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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









#### **MEET YOUR LOCAL HEROES**

Each year the Sutherland Shire Australia Day Awards recognise the unsung heroes and community organisations who help make our community special. 2024 saw an exceptional group of worthy winners.

#### CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: BLAKEY JOHNSTON

Blakey Johnston has been an unwavering source of inspiration and support for three decades. He's raised widespread awareness about mental health issues and generated funds for local youth support programs. He has also taught countless young surfers, nurturing their passion for the sport.

#### YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: JENSON WADE

Jenson is a keen 7-year-old environmentalist. He's started a social media campaign to encourage people to pick up their rubbish and prevent pollution, helped to organise a clean-up at Woolooware Shared pathway, and prompting the manufacture and installation of new bins.

# COMMUNITY GROUP OF THE YEAR: SUTHERLAND SHIRE TOY RESTORATION CENTRE

These retirees volunteer their time to sell and repair toys donated by the community, with 100% of profits made from the restored toys going to local community groups that support underprivileged families in Sutherland Shire.

#### ENVIRONMENTAL CITIZEN OF THE YEAR: COUNCIL'S COMMUNITY NURSERY VOLUNTEER PROPAGATION SPECIALISTS

These four dedicated volunteers, with specialised knowledge and experience, help support Sutherland Shire Council's nursery team in production planning, propagation and identification of new and endangered plant species. This work contributes to reintroducing native plant species across the Sydney metro area.

Find out more about the awards at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/austdayawards

## YOUTH

#### SUTHERLAND SHIRE BATTLE OF THE BANDS

# ARE YOU A YOUNG MUSICIAN OR BAND MEMBER?

Applications are now open for our Battle of the Bands competition! Enter for the opportunity to perform on stage in front of a live audience and a chance to win from our huge prize pool. Applications close **18 March 2024 at 5pm**.

Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/battleofbands



Stay tuned for more Youth Week events in April. Questions? Email youthcouncil@ ssc.nsw.gov.au

## **ECO NEWS AND WASTE WISE LIVING**

#### **COMMUNITY NURSERY OPEN DAY**

#### SATURDAY 16 MARCH, 8:00AM-1:00PM. AT 345 THE BOULEVARDE, GYMEA

Calling all green thumbs! Browse an extensive range of local plant species at our Community Nursery Open Day. Plants are sourced through seed and cuttings collected by staff and Bushcare volunteers. This makes them perfect for local gardens and for planting projects around Sutherland Shire. Bring along your free native seedlings voucher from the July 2023 annual rates notice to collect two free native seedlings. Plants are also available for purchase.

The Nursery is regularly open 7am-3pm Monday to Friday and is cashless - pay with EFTPOS and credit card (you will not pay merchant fees). Find out more at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Nursery16Mar



#### **BUSHCARE EVENTS**

#### **WORKING WITH WOODY WEEDS**

#### Wednesday 6 March, 8:30am to 4:00pm

Join Bushcare on a journey to discover what to do with woody weeds. You'll be shown how to turn useless privet into one of the most useful of objects - a spoon. This free, day-long workshop will give you a new insight into working with the timber of woody weeds and how we can deal with them sustainably. All tools, materials and morning tea supplied. Register at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/ woodyweeds6Mar

#### **LUCAS HEIGHTS CONSERVATION AREA NATURE WALK**

#### Wednesday 13 March, 9:00am to 12:00pm

Join Bushcare as we explore this seldom visited reserve in the west of Sutherland Shire. This free walk will highlight the extensive conservation work Council has undertaken in partnership with the Mill Creek Mountain Bike group volunteers. Register at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/LucasHeights13Mar



#### WATERWAYS REHABILITATION PROGRAM

In 2012 Sutherland Shire Council completed a watercourse assessment and rehabilitation prioritisation study, which assessed the condition of all the watercourses across the Sutherland Shire.

The results of the study are now the basis of our annual Waterways Rehabilitation and Maintenance Program. Each year we work through a selection of waterways to improve the flow of water and water quality, reduce erosion issues, invasive weeds and the amount of sediment entering our rivers.

