

OUR SHIRE

MAY 2024

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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

OUR DELIVERY PROGRAM AND OPERATIONAL PLAN

OUR COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

Each year we develop a Revised Delivery Program and Operational Plan that turns ideas and commitments into real-life actions. The plan outlines what we'll focus on delivering for the year ahead and is shaped by what you, our community, has told us is most important!

Our Draft Revised Delivery Plan 2022-2026 and Operational Plan 2024-2025 outlines:

- major projects and upgrades
- community events and programs
- protecting the environment
- implementing organisational programs.

The plan is now on exhibition and you can provide feedback until **19 May**. Your feedback will help us shape Sutherland Shire to be an even more enjoyable place to live, work, stay and play.

To view the highlights or the full document, and provide feedback, visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/DPOP24.



(If you are unable to go online to view the feedback options, please contact us.)

Once we have reviewed feedback, we will refine our priorities, actions and commitments and submit to Council for formal adoption in June 2024. We will keep you informed about our progress to deliver on these commitments over the next year.

See more current consultations on page 7.

PIONEERING LEADER DEPARTING COUNCIL

Marking the end of an era, our CEO, Manjeet Grewal will step down after more than five years leading Sutherland Shire Council.

During her 31 years of service, Ms Grewal held a range of leadership and became our first female Engineering Manager in 1996 and first female CEO in 2019.

'It has been an incredible privilege to lead an organisation whose purpose is to serve and strengthen local communities. I am incredibly grateful to have worked with an extraordinary group of talented and dedicated professionals over my career, who have all been unfailingly committed to achieving great things for local residents', Ms Grewal said.

Sutherland Shire Mayor, Councillor Carmelo Pesce expressed his sincere thanks.

'On behalf of all the staff and Councillors who she has worked with over the years – and indeed,



our entire community – I thank her for her for her immense contribution and wish her a long and happy retirement', Mayor Pesce said.

Having announced her intention to step aside from the role, Ms Grewal will continue until early July to allow a comprehensive recruitment process to determine her replacement as Council's CEO.

Read more at

sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/retiring-ceo

IN OUR COMMUNITY

CHANGE IN LIFEGUARD PATROL HOURS

As the seasons change, so do our lifeguard patrol hours. Our dedicated lifeguards will continue to watch over Bate Bay beaches, even during the cooler months.

Lifeguards will be on duty daily from 8:00am to 4:00pm at Cronulla beach, from Monday 29 April to Sunday 22 September. Patrols will be set up at North Cronulla beach as required. The Ocean Safety and Lifeguard team also provides an observation service, and roving support and response provision. This includes a Coastal Safety CCTV observation network along the Bate Bay beaches.

Learn more at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/BeachSafety



SUTHERLAND SHIRE RELAY FOR LIFE

SATURDAY 4 AND SUNDAY 5 MAY

Don Lucas Reserve, Cronulla

Make a difference and support those affected by cancer.

This annual community fundraising event brings people together to raise money and awareness for cancer research. Participants walk or run around the track for 24 hours, symbolising the ongoing fight against cancer.

The event, supported by Council, includes music, entertainment, food stalls, and activities for all ages. Money raised goes towards the Cancer Council's vital cancer research, support services, and advocacy programs.

It's a time to celebrate survivors, remember loved ones lost, and unite our community to fight back against cancer. The whole community is invited to be involved!

For more information and to join up, visit relayforlife.org.au/event/sutherlandshire-2024



CLOTHES SWAP PARTY

SATURDAY 18 MAY, 11:00AM TO 1:00PM

Sutherland District Basketball Association Waratah Park, Rawson Avenue, Sutherland

Swapping is a great and thrifty way to update your wardrobe. Bring any clothes in good quality condition that are no longer your favourite.

You can bring up to 6 items per person to our swapping events. We encourage all sizes and genders to take part. You will receive a token for each item you drop off, which you can exchange for another piece of clothing!

Spaces are limited, secure yours today. Visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/ClothesSwap



VOLUNTEER WEEK EXPO

THURSDAY 23 MAY, 2:00PM TO 5:00PM

Gymea Tradies, 57 Manchester Road, Gymea

Celebrate National Volunteers Week by joining us at the Volunteer Expo.

This year's theme is 'Something for Everyone'.

You'll have the chance to engage directly with local organisations and groups spanning various community sectors. Whether you're passionate about environmental conservation, supporting vulnerable populations, or enhancing cultural initiatives, there's something for everyone.

Discover how you can contribute to meaningful causes while connecting with like-minded individuals dedicated to making a positive impact in the Sutherland Shire.

Don't miss out on this opportunity to be a part of something greater!

Visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/VolunteerWeek2024

National
Volunteer
Something for Everyone Week
20-26 MAY 2024



LATEST NEWS

LOCAL PLANNING PANEL

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (EOI) FOR COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES

We're looking for people to join our pool of community representatives for the Sutherland Shire Local Planning Panel. The Panel makes decisions on certain applications for local development in Sutherland Shire.

You do not need planning expertise, but you must be a Sutherland Shire resident with a sound understanding of local issues. Mayors, Councillors, property developers and real estate agents are not eligible to apply.

It's a part-time paid role, starting July 2024. Before we appoint a community representative, we complete probity checks.

For more information, and to submit an Expression of Interest, visit applynow.net.au/jobs/SSC1020

Enquiries: procurement@ssc.nsw.gov.au

Submit your EOI before **11:59pm Monday 13 May**.



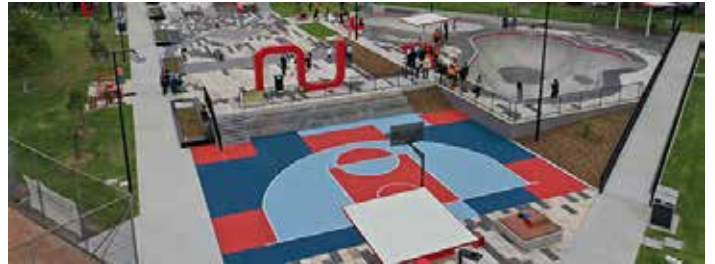
LOCAL PROJECTS SHORTLISTED FOR 2024 NSW LOCAL GOVERNMENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS

We are proud to have six community projects shortlisted in the NSW LG Excellence Awards:

1. **The Pavilion Performing Arts Centre** - the transformation of Sutherland Entertainment Centre
2. **Seymour Shaw Skatepark** - purpose-built recreational youth space and skatepark
3. **'Do Your Part and Fires Won't Start'** - campaign to reduce incidence of fires in garbage trucks
4. **Collaboration between Libraries and South Eastern Sydney Local Health District** - building staff resilience in each organisation and enhancing customer experience
5. **Embedding Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Perspectives in Early Childhood** - at Council's 11 Childcare Centre program
6. **Hooked on Solar** - Anglers' Clubhouse is Sutherland Shire's first off-grid, energy resilient community.

The Local Government Professionals Australia NSW will announce the award winners on 6 June.

More at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/SSC-LGAwards



CRONULLA JAZZ & BLUES FESTIVAL

WEDNESDAY 29 MAY TO SUNDAY 2 JUNE

Various locations around Cronulla and Woolooware

Enjoy live music...right at your doorstep!

Bursting with the exhilarating sounds of the best of jazz, blues and related music, the Festival is a family-friendly extravaganza featuring more than 100 superb artists. Throw in licensed bars, incredible food, retail stalls, kids' activities, a film festival, the 2024 Blues Awards and a record fair, and it adds up to a vibrant and fun collision of music and good times.

Rally family and friends, bring a picnic rug and enjoy a weekend of live music at this free music festival.

More at cronullajazzandbluesfestival.com



FRIENDLY REMINDER: CENTENARIANS MORNING TEA

TUESDAY 18 JUNE 10:00AM TO 11:00AM

Hazelhurst Arts Centre, 782 Kingsway, Gympie

Know someone reaching this incredible milestone (turning 100 years of age, or older, in 2024)? Nominate them to be our esteemed guests of honour!

Contact our Events Team:

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by **Friday 31 May** to ensure they're recognised in style.



LIBRARIES

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

WHAT'S ON

MENAI FAMILY GREEN DAY

Saturday 4 May, 9:30am to 11:30am
at Menai Library

Spend a morning with the family in the lovely greenery outside Menai Library and discover all the ways the library supports sustainability. Plus, enjoy a Library on the Lawn Storytime for the kids and a Plant Swap for you! We'll also welcome our friends from Sutherland Shire Bushcare and the Community Nursery.

DINUKA MCKENZIE PRESENTS *TIPPING POINT*

Wednesday 8 May, 6:30pm to 7:30pm
at Sutherland Library

Award-winning author Dinuka McKenzie will sit down with author of *Dirt Town*, Hayley Scrivenor, to discuss her highly anticipated crime fiction novel and the third instalment of her Detective Kate Miles series, *Tipping Point*. This time, Kate returns to her hometown to solve the mysterious deaths of three friends, involving her estranged brother as a person of interest.



BOKASHI WORKSHOP

Thursday 9 May, 5:30pm to 7:30pm
at Caringbah Library

See Eco News and Waste Wise Living on page 8.

TAMING TECHNOLOGY: POWER UP YOUR PRIVACY

Thursday 9 May, 10:30am to 11:30am
at Sutherland Library and online

Do you know how much personal information you share online and who has access to it? Come to the library this Privacy Week for best practice tips and advice for protecting your privacy online. You'll learn how to keep your identity safe online and what to do if you think your privacy has been compromised.



