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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



### NEW KIRRAWEE LIBRARY AND COMMUNITY HUB CHILDREN'S AND QUIET AREAS TO BE ADDED

Thanks to the 100+ people who shared their feedback on our plans for a new technology-focused hub at South Village, Kirrawee.

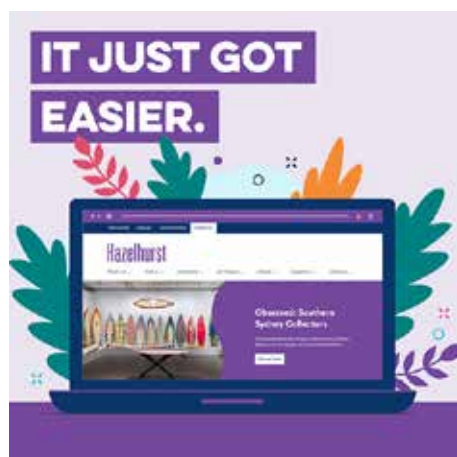
Our community was overwhelmingly supportive of the proposed design, featuring community spaces for events and screenings, study/coworking/meeting spaces, studio spaces (including green screen, recording and podcasting), plus flexible bookshelves and self-service options.

Based on your feedback, we're also updating the design to include:

- a children's area for reading, play and storytimes
- a multi-use quiet space for parents and people with sensory needs
- more space for collaboration and work/study.

We're excited to share the final design soon, with construction of the new state-of-the-art facility expected to start in mid-2024.

Find out more at [go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/kirraweelibrary](https://go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/kirraweelibrary)



### NEW LOOK FOR HAZELHURST AND LIBRARIES ONLINE

Hazelhurst recently unveiled a fresh, new website. See our new look for yourself: [www.hazelhurst.com.au](https://www.hazelhurst.com.au)

Late last year we made a splash with our new Leisure Centres website ([sslc.nsw.gov.au](https://sslc.nsw.gov.au)), and our Libraries website is next! Keep an eye out over the next few weeks for a brand new look. The library is currently at [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/libraries](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/libraries) - this will soon redirect to [libraries.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au](https://libraries.sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au)

## LATEST NEWS

### BE PREPARED THIS SUMMER

While storms can happen at any time of the year, October to March brings an increased chance of strong winds and heavy rain, which risks floods and flash floods.

Prepare your home for storms to help keep you and your family safe.

- 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.
- If you come across flooded roads, never enter floodwater.

Being prepared means knowing what to do when a flood occurs.

Do your part, be flood smart. Find out how at [ses.nsw.gov.au/getready](https://ses.nsw.gov.au/getready)

### DO YOUR PART BE FLOOD SMART

LEARN HOW



### FIVE TIPS TO PREVENT PARCEL THEFT

- Install a home security device, such as a video doorbell and security camera - help deter thieves, and footage captured can be used in law enforcement investigations.
- Going away? Change the delivery address.
- Request parcels be left in a secure location.
- Install a parcel delivery box for frequent deliveries.
- Ask for a signature on delivery for valuable parcels.

For information about other safety matters, visit [go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/Safety](https://go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/Safety)

A joint message from Sutherland Shire Council and Sutherland Shire Police Area Command.

Our tips to prevent  
**PARCEL THEFT**

## ECO NEWS AND WASTE WISE LIVING

### CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY 2024 - STEP UP AND UNITE TODAY

#### REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

Join your local community and **register now** for Clean Up Australia Day 2024 which will be on **Sunday March 3**.

Roll up your sleeves and get involved. Understand the common types of litter lining our streets, bushlands and waterways. Learn about the impact personal and household footprints have on the environment.

All volunteers receive a free clean-up kit containing gloves, bags and other resources, with packs available for individuals, families and community groups.

