



## Climate Conscious take the Challenge

In an unprecedented display of support for climate change action, North Sydney residents have set a new record for the highest number of climate challenge participants in one region.

At the time of writing, 544 local households had joined the free community program that offers simple, practical ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Armed with a Climate Challenge Passbook filled with energy saving steps, participants awarded themselves stars for taking actions that reduced their carbon footprint. Those who earned 35 stars by the Awards Night on 17 June had officially completed the 14 week challenge.

Beatriz Carrillo of Kirribilli said: "We are now more conscious of turning off the lights if we are not in a room, and saving water by taking shorter showers and doing the washing only when we have a full load. A few months ago we also stopped using our second fridge, and we've more than halved our electricity usage!"

Crows Nest mother of two Jane Greenop made one 'green change' per week. "I got

the whole family involved. My youngest daughter Lizzie helped me with planting our new vegetable garden, while my husband switched our energy supply to 100 per cent Green Power and helped install our solar hot water system."

Paul Falzon of St Leonards has been focused on saving electricity. "I bought a clothes drying rack as my apartment complex doesn't have a clothes line. Now I rarely use the dryer. I'm also being more thoughtful about how often I use the air conditioner."

The North Sydney Climate Challenge is an initiative of the Nature Conservation Council, delivered in partnership with North Sydney Council. For more on the Climate Challenge and actions you can take to reduce your carbon footprint visit [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/sustainability](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/sustainability)

### Climate Challenge tips:

- Switch to energy efficient light bulbs
- Turn off appliances at the power point
- Put on a jumper instead of the heater
- Take shorter showers



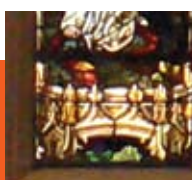
## Sustainable Technology Savings

North Sydney Council has teamed up with neighbouring councils to provide a one-stop-shop of suppliers for energy and water saving products.

The participating councils have negotiated great prices on a range of water- and energy-saving products, including solar hot water and heat pumps, rainwater tanks, Green Power and photovoltaic (PV) systems.

To find out more about the discounts on offer, contact Fiona Shadbolt, Sustainability Programs Coordinator, on 9936 8100 or visit [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/environmentnews](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/environmentnews)

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# From the Mayor



I was pleased with the results of Council’s customer satisfaction survey in February. Overall, 89% of residents and 72% of businesses are satisfied with our services. A result of 70-something is considered good for surveys of this kind so 89% is a high distinction effort.

The survey has helped me keep perspective on the mountain of individual feedback we have received through our 2020 Vision and rate rise consultations. At the time of writing, consultation about rates was still underway, so I can’t comment here on the outcome.

But I would like to share with you some of the different perspectives that were voiced. For instance, several people told us that they didn’t use services such as public events, the library, pool, immunisation or community centres and they certainly didn’t want to pay for them.

Some said that while they liked these services, in recessionary times everyone has to tighten their belts, and if services have to go, so be it. Still others pleaded with us not to cut these services as they were an important part of their life and contributed to their well-being.

The same extremes came through our customer satisfaction survey. There’s no surprise that parking was the hot issue - I hate it when I can’t find a park or cop a fine too! A third of our survey respondents were unhappy with the way Council manages parking. But half think we have too many restrictions and the other half don’t think we have enough!

Who is right on these issues? No doubt, you’ll have your view. But the myriad of responses has reminded me once again that local government is the art of compromise.

The word compromise can have pejorative overtones, as if finding a middle road is the worst, not best solution. But balancing the different needs of different groups within our community is a constant challenge and, yes, it does require compromise.

I’m glad North Sydney has a tradition of consultation and healthy debate. I’m glad that people have been able to express their views freely and robustly. A debate of ideas is one of the foundations of our democracy. Living with tolerance is another.

My hope is that we will continue to debate and to compromise with good grace, so that North Sydney remains a fair, tolerant and happy place to live.

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# Military Road under threat

The RTA has advised Council of its intention to extend the clearway on Military Road to 7.30pm each evening, removing 61 parking spaces, and to install a tidal flow scheme, removing 30 parking spaces. At the time of writing, the Mayor and General Manager had met with the Minister for Roads' Chief of Staff at the RTA but had not received a follow-up response.

Mayor Genia McCaffery said the Council would be working closely with the Neutral Bay, Cremorne and North Sydney Chambers of Commerce to stop the changes going ahead. "In other areas where parking has been sacrificed for traffic, the strip shopping centres have become unviable.

