

OUR SHIRE

OCTOBER 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

FORTY-EIGHT PROJECTS RECEIVE COMMUNITY GRANTS FUNDING

Our annual community grants program again delivered funding to a diverse cross section of Sutherland Shire. The program offers financial assistance of up to \$20,000 per project, enabling many dedicated groups to deliver bigger and better programs to serve those within our community.

Thirty-nine local organisations delivering 48 projects received a portion of the available \$500,000. These include specialised services such as aged and disability care, mental health and wellbeing services, social and family support, youth engagement, recreational activities including arts, Aboriginal specific, multicultural programs, and musical initiatives. Recognising the substantial impact that even a modest financial boost can have on not-for-profit organisations, we hope these grants will provide a warm and welcome boost that supports our community.

Visit: sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/grants

'THE VOICE' REFERENDUM IS COMING 14 OCTOBER



All Australian residents aged over 18 will be required to vote in the Federal Government's upcoming referendum that will determine whether the Constitution is altered to recognise the First Peoples of Australia by establishing an

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice.

This is an important question for each individual to consider. We encourage our community to visit the following authorised sites to ensure you are receiving accurate and reliable information, and for nearest polling stations:

- the Australian Electoral Commission website: aec.gov.au/referendums/pamphlet.htm
- the Federal Government website: voice.gov.au



MAYORAL ELECTION

The Mayoral election was held on Monday 18 September, with Cr Pesce returned as Mayor and Cr Provan as Deputy Mayor. They will both serve in these positions until the Local Government elections in September 2024.



SUTHERLAND SHIRE PULSE CHECK - WIN A \$200 GIFT CARD

We want to know what you value about Sutherland Shire and how you feel about our local identity. Share your views – and you'll get a chance to win one of two \$200 gift cards.

Your input matters! Your feedback will help to shape the way we connect with our community and represent our local area.

Take our 10-minute survey now at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/PulseCheck



IN OUR COMMUNITY

SUMMER IS COMING AND BEACHES ARE OPEN

For tips on beach and surf safety this summer, and to watch the surf safety video, visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/beachsafety

EVERYONE CAN BE A LIFESAVER THIS SUMMER

Our beaches are open, and we'll be looking out for you, but we also need you to do your bit to keep our community safe this summer.

Flags will be up from 8am each day at Cronulla, North Cronulla, Elouera and Wanda beaches, with beachgoers advised to swim between the flags. Our Ocean Safety and Lifeguard team will also be providing a service at Greenhills Track 6 observation tower for the 6-week summer school Christmas holidays. Please remember NO FLAGS = NO SWIM.

Whether it's Sutherland Shire Council Lifeguards in blue and white uniforms or volunteer lifesavers wearing Surf Life Saving Australia's iconic red and yellow, they're there to keep you safe.



DO YOU HAVE A CPR ACTION PLAN?

Sutherland Shire Council's Ocean Safety and Lifeguards team want you and your family to enjoy our beautiful beaches this summer! We believe that knowing basic life support and being able to help in an emergency situation is vital.

You'll find a handy guide to **Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation** in your next Rates Notice to keep on the fridge or in your wallet or purse.



LAST CALL FOR AUSTRALIA DAY AWARD NOMINATIONS

Don't miss your chance to recognise the people making a difference in our community. Nominations for the prestigious Australia Day Awards close 13 October.

Visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/LocalHero24

CARERS WEEK MORNING TEA

**WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER 10:00AM TO 11:30AM
AT TRADIES GYMEA**

Join us and enjoy a free morning tea, pampering, entertainment, and connect with other carers. You deserve it! This event is in partnership with Carer Gateway, Orana, GyMEA Community Aid and Information Service, Healthy Ageing Hub, and Stride Mental Health.

Register for a ticket and go in the draw to win lucky door prizes: go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/CarersWeek23

Need someone to look after your loved one while you attend? Talk to Carer Gateway to discuss support options to suit you and your family.

carergateway.gov.au



TOGETHER IN STEP FOR THE WALK FOR RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS

FRIDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2023 FROM 9.30AM

Starts at Don Lucas Reserve and finishes at Cronulla Park, Cronulla.

The Sutherland Shire Walk for Respectful Relationships is set to return, providing a chance for our community to come together to show their support and raise awareness about Domestic and Family Violence.

Register at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/w4rr

Join the walk with your family, friends, colleagues or community groups.

Event led by the Walk for Respectful Relationships committee; includes support from Sutherland Shire Council, NSW Department of Education, NSW Police, Enough is Enough, The Family Co and Woollooware High School.



LATEST NEWS

COOPER STREET RESERVE UPGRADE

We're excited work has started on an Active Sports Youth Precinct and an all-abilities playground at Cooper Street Reserve, Engadine. Here's a sneak peek of what's in store:

- all-abilities playground with traditional play equipment, treehouse adventure, and water sensory play
- skate plaza, pump track, basketball half-court, and outdoor fitness area
- a dedicated parkour zone and plenty of shaded areas for relaxation.

