



Report card on the infrastructure levy

Last year North Sydney's ratepayers agreed to the introduction of a five-year infrastructure levy to fund infrastructure maintenance and new capital works. Twelve months on, how has the money been spent?

The lion's share of the \$1.74 million budget has been spent on the seawalls at Waverton Park, Kurraba Point and Berry Island. Around \$700,000 has been used to repair the sandstone walls at these three locations.

Drainage has also remained a priority, with a further \$500,000 being spent on inspecting the drainage system by video and cleaning, repairing or replacing pipes as required.

Work carried out over the past year includes:

- 1500 square metres of roadway repaired
- 11 bus shelters refurbished
- 65 seats replaced or repaired
- 250 street lights repainted or repaired
- 8 public wharves repaired or upgraded
- 3000 metres of drainage pipes cleaned, repaired or replaced

Council's Director of Engineering and Property Services Greg Cooper said the irony of infrastructure maintenance is that people are more likely to notice its absence rather than it being done well.

"We tend to notice bus shelters or seats if they are dirty or in bad repair but don't give them a second thought if they are clean and in good condition," he said. "Some of this work, such as the drainage program, is invisible to the community.

"However, we can expect to reap the benefits from the drainage program. With well-maintained drainage systems we reduce the likelihood of flooding during heavy rain and we prevent the subsequent damage to our roads."

In 2008-2009 the Council will continue replacing worn-out drainage and repaving roadways, as well as replacing fencing and more bus shelters. Full details of the proposed levy spending for the new financial year can be seen at www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/council under the section Assets & Infrastructure.



From the Mayor



I'm not sure when local democracy began to erode, but it's starting to look like an endangered species. At the time of writing this column, the State Government was hustling sweeping changes to planning law through the NSW parliament at an unseemly rate.

The supposed benefit of this legislation is less red tape for people undertaking small renovations. The downside, not mentioned in the State Government spin, is that development can be approved by private certifiers without neighbours being informed, let alone consulted.

In practice that means your privacy, views or sunlight can disappear without you having a say or being able to negotiate a compromise.

These changes are deeply disturbing because they reflect a trend away from community consultation and participation. Our voice is being lost.

We see it in the State's policies on roads, public transport, urban consolidation and the sale of public assets. No matter what we think, we're told we need to swallow the pill for the good of all.

Too bad if there is more through traffic on your street, you have to stand for 45 minutes on an overcrowded bus or train to get to work, or there isn't enough playing fields for local kids to play sport. That's progress.

In North Sydney, we've had a long and proud tradition of consulting our community and some of our most treasured community assets, such as the North Sydney Community Centre and Kelly's Place Childcare Centre featured in this issue, are the result of local people being heard.

Of course, we can't always have our own way, but our opinions ought to be considered and outcomes negotiated where possible. Participating in the decisions that affect you is not a privilege in a democracy - it is a right. Don't let those rights be whittled away by a State Government that doesn't want you to have your say.

On a related note, the local government elections are scheduled for 13 September this year. We have comprehensive information about the elections on our website, including information for prospective councillors.

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Correcting the record

There have been a number of recent media reports about North Sydney Council that have resulted in misleading information circulating within the community.

First, Council does not provide staff with free parking. A proposal to allow staff to pay the corporate rate for vacant parking was considered, but has not gone ahead. Council officers do not get free parking and do not take up community parking spaces.

Second, Council is not in a poor financial position. The Council has a balanced budget and is debt free. Council officers prepare different financial scenarios as part of the budget process and

councillors are regularly briefed on the options. While there is a need for financial reform across federal, state and local government, North Sydney is financially sound.

Third, the technical errors in the process of making Council's CBD planning controls will not cost Council \$500,000. The exact costs were not available at the time of going to print, but Council expects the costs associated with the court case and re-processing the LEP to be about a third of that figure.

Ratepayers, residents or business owners who have any questions about Council's operations or policies should phone 9936 8100 for more information.

