

OUR SHIRE

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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



MEETING OF TWO CULTURES

MONDAY 29 APRIL AT 10:00M TO 1:00PM

Kamay Botany Bay National Park, Kurnell

This year marks 254 years since first contact between the Gweagal Community and Lt James Cook and his HMB *Endeavour* crew in 1770.

We invite you to a day of meaningful connections and heartfelt experiences. After the official ceremony, stay and enjoy cultural workshops and market stalls. Plus, the BBQ and coffee are on us! This event is our commitment to welcome, honour, and respect the Gweagal community and the significance of our shared history.

Hosted by Sutherland Shire Council and the La Perouse Local Aboriginal Land Council. Visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/MOTC

LIFESAVING LAPS RAISE TWICE THE GOAL FOR CHARITY

Council's beaches and leisure centre lifeguards have raised an amazing \$10,842 for the Starlight Foundation. Taking part in the children's charity's Super Swim Challenge throughout February, they smashed their original goal of \$5,000. Between them they swam more than 857km in our ocean and centre pools.

When they're not swimming to raise money, they're on duty keeping us all safe. Learn more:

- pool safety and rules at our leisure centre pools at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/LifeguardsLeisureCentres
- the role of lifeguards at our beaches at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/LifeguardsOceanBeaches



CENTENARIANS MORNING TEA

TUESDAY 19 JUNE AT 10:00AM TO 11:00AM

Hazelhurst Arts Centre, 782 Kingsway, Gymea

Join us in honouring our cherished centenarians at the 'Celebrating our Centenarians' Morning Tea! As the Mayor's special guests, you can enjoy high tea and an entertaining musical performance as we celebrate those turning 100 (or older) in 2024.

Know someone reaching this incredible milestone? Nominate them to be our esteemed guests of honour! Contact our Events Team at 02 9710 0161 or email shireevents@ssc.nsw.gov.au



Council's lifeguards are active all year, not only summer. The service is complemented off-season with a coastal safety CCTV network, surf education programs and more.

LATEST NEWS

LOCAL HOUSING STRATEGY UPDATE

Planning reforms have been proposed by the NSW Government that may have significant impacts to housing capacity and delivery in local areas. Council has resolved to defer the draft Local Housing Strategy until the impact of the reforms are known. Learn more at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/HS2024



ANZAC DAY

Anzac Day is a time to reflect on extraordinary sacrifices. We honour the many local Australians who have and continue to serve our nation here and abroad. We remember the sacrifices of those who played a critical role in defending our country.

Find a local Anzac Day RSL Sub-branches and Club Marches and services at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/Anzac-Day-2024

Lest we forget.



HAVE YOU GOT THE LIVE TRAFFIC APP?

Did you know the Live Traffic NSW app has a lot more than where traffic is slow? Including weather events, and incidents such as hazard reduction burning?

We recommend this tool to ensure you are aware, prepared and updated during emergencies. We work with Transport for NSW and other authorities to provide local data for Live Traffic.

Get more info or find out where to download the app at livertraffic.com



YOUTH

EXPRESS. EMPOWER. GET LOUD! THIS YOUTH WEEK #NSWYOUTHWEEK IS ON FROM 11 TO 21 APRIL!

Youth Week is an opportunity for young people 12-24 years to:

- express ideas and views
- act on issues that affect their lives
- create and enjoy activities and events.

Our program includes art workshops, skate competition, animal shelter open day, battle of the bands music event and more!

Check out the full Youth Week program at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/youth-week-2024



CHILDREN

WHAT'S ON THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS?

As the days get shorter and weather turns cooler, we've organised some extremely fun stuff for the upcoming Autumn school holidays.

We're talking about free and affordable activities that'll keep them smiling, run by a mix of Council specialists, industry professionals and partnering organisations. Find out more at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/schoolholidays



CHILDCARE VACANCIES

In need of quality childcare? Consider one of our 11 Early Education Centres located throughout Sutherland Shire. Apply now for future care or enquire about current vacancies for children aged 3-5 years in some of our centres. Learn about our programs for infants, toddlers and preschoolers, and apply for care at sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/childcare. For centre tours, phone 02 9710 0466.



IN OUR COMMUNITY

CLOTHES SWAP PARTY

**SATURDAY 18 MAY -
CHECK IN 11:00AM, STARTS 12:00PM**

**Sutherland District Basketball Association,
Waratah Park, Rawson Ave, Sutherland**

Update your wardrobe, save money, and help to fight textile waste! Australia is now the second highest consumer of textiles per person in the world (source: Clean Up Australia Day).

