

OUR SHIRE

AUGUST 2023

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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

OPERATIONAL PLAN IN PLACE TO CONTINUE DELIVERING FOR SUTHERLAND SHIRE

Informed by community feedback, we revised the Delivery Program 2022-26 and Operational Plan 2023/24 and are pleased to announce that it has now been adopted by Council.

The plans set out our commitment to deliver essential services and infrastructure for our community, as well as investing in upgrades to some of our major sports facilities and open spaces.

View the final documents: sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/dpop

- Operational Plan
- Long Term Financial Plan
- Fees and Charges.

TELL US HOW YOU WANT TO HEAR FROM US, AND WIN!

We're reviewing this newsletter, rates notices flyers, and other information channels, to understand how they're meeting our community's needs.

Enter the draw to WIN one of three gift cards (T&Cs apply, see online).

Complete our online survey - scan the QR code or visit

go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/CSOurShireNews

Prefer offline? Fill in the paper survey attached to this newsletter and either:

- mail to Our Shire Survey 2023, Sutherland Shire Council, Locked Bag 17, Sutherland 1499
- photograph both sides and email to engagement@ssc.nsw.gov.au

Survey closes 18 August 2023.



LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK - 31 JULY-6 AUGUST 2023

This week we highlight the far-reaching role councils play as the hubs of their community, and the huge variety of services offered that you may not know about or be surprised to learn!

We're also one of the largest local employers, with a significant number of our staff living in the area.

How many of the following did you know we provide?

- an animal shelter
- beaches and lifeguards
- Bushcare
- civic and ceremonial events

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LATEST NEWS

EXCITING CHANGES COMING TO CRONULLA PLAZA

We are excited to advise work is starting to refresh Cronulla Plaza, extending from Purley Place to the Town Square.

Our work will ensure Cronulla Plaza is comfortable, safe and inviting for everyone to shop, stroll, gather and meet.

Work is starting in July 2023 and will be completed by June 2024 (weather permitting). Pedestrian and business access will be maintained at all times.

We will continue to share updates as work progresses and thank our community for your patience during these important works.

For more information visit our project website go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/cronullaupgrade



SHOPPING TROLLEYS

Have you ever stumbled upon a shopping trolley in your neighbourhood and wondered what to do about it?

Abandoned shopping trolleys not only spoil our beautiful streets but also pose a safety risk. Although Council isn't in charge of removing shopping trolleys, we have a practical solution where you can play a crucial role.

Visit our website to find out more: sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/shoppingtrolleys



READY TO TURBO-CHARGE YOUR BUSINESS?

We're delighted to welcome you to our FREE lunchtime webinar series. The series of five webinars will provide resources and insights to make building and growing your small business so much easier.

Hosted by Rapport Leadership, we have a stellar line up of local business experts. Ask questions, gain inspiration and new ideas, and network with other local business owners. The first session on 2 August covers the topic 'How to build a great team'.

Learn more: go.ssc.nsw.au/BusinessSuccess



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

DRAFT MASTERPLAN KAREELA RESERVE

We have prepared a Masterplan for Kareela Reserve to guide future improvements to the safety, accessibility and capacity of the space. We're seeking your feedback on the draft plans to ensure they meet the needs of our community.

Consultation closes **15 August**.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

BIKE TO THE BEACH

Sunday 17 September

You're invited to a fun 7km bicycle ride from Shorebird Reserve, Taren Point to Don Lucas Reserve, Cronulla. So, grab your bikes, helmets, your friends and family, and join us for a fantastic experience on two wheels.

The supervised course along off-road paths is easily managed by all ages and is a great way to get some fresh air, exercise, and enjoy the company of others.

There will be inflatable obstacles, giant slides, fun games, giveaways, plus food and drink stalls at the finish line.

Register now at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Bike2Beach



REFUGEE WEEK

Last month we celebrated Refugee Week and fostered a welcoming community culture with a range of events and initiatives.

At our Sutherland Library we heard the personal and heartfelt story from Pyae Phyo Kyaw, refugee ambassador of Refugee Council of Australia. We also arranged a cultural bushwalk with a group of recently arrived refugees to have the opportunity to taste bushtucker and learn about the Aboriginal connection to land.



LET'S CHAT ABOUT... BEING STRONGER FOR LIFE AND WHO CAN HELP? - HEALTHY AGEING SEMINAR

MONDAY 21 AUGUST 2023, 10.30AM-12.00PM AT MENAI LIBRARY

Have you ever wondered what the difference is between an exercise physiologist, a physiotherapist and an occupational therapist? And how they can help you with your healthy ageing?