World Youth Day 2008

Thousands of visitors are expected to descend on North Sydney and especially Mary MacKillop Place in Mount Street during World Youth Day Week (WYD08) in mid-July.

Mary MacKillop Place will be hosting events from Saturday 12 July to Tuesday 22 July as part of the celebrations. Mary MacKillop is expected to be Australia's first saint

During this time North Sydney roads will be busier than normal and the RTA is encouraging commuters who drive to work, as well as people who are attending WYD08 celebrations, to leave the car at home and take public transport.

Milsons Point and North Sydney train stations are starting points for the pilgrimage walk to Randwick on Saturday 19 July. There will be significant road closures and changes to public transport on that day.

For public transport information during WYD08, go to www.131500.info or call 131500. For road closures, visit www.rta.com.au

To find out more about WYD08 go to www.wyd2008.org or call the infoline on 1300 993 793. You can also visit the NSW Government's World Youth Day Coordination Authority website at www.wydca.nsw.gov.au

It's official – North Sydney has Australia's best coffee



At Electric Bean, apart from the sumptuous coffee and chocolate aroma, the sweet smell of success is overwhelming. It's not surprising - the café has been awarded best coffee shop/tea room in the prestigious Savour Australia Restaurant & Catering Awards for Excellence.

Owner siblings George Artin and Sonia Artinian say their winning recipe combines exemplary customer service, quality ingredients and no short cuts.

"Some of our customers come from rural NSW and interstate - word of mouth travels far and wide," said Ms Artinian.

You can judge for yourself at Electric Bean, downstairs at 90 Mount St, North Sydney.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2008

Waste – what you need to know



North Sydney Council offers a weekly waste and recycling collection and a fortnightly household waste and green waste collection. Here's what you need to know.

Standard waste

The standard rubbish service is one 56 litre rubbish bin per week for each home.

Occasional excess rubbish stickers are available from Council at a cost of \$4 per 56 litre bin. These stickers must be attached to the extra bin for it to be emptied.

Flat or unit dwellers sharing a 240 litre mobile bin need to buy four stickers, totalling \$16, for each extra 240 litre mobile bin service. Again, the stickers must be attached to the bin.

If you regularly need additional waste collected, you may be able to request a permanent excess rubbish service in return for an additional fee. Please contact Council to discuss this service.

Recycling

Recyclable items are collected on the same schedule as general household rubbish.

Please present your recyclable materials in a black or blue Council recycling crate. Do not use plastic bags. Most units/townhouses have colour-coded mobile bins for recycling.

Black crates and red mobile bins are for plastic bottles, glass bottles and jars, aluminium and steel cans, empty aerosol cans.

Blue crates and blue mobile bins are for newspapers, magazines, flattened cardboard boxes, office paper and envelopes, wrapping paper, junk mail, cereal boxes, books, cardboard tubes, egg cartons, telephone directories and milk and juice cartons.



Do not recycle waxed boxes, pizza boxes or anything that has come into contact with food such as used cling wrap, dirty plastic bags, plastic or polystyrene cups, empty yoghurt containers, plastic egg cartons, butter and margarine containers.

Household and Green waste

Council provides a fortnightly household extra waste and green extra waste collection. This service needs to be booked through the waste hotline 1300 799 019 before 7pm Sunday for collection on the following Monday morning.

Household waste includes items such as clothing, china, furniture, carpet (bundled with string in rolls no greater than 1.2m in length), small appliances, such as microwaves and televisions, and empty paint tins. Small items should be placed in boxes, hessian bags or reusable bins. Up to two cubic metres will be accepted per house and 0.5 cubic metres per unit.

Please let us know when you book the service if you are disposing of white goods such as stoves, washing machines, refrigerators or dryers so that we can ensure the goods go to a scrap metal dealer for recycling.

