

# MAYOR'S MESSAGE

**We are lucky enough to enjoy an incredible quality of life here in the Sutherland Shire, and Council is deeply committed to ensuring local residents can continue to get the best out of what our community has to offer, at every stage of life. We are keenly focused on ensuring local senior residents remain social and connected, and there is no greater example of how we support this than through the fantastic line-up of events we stage each year as part of our local Seniors Festival.**

Each year Council is proud to stage a vast array of events, workshops, and a concert to celebrate the vibrant seniors in our community. This year is no exception, with a bigger and better schedule of engaging activities and events than ever before. The theme, "Reach Beyond," encourages us all to honour and celebrate our seniors' valuable contributions.

Catering to a diverse range of interests, Council has organised 15 free events across the Sutherland Shire for our seniors, their friends and family to enjoy. We are thrilled to offer educational sessions, entertainment, and fun activities both out in the community and at our various facilities.

Expect everything from free surfing lessons – because it's never too late to catch your first wave – to aqua aerobics at our leisure centres. For those who enjoy a more relaxed pace of life, head to Hazelhurst Arts Centre

for art in the garden, before making your way to Sutherland Library to learn technology taming tips – one of many educational and creative workshops across our libraries. There are also opportunities to experience culture at a Taiko drumming class, or by learning about local Indigenous culture through an Aboriginal bushfood walk.

Another standout event and one that is not to be missed is the free Seniors Expo. Staged at Gynea Tradies, attendees of this year's event will be able to browse over 50 stalls showcasing the many community services and groups across Sutherland Shire, from volunteering opportunities to specialist hobby groups. Seniors can find out about a variety of options available to them all-year-round, learn from an informative educational session or enjoy a heart-warming intergenerational short movie screening.



The festivities don't stop there either, with Council's much loved annual seniors' concert making a return at the Pavilion Performing Arts Centre. Concert goers can expect an eclectic mix of performances promising to delight and entertain, with two concert dates scheduled this year due to popular demand.

With a packed program of events running from 11 to 24 March, I urge you to head to Council's website for the full list of events and further information, and to register for your favourite events while space allows [go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/SFL24](https://go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/SFL24)

I can't wait to see you all come together to enjoy the many Seniors Festival events and concert.

**Sutherland Shire Mayor Councillor  
Carmelo Pesce**

## **Council Meeting - Monday 18 March 2024 at 6.30pm**

Residents who are interested in attending ordinary Council Meetings as part of the Public Gallery can register their interest via Council's website. For more information regarding attendance, meeting dates, and to read Council Meeting minutes and business papers visit: [sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings](https://sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/council-meetings)