This program has already seen amazing positive improvements to so many waterways and will continue in the coming years.

Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/waterways to learn more about waterways management in Sutherland Shire.



#### **ELECTRONIC WASTE COLLECTION**

#### SATURDAY 23 AND SUNDAY 24 MARCH, 9:00AM TO 3:00PM

#### Bellingara Netball Courts Carpark, Bellingara Road, Miranda

E-Waste is 95% recyclable but can cause fires in our garbage trucks if disposed of in kerbside bins or Council cleanup piles. The best way to dispose of your E-Waste is to drop it off at Council's E-Waste Collection.

Our E-Waste Collection events help residents dispose of their items safely and prevent it from ending up in landfill.

Sutherland Shire Residents only. To find out more about which items are accepted, visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Ewaste

If you miss our events, E-Waste can also be taken to several other locations. Visit recyclingnearyou.com. au/ewastescheme for a comprehensive list of all drop off sites.



## **LATEST NEWS**

#### **BE PREPARED THIS SUMMER**

While storms can happen at any time of the year, October through 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, your family and our Sutherland Shire community safe. Check your roof and keep it in good condition, clean gutters, downpipes and drains to prevent blockages, trim trees and overhanging branches, and put away loose items that can blow around in strong winds.

Together it's simple to get ready for storms. To learn how you and your family can #GetReady for storms visit ses.nsw.gov.au/storm

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#### FRAUD AND CORRUPTION - COUNCIL'S ZERO **TOLERANCE POSITION**

Sutherland Shire Council is committed to a high standard of transparent, ethical and accountable conduct and maintaining trust with our community. We have a zero tolerance position of fraud and corruption and encourage the reporting of wrongdoing. You can find out more at sutherland.nsw.gov.au/Fraud-and-Corruption

It's not just our community who we encourage to report; our Public Interest Disclosure Policy also enables council staff and other public officials to report certain types of serious wrongdoing, classified as 'public interest disclosures' without fear of reprisal. Learn more at

#### sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/PID

If you see the wrong thing, do the right thing by reporting it online, or call our Fraud and Corruption Hotline on 1800 961 389



#### FINAL WOODCHIPPING SERVICE THIS SUMMER

#### SATURDAY 9 MARCH, 9:00AM-3:00PM,

#### Council Depot, 13-15 Ethell Road, Kirrawee

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 onsite 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



#### WASTE WISE WORKSHOPS

FREE workshops for Sutherland Shire residents only.

#### Bookings are essential.

For more information visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/waste

#### COMPOSTING AND WORM FARMING ONLINE

#### Saturday 23 March, 9:00am to 11:00am, online by Zoom

If you are interested in learning more and setting up your own compost bin or worm farm, this workshop will show you just how easy it can be.

Visit bit.ly/Compost23Mar



## **LIBRARIES**

#### **HOME LIBRARY 'OUTSTANDING'**

For more than five decades, Sutherland Shire Libraries has delivered books and other materials to our residents who are unable to visit one of our libraries. We deliver fortnightly to 280 residents in homes, aged care facilities and nursing homes. Barry Slamon, resident of Stella Maris Aged Care Facility wrote to us and said:

'It is an outstanding service that is conscious of the needs of readers," Mr Slamon said. He couldn't speak more highly of the Home Library - he's particularly impressed with the interesting selection of books he receives, which introduced him to new books he would not have chosen for himself.

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



If you or someone you know would like to join the Home Library, contact us during weekdays, either by phone on 02 9710 0459, or visit

sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/homelibrary

#### WHAT'S ON

#### STEVE MATTHEWS PRESENTS TED WATTS' DIARY

#### Monday 4 March at Sutherland Library and Online

Join UK-born author, Steve Matthews, and Anna Loder as they discuss his captivating coming-of-age love story, *Ted Watts' Diary*. Spanning 60 years, the novel tells the story of orphaned seven-year-old English boy, Ted, and his tumultuous journey into adulthood which eventually leads him to enlist in the war with a vow to return to his sweetheart, Dimples.