YOUTH IMPROV COMEDY WITH SYDNEY COMEDY SCHOOL

Wednesday 15 May, 4:30pm to 6:30pm
at Sutherland Library

Join David Crisante, from the Sydney Comedy School, for this interactive workshop on how to unleash your inner comedian and develop your own improv comedy. You'll learn the basics of improv, how to think on your feet, and the art of improvised storytelling.

RODRIGO PEREZ PRESENTS *THE ART OF LONGEVITY*

Thursday 16 May, 6:30pm to 7:30pm
at Sutherland Library

Professional coach and founder of Holistic Pro Health Performance, Rodrigo Perez, will share his expert advice for finding the inner 'fire' that gives our lives joy and meaning, detailed in his book, *The Art of Longevity*.



THE GREAT LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Saturday 18 May, 9:00am-3:30pm and Sunday 19 May, 11:00am to 4:30pm
at Sutherland Library

Bibliophiles rejoice! It's time to clear some space on your bookshelf because The Great Library Book Sale is here. Treat your shelf to our huge collection of fiction novels, non-fiction titles, children's books, travel guides, cookbooks and more from only \$1. (We're cashless - payment by debit/credit card only.)

PALLIATIVE CARE HEALTHY AGEING SEMINAR

Monday 20 May, 10:30am to 12:00pm
at Engadine Library

What is palliative care? Ever wondered but not sure who or what to ask? Where can I find out more information? We're inviting you to join us this National Palliative Care Week for an informative and gentle discussion about palliative care.



STRUGGLING WITH DEBT TALK

**Thursday 23 May, 10:30am to 11:30am
at Sutherland Library**

Are you struggling with debt? If you're looking for advice and assistance to manage money problems, then join Susan Winfield from Marrickville Legal Centre this Law Week. She will discuss the most common debt traps and provides alternatives to help you overcome them.

SYDNEY WRITER'S FESTIVAL PRESENTS DEBRA DANK

**Thursday 23 May, 6:00pm to 7:00pm
at Sutherland Library and online**

An 'In Your Neighbourhood' Sydney Writers' Festival event. Against the backdrop of Gudanji country, Debra Dank pieces together a deeply personal and profound tribute to family and country in *We Come With This Place* – which took home 4 awards at the 2023 NSW Premier's Literary Awards.

**HSC MODERN HISTORY TALK**

**Tuesday 28 May, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
at Sutherland Library**

Presented by Bernie Howitt — a textbook author, former head teacher, president of the History Teachers' Association and senior HSC marker. Come to this in-person lecture for practical advice, tips and expertise to maximise your marks in the HSC modern history exam.

HSC ENGLISH TEXTS AND HUMAN EXPERIENCES TALK

**Wednesday 29 May, 6:00pm to 8:00pm
at Sutherland Library**

Join us for this HSC English Texts and Human Experiences lecture, presented by English teacher, study guide author and HSC marker, Larry Grumley. Larry will share his expertise and practical advice for students and teachers on the new common module to help them succeed.

**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

RESOURCES OF THE MONTH**MY CAREER MATCH**

Find your dream career in minutes by completing the My Career Match survey online using your library card. You'll receive a career report and resume guide that will match your strengths to a job that suits you best and help you write a winning resume. Get started today!

KIDS RESOURCE - BRITANNICA ONLINE LIBRARY FOR KIDS

Does your child want to find facts about their favourite animal? Or perhaps they want to find reputable articles for a school assignment? Kids can do all this and more using Britannica Online Library. With encyclopedia articles, multimedia, atlas, dictionary and more, Britannica Online is your child's one-stop resource for research. Explore online now.

**SUBSCRIBE TO OUR LIBRARY EMAIL NEWSLETTER**

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

HAZELHURST

hazelhurst.com.au

IN THE BROADHURST GALLERY

FRIENDS ON SHOW 2024

Until Tuesday 7 May

An annual exhibition by the Friends of Hazelhurst members, passionately showcasing a diverse range of artforms. Established in 1995, the Friends of Hazelhurst support the Hazelhurst Arts Centre through events, fundraising and sponsorship while promoting arts in the southern Sydney region.



WHAT'S ON

HAZELHURST FILM CLUB

Sign up to enjoy a year of great new release, award-winning, classic, art house, foreign, and documentary films. Films are screened 3 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 by phone. You must be aged 18 or older to join.

ART CLASSES

Term 2 art classes commence Monday 29 April!

Explore your creativity under the guidance of practicing artists. including drawing, painting, illustration, mixed media, collage, printmaking and more.