Work will be completed in early 2024, barring any weather-related delays. We can't wait to see this vibrant precinct come to life!

Further details: sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/cooperst



Thank you to everyone who completed our recent Our Shire/Communications survey. We had more than 420 responses which will be very helpful in planning how we communicate with our community.

Congratulations to the gift card winners: SN (Heathcote), JG (Engadine) and TM (Caringbah). Not already signed up for this monthly Our Shire as an e-newsletter? Then subscribe now: sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/ourshire

REGISTER NOW FOR GARAGE SALE TRAIL

We are bringing Australia's biggest festival of pre-loved stuff to Sutherland Shire this Spring. With over 10,000 garage sales and 3 million items going up for sale over two big weekends, it's the perfect time to cash in on your clutter or pick up a bargain.

Trail Tutorial online workshops: 28-29 October 2023

Garage sales: Weekend 1 - 11-12 November
Weekend 2 - 18-19 November

Register a garage sale for free, or learn more, at garagesaletrail.com.au/SutherlandShire



SOLID FUEL-FIRED BBQS NO LONGER ALLOWED IN CROWN RESERVES IN SUTHERLAND SHIRE

In March 2023, Sutherland Shire Council resolved to ban the use of solid fuel BBQs in Crown Reserves in our local government area. These include heat beads, wood, coal and other solid material.

This decision was made after a 3-year trial which unfortunately was not successful. Hot coals and other materials were often left in the reserves causing risk to visitors (especially children) and the environment.

Until the end of January 2024 our staff will be visiting Crown Reserves to advise that these BBQs are no longer allowed. After this date we will be removing the existing coal bins in Gunnamatta Park and Shelly Park.

We realise that some people will be disappointed and we appreciate your understanding of this decision. **You are still welcome to use a portable gas or electric BBQ in these reserves.**

Alternatively, many sites have free electric BBQs - for locations visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/bbqs-in-reserves



BREAKFAST TORQUE, HEATHCOTE OVAL

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER, 8:00AM TO 11:00AM AT HEATHCOTE

Our annual motorcycle safety expo is back on with a free breakfast for all riders. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever with a great range of stalls, entertainment, crash scene demos and prize draws for riders. Join the fun and bring your mates.

Find out more: sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/breakfasttorque2023



LIBRARIES

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

WHAT'S ON

THURSDAY 5 OCTOBER | STAY STRONG AND KEEP MOVING | STRENGTHENING OVER 60S TALK

Learn how building strength and improving balance can help to reduce the risk of falls, maintain independence, and manage health conditions, such as osteoporosis, arthritis, and diabetes.

FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH | CONNECTION CAFÉ | LIVING WITH DEMENTIA

People living dementia and their carers are invited to our monthly Connection Café. This inclusive, tailored event for people with memory concerns aims to increase social connections in an informal, supportive setting. Light refreshments provided.



WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER | A PARENT'S GUIDE TO CHILDCARE IN SUTHERLAND SHIRE

Thinking about childcare? Hear from Sutherland Shire Council's early childhood experts and find out all you need to know about childcare options, local demand, how to find a quality service, and preparing for childcare.

WEDNESDAY 11 OCTOBER | STORYTIME WITH CHRISTOPHER NIELSEN

Join local author and illustrator, Christopher Nielsen, as he reads his delightfully whimsical picture book, *Colour Makes the World Go Round*, at this very special storytime. Suitable for kids aged 3 to 5.



SUBSCRIBE TO OUR LIBRARY EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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

THURSDAY 12 OCTOBER | TAMING TECHNOLOGY | TRY ONE THING AND DISCOVER LOCAL HISTORY

Take the challenge this Get Online Week and try one new thing by learning about our Discover Local History Database. Find out how to search this unique collection, as well as how to share information and memories about the history of the Sutherland Shire.

TUESDAY 17 OCTOBER | HERBS AT HOME WORKSHOP

See Waste Wise Workshops on page 7.



SATURDAY 28 OCTOBER | MENAI PLANT SWAP

Meet fellow green thumbs and swap gardening tips while you trade up to 10 healthy cuttings or plants from your collection. But it's not limited to plants; you can also bring seeds and vegetables.



ADULT RESOURCE OF THE MONTH - ANCESTRY LIBRARY EDITION

Discover fascinating details about your ancestors' lives and bring your family tree to life with Ancestry Library Edition, the world's largest collection of online family history records, from archives in Australia, New Zealand and around the world.

KIDS RESOURCE OF THE MONTH - BUSY THINGS

If you have busy little people in your home, you'll love Busy Things! This online resource offers fun, educational games and activities to encourage skill development across the curriculum.