#### **IPAD BASICS 4-WEEK COURSE**

# Tuesdays 5, 12, 19 and 26 March at Engadine Library

Would you like to become an iPad master? Come along to this four-week iPad basics course to learn the best tips and tricks to make the most of your device, including surfing the internet with Safari, emailing, using iCloud storage, security and privacy settings and more!

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#### SENIORS FESTIVAL LIBRARY EVENTS

See other Festival information on page 7.

- Tuesday 12 March Benefits of Mindfulness for Seniors, at Sutherland Library
- Wednesday 13 March Read with the Cats, at Sutherland Shire Council Animal Shelter
- Thursday 14 March Taming Technology Demystifying Data, at Sutherland Library
- Friday 15 March Sylvania Knitters Taster Session, at Sylvania Library

#### STORYTIME WITH SALLY FETOUH

#### Wednesday 13 March at Sutherland Library

Celebrate World Down Syndrome Day with children's book author, Sally Fetouh, who will read from her heart-warming book, *Jana's Brightly Coloured Socks*. Join Sally as she shares the funfilled adventures of Jana in her brightly coloured socks while exploring themes of diversity, inclusion and kindness. No bookings needed – just drop in.

#### TAMING TECHNOLOGY DEMYSTIFYING DATA

### Thursday 14 March at Sutherland Library & Online

What is data and how much do you need? Join us to discover the answer to this question and more! We'll discuss everything you need to know about data, including how to choose a plan, managing your limit, the difference between home versus mobile data and what to do if you're headed overseas.



- Monday 18 March Laughter Yoga Healthy Ageing Seminar, at Menai Library
- Monday 18 March Vertical Gardening, at Sutherland Library
- Tuesday 19 March Wills and Estates, at Sutherland Library
- Thursday 21 March Joanna Nell presents Mrs Winterbottom Takes a Gap Year, at Sutherland Library and Online

#### SUBSCRIBE TO OUR LIBRARY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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

#### KATE FULLAGAR PRESENTS **BENNELONG AND PHILLIP**

#### Thursday March 14 at Sutherland Library and Online

Celebrated historian and author, Kate Fullagar, will share her bold, new portrait of Yiyura leader, Bennelong, and Governor Arthur Phillip - two pivotal figures in Australian history. Presenting history afresh, Fullagar will help attendees to better understand the context of each man's life and the importance of the time they spent together.

#### **CHAT IN ENGLISH**

#### Thursday 21 March at Caringbah Library

Is English your second language? Join us this Harmony Day for Conversation Hour! You'll get the opportunity to sit down with others, like yourself, and have a chat in English. We'll even provide the topics of discussion, so you can just drop in, have a chat and start feeling more confident in no time.





#### **PUZZLE SWAP**

#### Thursday 21 March at Caringbah Library

Do you love puzzles, but you have completed all the ones you own? Before you dash out to buy a new one, drop into the library to trade your pre-loved puzzles for new favourites with other enthusiasts. No need to book, just drop in. There's nothing puzzling about that!

#### SARAH DI LORENZO PRESENTS THE 10:10 SIMPLE RECIPE BOOK

#### Tuesday 26 March - Online tickets available

Australian clinical nutritionist and best-selling author Sarah Di Lorenzo will share her wholistic approach to bringing food back to basics, which inspired her latest book, The 10:10 Simple Recipe Book. Sarah will give tips and advice for getting your family's health on track with quick, healthy and budgetfriendly recipes.



## CURRENT CONSULTATIONS



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

#### DRAFT SUTHERLAND SHIRE OVERLAND FLOOD STUDY - DROP-IN INFORMATION **SESSIONS**

We have prepared the draft study to understand flood behaviour in Sutherland Shire and to help us all plan how we keep people and properties safe. You can learn more about the study by attending one of our drop-in information sessions. Drop in anytime, for up to 20 minutes, to speak with our flood specialist team:

- Wednesdays 11:00am to 2:00pm
- Thursdays 3:30pm 50 5:30pm

The last session will be on 14 March 2024; all sessions will be held at Council's Administration Building. For more information visit Join the Conversation and have your say via our survey, or contact us, by 31 March 2024.