"When parking is removed, vehicles naturally speed up, which in turn makes the footpath unpleasant for pedestrians. We don't want Military Road to become another Parramatta Road, with high concrete

barriers along the footpath and empty, vandalised shops."

Council's Traffic Engineer Cathy Edwards-Davis said that extending the clearway and reducing parking will save just two minutes for bus commuters. "Adjusting Military Road will not solve the transport problem to the northern beaches peninsula. Any gain will be quickly lost with vehicles attracted from parallel road corridors and the next population growth on the peninsula.

"The RTA proposes to push shopper parking back into residential streets. This will make parking even more difficult for residents and their visitors."

Watch Council's website to see how you can be part of this campaign.



## New date for 2020 Vision

Council has delayed placing its strategic plan, 2020 Vision, on public exhibition to allow it to be integrated with the State Government's proposed Integrated Planning and Reporting System for NSW Local Government. 2020 Vision will now go on exhibition in Spring.

More than 850 individuals, community groups and organisations have participated in the review of the plan, identifying what they most value and what they would like to see changed in North Sydney.

The emerging priorities identified so far are:

- preserving our natural environment
- enhancing our suburbs and villages
- improving transport (incl. traffic/parking)
- promoting and improving the NS CBD
- focusing on the wider business community
- expanding recreation and leisure opportunities and facilities
- enhancing sense of community
- improving access to community services and facilities
- promoting North Sydney's heritage, history and culture
- improving infrastructure (old/new)
- promoting civic leadership

To receive updates on the 2020 Vision review, send an email to [2020@northsydney.nsw.gov.au](mailto:2020@northsydney.nsw.gov.au)

## Harbourlink study funded

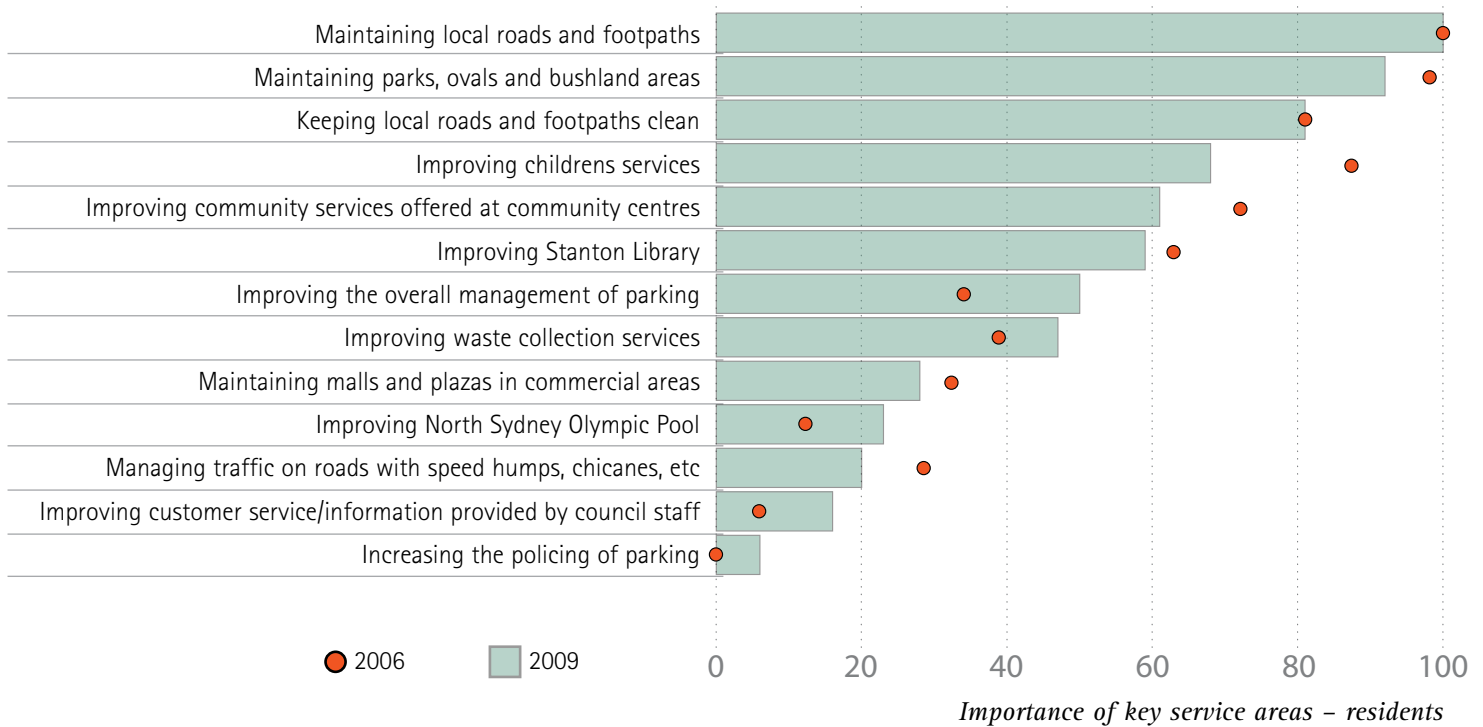
The Department of Environment & Climate Change (DECC) has given Council \$50,000 to fund a viability study and demand analysis for our Harbourlink project.