Presented by the Healthy Ageing Hub, hear from:

- Brent Collier, Exercise Physiologist, Peak Health, Gymea
- Irene Leithhead, Wellness Manager, Senior Physiotherapist, THRIVE by Pathways, Cronulla
- Melinda Dimarco, Occupational Therapist, Home Modification Solutions, Caringbah.

This is a free event and morning tea will be provided.

Seminars held monthly until November (some also online). **Bookings essential** and open 3-4 weeks prior. Visit bit.ly/SSLEventbrite to book, watch out for future dates and topics, or phone 02 9710 0525.

Presented by Sutherland Shire Council including Sutherland Shire Libraries, and the Healthy Ageing Hub, with funding from Central and Eastern Sydney Primary Health Network.

**HEALTHY
AGEING
HUB**



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- 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.

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Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au

LIBRARIES

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

WHAT'S ON

CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK

Read, grow and find your inspiration at the library this August as we celebrate Children's Book Week all month long. There will be stories, games, craft, dress-up performances, author visits, pop-up libraries at Southgate Shopping Centre, and even a Family Fun Festival at Sutherland Library. It's time to celebrate!



WEDNESDAY 2 AUGUST | COLIN BURGESS PRESENTS *SISTERS IN CAPTIVITY*

Discover the captivating story of Sister Betty Jeffrey OAM and the Australian war nurses who survived the bombing of their ship in February 1942 and subsequently spent three years in Sumatran prison camps.

MONDAY 7 AUGUST | SANDIE DOCKER PRESENTS *THE REDGUM RIVER RETREAT*

Join Sandie Docker for an in-conversation presentation about her latest novel of hope, heartache, and healing. When single mother, Sarah, uncovers a family mystery, she discovers that three generations of women might be more in tune than they first thought.



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR LIBRARY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Sign up to receive the latest news and events from Libraries at bit.ly/yourlibraryevents

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST | STORYTIME AT HAZELHURST

Experience the magic of art and storytelling at this special storytime session at Hazelhurst. Come along and enjoy the gallery's exhibitions like never before with stories, songs and artmaking.

THURSDAY 10 AUGUST | TAMING TECHNOLOGY | ELECTRIC VEHICLES

Would you like to know more about electric vehicles and the technology behind them? At this session we'll examine the current state of EVs in Australia and the wider world, what vehicles are available now, what's coming soon, and the technology that makes them all work.



TUESDAY 15 AUGUST | FUTURE SCIENCE COMEDY FESTIVAL | SCIENCE WEEK

Get ready to laugh at this night of facts and fun! We've assembled an eclectic line-up of five real-life scientists who are keen to get you giggling – and learning – with their stand-up science presentations. No joke!

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST | DIY BLOWOUT GIFT BOX WORKSHOP

Want to up your gift-giving game? It's time to wave goodbye to run-of-the-mill gift cards because at this hands-on demonstration we'll show you how to create your own bespoke blowout gift box for your loved ones.



THURSDAY 17 AUGUST | NATURAL SKIN CARE WORKSHOP

See story on page 8.

THURSDAY 17 AUGUST | CRONULLA'S BERMUDA TRIANGLE HISTORY TALK WITH CLIVE BAKER

Did you know there have been more than 20 air crashes and other aviation dramas at Cronulla? This History Week, local military historian, Clive Baker will astound you as he reveals the truth behind Cronulla's Bermuda Triangle.



MONDAY 21 AUGUST | HEALTHY AGEING SEMINAR | LET'S CHAT ABOUT... BEING STRONGER FOR LIFE AND WHO CAN HELP

See story on page 3.

MONDAY 22 AUGUST | MICHAEL THOMPSON PRESENTS *HOW TO BE REMEMBERED*

If you love a heart-warming, poignant story, then you must attend this in-conversation presentation. Local author, Michael Thompson, will be discussing his latest novel in which Tommy Llewellyn must decide what's most important – the things we leave behind or the people we bring along with us.



THURSDAY 24 AUGUST | BOARD GAME SWAP

Whether you're a Monopoly master or a Cluedo champion, come along to Sylvania Library to trade your pre-loved board games with fellow gamers. Who knows, you might even find your new favourite!



CHILDREN

APPLY NOW FOR CARE IN 2024

In need of childcare next year?