#### **RESOURCES OF THE MONTH**

#### **KANOPY APP**

Movie buffs rejoice! Stream critically acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, award-winning films and more for free anywhere, anytime using your library card with the Kanopy app. Available for iOS and Android, download the app to start streaming today.

#### **LOTE FOR KIDS**

Do you want to introduce your child to a world of languages? With LOTE for Kids your child can enjoy storytime in over 50 languages, with English translations, from the comfort of home. With thousands of digital picture books in the collection, children can read along as they learn a new language.



## **HAZELHURST**

hazelhurst.com.au

#### IN THE HAZELHURST GALLERY

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

#### **ARTEXPRESS**

#### **Until Sunday 7 April**

The annual ARTEXPRESS exhibition returns to Hazelhurst showcasing outstanding HSC artworks from 52 students from 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 HSC Showcase season, this exhibition includes artwork by some of NSW's most talented young artists. ARTEXPRESS is a collaboration between the NSW Department of Education and the NSW Education Standards Authority, curated and presented by Hazelhurst Arts Centre.

#### IN THE BROADHURST GALLERY

#### **EDITION FIVE: MORE THAN REPRODUCTION**

#### Friday 8 to Tuesday 26 March

The fifth annual group exhibition by More Than Reproduction, a collective of women and genderdiverse early career printmakers from across Sydney and NSW, that celebrates contemporary printmaking.

#### **VITAL SIGNS: RECENT VISUAL ARTS GRADUATES** FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

#### Friday 29 March to Tuesday 16 April

A partnership between Hazelhurst Arts Centre and the University of Wollongong, this exhibition showcases the best emerging artists from southern Sydney and the Illawarra.

Images (L to R): Olivia Arnold Kurraba Road 1:21pm (detail); Bridie Nicholls A day in the life of the suburbs (detail) 2023.



#### SUBSCRIBE TO HAZELHURST EMAIL **NEWSLETTER**

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





Image: Felicia Calma, Georges River College, Oatley Senior Campus, Guiding Lights (detail) 2023, graphic design.

#### WHAT'S ON

#### **BUILDING YOUR HSC VISUAL ARTS BODY OF WORK**

#### Wednesday 6 March, 6:00pm to 8:00pm

In this Q&A style forum expert speakers will share insights and strategies to help you develop your HSC Body of Work, including approaches to making artworks, considering what makes a successful artwork and tips for dealing with creative block. Speakers include artist Mulga, HSC Visual Arts specialists, and past exhibitors. Suitable for students in grades 10 to 12. Free, bookings essential.

#### **GESTURE TOUR**

#### Saturday 6 April, 2:00pm to 3:00pm

Experience ARTEXPRESS 2024 through gesture and movement, and without spoken word in this unique tour led by Deaf artists Sue Jo Wright and Angie Goto. Following the tour, join us in the studios for a gesture-inspired artmaking activity. Hearing, D/deaf and hard of hearing visitors all welcome, suitable for all ages. Free, bookings essential.

Image (below left): Photograph by Sam Venn Photography.



#### 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 3-5 years. \$10.00 per child. Bookings essential.

#### **HAZELHURST FILM CLUB**

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 (minimum age 18) \$70, or \$65 for Friends of Hazelhurst members. Join at the Hazelhurst Administration Desk or by phone.

#### **ART ENGAGE**

#### Monday 25 March, 10:00am to 12:00pm

People living with dementia and their carers are invited to Art Engage, a program that 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.



#### **ART CLASSES**

#### INTERMEDIATE ACRYLIC PAINTING

#### Tuesdays 19 and 26 March

Develop your skills and learn new techniques in this 2-session course for intermediate level students.

#### **AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS**

There's lots of great programs for children and teens on offer, including claywork, painting, mixed media and more. Enrolments open Monday 11 March, from 6:00am online or 9:00am by phone.