The following items will not be accepted:

- food scraps
- soils, stones, concrete, building wastes, treated timber and pallets
- liquid waste
- motor vehicle parts (including tyres)
- baths, sinks, toilets, vanities

Green waste includes leaves, grass clippings, plant prunings and tree loppings up to 7.5cm in diameter and 1.2m in length. Green waste must be no more than 2 cubic metres for houses and 0.5 cubic metres for units.

The following green waste items will not be accepted:

- untied prunings, tree stumps and tree loppings exceeding 7.5cm in diameter and 1.2m in length
- building materials, such as timber or bricks
- food waste, including vegetables and fruit
- soils and stones
- green waste stored in plastic or hessian bags

Green waste should be tied in bundles where possible. Loose materials can be placed in cardboard boxes, household bins or mobile bins up to 240 litres. (Cardboard boxes will be returned to your property for reuse or recycling.)

Green waste bins can be purchased from Council. To request a green waste bin, you will need to obtain a form from Council's Customer Service Centre or our website. Fax it to 9936 8177 or post to PO Box 12, North Sydney NSW 2059, marked to the attention of the Parks and Gardens Administration Officer.

Chemical waste

To protect the environment, the Department of Environment and Climate Change provides a free chemical collection service at locations throughout Sydney. This service accepts chemicals such as paint, solvents, pesticides, herbicides and motor oils.

Council publishes a list of the dates, times and location of local collection points on our website. Alternatively you can call the Environment Line on 131 555 between 8.30am and 5pm, Monday to Friday for details of other Sydney locations or visit the CleanOut website at www.cleanout.com.au

Call our
Waste Hotline
1300 799 019
for all waste inquiries.

NYE survey results

The majority of respondents to our NYE survey think the arrangements for the 07/08 New Year's Eve were more effective than the previous year. However, it is clear the celebrations take their toll, particularly on residents who live in foreshore areas.

Overall, 70% of respondents think Council and Police did a better job than in the previous year in managing the behaviour of the tens of thousands of people who flock to the foreshore for the annual celebration. Three quarters of respondents would like to see more bins and toilets in foreshore reserves.

After the 07/08 NYE celebrations 29 tonnes of rubbish were collected which is equivalent to 4142 household bins.

General Manager Penny Holloway said while the response rate to the survey was small, and the statistics had to be viewed with caution, the responses mirrored other positive and negative feedback the Council had received about New Year's Eve.

"Council is aware of the impact revellers have on foreshore residents. We know how unpleasant it is for residents to be over-run by drunk, thoughtless and occasionally violent people. Each year we raise this issue with the State Government and City of Sydney, which sponsor and coordinate the event, and we will continue to do so."

Ms Holloway said that while the Council would consider all the individual comments made when planning for this year's celebrations, not all the issues raised can be easily addressed.

Council has already started planning for this year's event and will work closely with Harbourside Police to improve security. Council will also look into hiring more toilets and bins for this year.



Sign of the times



signs such as Kirribilli House, which sold for \$300, closely followed by North Sydney Leagues Club, Mary MacKillop Place, Kirribilli Wharf and North Sydney Oval.

There were some quirky reasons given for buying a sign. One man bought Education Lane to hang in his teenage son's bedroom in the hope that it might encourage more studious behaviour. Another bought North Sydney Function Centre for his wife, who apparently holds so many dinner parties he feels she puts the real Function Centre to shame!

A postscript to the day was the unexpected appearance of artist Anthony Whyte at the end of the event, offering to take any leftover signs. Anthony works with 'found objects' and regularly submits his work to Sculpture by the Sea, so it's possible North Sydney's street signs will live on as a form of art.

But as Ms Butler says, many of those who bought signs just wanted a memento of their own suburb. "The red and yellow signs were very much a part of local streets and I think people just wanted to capture that before it went forever."

With North Sydney's distinctive red and yellow street signs making way for new high-visibility red and white ones, the North Sydney Community Centre hit on a way to preserve this slice of local history – and raise money for its services.

The Centre held an auction of the old street signs in April, raising more than \$20,000. Auction organiser Lucy Butler said the interest from local residents and collectors in the 400 signs on offer had been overwhelming.