Find out more or register today by visiting [cleanup.org.au](https://cleanup.org.au)



### SAVE THE DATE



### COMMUNITY NURSERY OPEN DAY

**SATURDAY 16 MARCH,  
8:00AM-1:00PM**

Explore our extensive range of plants grown from locally sourced seeds and cuttings - perfect for Sutherland Shire gardens. Visit

[sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/  
Nursery16Mar](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Nursery16Mar)



## WASTE WISE WORKSHOPS

FREE workshops for Sutherland Shire residents only. **Bookings are essential.** For more information visit [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/waste](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/waste)

### 2024 WORKSHOPS

#### Various libraries and other locations

Discover how to reduce landfill and live more sustainably with these workshops on decluttering your home, food preserving and pickling, bokashi and food fermentation, and more. Many of these events are held in our libraries - you can subscribe to the library eNewsletter at [bit.ly/yourlibraryevents](https://bit.ly/yourlibraryevents)

### COMPOSTING AND WORM FARMING ONLINE WORKSHOP

**Wednesday 21 February, 6:00-8:00pm, online by Zoom**

More than half of residential garbage can be composted. If you are interested in learning more and setting up your own compost bin or worm farm, this online workshop will show you just how easy it can be! Instead of contributing to methane gas emissions in landfill, this material can become a valuable soil conditioner and replenish the nutrients in your garden Visit [bit.ly/Compost21Feb](https://bit.ly/Compost21Feb)



## 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 (sorry, no bags). The woodchipper will not be onsite on the day.

Tree cuttings can't be larger than 250mm in diameter, and cuttings with sharp thorns or spikes won't 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 requirements for attending this event, visit [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/woodchippingservice](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/woodchippingservice)

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

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

#### Upcoming dates:

- Saturday 10 February 2024
- Saturday 9 March 2024.

## HOUSEHOLD CHEMICAL CLEANOUT

**SATURDAY 10, SUNDAY 11 AND MONDAY 12 FEBRUARY, 9:00AM TO 3:30PM**

**Bellingara Netball Courts car park, Miranda (entry via Bellingara Road)**

When disposed of incorrectly, chemical waste can pose a serious risk to you and the community.

We host a free collection service for residents to bring household chemicals for safe disposal. There may be higher than normal traffic during this event, so we have hired a traffic management company to reduce inconvenience for nearby residents.

Place all chemical items in the boot of your car and remain in your vehicle during collection. Follow instructions from staff on site. More information at [go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/47e3HZI](https://go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/47e3HZI)

This event is brought to you by the NSW Environment Protection Authority. Visit [epa.nsw.gov.au](https://epa.nsw.gov.au) for other chemical collection dates if our dates don't suit you.

This is a free service.

**Sutherland Shire**

It's time for a

**Household Chemical Cleanout**

You can drop off for free.



## REMINDER

## E-WASTE COLLECTION

**SATURDAY 23 AND SUNDAY 24 MARCH, 9:00AM-3:00PM**



## LIBRARIES

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

### INTRODUCING HUBLET

Hublet is now available to members at Sutherland Library! Our Hublet service allows you to borrow an iPad for up to two hours within the library using your library card and four-digit pin.

No booking needed – just drop in during opening hours to use an iPad.



### WHAT'S ON

#### CONNECTION CAFÉ | LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

Monday 5 February (monthly event),  
Sutherland Library

We invite those living with dementia or memory concerns and their care partners to Connection Café. The café is an opportunity to socialise and share experiences over a cuppa in a safe space, on the first Monday of every month.

#### BRAD MANERA PRESENTS *THE DEFENCE OF RORKE'S DRIFT* | HISTORY TALK

Thursday 8 February, Sutherland Library

Join Brad Manera, Senior Historian and Curator at the Anzac Memorial, as he takes a deep dive into the fascinating history of Alphonse de Neuville's evocative painting, *The Defence of Rorke's Drift*. Depicting one of the most famous battles of the Zulu War, Brad will reveal the painting's little-known secrets, including a mysterious Australian connection.