This event is open only to Sutherland Shire residents.

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



DISABILITY ADVOCACY WORKSHOP

3 APRIL 2024 AT 6:30 TO 8:30PM

Tradies Caringbah, 28-30 Banksia Road, Caringbah

Learn how to advocate for yourself and loved ones living with disability.

Join ShireABILITY for a 2-hour workshop to learn the NDIS application processes for yourself or loved ones. Gain insights from trainers with disability, interact with participants, and delve into advocacy and self-advocacy distinctions. Acquire skills for NDIS reviews and appeals.

Open to individuals with disability, their loved ones, and support workers. Register now at go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/DisabilityAdvocacy



SEYMOUR SHAW TENNIS COURTS HAVE BEEN REFRESHED!

We think you're going to 'love' the newly refurbished and repaired playing surfaces at Miranda.

Book a tennis court: go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/tennis

CLUBGRANTS APPLICATIONS OPEN

Local organisations are invited to apply for grant funding for community projects - maximum 2 applications per organisation. Only projects directly benefitting residents of Sutherland Shire will be considered.

Visit the website for eligibility, local priorities and guidelines. The ClubGRANTS Scheme is an initiative of ClubsNSW and the NSW Government and is funded under Category 1 ClubGRANT funding.

Applications close Friday 31 May 2024 and MUST be lodged online: bit.ly/ClubGrantsSuthShire

For more information email communities@ssc.nsw.gov.au or phone 02 9710 0159.



RELAY FOR LIFE

SATURDAY 4 AND SUNDAY 5 MAY 2024

Don Lucas Reserve, Cronulla

The annual Sutherland Shire Relay for Life brings people together to raise money and awareness for cancer research. Participants walk or run around the track at Don Lucas Reserve 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 go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/RFL24



LIBRARIES

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

WHAT'S ON

YARNING CIRCLE WITH UNCLE DEAN

Friday 5 April at 6:00-7:00pm,
Joseph Banks Native Plant Reserve

Learn and connect with First Nations stories and knowledge with local Elder Uncle Dean Kelly. Sit around the fire at sunset while developing a deeper appreciation of First Nations culture. Share an open, inclusive dialogue on the beautiful grounds of Joseph Banks Native Plant Reserve. Suitable for all ages.

FOOD PRESERVING AND PICKLING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 9 April at 5:30-7:30pm, Cronulla Library

See story on page 8.



PLATYPUS REWILDING IN ROYAL NATIONAL PARK

Tuesday 9 April at 6:30-7:30pm
Sutherland Library and Online

Learn about the first-ever Rewilding Project for platypus in NSW, launched in 2023 to reintroduce the species into the park amid threats from habitat destruction and fragmentation. Presented by WWF-Australia Rewilding Program Manager, Rob Brewster.

AUTHOR TALK: STUART COUPE PRESENTS SHAKE SOME ACTION

Thursday 11 April at 6:30-7:30pm
Sutherland Library and Online

Get ready to kick out the jams with Australian music legend, Stuart Coupe. He'll discuss his remarkable life as a music obsessive and how he transformed his passion into a forty-year career.



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

HEALTHY AGEING SEMINAR: STAY STRONG TO KEEP ACTIVE AND PREVENT FALLS

Monday 15 April at 10:30am-12:00pm,
Caringbah Library

At this seminar we'll present options to help support you to maintain independence. Increase your ability to perform everyday tasks like carrying shopping, gardening, playing with your grandchildren, or even continuing sport, travel or motorbike riding.

AUTHOR TALK: KEN MARSLEW PRESENTS MOTIVATED BY MURDER

Tuesday 23 April at 6:30-7:30pm
Sutherland Library and Online

Ken Marslew is an author, father and founder of anti-violence organisation Enough is Enough. He'll share his inspiring account of resilience and unwavering commitment to turn his personal tragedy into a force for positive change.



KIDS SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Various dates and library locations -
bookings open Monday 25 March

Step back in time these school holidays with retro stories, arcade games and crafts at the library!

- Get hooked on knitting with Sylvania Knitting Group.
- Make your bestie a friendship bracelet.
- Experience the magic of theatre-making with Monkey Baa.
- Bring your dad along for a hair styling seminar.

YOUTH WEEK ACTIVITIES AT THE LIBRARIES

Various dates and library locations

Grab your bestie and join us at the library this Youth Week for crafts, workshops and more!