Many of the signs were for sale for \$50, with the more iconic signs going under the hammer of local real estate agents Raine and Horne. Not surprisingly, the biggest interest and bids were for the more famous

The art of change

Changeable Art is giving emerging artists a professional space to display their work and visitors to the North Sydney Market the chance to see an ever-changing gallery.

Finding somewhere to display and sell your work can be a headache for artists just starting out, but the North Sydney Community Centre is helping their cause by providing an exhibition space for a nominal fee.

The Changeable Art space is available monthly

over a weekend and coincides with the market held in Civic Park. The idea is that when customers have browsed the clothing, homewares and craft stalls, they can duck into the Centre for their art fix.

The exhibition space is open to all artists and normally hosts around six individuals' work. For more information about exhibiting in the Changeable Art space, contact the North Sydney Community Centre on 9922 2299.





Online community at Crows Nest

The Crows Nest Centre has a new website to improve its service to clients and help promote local businesses. The idea behind the new site is to speed up the interaction between the Centre and people needing assistance. "It will allow us to respond immediately to requests for help and collect feedback from the public that will help improve services," says Centre CEO Michelle Boston.

A key feature of the new website, which is to be launched this month, is direct access to centre staff so clients can be put quickly in touch with the right service provider.

The Crows Nest Centre provides a range of services including meals-on-wheels, community transport, subsidised podiatry, a home linen service, tai-chi, yoga, movie screenings and bus outings. "We have a busy schedule and at any one time we have up to 1000 clients on our books," explains Michelle.

Another feature of the new website is an advertising section for small business in return for a small donation to the Centre. To find out more log onto the new Crows Nest Centre website at www.crowsnestcentre.org.au or ring the Centre on 9439 5122.

Help at tax time

The Crows Nest Centre is offering residents on incomes of less than \$35,000 a year, the assistance of a qualified tax consultant to help complete tax returns. The service will be available between July and October 2008. Bookings are essential; phone 9439 5122.

New acupuncture service

An acupuncture service is now available at the Crows Nest Centre on Mondays for just \$20 a session! There's no need to book – just drop in to the Centre at 2 Ernest Place, Crows Nest from 9am onwards. Wear casual loose clothing for comfort. For more details contact 9439 5122.



Wellness Centre to open in Milsons Point

North Sydney Council and the Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre (KNC) have formed a partnership to offer counselling and other well-being services in a new purpose-built centre.

The Wellness Centre will open by the middle of this year at the refurbished Bradfield Park Community Centre, next door to Milsons Point railway station. It will be staffed by professional counsellors and other workers specialising in, and promoting, physical and mental health.

KNC Chair Carlie Spencer said the project was an exciting breakthrough. "The Kirribilli Neighbourhood Centre has offered these kinds of services to the public for a number of years, but we've always lacked enough space to properly house and develop them.

"While we will continue to offer well-being services, the Wellness Centre will ultimately become the hub for a wide range of such services for North Sydney residents. We're already working with the Council to secure additional state

and federal funding to widen the scope of services offered."

The Wellness Centre has been funded by the Council at a cost of \$150,000 and will contain an activities room and large meeting space, a telephone counselling area and offices.

Apart from counselling, services to carers and employment readiness programs for young people recovering from mental illness, it will also offer services for non-English speaking migrants and an extension of the Council's popular *Creating Wellbeing* program, which provides an artistic outlet for residents.

Green for the globe



It's not quite a golden globe, but in sustainability circles it's just as good. North Sydney Council has won the inaugural NSW Government Sustainability Green Globe Award for 2008. The prestigious award recognises Council's integrated and holistic approach to sustainability and leadership in this area over the past decade.