### WASTEWISE WORKSHOPS

March to June, various libraries and other locations  
See page 3.

#### SUSANNAH FULLERTON PRESENTS *MURDER, BLOODY MURDER*

Wednesday 14 February, Sutherland Library

Join literary historian and lecturer, Susannah Fullerton, as she investigates the top five crime writers and their works. She'll discuss what makes these works so thrilling, why they have withstood the test of time, and what it is about the crime fiction genre that is so intensely satisfying for readers.



#### CARER GATEWAY | HEALTHY AGEING SEMINAR

Monday 19 February, at Sutherland Library

Do you give care to, or support, someone? Come along to this interactive seminar to hear from experts from Carer Gateway, who will discuss free services and assistance for carers to help you face daily challenges, manage stress, develop strategies and plan for the future.

#### GARY LONESBOROUGH PRESENTS *WE DIDN'T THINK IT THROUGH*

Thursday 22 February,  
at Sutherland Library and online

Yuin man and award-winning author of *The Boy from Mish*, Gary Lonesborough joins us to discuss his compelling new coming-of-age novel, *We Didn't Think it Through*. The novel centres on 16-year-old Jamie Langton who, while finding his future, must navigate the challenges of racism, family and friendship in smalltown Australia.



### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR LIBRARY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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



# CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

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## ROSAMUND BURTON PRESENTS *WHISPERING WIRE*

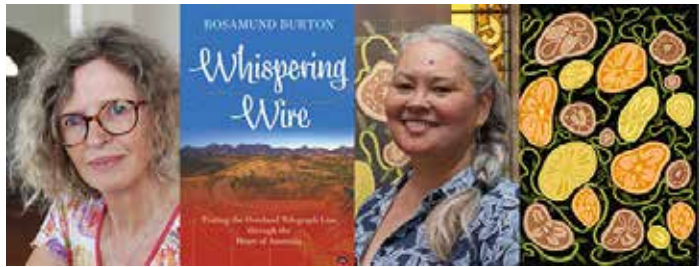
**Wednesday 28 February,**  
**at Sutherland Library and online**

Writer and journalist Rosamund Burton will sit down with Walter Mason to discuss the biographical account of her 3,200km journey across the Overland Telegraph Line. *Whispering Wire: Tracing the Overland Telegraph Line* shares Rosamund's journey across the heart of the country while also revealing Australia's many layers of narrative – the voices of the land, its First Nations people and later, its immigrants.

## FIRST NATIONS FAMILY HISTORY WORKSHOP

**Thursday 29 February, at Sutherland Library**

Do you want to trace your family history, but don't know where to start? Join Melissa Jackson from the State Library of NSW's Indigenous Engagement Team for this full-day family history workshop. You'll learn about the best resources, tips and techniques for researching the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in your family tree using the library's collections.



## RESOURCES OF THE MONTH

### ADULTS – TRANSPARENT LANGUAGE ONLINE

Is your new year's resolution to learn a new language? Try the Transparent Language Online app! With more than 110 languages that English speakers can learn, plus English for speakers of more than 30 other languages, you can brush up on your Italian or Spanish (or both). Available for iOS and Android, download the app to get started today.

### KIDS – HOME READERS ONLINE

Nurture a lifelong love of reading with the Era Books' Home Readers Online. With the Era collection of timeless books, children can read stories or listen and follow along while they are read to them. Suitable for young readers of all levels, children can engage in fun activities while they develop their early literacy skills. Start reading by using your library card and digital pin. today.



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

## REVIEW - MEMORIAL TREE PLANTING IN PUBLIC OPEN SPACE POLICY

Our memorial tree planting program allows community members to plant a tree in memory of a loved one, which can be a meaningful legacy for a beloved friend or family member. We have updated our Memorial Tree Planting in Public Open Space Policy and would like your feedback. Take the 2-minute survey by **8 February 2024**.