ECO NEWS AND WASTE WISE LIVING

YOU'RE INVITED: 2023 AUSSIE BIRD COUNT DURING NATIONAL BIRD WEEK

16-22 OCTOBER 2023

Make a difference for bird conservation. Join the Aussie Bird Count to make a simple but important contribution to Birdlife Australia's conservation initiatives. Each year people across Australia head outdoors to count how many birds they see to provide a snapshot of Australia's more common bird species. It's a fun, simple and safe activity observing nature, which is proven to provide benefits to mental health and wellbeing. Collecting this data at the same time each year allows us to look at the trends in our bird communities over time. Think of birds as a barometer for nature, as their health and wellbeing is one of nature's best indicators. Download the Aussie Bird Count app and get involved or learn more at aussiebirdcount.org.au

Photo: Rainbow Lorikeets – the most commonly spotted bird in Sutherland Shire in the 2022 count.



OPEN DAY - CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY NURSERY'S 50TH BIRTHDAY

SATURDAY 21 OCTOBER, 8:00AM TO 1:00PM,
345 THE BOULEVARD, GYMEA

We're celebrating 50 years of nurturing native flora and the environment!

- Ask about plants or the unique features of our nursery - we source our plants through seed and cuttings collected by staff and Bushcare volunteers, making them perfect for local gardens.
- Purchase plants/redeem your free native seedlings voucher from your July rates notice (bring a bag/box to carry them; Don't forget we're 'cashless').
- Talk to our waste services staff about local recycling programs.
- Learn about the volunteer Bushcare program's 30 years of achievements restoring bushland reserves throughout Sutherland Shire.
- View a Council EV (electric vehicle) and talk to our Sustainability Officer.

KIDS! Win a worm farm for your family! Download our colouring-in form now, complete, and bring it on the day. (Primary school age and under, T&Cs apply.)

More at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/nursery



SUMMER WOODCHIPPING SERVICE

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.

Free service for Sutherland Shire residents and not for commercial operators or commercial vehicles.

Where: Council Depot, 13-15 Ethell Road, Kirrawee

Upcoming dates (Saturdays, 9:00AM to 3:00PM):

- 2023: 14 Oct, 11 Nov and 9 Dec
- 2024: 13 Jan, 10 Feb and 9 Mar.

Information on what is acceptable and requirements for attending this event:

sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/woodchippingservice



OUR RECYCLING HUBS ARE HERE!

Introducing our new Recycling Hubs at the Council Administration Building at Sutherland and at Caringbah Library! Dispose of batteries, light globes, mobile phones, household cables, and small e-waste (up to 240mmWx130mmH) responsibly.

Let's make a greener impact together! Visit today.



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HAZELHURST

hazelhurst.com.au

IN THE MAIN GALLERY

HAZELHURST ART ON PAPER AWARD 2023

Until Sunday 12 November

The *Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award* is a significant national exhibition featuring works by more than 80 artists, across painting, drawing, printmaking, sculpture, video and photography. With awards totalling \$26,000, the biennial *Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award* aims to elevate the status of work on paper while supporting and promoting artists working with this medium, and showcases outstanding art created with, on or about paper. Open 10:00AM to 4:00PM daily. Free admission.

IN THE BROADHURST GALLERY

THEIR NEXT MOVE: JULIE DONNELLY, JENNIFER JACKSON, MOIRA KIRKWOOD

Fri 6 – Tuesday 17 October

Three artists from the Illawarra acknowledge the importance of the 'unknown' aspect of the artmaking process. *Their Next Move* is the result of stepping out and trusting that creative mystery. The exhibition includes a range of paintings, drawings, mixed media, sculptural pieces and assemblages.

MICHAEL AMBRIANO: GANGUDDY

Friday 20 – Tuesday 31 October

A series of works made in response to an artist residency at Birds Nest near Ganguddy-Dunns Swamp and Cudgegong River near Rylstone NSW, allowing the artist to be immersed physically in nature and explore the relationship between the landscape and their own personal emotions to the environment.

Images L-R (details): Moira Kirkwood *Football Ground in Disarray* 2023, Michael Ambriano *Landscape with Trees* 2023..



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



Images: David Lawrey & Jaki Middleton *Eternal Return* 2023, Winner of the *Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award* 2023.

WHAT'S ON

HAZELHURST MADE BY HAND ART AND DESIGN MARKET

Sunday 8 October, 10:00AM TO 3:00PM

Hazelhurst's annual Made by Hand Art & Design Market features a curated lineup of established and emerging artists, designers and makers from southern Sydney and beyond.

This year's event features more than 80 stallholders showcasing a range of artisan ceramics, jewellery, fashion, textiles, candles, homewares, paintings, photography, stationary and more, all lovingly made by hand. Plus there will be live music by 'The Shy Guys', food trucks and free guided exhibition tours.



