanagement)



### WASTELESS CHRISTMAS

Let's reduce waste together this Christmas by avoiding, reducing, reusing and recycling right. Here are some waste-wise tips for a wasteless Christmas!

1. Gift experiences instead of items
2. Reduce your recipient list by encouraging shared gifts or Secret Santa
3. Create make-it-yourself gifts
4. Re-gift or donate unwanted gifts
5. Choose pre-loved gifts
6. Use wasteless alternatives like fabrics or recycled paper or don't wrap gifts at all
7. Reduce food waste by checking your pantry, shop to a list, store food correctly, use your leftovers, and compost.

Find out more at [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/wastewar](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/wastewar)



### SUMMER WOODCHIPPING SERVICE

Turn your bulky tree branches into woodchips. Tree cuttings must be no more than 250mm in diameter and cuttings with sharp thorns or spikes cannot be accepted.

You can even take a load of mulch home with you when you bring a bucket (no bags). The woodchipper will not be on-site on the day.

This is a free service for Sutherland Shire residents and not for commercial operators or commercial vehicles. For more information on what is acceptable and requirements for attending this event, visit

[sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/woodchippingservice](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/woodchippingservice)

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

**Time:** 9:00am to 3:00pm

#### Upcoming dates:

- Saturday 9 December 2023
- Saturday 13 January 2024
- Saturday 10 February 2024
- Saturday 9 March 2024.



### SAVE THE DATES



#### HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEAN OUT

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

Full details:

[sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Chemicalwaste](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Chemicalwaste)

#### E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

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

Full details:

[sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Ewaste](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Ewaste)



## CHILDREN

### SUMMER FUN AWAITS!

#### EXPLORE OUR SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Keep children entertained these school holidays - discover our fun-filled activities. We offer a mix of free and paid activities led by Council specialists, industry professionals and partnering organisations.

Find out more at

**[sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays)**



### CHILDCARE CENTRES RATED 'EXCEEDING'

Three of Council's Early Education Centres were awarded an Exceeding rating in as many months – a ratings hat trick!

The new 'Exceeding' ratings for Caldarra Avenue Engadine, Dianella Street Caringbah, and Hobart Place Illawong were awarded by the governing body for childcare in NSW: the Early Childhood Directorate, part of the NSW Department of Education. Achieving an 'Exceeding' rating is a significant accomplishment, reflecting the high quality and experience of our educators, as well as the exceptional level of care and education provided to children.

To learn about our early childhood programs, view centre information and images, and apply online for care, visit **[sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/childcare](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/childcare)**

To arrange a tour, phone Children's Services on 02 9710 0466.



## LEISURE CENTRES

**[sslc.com.au](https://sslc.com.au)**

### LET'S MAKE A SPLASH TOGETHER - LEARN TO SWIM!

Give your children the skills and water confidence they need for a safe and fun summer.

Join SPLASHERS! Learn to Swim weekly lessons or school holiday intensive program and dive into a world of water adventures, where our expert instructors will teach the art of swimming.

Programs from 6+ months of age at:

- Sutherland Leisure Centre
- Caringbah Leisure Centre

Don't miss out on the fun and let's make a splash together!

Find out more and enrol today: **[sslc.com.au](https://sslc.com.au)**

or email **[Programs@ssc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:Programs@ssc.nsw.gov.au)**



### A NEW LOOK FOR OUR WEBSITES IS NEARLY HERE!

Our refreshed websites for Hazelhurst, Leisure Centres and Libraries are nearly here!

Learn more at

**[sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/newlook](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/newlook)**



## LIBRARIES

[sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/libraries](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/libraries)  
Book online for all events

### CELEBRATING TOP WRITING TALENT

#### 2023 SUTHERLAND SHIRE LITERARY COMPETITION WINNERS REVEALED

We're delighted to announce the winners of the 2023 Sutherland Shire Literary Competition, organised by our libraries! The awards ceremony on Saturday 4 November saw winning poets and story tellers from all corners of the nation coming together to celebrate.

#### WINNERS

##### Traditional Verse

- Winner: **Emerging Shadows** by Tom McLveen, Port Macquarie NSW
- Shire Resident's Prize: **The Moment** by Michelle Garbutt, Oyster Bay NSW

##### Free Verse

- Winner: **when the frozen streets impose upon my slow-flow yoga class** by Sharon Rockman, Elsternwick VIC
- Highly Commended: **Stilled Life** by Sue Lockwood, Eltham VIC
- Shire Resident's Prize: **Emerging vol. 1 Butterflies and Moths** by John Burns, Engadine NSW



*Jacinta Frawley Werger (winner); Michael Forshaw (former sub-committee member, former councillor, and supporter from Tradies); KT Major (winner); Cr Carmelo Pesce; John Burns (winner); Sallyanne Henderson (supporter from WMD Law).*

##### Short Stories

- Winner: **The Guest** by Rachel Flynn, Fitzroy North VIC
- Highly Commended: **The Stories We Tell** by Freya Cox, Blackmans Bay TAS
- Shire Resident's Prize: **Out of the Woodwork** by KT Major, Jannali NSW
- Shire Resident's Highly Commended: **Muses of the Council Pickup** by Jacinta Frawley Werger, Sutherland NSW

Read the winning entries and judge's comments at [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/literarycompetition](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/literarycompetition)

## SUMMER READING CHALLENGES - REGISTER ON BEANSTACK

### KIDS SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

We have two categories for children (0 to 5 years and 6 to 12 years) and summer is the perfect time for them to dive in to reading. Check our website and follow our instructions to register your child on Beanstack. Encourage them to read as many books as they can while earning badges along the way! Challenge accepted.