## DRAFT VERGE GARDEN POLICY

Otherwise known as a 'nature strip,' verge gardens are plantings on public land situated on the street verge. Our new Draft Verge Garden Policy outlines considerations and requirements of verge garden planting. It considers the needs of pedestrians, utility and waste services, parking and infrastructure. Provide your feedback by **19 February 2024**.



## DRAFT SUTHERLAND SHIRE OVERLAND FLOOD STUDY

We have prepared a draft Sutherland Shire Overland Flood Study to manage flood risk in our community. Understanding how floods behave, how deep they can get and where water flows during heavy storms can help us all plan how we keep people and properties safe from the impact of severe, sudden rain, which causes 'overland flooding'.

Our community can provide comments via our online survey speak to our specialist flood team to discuss property. View the draft study and have your say by **31 March 2024**.



## HAZELHURST

hazelhurst.com.au

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

### IN THE HAZELHURST GALLERY

#### ARTEXPRESS

Saturday 10 February to Sunday 7 April

The annual ARTEXPRESS exhibition returns, featuring outstanding HSC artworks from 50 students across the state. Experimenting across a range of expressive forms, including drawing, painting, photography, sculpture and digital artforms, students' push aesthetic, thematic and formal boundaries.

As part of the NSW HSC Showcase season, this exhibition includes artwork by some of NSW's most talented young artists.



ARTEXPRESS 2024 is a collaboration between the NSW Department of Education and NSW Education Standards Authority, curated and presented by Hazelhurst Arts Centre.

Image: Kaylee Kaczmarczyk, Henry Kendall High School, *Unveiling the Minds Maze* (detail) 2023, photomedia.

### IN THE BROADHURST GALLERY

#### TIME TO PAINT: HAZELHURST THURSDAY PAINTING CLASS

Saturday 27 January to Tuesday 13 February

Twenty-two students from our Thursday painting class present a selection of works, expressing both their shared experiences and their diversity.

#### AMY JONES: LOST IN THE FOREST

Friday 16 February to Tuesday 5 March

Amy Jones explores the possibilities of textile arts as a medium of meditative



practice. *Lost in the Forest* examines how our relationship to the natural world can provide us with hope.

Images (L to R): Kristen Tall *Still Life on Thursday Morning* (detail) 2023; Amy Jones *The Forgotten Path* (detail) 2024.

### WHAT'S ON

#### ART IN CONVERSATION

Saturday 17 February, 2:00pm

Join exhibiting ARTEXPRESS 2024 students in the gallery to hear insights about their works on show and the processes behind them.

#### HSC ART WRITING SESSIONS

Tuesdays 20 and 27 February, 4:00-6:00pm

Hone your writing skills and learn tips to maximise your marks in the HSC Visual



Art written examination. Facilitated by experienced Visual Arts teachers, each session explores a different theme so you can attend just one or both. Suitable for students in grades 10 to 12. Free. Bookings essential.



## LITTLE ART MAKERS

**Wednesdays, 9:30-10:30am 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 aged 3-5 years. \$10.00 per child, bookings essential.

## HAZELHURST FILM CLUB

**Season 1 begins Monday 5 February**

Sign up now to enjoy a year of great new release, award-winning, classic, art house, foreign, and documentary films. Films are screened three times a week: 6:00pm Monday, 2:00pm Thursday and 11:00am Sunday. Annual membership \$70.00, or \$65.00 for Friends of Hazelhurst members. Join at the Hazelhurst administration desk or call 02 8536 5700. You must be aged 18 years or older to join.

## ART ENGAGE

**Monday 26 February, 10:00am-12:00pm**

We invite people living with dementia and their carers to Art Engage. Our program engages participants with their world and sense of identity through art and provides opportunities for connection through conversation, artmaking and looking at art. Bookings essential.

Image (central): Still from *Asteroid City*, Wes Anderson, Universal Pictures International 2023.