The Harbourlink concept is for an elevated path, with minimal grade, spanning approximately 2km from the deck level of the Sydney Harbour Bridge to St Leonards Park and Falcon Street along the

Warringah Freeway corridor. The pathway would be used by both pedestrians and cyclists.

The Harbourlink path will bypass the steep topography, complex routes and congestion of the North Sydney CBD and link Sydney's south, east and west with northern regional cycleways and pedestrian routes.





# Customer satisfaction Survey

An independent customer satisfaction survey shows 89% of residents are satisfied with Council’s overall performance, up from 87% in 2006, and 86% in 2004. Only 5% of residential respondents were dissatisfied with Council services overall.

Among businesses, 72% were satisfied, down from 77% last survey, but still well above the 2004 result of 61%. Only 13% expressed dissatisfaction with Council services overall.

Woolcott Research, which conducted the customer satisfaction survey on behalf of Council, contacted 400 residents and 200 businesses by telephone during February. The survey sought feedback on a range of services, including customer service, roads and footpaths, parks, community services and facilities, waste collection, and communication.

Among residents, the service areas with the highest levels of satisfaction were:

- maintenance of parks, ovals and bushland areas (87%)
- appearance of local village centres (82%)
- waste collection services (80%)
- maintenance of malls and plazas in commercial areas (80%) and
- cleanliness of roads and footpaths (78%)

The areas with the highest level of satisfaction among businesses were:

- maintenance of parks, ovals and bushland areas (85%)
- appearance of public spaces in the CBD (78%)
- appearance of commercial streetscapes (78%)
- maintenance of roads and footpaths (76%)

Both residents and businesses ranked maintenance and cleanliness of roads, footpaths and parks as most important. The main priority for additional funding for both the residential and business sectors was the overall management of parking. Respondents said there was not enough parking and there were too many restrictions.

General Manager Penny Holloway said the Council was pleased with the positive results and aware of the community’s frustrations over parking. “Between 1991 and 2006, North Sydney’s population increased by 16% while car ownership jumped 32% so there is ever-increasing demand for limited parking spaces.

“Unfortunately, there is no consensus on how to solve this issue. Businesses would like fewer restrictions on parking, while residents would like more so that commuters don’t park out their streets.

“Similarly, when we asked about policing of parking, we found 32% of our residents are dissatisfied with how we are managing the task. But of these, a third believe we over-police and a third would like more policing.

“Parking and transport has also arisen as a key issue in our 2020 Vision consultation. Council will continue to work with both the business and residential communities to maximise the amount of parking available in North Sydney and to ensure there is turnover in commercial areas.”

The full survey results are on Council’s website [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au)

# Green Business, Saving Energy

Since its launch on 12 May, Council's Green Business - Energy Saving Program has signed up 116 local businesses and more are invited. The program, which is being run in conjunction with Global Sustainability Initiatives (GSI), helps businesses reduce energy bills, while minimising greenhouse gas emissions.

North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery said: "The program is designed to make energy efficiency easy for busy small business owners. It is a one-stop-shop for energy audits, discounted purchase and installation of energy-saving equipment, as well as ongoing energy monitoring."

GSI is partnering with the Department of Environment to make reducing power bills and carbon pollution even more affordable for small business. Eligible businesses can qualify for rebates of up to \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of energy-saving equipment.

For more information, or to register for the program, contact Larissa Miller, Environmental Management Officer on 9936 8363, or visit Council's website and click on environment news.



## Case Study: HALO BRIDAL

For the owner of Halo Bridal at Crows Nest, it is easy, and profitable, being green. A former engineer, Oliver Yu said he jumped at the chance to join Council's Green Business Energy Saving program because it enables him to save more than energy and money.