ARTIST WORKSHOP WITH MYLYN NGUYEN

Sunday 22 October, 12:00PM TO 3:00PM

Explore the wonderful world of miniatures and model making with *Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award* finalist Mylyn Nguyen. See how the artist crafted her pocket-sized *Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award* entry as she guides you through the creation of your own miniature project. \$120 per person, all materials provided. For ages 16+. Bookings essential.

(below left) Images L-R: Portrait of the artist; Mylyn Nguyen *The day males and new queens leave* (detail) 2022. Courtesy the artist.

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ARTIST WORKSHOP WITH TODD FULLER**Sunday 22 October, 12:00PM TO 3:00PM**

Join award-winning artist and Hazelhurst Art on Paper Award finalist Todd Fuller to create artistic animations with everyday technology. Perfect for artists, emerging animators, HSC students and visual Arts Educators.

\$120 per person. Participants must supply own smartphone or tablet for workshop. For ages 16+. Bookings essential.

Images: L-R: Portrait of the artist; Todd Fuller *No usecrying over ripped lace* (still detail) 2023. Courtesy the artist.

**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. \$10 per child. Suitable for children ages 3-5 years. Bookings essential.

ART ENGAGE**Monday 30 October, 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****Term 4 Art Classes commence Monday 9 October**

There is still time to enrol before Term 4 commences! Embrace the artist within and get creative in our classes for children, teens and adults. All led by qualified teachers who are also practicing artists, there are creative learning opportunities available to suite all tastes. Enrol now online or phone.

**WASTE WISE WORKSHOPS**

FREE workshops for Sutherland Shire residents only. Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/waste for more information. **Bookings are essential.**

IN THE BIN WORKSHOP FOR KIDS – SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKSHOP**Wednesday 4 October, 10:30AM to 11:15AM at Menai Library**

It's never too early to start learning about how to protect the planet by eliminating waste! Children aged 3 to 7 are invited to discover the benefits of avoiding waste, recycling, composting, reusing and sharing. Visit bit.ly/4OctInthebin

HERBS AT HOME WORKSHOP**Tuesday 17 October 2023, 5:30PM to 7:30PM at Menai Library**

Learn how to grow your own herbs at home: save money, reduce food waste, and always have access to delicious, fresh herbs. Visit bit.ly/Herbs17Oct

**...ECO NEWS AND WASTE WISE LIVING continued from page 5****E-WASTE COLLECTION****SATURDAY 21 AND SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER, 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 about which items are accepted, visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Ewaste. Missed the event? Visit recyclingnearyou.com.au/ewastescheme for other eWaste drop off sites.



CHILDREN

CHILDREN'S WEEK EXPO

FRIDAY 27 OCTOBER, 10AM TO 12PM AT CRONULLA CENTRAL

Join us in celebrating Children's Week at this year's Expo, proudly hosted in partnership with Better Connected, Interrelate, and the Sutherland Child and Family Interagency.

This exciting event brings together local service providers and offers a delightful array of fun activities for children. Discover valuable resources while your little ones immerse themselves in a world of enjoyment.

It's a day of connection, education, and, most importantly, celebrating the wonderful children who brighten our lives. Don't miss out on this fantastic opportunity to come together as a community and cherish the magic of childhood. See you there!

sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/childrensweekexpo



EARLY EDUCATION CENTRES RATED EXCEEDING

In a nod to our high standards, two Council Early Education Centres have recently been rated as 'Exceeding' the industry's National Quality Standards. The new ratings for our Hobart Place Illawong and Dianella Street Caringbah centres are a testament to the quality and experience of our Educators and the high standard of care and education provided to children.

All early education and care services undergo the same periodic assessment by The Early Childhood Directorate/NSW Department of Education to ensure they are operating within the national law and regulations. To join an upcoming childcare information webinar, learn about our 11 Early Education Centres or apply for care online, visit **sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/childcare**



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**

SUTHERLAND SHIRE LIBRARIES CUSTOMER SATISFACTION AND SERVICES SURVEY 2023

Tell us what you think of our libraries and enter the draw to win a \$50 gift voucher!*

We want to hear from you so we can understand how we can improve our services, facilities and resources. Take our 2023 Customer Satisfaction and Services Survey and enter the draw to win one of four \$50 gift vouchers (T&Cs apply).

Survey open until **Tuesday 3 October 2023.**



BUSINESS

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION FOR SMALL BUSINESS | BUSINESS SUCCESS SERIES

FREE WEBINAR, WEDNESDAY 4 OCTOBER 12:00PM TO 2:00PM, ONLINE

Learn how your business can harness latest technologies (including AI) to improve efficiency, and drive growth and profitability this #NSWSmallBizMonth. Find out how you can create a culture of innovation within your business and empower your team to keep your business thriving in a competitive marketplace.

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