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## CHILDREN

### FREE CHILDCARE WEBINAR

**WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL, 1:30PM VIA ZOOM**

If you're thinking about childcare, register for our free upcoming webinar 'A Parent's Guide to Childcare in Sutherland Shire.'

Hear from our early childhood experts and find out all you need to know about childcare, including:

- your childcare options
- local demand and when to apply
- how to find a quality service – what to look for and questions to ask
- preparing for childcare, and more.

Book your place at [bit.ly/April24ChildcareWebinar](https://bit.ly/April24ChildcareWebinar).



## TERM 1 ART CLASSES

**Monday 5 February to Saturday 13 April**

Whether you are looking to start a new hobby, develop your creative practice or just have some creative fun in 2024, we have classes to suit all tastes and interests for children, teens, and adults. Late enrolments accepted, enrol now online or call 02 8536 5700.

## TEACHER SPOTLIGHT

Meet award-winning author and illustrator, Christopher Nielsen. Christopher teaches term classes for adults and teens including our very popular **Digital Drawing for High School students** and our **Illustration and More** class for adults. If you've ever dreamed of writing and illustrating a children's picture book, this is the class for you. Enrol now online or call 02 8536 5700.

Images (L to R): Courtesy Christopher Nielsen; Photograph by Flore Vallery-Radot.



## IN OUR COMMUNITY

### REACH BEYOND – SUTHERLAND SHIRE SENIORS FESTIVAL

MONDAY 11 TO SUNDAY 24 MARCH

Mark your calendars for the Seniors Festival! With more than 20 events at venues throughout Sutherland Shire, including 15 free events, there's plenty to choose from. Eventss range from tai chi to technology talks, beach activities to Aboriginal Heritage Walks. Our popular **Seniors Expo** will be held on Saturday 23 March at Tradies Gynea.

Pick up the full program of events at the end of February from our libraries, leisure centres, Hazelhurst Arts Centre or our administration building at Sutherland.

The program will also be available at [go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/snrsfest2024](http://go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/snrsfest2024)

Find out more from our Community Connections team by calling 02 9710 0892 or emailing [communities@ssc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:communities@ssc.nsw.gov.au)



### CINEMA UNDER THE STARS

Cinema Under the Stars continues in February, offering free outdoor movie experiences this summer. Grab your family and friends, along with a picnic, cosy rug, or low chairs, for an enjoyable evening of cinema magic from 6:30pm:

- Friday 16 February – *Charming* (PG) at Biddy Giles Park, 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](http://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/cinemaunderthestars)



### 2024 COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES PROGRAM

APPLICATIONS OPEN  
MONDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2024

Our annual program provides support to local not-for-profit organisations that contribute to a connected, supportive and engaged community. Grants of up to \$20,000 are available.

#### Grant Writing Workshops

Need help with your application? Enrol in one of our 2-hour Grant Writing Workshops, held at Tradies Gynea:

- Tuesday 13 February, 10:00am-12:00pm
- Thursday 22 February, 6:30-8:30pm

Book now at [events.humanitix.com/grant-writing-2024](https://events.humanitix.com/grant-writing-2024) or call 02 9710 0892.

#### Closing date

Applications for all grants close **Monday 25 March at 5:00pm**. No late submissions will be accepted.

For more information on workshops, grants program guidelines, and how to apply, visit [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/commgrants2024](http://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/commgrants2024)



### WHERE CAN I TAKE MY DOG?

Looking for somewhere new to take your dog? Not quite sure where you're allowed? We've got you covered. Have a look at our interactive map which shows you all of Sutherland Shire's off-leash, on-leash, and dog prohibited areas.

Ensuring dogs get adequate exercise is essential to their health and wellbeing. As well as dedicated dog parks and beaches, you can also walk your dog on-leash in hundreds of parks and over 1,700km of footpaths. To learn more and view the map visit [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/dog-parks](http://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/dog-parks)



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