"Definitely, saving money is important, but I also know it is good for the environment, good for the whole earth," he said. "Lighting is the major energy cost for our business, but with the Green Business Energy Saving program I've cut my energy bill considerably and the savings will only increase over time. I think every business should consider the program and work out how useful it can be."



## Community planting

Join North Sydney's green thumbs on Sunday 2 August at Primrose Park, Cremorne for national tree planting day. The planting will start at 9am and wrap up at about 11:30am, when a free BBQ will be provided for all volunteers.

Council is also supporting school tree planting day on Friday 31 July by supplying plants to participating schools. For more information contact the Bushland Management Coordinator on 9936 8100.

## Saving on a rainy day

Six steel water tanks are collecting rain water at Council's central depot. The four 14,000 litre tanks and two 28,000 litre tanks complement the existing 27,000 litre plastic tank in the wash down bay.

With almost the entire roof area of the depot now connected to the system, it needs little more than 25mm of rain to fill the tanks. The water is used to flush toilets and fill sweepers and cleaning vehicles.



## Our Schools Go Green

Seven schools have won Council grants to fund environmental projects this year. They are: Monte Sant Angelo Mercy College, Neutral Bay Public School, North Sydney Boys High, North Sydney Demonstration School, North Sydney Girls High, St Aloysius' College Junior School, and St Mary's Primary School.

The projects include producing environmental documentaries, recycling depots, composting units and worm farms, weed removal, planting native gardens and writing School Environmental Management Plans. Visit [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/sustainability](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/sustainability) for information on how your school can get involved next year.

*Monte Sant Angelo Mercy College students and their eco sanctuary and pond, built with a 2008 Green Schools Grant*



# Centenary of a Saint

Next month thousands of people will visit North Sydney, home of Australia's first saint.



*Sister Brigette of the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart*

Up to 10,000 people are expected to attend a memorial mass on Saturday 8 August to mark the centenary of Mary MacKillop's death. The mass will be held in St Mary's Catholic Church North Sydney, where Mary's funeral was held, and will be broadcast to North Sydney Oval.

Entry to the church is by invitation, but all are welcome to the Oval where the mass will be shown on a large screen, starting at 11am.



At Mary MacKillop Place, the chapel and Mary's tomb will be open from 8am until 6.30pm. The museum, gift shop and café will be open from 8.30am until 5pm. A free shuttle bus will be available to take less able people from the Oval to Mary MacKillop Place after the mass.

As part of the centenary celebrations, Mary MacKillop Place will hold a community open weekend on 15 and 16 August from 10am. Visitors will be able to learn Mary's story with a guided tour through a new interactive exhibition.

Other entertainment includes music from the '20s and '30s, played on the gramophone in historic Alma Cottage, and roaming musicians. An exhibition of contemporary art works by Veronica Dimac, entitled *Love Beyond Borders*, will be on display in the school house. Refreshments will be served in the grounds. Entry to the museum on 8 August and the following open weekend will be free.

Sister Brigette Sipa, Director of Mission at Mary MacKillop Place, said the anniversary of Mary's death always attracts a significant increase in visitors. "Each year on the eighth of August we have up to 5,000 people coming to mass here and spending time in prayer at Mary's tomb. We expect many more will want to be part of the celebrations this year. We hope that during our open weekends in August people will feel they can venture in and talk to the sisters and volunteers."

Sister Brigette said the Sisters of St Joseph of the Sacred Heart were using the centenary year to reflect on and celebrate their ministries. The Sisters of St Joseph have an international ministry supporting poor communities in Peru, Brazil and East Timor. Within Australia, the sisters work in education, social work and health, with indigenous communities and in parishes in rural and urban areas.



## Who is Mary MacKillop?

Mary MacKillop founded the Sisters of St Joseph in 1866 with a ministry dedicated to educating the children of the poor. The order expanded across Australia, extending its ministry to orphaned and neglected children, and homeless and destitute people of all ages. Mary met opposition from some people within the Catholic Church and for a period was exiled from the Church.



She was beatified (declared a saint within Australia) in 1995, when her first miracle, the healing of a woman with leukaemia, was formally recognised. A second miracle is required for her to be canonised as a saint worldwide. Investigations into the second miracle are currently being examined by the Vatican.