In particular, the award recognises Council's commitment to sustainability in all aspects of its operations, including both small and large projects. Some of the major initiatives that contributed to Council winning the award are:

- 3CBDs Greenhouse Initiative, which began in 2000 to support commercial property owners and tenants to reduce their energy use

- St Leonards Park irrigation scheme, which uses recycled storm water to irrigate North Sydney Oval and St Leonards Park
- Energy efficient lighting, heating and equipment installed throughout Council facilities

North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery said Council could not be a leader in sustainability without the support of the North Sydney community. "Our residents are fantastic - they support sustainability as one of the key goals for Council and many contribute time and effort to projects such as bushland rehabilitation. Our businesses are also setting new standards in sustainability."

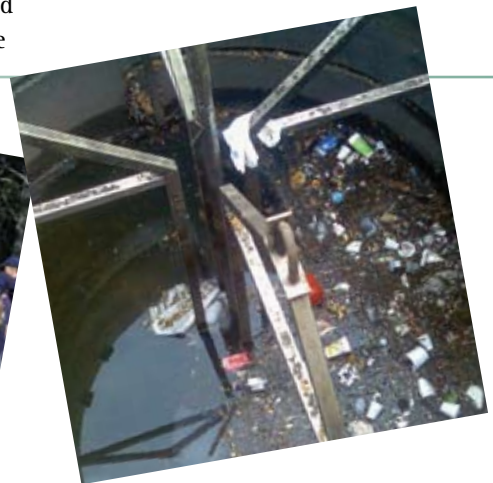
Sustainable Living Workshops

Are you thinking about growing your own vegetables? Confused about green power? Interested in composting and worm farming? Want to make sustainable food choices? Keen to learn about non-toxic cleaning?

If you answered yes to one or more of these questions, then the Sustainable Living Workshops are for you. Council is running a series of free workshops to show the simple things you can do around the home to reduce your impact on the environment. Bookings are essential as places are limited. Phone 9936 8100. See the What's On section on page 12 for locations, dates and times.

Workshop Dates

June	Tues 24	Green Power
	Sat 28	Natural Cleaning
July	Sat 12	No Dig Gardening
	Wed 30	Green Cuisine
August	Sat 9	Gardening with Permaculture
	Sat 23	Composting



Schools learn sustainable ways

Council is helping local schools to become more sustainable through our GreenSchools program, which incorporates grants for sustainability projects and student audits of water, energy, waste and biodiversity issues at their school.

The GreenSchools program also helps schools access funding from other sources and encourages participation in green activities such as National Tree Day, stormwater excursions and workshops.

This year, Eco Schools grants of \$3000 have been awarded to North Sydney Demonstration School, North Sydney Boys High, Loreto College, Kirribilli and Monte Sant' Angelo Mercy College, North Sydney.

Council has also developed activity-based workbooks for primary school students covering issues such as energy and water use, waste and the natural environment. The sustainability education kit was developed in partnership with staff and students from North Sydney Demonstration School and Wenona Junior School and has now been distributed to all local primary schools.



Hayberry Can Too!

Hayberry Precinct is recruiting for its inaugural Can Too Running Team to compete in the Sydney Running Festival in September 2008.

Can Too is a program where professional coaches train people to run or swim in an endurance event while fundraising to support Cure Cancer Australia - an independent foundation for cancer research.

At the Precinct's April meeting, two of Hayberry's Can Too runners, Mondo Jenkins and Julie Macey (pictured), shared their stories to inspire others.

Mondo, a stranger to running and sport in general for 30 years, now has two marathons under his belt and is a mentor for Can Too runners.

Julie, who started running with Can Too for fitness and to support a friend with cancer, has proven that you can start running at any age, without experience.

Anyone who lives or works within Hayberry Precinct (which roughly covers the area of North Sydney between Miller Street, Falcon Street, Pacific Highway and Ridge Street) is welcome to join the running team. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. Visit www.cantoo.org.au for more information.

If you don't want to run but would still like to be involved, you can join the fundraising and cheering squad! Contact Rachelle Tulloch on rachelle@hayberry.org



Plateau's eggstravaganza

If you went down to Green Park on 16 March you would have been in for a big surprise ... because that was the day the Plateau community held its Easter family fun day.