#### **TERM 2 ART CLASSES**

Hazelhurst's Term 2 art classes offer a range of exciting experiences to suit varied creative interests and ages, 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 25 March, from 6:00am online or 9:00am by phone.

Image (below left): Photograph by Flore Vallery-Radot.



## IN OUR COMMUNITY

#### SUTHERLAND SHIRE SENIORS FESTIVAL

#### **MONDAY 11 TO SUNDAY 24 MARCH**

We're celebrating seniors in our community with a huge range of free events and activities. Discover a new hobby from Laughing Yoga to Surfing, get out in nature with Bushfood Walks and Art in the Garden or learn about services and support to help you age well. Or get a taste of **everything** at our popular Seniors Expo, Saturday 23 March at Tradies Gymea. Bookings now open, be quick popular as events fill

fast. Full program at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/seniorsfest2024

Or contact our Community Connections team on 02 9710 0892 or at **communities@ssc.nsw.gov.au** See also library events on page 4.



#### SUTHERLAND SHIRE SENIORS FESTIVAL CONCERT

# THURSDAY 4 APRIL - 2 SESSIONS: 10.00AM AND 1.00PM AT THE PAVILION, SUTHERLAND

Our popular FREE concert extravaganza is back. Enjoy a dazzling show featuring the hits of Shirley Bassey, spectacular aerial performance, country music favourites and show-stopping dance numbers. Bookings open 7 March: in person at the Pavilion Box Office, Thu-Fri 10.00am-4.00pm; **P** 02 9063 2006;

or sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/seniors-concert



#### **TIMELAPSE: SEYMOUR SHAW ACTIVE PRECINCT**

Our community has been loving the Seymour Shaw Active Precinct this summer! Watch the build of our newest skating and recreation facility in Miranda. Find out more at **bit.ly/SeymourShaw** or view the Timelapse at **go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/SeymourPrecinct** 



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## **CHILDREN**

# DUNNINGHAM PARK PLAYGROUND AND PICNIC UPGRADE, CRONULLA

We're excited - work is starting on a new playground and upgraded picnic area at Dunningham Park, Cronulla. The work includes:

- new tailored playground, featuring a central lifeguard tower with climbing and slides
- improved range of play equipment
- larger range of swings
- softfall material and play area
- new seating and picnic tables
- · lighting improvements
- landscaping.

Work will be completed in July 2024 (weather permitting). Visit

go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/dunninghamplayground



#### FREE CHILDCARE WEBINAR

#### WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL 2024 AT 1:30PM

Looking for a quality childcare position for your baby, toddler or preschooler? Register for our free webinar. Hear from our early childhood experts about your childcare options, local demand, how to find a quality service (what to look for and questions to ask), preparing for care and more. This is the best hour you'll spend on childcare research.

Bookings essential at

bit.ly/April24ChildcareWebinar



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#### LET'S CELEBRATE HARMONY WEEK

# SUNDAY 24 MARCH, 10:00AM TO 12:00PM AT MONRO PARK, CRONULLA

Harmony Week (18-24 March) celebrates cultural diversity; it's all about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for everyone in our community, regardless of language or cultural background. Join us to celebrate culture with music, art and dance performances. You can take part in a range of Harmony Week events, including a story holding workshop in partnership with Georges River Council, GCAIS and Advanced Diversity Services and an Aboriginal heritage bushwalk.

Visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/HarmonyWeek24



#### STAY SAFE THIS BEACH SEASON

Did you miss the recent Science of the Surf workshop hosted by Dr Rip (Dr Rob Brander)? He explained how to read beach conditions and spot a rip. We witnessed a harmless dye release into the ocean which show how the water is moving and help highlight the presence of a rip.

Visit **sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/beachsafety** to learn more about beach and surf safety and see videos including a dye release.



# COMMUNITY GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES PROGRAM NOW OPEN

Applications now open for our annual Community Grants and Subsidies Program. Grants of up to \$20,000 are available.

Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/commgrants2024 or for general enquiries call 02 9710 0892.