IN THE FIELD: SPRING AT FOWLERS GAP

Friday 10 May to Tuesday 28 May

An exhibition by a group of women artists from NSW, South Australia and Victoria, led by Nicole Kelly and Ashley Frost. They participated in a week-long excursion to Fowlers Gap, a UNSW Arid Zone Research Station in northwest NSW, in the Spring of 2022. The works document the beauty and colour of the dry arid zone landscape after sustained winter rains.

Images (L to R): Liz Donley *Seashore Treasures Urchin* (detail); Suzie Reiley, *Fowlers Gap, on Reflection* (detail).

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. \$10.00 per child. Bookings essential.

ART ENGAGE

Monday 29 April, 10:00am to 12:00pm

People living with dementia and their carers are invited to Art Engage. This program engages participants with their world and sense of identity through art. It provides opportunities for connection through conversation, artmaking and looking at art. Bookings essential.



SUBSCRIBE TO HAZELHURST EMAIL NEWSLETTER

Receive the latest news from Hazelhurst at bit.ly/hazelhurstenews

YOUTH

YOUTH SURVEY AND COMPETITION 2024

We want to hear from young people aged 12-25 about how we can help shape the future for youth in Sutherland Shire.

Their feedback will help us plan youth events, programs and services! Plus on completion of the survey they can **enter the draw to win an Apple Watch Series 9!***

The survey is open **until 20 May**. To take part visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/sscyouthsurvey

*Terms and Conditions apply. See website for competition and prize details.



YOUTH WEEK CLIMATE AND BIODIVERSITY FORUM

On Friday 5 April, we hosted our 2nd Youth Week Climate and Biodiversity Forum at Cronulla RSL. Sutherland Shire Mayor, Councillor Carmelo Pesce welcomed students to the full day event facilitated by volunteers from United Nations Youth NSW. The event attracted 53 students and teachers from 8 local high schools.

Community members Kal Glanznig, Dr Eliza Middleton and Rosemary Miller spoke about climate change, biodiversity loss, and youth mental health. The students participated in inspiring workshops and received native plants home from our community nursery. We encouraged students to advocate for their own environmental and sustainability initiatives.



CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

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

YOUTH SURVEY AND COMPETITION 2024

See Youth section above.

DRAFT ROADS AND FREIGHT STRATEGIES

Council is committed to providing a safe and efficient road network that can be shared by all users within Sutherland Shire.

Provide your feedback on our draft Strategies by **Friday 10 May**.



HAVE
YOUR
SAY

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PLANNING FOR GOLF AND TENNIS FACILITIES

Council is reviewing the golf and tennis facilities in Sutherland Shire to make sure we can cater for the future needs of these sports and identify opportunities to improve our facilities.

We are seeking to understand our community's priorities and ideas for enhancing our golf courses and tennis courts for future use.

- Have your say about Golf at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/GolfSurvey
- Have your say about Tennis at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/TennisSurvey

Give your feedback by **Wednesday 15 May**.



ECO NEWS AND WASTE WISE LIVING

WILD ABOUT BUSHCARE?

As the leaves turn golden, get out and about this Autumn.

If you're curious about Bushcare, come along to Bush Whackers at Albert Delardes Reserve. Take part in a **guided walk around Joseph Banks Native Garden** to learn about Australian native bushfood.

Visit the Community Nursery to see **how to propagate by cuttings** in a nursery setting and how to propagate them at home.

Or join Bushcare and bird expert, Ricki Coughlan, for a **bird spotting stroll** through the Royal National Park.

Book now at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/BushcareEvents



WASTE WISE WORKSHOPS

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

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

BOKASHI WORKSHOP

Thursday 9 May, 5:30pm to 7:30pm
at Caringbah Library

This fun and informative hands-on practical workshop will teach you the latest and greatest way to compost, particularly if you have limited space. Visit bit.ly/O9MayBokashi



TAKE OUR CHALLENGE: HOW LOW CAN YOU GO?

Did you know 50% of our household waste ends up in landfill?

What a waste!

We're on a mission to reduce waste going to landfill by a further 30% to meet NSW Government targets, but we can't do it alone.



We're challenging residents to see 'How Low Can You Go' to shrink your waste footprint. Hop onto our website to discover how you can start making changes today for a cleaner tomorrow. Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/HowLowCanYouGo

ATTENTION RESIDENTS AND BUILDERS, GET THE SITE RIGHT!

Council staff will be conducting inspections at building sites this month - it's time to Get the Site Right! **Thursday 16 May** is 'Blitz Day', when our officers inspect construction sites and take necessary regulatory actions.

Ensuring proper site management is crucial to minimise sediment run-off from construction sites. Take proactive steps like covering stockpiles of soil and sand and implementing erosion and sediment controls to avoid unnecessary expenses.

Stay informed and compliant by visiting georgesriver.org.au/get-the-site-right. Let's work together to minimise environmental impact and ensure responsible construction practices.



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