This is the first year the Plateau Precinct has held the event, which featured an Easter Bilby egg hunt, a jumping castle and a Rotary sausage sizzle.

More than 50 people joined in the fun, and organisers say they're hoping to run a similar day next Easter. If you have any suggestions for a future event or would like to know more about the Plateau Precinct, please email plateau.community@gmail.com



News in brief



*Stefanie Jostons,
Director and Ben
White, Teacher*

Kelly's Place

Kelly's Place Childcare Centre in Crows Nest is celebrating 20 years of community-based childcare on Saturday 21 June. Families who have used the centre are invited to reconnect with friends at an open day, between 10am and 2pm.

Director Stefanie Jostons says the open day will be a chance for families to meet up with friends from past times. "Kelly's Place is a parent managed centre, so when families get involved, they tend to get really involved. It becomes part of their life.

"Our open day will be a chance for families to catch up with one another. We're also hoping some of the children who first attended the centre, and who are now in their early 20s, will be able to share their memories."

The open day will include a sausage sizzle, children's activities, performances by the children currently attending



the centre and the official opening of the centre's new cubby house. Past families who want to attend are asked to RSVP to kpcc20@live.com.au

Kelly's Place is a Council-owned centre that is operated independently on a not-for-profit, parent-managed basis. The centre is open from 7.30am to 6pm, providing care for 40 children aged 0 to 5 years.

History comes home



Stanton Library's Heritage Centre has been given two large photograph albums depicting the construction of the Harbour Bridge in the 1920s and workshops on the foreshore of Milsons Point where the North Sydney Olympic Pool and Luna Park are today.

The photos were taken for the English firm Dorman Long and Co of Middlesbrough, the company contracted to build the bridge. It is believed they were given to the consulting engineers Sir Douglas Fox and Partners, whose senior partner Ralph Freeman had a major role in the final design of the bridge.

The albums have survived various engineering company mergers and travelled around the world, before ending up in the offices of Hyder Consulting at North Sydney. Hyder has now generously donated them to North Sydney Council, where they will be cared for as part of the North Sydney Heritage Centre collection.

The albums are two of at least three in which original black and white photographs of the Harbour Bridge construction were pasted and captioned. The images cover work at Milsons Point, Dawes Point and Moruya (where the granite was quarried) between 1925 and 1927.

What's on in North Sydney in Autumn

Markets

2nd Sat every month

North Sydney Market, Civic Park,
Miller Street, North Sydney 9922 2286

3rd Sat every month

Northside Produce Market, Civic Park,
Miller Street, North Sydney 9922 2299

3rd Sat every month

Crows Nest Markets, 2 Ernest Place,
Crows Nest 0412 210 084

4th Sat every month

Kirribilli Markets, Burton Street Tunnel and
Bradfield Park, Milsons Point 9922 4428

2nd Sun every month

Kirribilli Art & Design Markets, Burton Street
Tunnel, Milsons Point 9922 4428



Museums & other places of interest

Sextons Cottage Museum & St Thomas Rest Park

Site of the first burial ground on the
North Shore 9957 1557

North Sydney Heritage Centre

A centre at Stanton Library dedicated to
exhibitions, research and collections of North
Sydney's early history 9936 8400

Nutcote

Former home of children's author and
illustrator May Gibbs, 5 Wallaringa Avenue,
Neutral Bay 9953 4453

Don Bank Museum

The oldest wooden house in North Sydney,
6 Napier Street, North Sydney 9936 8400

Mary MacKillop Place

Tombstone and museum dedicated to the life
of Mary MacKillop, 7 Mount Street, North
Sydney 8912 4878

June Art Prize

The North Sydney Art Prize has been moved forward to June this year, because its usual exhibition space, the Hutley Hall, will be used for local government elections from July to October.