Demand for quality childcare is strong in the Sutherland Shire. That's why we encourage families to apply for care as early as possible. We accept applications any time from the birth of your child.

Applying for care at our 11 Early Education centres is quick and easy - simply visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/childcare

For new childcare placements in 2024, our Children's Services team will start offering positions to our waitlist from September onwards, according to date of application and available positions.

Families are welcome to arrange a tour or make an enquiry by phoning 02 9710 0466.



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- civil works maintenance and construction
 - community centres
 - community consultation and engagement
 - community development
 - community law enforcement
 - a community plant nursery
 - 11 early education centres
 - economic development support
 - The Pavilion performing arts centre
 - planning assessment and approval
 - environmental education and health programs
 - Hazelhurst arts centre
 - 5 leisure and sports centres
 - 8 libraries and information services
 - parks and playgrounds
 - local roads construction and traffic management
 - seniors' services
 - sporting facilities and grounds
 - stormwater drainage
 - street cleaning and cleansing of public areas
 - tourism
 - vacation care
 - waste collection, recycling and education
 - youth services
- and many more!

HAZELHURST

hazelhurst.com.au

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

IN THE MAIN GALLERY

IN THE ARMS OF UNCONSCIOUSNESS: WOMEN, FEMINISM & THE SURREAL

Until Sunday 3 September

Step into the unconscious and the fantastical with 22 leading female Australian artists in this major exhibition. Artists include Del Kathryn Barton, Vivienne Binns, Pat Brassington, Louisa Chircop, Lynda Draper, Freya Jobbins, Deborah Kelly, Madeleine Kelly, Juz Kitson, Lucy O'Doherty, Jenny Orchard, Jill Orr, Patricia Piccinini, Caroline Rothwell, Julie Rrap, Marikit Santiago, Honey Long & Prue Stent, Jelena Telecki, Anne Wallace, Kaylene Whiskey, Amanda Williams.



Image L-R: *In the Arms of Unconsciousness: Women, Feminism and the Surreal* (Install view). Photograph by Silversalt Photography.

IN THE BROADHURST GALLERY

THE BROAD COLLECTIVE: BROAD HORIZONS

Friday 11 August – Tuesday 22 August 2023

The Broad Collective is a group of female artists who are long-standing residents of Bundeena. Their works are informed by ideas of belonging in nature, of environmental protection and of our place in the broader context of landscape and environment. For this project they exchange the experience of Sydney coastal nature for the bush environment of Western NSW. Artists include Belinda Allen, Lee Bethel, Elizabeth Borghero, Sonja Karl, Sam Newstead, Leanne Thompson, Kerry Toomey.

BROAD HORIZONS ARTIST PANEL DISCUSSION

Saturday 19 August 2023

Join Broad Collective artists Leanne Thompson, Belinda Allen, Liz Borghero and Sonja Karl discussion of their Broadhurst Gallery exhibition *Broad Horizons* in a discussion facilitated by Rudi Bremer, from Radio National's Away! Program. Free event. Bookings essential.

Images L-R (details): Belinda Allen *Stuart Town - ironbarks* 2023; Lee Bethel *Stuart Town Dinner Plates* 2023; Liz Borghero *Leftbehind* 2023.



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR HAZELHURST EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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

WHAT'S ON

ARTIST WORKSHOP WITH DEBORAH KELLY

Saturday 12 August, 10:00am-4:00pm

Don't miss the opportunity to work with acclaimed collage artist Deborah Kelly – currently exhibiting *In the Arms of Unconsciousness: Women, Feminism and the Surreal*. Access Kelly's personal store of found imagery and learn her masterful techniques as you remix and reinterpret images, creating a new narrative through the language of collage. \$240 per person, all materials provided. Bookings essential.

ARTIST WORKSHOP WITH JUZ KITSON

Sunday 13 August, 10:00am-4:00pm

Join ceramic artist Juz Kitson, currently exhibiting *In the Arms of Unconsciousness: Women, Feminism and the Surreal*, for an exclusive one-day workshop. Create an individualised ceramic object while exploring the unique properties of a porcelain formulated by Kitson as she guides you through practical demonstrations on how to push and pull porcelain by hand, building up forms and preparing surface treatments in her coveted style, experimenting, and drawing inspiration from the natural world. \$240 per person. Bookings essential.

Images L-R: Deborah Kelly *The Gods of Tiny Things* 2019 (still detail). Courtesy of the artist; Courtesy Juz Kitson.