### TEEN SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

For teens aged 13 to 18, fish out your swimmers, slap on some sunscreen and join our Teen Summer Reading Challenge! This year, we're challenging you to play Book Bingo on the Beanstack app, as well as activities, goals and rewards for books read. Start your reading journey today!





**WHAT'S ON****BILINGUAL CHRISTMAS STORYTIME**

**Monday 4 December, 10.30am to 11.30am at Miranda Library**

'Tis the season to be jolly – so celebrate with us at our Bilingual Christmas Storytime. We'll be sharing stories, songs and rhymes in both Mandarin and English. There will also be take-home crafts following the festivities.

**SATURDAY CHRISTMAS STORYTIME**

**Saturday 9 December, 10:30am to 11:00am at Sutherland Library**

Get ready to spread the festive cheer at our special Saturday Storytime. Parents or guardians and children up to Year 2 in primary school are invited to join us for Christmassy songs, rhymes and stories that will get you excited as you await Santa's arrival.

**CHRISTMAS LIBRARY ON THE LAWN**

**Thursday 14 December, 10:30am to 11:00 at Forby Sutherland Memorial Garden**

Christmas is coming and we can almost hear the jingle of Santa's sleigh bells! Join us at the beautiful Forby Sutherland Memorial Garden for an outdoor storytime to celebrate this magical time of year. Suitable for preschool-aged children.


**SUBSCRIBE TO OUR LIBRARY  
EMAIL NEWSLETTER:**

Receive the latest news and events from Libraries at [bit.ly/yourlibraryevents](https://bit.ly/yourlibraryevents)

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT DROP-IN SESSIONS**

**Tuesday 19 December, 10:30am to 12:00pm  
AND Wednesday 20 December, 2:00pm to 3:30pm, at Sutherland Library**

Help your kids get into the festive spirit by making crafts, cards and decorations at the library. Drop in for 10 minutes or stay for an hour – it's up to you. Suitable for ages 3 and over.

**ADULT RESOURCE OF THE MONTH – LINKEDIN LEARNING**

You can use your library login details to choose from thousands of free online courses and learn in-demand skills from industry experts. Courses cover everything from the latest technologies to basic computer literacy, and much more in between. Get started with your library card!

**BUSINESS****MASTERING SALES CONVERSATIONS****FREE WEBINAR - BUSINESS SUCCESS SERIES**

**Wednesday 6 December,  
12:00pm to 1:30pm, online**

Join our online webinar to learn professional selling skills and convert opportunities into profitable business. The success of your business can depend on your ability to make a sale - but how do you get that all important 'Yes' from your



customer? Discover proven techniques that can help improve your sales success.

Don't delay, limited spots. Book now at [go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/BusinessSuccess](https://go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/BusinessSuccess)

## HAZELHURST

hazelhurst.com.au

### IN THE MAIN GALLERY

#### OBSESSED: SOUTHERN SYDNEY COLLECTORS

Until 28 January 2024

This summer 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 10:00am to 4:00pm daily. Free admission.

### IN THE BROADHURST GALLERY

#### CIRCULAR TEXTILES LAB: OUROBOROS

1 to 12 December 2023

Artists: Joanna Fowles, Alia Parker, Emma Peters. Circular Textiles Lab is a collective of three women researchers, makers and designers working at the intersection of textiles, material ecologies and craft. They look at the nuances of material ecologies to question and construct new imaginaries of where textiles can engage with environmental issues by reimagining waste and reconsidering materials.

#### ART RULES 2023: HSC VISUAL ARTS FROM SOUTHERN SYDNEY

16 December 2023 to 21 January 2024

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 the Friends of Hazelhurst.

Images L-R (details): Emma Peters *Segue* 2022 (detail), cotton wool; Sean Maquiran, *Huling Ala-ala (The Last Memory)* 2022, painting



#### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR HAZELHURST EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Sign up to receive the latest news from Hazelhurst at [bit.ly/HazelhurstNews](https://bit.ly/HazelhurstNews)

To book your place for Hazelhurst Arts Centre's events and programs visit [bit.ly/whatsonathazelhurst](https://bit.ly/whatsonathazelhurst) or call 02 8536 5700



Images: Adam Scard, Surfboard Collection; Glennis Murphy, Vintage Fashion Collection. Photograph by Jasmin Poole.