The launch and announcement of winners will take place on Saturday 14 June and an exhibition of selected entries will be held at the Hutley Hall, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney from Sunday 15 June to Tuesday 24 June.

There are two new prizes on offer this year: The May Gibbs' Nutcote Primary School Art Prize and the Salmon Galleries prize for an artist with a disability. The competition offers more than 16 prizes in total, worth more than \$10,000. All categories and prizes are listed on Council's website www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au and entry forms can be downloaded.

This year's art prize will be judged by Tony Tozer, an experienced judge who has taught for many years at the Workshop Art Centre in Willoughby.

Entry is \$15 for adults and \$10 for artists 18 years and under. Only one entry is allowed per artist. Work must be submitted on Friday 6 June between 9am and 5pm. For more information please contact Council's Community Development Department on 9936 8187.



Smily, Georgia Bowery

Arts/Music/Literature

- 4 June *The Art of Lavender Bay* - an exhibition exploring the history and art of Lavender Bay, Don Bank Museum 9936 8400
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- 4 June Bill Coppell Young Writers' Award presentation night, Stanton Library 9936 8400
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- 13 June Creating Wellbeing: *Walking with Cameras* 12.30pm-3pm (free event) 9936 8411
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- 15-24 June North Sydney Art Prize Exhibition, Hutley Hall 9936 8187
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- 29 June Isabella Brierley History Prize, entries close 9955 1921
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- 4 July Creating Wellbeing: Expressive Painting 2pm-4pm (free event) 9936 8411
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- 15 - 20 July World Youth Day activities including Papal Visit, Mary MacKillop Place Celebrations, North Sydney to Randwick walk 9936 8228
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- 25 July Creating Wellbeing: Expressive Painting 2pm-4pm (free event) 9936 8411
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- 16-22 August Children's Book Week - Picnic in the Library (21 August) 9936 8400
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Eco events

- 24 June Green Power workshop, 6.30pm-8.30pm, Supper Room, North Sydney Council RSVP 9936 8100
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- 28 June Natural cleaning workshop, 11am-1pm, Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council RSVP 9936 8100
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- 12 July No Dig Gardening workshop, 11am-1pm, Coal Loader Sustainability Centre, Balls Head Rd, Waverton RSVP 9936 8100
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- 27 July National Tree Day, plantings 9am-12noon, cnr Lambert and Grafton Streets, Cammeray followed by a BBQ, RSVP 9936 8258
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- 30 July Green Cuisine workshop, 6.30pm-8pm Supper Room, North Sydney Council RSVP 9936 8100
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- 9 August Gardening with Permaculture, 2pm-4pm, Coal Loader Sustainability Centre Find out how to create a productive permaculture garden step-by-step and find creative solutions to living a more sustainable life. RSVP 9936 8100
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- 23 August Composting workshop, 11am-1pm Coal Loader Sustainability Centre, Balls Head Rd, Waverton, RSVP 9936 8100
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- 23 August Insights: Aboriginal culture workshop. 9am-12noon, important for bushwalkers and bushcare volunteers. Morning tea provided. RSVP 9936 8258
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Sport

- 22 June Rugby Union match (Australia A v Tonga) at North Sydney Oval. Wallaby fan day at No.2 Oval. For information call 9936 8585
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Guringai Festival

This year's Guringai Festival will run from 26 May to 13 July. The theme is the Year of Apology. On 3 June, Associate Professor Anita Heiss – a popular author, poet and member of the Wiradjuri nation of Central NSW – will speak at Stanton Library from 1pm. Dr Heiss's books include *Not meeting Mr Right, I'm not racist, but...* and *Sacred cows*. For more information phone 9936 8417.

Lane Cove Council is hosting Caring for Country, Caring for Community on 1 July, from 7pm to 9.30pm in the Lane Cove Civic Centre, 48 Longueville Road, Lane Cove. Speakers will be David Watts, Manager, Aboriginal Heritage Office and Sue Pinckham, Project Officer, Aboriginal Social Plan. For further information phone 9428 1197.