- Put your trivia knowledge of '90s and '00s to the test.
- Discover the art of short story writing with an award-winning author.
- Experience the library after hours at our Glow Party extravaganza.





DRAFT SUTHERLAND SHIRE OVERLAND FLOOD STUDY – CLOSING SOON

We are seeking feedback from our community to help us plan how we keep people and properties safe from the impact of severe, sudden rain, which causes overland flooding. The draft Flood Study is open for community consultation until **31 March**.



PLANNING FOR MARTON PARK, KURNELL

We are reviewing and updating the current masterplan for Marton Park, Kurnell to cater for a renewal of the playground and fitness equipment. Improvements will support active lifestyles now and in the future. We are seeking your feedback as we plan improvements until **4 April**.



ACTIVATING JANNALI TOWN CENTRE

We’re looking at ways to improve Jannali Town Centre. We want to make it a great place for our community to dine, shop, stay, play, and relax. Complete the survey to share your ideas on how to make this shopping precinct even better. Closes **7 April**.



RESOURCES OF THE MONTH

BORROWBOX

Borrow eBooks and audiobooks to access anywhere, anytime on your tablet, phone or computer with this app. Find your next great read by exploring thousands of titles by Australian and International publishers.

NoveList for Kids

Is your child looking for their next favourite read? With NoveList your child’s next read is only a couple of clicks away! With hundreds of recommended titles,

CURRENT CONSULTATIONS

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

SPONSORSHIP POLICIES REVIEW

Council engages in a range of external activities, programs, partnerships and events that contribute towards achieving the outcomes of our Community Strategic Plan. We have reviewed and updated the following Sponsorship Policies and would like your feedback:

- **Sponsorship of Council Programs**
- **Council Sponsorship of Programs and Events by Third Parties**

Consultation open until **7 April**.



FERNTREE RESERVE PLAYGROUND RENEWAL

Exciting news - we’re looking to improve the condition, safety and variety of the play equipment at this playground in Engadine. Share your feedback and ideas before **14 April**.



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IN THE HAZELHURST GALLERY

GEORGE GITTOES: UKRAINE GUERNICA

20 April to 23 June

Hazelhurst Arts Centre is proud to present celebrated Australian artist George Gittoes' newest exhibition *Ukraine Guernica* including collaborations with Hellen Rose and Ukrainian artist Ave Libertatemaveamor. Not long after Russian armed forces invaded Ukraine in February 2022, artist George Gittoes and his partner, musician and performance artist, Hellen Rose, left Australia for Kyiv. During two separate trips to Ukraine, George and Hellen spent time with residents as the cities were being bombed, uncovering their experiences, and documenting the devastated urban and rural landscapes through film, performance, and painting.

Image courtesy George Gittoes.

IN THE BROADHURST GALLERY

VITAL SIGNS: RECENT GRADUATES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF WOLLONGONG

Until 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.

FRIENDS ON SHOW 2024

19 April to 7 May

An annual exhibition by the Friends of Hazelhurst members showcasing a diverse range of artforms. Established in 1995, the Friends of Hazelhurst continue to support Hazelhurst Arts Centre

WHAT'S ON

HAZELHURST / VADEA INSPIRE VISUAL ARTS TEACHERS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Friday 5 April at 8:30am to 4:00pm

Hazelhurst and Visual Arts & Design Association NSW (VADEA) invite primary and secondary teachers to join contemporary artists Todd Fuller and Mylyn Nguyen for two unique artmaking workshops. Explore multi-disciplinary approaches to practice using easily accessible digital, drawing and construction processes that you can take back to the classroom. Cost: \$120.00 VADEA Members, or \$170.00 Non-members. Bookings essential.

GEORGE GITTOES IN CONVERSATION

Saturday 20 April at 12:00pm

Join artist George Gittoes for an insightful in conversation artist talk in the gallery when he discusses his latest exhibition *Ukraine Guernica*. Free event, bookings essential.

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



through events, fundraising, and sponsorship while promoting arts in the southern Sydney region. Images (L to R): Ivy Foxall *Music Memory* (detail), 2023; Liz Donley *Seashore Treasures Urchin*.



LITTLE ART MAKERS

Wednesdays at 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; 6pm Monday, 2pm Thursday and 11am 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+ to join.

SUBSCRIBE TO HAZELHURST EMAIL NEWSLETTER

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

ANIMALS

IS YOUR DOG OR CAT REGISTERED?

In NSW, it's a legal requirement to register your fur baby by the time it hits six months old.