**ART IN CONVERSATION | FREYA JOBBINS,
MADELEINE KELLY, LUCY O'DOHERTY,
CAROLINE ROTHWELL, JELENA TELECKI AND
AMANDA WILLIAMS**

Saturday 26 August 2023, 2:00pm

Join us in the gallery for Art in Conversation with artists Freya Jobbins, Madeleine Kelly, Lucy O'Doherty, Caroline Rothwell, Jelena Telecki and Amanda Williams. Don't miss this opportunity to gain unique insights into the artistic intentions and diverse practices of these incredible artists. Free event. Bookings essential.

Images (details L-R): Freya Jobbins *TODAY IS THE LAST DAY THAT I AM USING WORDS* from *The Moretta Series #2* Kayte 2023. Courtesy of the artist and Penny Contemporary; Madeleine Kelly *Earth Drill* 2023. Courtesy of the artist; Lucy O'Doherty *Think Pynk* 2023. Courtesy of the artist and China Heights Gallery and Jhana Millers Gallery; Caroline Rothwell *Sylvan body (silver)* 2023. Courtesy of the artist and Roslyn Oxley9 Gallery; Jelena Telecki *Suit* 2023, oil on polycotton. Courtesy of the artist and Sarah Cottier Gallery; Amanda Williams *Or your shadow, rising to meet you* 2020, gelatin silver hand print on fibre-based paper. Courtesy of the artist and The Commercial.



YEAR 11 CRITICAL WRITING AND ARTMAKING

Tuesdays 1 and 8 August, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Year 11 Visual Arts students are invited to join us for two immersive workshops that will equip them with the tools to create new artworks and analyse and interpret contemporary art through critical writing, preparing them for the HSC. Sessions build on each other so please be sure you can attend both sessions before booking. Free event. Bookings essential.

GESTURE TOUR

Saturday 5 August, 11:00am-1:00pm

Engage with art like never before in this silent tour for hearing, deaf and hard of hearing audiences. Designed to encourage us to consider visual forms of communication and how we can better communicate with the deaf and hard of hearing community through this contemporary tour experience. Led by artists Sue Jo Wright and Angie Goto, who invite you to experience the exhibition through gesture and body language, without spoken word. After the tour, head into the studio for a gesture inspired artmaking activity. Free event. Bookings essential.



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LITTLE ART MAKERS

Wednesdays, 9:30am-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, story time and an exhibition-inspired artmaking activity. Suitable for children ages 3-5 years. \$10.00 per child. Bookings essential.

FREE FRIDAY ART TOURS

Every Friday, 11:00am

Finish up your week with a free art tour of *In the Arms of Unconsciousness: Women, Feminism & the Surreal*. Bring a friend or two and enjoy lunch or a coffee afterwards at Hazelhurst Cafe. No booking needed, meet in the Main Gallery foyer at 11:00am.



ART CLASSES

SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

This spring we are getting creative with paper across an exciting range of classes for children and teens. Enrolments open on Monday 4 September, from 6am online or 9am by phone, so mark your calendars and set your alarms!

TERM 4 ART CLASSES

There is a great range of creative learning experiences for adults, children, and teens on offer in Term 3, all led by qualified teachers who are also practicing artists. Choose from printmaking, drawing, painting, mixed media, collage, mosaics, sculpture, life drawing, jewellery, illustration and more. Enrolments open Monday 18 September, from 6am online or 9am by phone.



REMINDER

We're still calling for expressions of interest from local collectors for an upcoming exhibition showcasing the unique and unseen collections of southern Sydney - special collections that aren't artworks. The more unusual the better! If this sounds like your collection email hazelhurst@ssc.nsw.gov.au and tell us a little bit about it.

ECO NEWS AND WASTE WISE LIVING

GREENWEB GRANTS NOW OPEN

Owners of private property in the Greenweb network can apply for a grant of up to \$2,000 to restore natural bushland on their property. Ten grants are available for work such as:

- removing invasive bushland weeds
- regenerating and revegetating natural bushland with local native plants
- habitat creation and/or protection.

Greenweb aims to protect and enhance native plant and animal populations by identifying key areas of bushland habitat and establishing interconnecting corridors.

Applications open **Tuesday 1 August 2023** and close **Thursday 31 August 2023**.

To see if your property is in the Greenweb zone and to apply for a grant:

- visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/gw-grants-23
- call our Greenweb Officer on 02 9710 0463.