### IN THE GARDENS

#### MAY BARRIE: STONE

Until June 2024

May Barrie has a significant place in Australian art history as a sculptor and female artist, carving stone for over seven decades until her last works in 2013 at the age of 95. Visitors are invited to explore the gardens to see large scale, carved stone sculptures made by the artist between 1980 and 2006.

Image: May Barrie, *Granite Monolith 1* 1982-83, granite. Silversalt Photography



### WHAT'S ON

#### HAZELHURST AT NIGHT

Friday 8 December 2023, 6:00pm to 9:00pm

Join us for an evening of art and music! Experience our exhibitions after dark, listen to live music, get creative with artmaking activities, join guided tour, and enjoy food and drink at Hazelhurst Cafe. Free entry, all welcome. Keep an eye on our social media for updates on the At Night line-up.





## LITTLE ART MAKERS

**Wednesdays, 9:30am to 10:30am during school term**

Introduce your pre-schooler to the world of art through discovery and creative learning! Excite their senses and develop their skills as they engage with our current exhibitions through a gallery tour, storytime and an exhibition-inspired artmaking activity. Suitable for children ages 3 to 5 years. \$10 per child. Bookings essential.



## ART CLASSES - ENROLMENTS OPEN NOW

### Term 1 2024 Art Classes

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, and mosaics - enrol now!

### SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAY ART CLASSES

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

### SUMMER SHORT COURSES FOR ADULTS

We have fantastic short courses on offer over summer, including Experimental Watercolours or a two-day Printmaking and Jewelry course. Also on offer is Intro to Ceramic Studio Practice – a great opportunity to learn how to run your own studio. Explore clay bodies, packing, firing and unpacking a kiln, and a variety of surface treatments.



## CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

HAVE  
YOUR  
SAY  
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For all consultations and surveys, unless otherwise stated, visit Join the Conversation at [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/jtc](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/jtc)

### SUTHERLAND SHIRE OVERLAND FLOOD STUDY

We have extended the consultation period for the draft Overland Flood Study for the Sutherland Shire until 31 March 2024.

You can provide feedback and arrange to speak with our specialist flood team via: [go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/FloodStudy](https://go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/FloodStudy)



### CONTACT COUNCIL ONLINE 24/7

It's quick, easy and there are no queues!



- Arrange, change or cancel a Council Clean Up.
- Make payments for rates, tax invoices, applications, animal registrations and more.
- Tell us if your bin wasn't collected.
- Report an issue or something that requires maintenance.

You can do all this and more in just a few minutes, anywhere, any time!

Visit [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au)

## IN OUR COMMUNITY

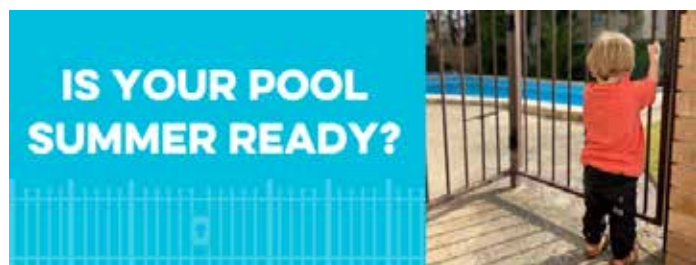
### IS YOUR POOL SUMMER READY?

Prepare for summer fun by ensuring your pool is safe and secure!

Check your pool fence, gate and surroundings this weekend. Keep plants and furniture away from pool areas to prevent accidents. Active supervision is key, but a secure pool area can save lives.

- Get a free home pool safety checklist at [bit.ly/RLSwatersafety](https://bit.ly/RLSwatersafety)
- Learn about pool barrier regulations and safety requirements at [bit.ly/PoolSafetyRequirements](https://bit.ly/PoolSafetyRequirements)

Stay safe and enjoy the sun!



### DO YOU HAVE A CPR ACTION PLAN?

Knowing basic life support is vital to help in an emergency situation.

A 'Steps to Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation' guide was distributed with your recent rates notice to keep handy on your fridge or in your wallet or purse.

For more tips on beach and surf safety this summer, and to watch the surf safety video, visit: [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/BeachSafety](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/BeachSafety)



### CHECK YOUR CPR POOL SIGN

Did you know current cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) pool signs are available to purchase from Council's Admin Building?

A CPR sign is compulsory, must be in good condition and able to be read easily from 3 metres.

It is suggested that your sign is displayed near the shallow end or steps of your pool.

If your sign is looking a little faded and hard to read, it's time to replace it.

More at [bit.ly/PoolSafetyRequirements](https://bit.ly/PoolSafetyRequirements)



## COUNCIL SERVICES' OPENING HOURS OVER THE HOLIDAYS

Some of our services change their hours during the summer holidays, especially over the Christmas and New Year period. For changes to hours or closures for our Customer Service, Libraries, Hazelhurst and Leisure Centres, keep an eye on our website from mid-December. Find out more [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au)

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