Not sure? Hop onto the NSW Pet Registry to check, update details, and pay online: petregistry.nsw.gov.au

Need a hand? Swing by our Customer Service Centre or schedule an appointment at Sutherland Shire Council Animal Shelter.

For further information about pet registration visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/AnimalRegoOS



ART ENGAGE

Monday 29 April at 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

AUTUMN SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Enrolments open now

There's lots of great programs for children and teens on offer this Autumn school holidays, including Puppety Performance Workshops, Swiftie Stop Motion, Nature Weaving, Anime Style, Creative Coasters and more. Images L to R: Photograph by Flore Vallery-Radot; Image courtesy Rob Cook.

TERM 2 ART CLASSES

Enrolments open now

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.



SHORT COURSES

CERAMIC TECHNIQUES AND SURFACE TREATMENT

Wednesdays 17 April and 24 April at 10:00am to 3:00pm

Join ceramic artist Hayley West for a two-day workshop focusing on wheel throwing and surface treatment. This process focused workshop is perfect for beginner students wanting to develop foundational skills as well as more experienced students wanting to refine and adjust their techniques. Ages 16yrs+. \$200.00, all materials supplied.

JEWELLERY AND ETCHING WORKSHOP

Sunday 21 April at 10:00am to 4:00pm

Join jewellery artist Susanna Strati to learn about etching base metals including brass and copper to create textured surfaces. Then using the etched metal, explore making techniques to fabricate your own wearable jewellery to take home. Suitable for beginner and intermediate students, ages 16yrs+. \$130.00, all materials supplied.

SLAB PLATE AND SLIP DECORATION

Friday 26 April at 10:00am to 2:00pm

Join ceramic artist Trent Roberts to learn hybrid techniques to create plate forms. Explore and experiment with hand building, wheel work and surface decoration, then select up two pieces you've made to go through the firing process. Suitable for beginner and intermediate students, ages 16yrs+. \$80.00, all materials supplied.



ECO NEWS AND WASTE WISE LIVING

BUSHCARE EVENTS IN APRIL

Join us in April for some fresh air and fascinating topics!

- Friday 5 April at 4:30-6:00pm - **Aboriginal bush food walk at Joseph Banks Native Plants Reserve**
- Tuesday 16 April at 5:30-7:00pm - **Greenhills Spotighting (BYO torch)**
- Thursday 18 April at 9:00am-12:00pm - **Edible Weeds Walk**
- Tuesday 23 April at 5:30-7:00pm - **Spotighting at Joseph Banks Native Plants Reserve (BYO torch)** - you might like to arrive early and have a bbq and picnic beforehand!

Spotighting is viewing flora - and hopefully some fauna - by torchlight in the evening!

These events are free and you do not have to be a Bushcare volunteer to come along, but bookings are essential. To learn more and to book visit 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.

FOOD PRESERVING & PICKLING WORKSHOP

Tuesday 9 April 2024 at 5:30pm to 7:30pm, Cronulla Library

Enjoy this unique online workshop - learn about the age-old practice of pickling and preserving to sustainably keep food fresh, while reducing food waste! Visit bit.ly/09AprFoodWaste



BUSINESS

START AND SUCCEED - A BUSINESS CONNECTOR EVENT

WEDNESDAY 3 APRIL AT 5:00 TO 8:00PM

The Pavilion Performing Arts Centre, 30 Eton Street, Sutherland

Get ready to kickstart your entrepreneurial journey at 'Start and Succeed'—Sutherland Shire's premiere business connector event!

Get personalised consultations with experienced business advisors for a comprehensive business health assessment. Discover government resources, and network with local businesses. Meet representatives from federal and state governments, Sutherland Shire Council, business chambers, and educational institutions.

Free event: limited tickets available — secure yours today! Visit go.ssc.nsw.gov.au/StartandSucceed



NATIONAL EUCALYPT DAY

We recently marked National Eucalypt Day with a special planting - three different species of eucalypt saplings in Forbes Creek Reserve, Engadine. This annual day, on 23 March, recognises the important role eucalypts play in our native forests and local urban landscapes. Eucalypts are among the most iconic features of the Australian landscape. They enhance our urban canopy, create shade, counter the urban heat island effect in cooling down the area, and create new habitat for wildlife.

Add one to your garden, with a great range available at our community nursery (sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/nursery); staff can help you find one to suit your property. Residents can also ask that a native tree be planted on their nature strip - visit sutherlandshire.nsw.gov.au/street-trees



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