SPEAKING 4 THE PLANET STUDENT ARTS COMPETITION

We are proud to support the national Speaking 4 the Planet competition this year. Open to Sutherland Shire high school students aged 12-18, the theme this year is 'Edge of the Future: Climate Action'.

The competition gives students the opportunity to speak about the planet and the future. The four categories are Speaking, Writing, Visual Arts, and Performance Poetry. There are prizes to win for local winners in each category! For further details and information on how to enter, speak to your teacher or visit speaking4theplanet.org.au



WASTE WISE WORKSHOPS

FREE workshops for Sutherland Shire residents only. **Bookings are essential.**

Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/waste for more information.

This project is a NSW Environment Protection Authority, Waste Less, Recycle More initiative, funded from the waste levy.



FOOD PRESERVING AND PICKLING MAKING WORKSHOP

Saturday 12 August 2023, 9:00am – 12:00pm

Enjoy this unique online workshop – learn about the age-old practice of pickling and preserving to sustainably keep food fresh, while reducing food waste! Online by Zoom link.

Visit bit.ly/FoodPreserving12Aug

NATURAL SKIN CARE WORKSHOP

Thursday, 17 August 2023, 5:30pm -7:30pm at Cronulla Library

This fun and informative hands-on practical workshop will teach you how to reduce waste while making your own skincare products from simple and natural ingredients.

Visit bit.ly/NaturalCare17Aug



SAVE THE DATES

HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEAN OUT

Saturday 16 to Monday 18 September, 9:00am-3:30pm

E-WASTE COLLECTION EVENT

Saturday 21 and Sunday 22 October, 9:00am-3:00pm

4-20 Eton Street, Sutherland NSW 2232

Locked Bag 17, Sutherland NSW 1499

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We're reviewing our newsletter *Our Shire*, flyers in rates notices, and other information channels, to see if they're meeting our community's needs.

Go in the draw to **WIN** one of 3 gift cards (T&Cs apply, see online).

SURVEY CLOSSES 18 AUGUST 2023

Complete our survey online via QR or link below.

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- mail to Our Shire Survey 2023, Sutherland Shire Council, Locked Bag 17, Sutherland 1499
- photograph **both** sides and email to engagement@ssc.nsw.gov.au



SURVEY (Mark all that apply)

How do you feel about the way you currently receive Council news and information? (circle one)



Very happy



Happy



Neutral



Unhappy



Very
unhappy

Do you currently follow any of our main social media pages?

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Facebook @sutherlandshirecouncil | <input type="checkbox"/> Twitter @SuthShireCncl |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Insta @suthshirecncl | <input type="checkbox"/> No I don't follow any |

If you don't, why not?

- ☐ The content isn't of interest
- ☐ I follow a Council account on another channel
- ☐ My social media account is for personal use only
- ☐ I wasn't aware of them
- ☐ I don't use social media

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COMPLETE THE SURVEY

scan the QR or visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/CSA4



What do you want to hear about from Council?

- ☐ Council's community events
- ☐ What's on at the Libraries
- ☐ Works completed/coming soon eg. playgrounds
- ☐ Arts and culture programs
- ☐ Leisure facilities and activities
- ☐ Articles about Council decision-making and how we work in the community
- ☐ Other _____

How would you prefer to receive information and updates from Council? (rank order 1-8)

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| _____ Mail (letterboxed) | _____ Email |
| _____ eNewsletter | _____ Social media |
| _____ Information sessions | _____ Council website |
| _____ Join the Conversation website | |
| _____ Other _____ | |

How would you prefer to receive newsletters?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Email - weekly | <input type="checkbox"/> Email - fortnightly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> a monthly email | <input type="checkbox"/> In my letterbox - quarterly |
| <input type="checkbox"/> at Council facilities - monthly | <input type="checkbox"/> N/A I don't want to receive newsletters |

Where else do you look for Council information (non-council sources)?

- ☐ Leader newspaper (print)
- ☐ Leader website
- ☐ Community-run social media groups (eg. Sutherland Shire News and Alerts, Everything Sutherland Shire, Sutherland Shire's This That and Everything)
- ☐ Other _____

A BIT ABOUT YOU (OPTIONAL)

Age: ☐ U18 ☐ 19-25 ☐ 26-45 ☐ 46-65 ☐ 66+

Sutherland Shire: ☐ ratepayer ☐ resident ☐ both

THANK YOU for completing the survey.

To be in the draw for a gift card, tell us your:

Name _____

Suburb _____

Phone No (bus. hrs). _____

Email _____