## A Hidden Oasis

Mary MacKillop Place in Mount Street, North Sydney is an unexpected oasis of tranquility and hospitality in the heart of a busy CBD. The convent was the home of Mary MacKillop in the final years of her life. It now operates as a centre for conferences and retreats, with a focus on hospitality. The café is open from 8am to 4pm, Monday to Friday and from 10am to 4pm on weekends.

Sister Brigette, who moved to Mary MacKillop Place last year from a position as principal of a South Australian school, said she had been inspired by the faith of the people who visit the centre looking for spiritual, physical or emotional healing.

“This is a very special place. There is a sense of spirituality and sacredness that attracts not just Catholic people, but people of other faiths who sense that Mary can intercede for them. A book of recorded intentions is presented as part of the liturgy each week.”

## Catholic Connections

The stories of the Catholic community who settled in North Sydney from the mid-19th century are being documented in an exhibition at Council’s Don Bank Museum. The exhibition focuses on the strong ties which bound together North Sydney’s early Catholic residents. It explores the history of the Catholic schools established in the area and the teaching career of Jeremiah Crowley who started teaching at a small parish school in Mount Street and became an advocate for Catholic rights and education.

Curator Sue Shaw said Don Bank Museum was a fitting venue for the exhibition. “Don Bank was the home of the White family for 50 years. James White, an Irish Catholic, was the first member of the family to arrive in St Leonards Township, now known as North Sydney. He took an active role in the Catholic church and worked as a collector for Father Powell, the first parish priest. James and his wife Johanna had their children baptised at St Mary’s Church.”

Don Bank Museum is at 6 Napier Street, North Sydney and is open from 1pm to 4pm every Wednesday and Sunday. The exhibition opens on 8 August and will run until 13 December. Sue Shaw will conduct a free exhibition tour and talk on Sunday 16 August at 11am. Bookings are essential; phone 9936 8413.



# No need to book



The tough economic climate is making Stanton Library more popular than ever. As people tighten their belts, they're choosing to borrow books rather than buy them.

In the first three months of this year, there were 13% more visitors to Stanton Library and 6,500 more books borrowed than in the same period last year. Another 1,460 new members have joined the library.

Apart from borrowing books, what else can you do at Stanton that won't break the budget or better still, is free?

## A-K guide to Stanton services

### Audio visual equipment

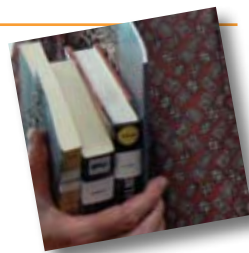
DVD players are located on the ground floor and in the youth area on the lower ground floor. Only movies up to M rating may be watched in the library. Video and CD players are also available.

### Authors

The Writers at Stanton program, conducted in partnership with the Constant Reader Bookshop, attracts a mix of well-known and first-time authors. Writers discuss their latest work and field questions from the audience. The *Sydney Morning Herald* has named it one of Sydney's top five library events.

### Books

Stanton offers a wide range of fiction and non-fiction books, including a specialist collection of architecture and craft titles. For vision-impaired people there are large print books and talking books on CD.



### Children's activities

Storytelling for children and parents/carers is held weekly on Tuesday and Wednesday at 11am. All sessions are held on the lower ground floor and consist of stories, films and craft. There are also special Lapsit groups for babies and school holiday activities programs for students.

### Databases

- ABI Inform – useful for business and management research
- North Sydney Council Heritage Database

- ANZ Reference/Masterfile Premier – Australia and New Zealand specific magazines, newspapers and news wires, reference books, and company information
- Australian Architecture Database (ARCH)
- Consumer Health Complete
- Health and Wellness Resource Centre
- Literary Reference Centre
- History Reference Centre
- Standards Australia online
- Science Resource Centre
- Encyclopaedia Britannica Online
- Factiva – for researching news and business information

### Events

The library hosts events to mark special weeks such as mental health week and the Guringai Festival, as well as specialist guest speakers on subjects such as law or medicine.

### Finding what you want

Staff are available at the information desk to answer your inquiries, help you find reference material or point you in the right direction.

Free tours of the library last about 45 minutes and include an overview of local studies, newspapers and journals, reference, loan collections, internet, CD-ROM and catalogue facilities.

### Groups

Six literature groups meet in the library and expressions of interest are currently being sought for a business book group. The groups choose the books they discuss at their first meeting and enjoy lively discussions on a different book each month. The library is interested in establishing other groups if there is enough community interest.

## Heritage Centre

The North Sydney Heritage Centre contains local heritage collections: local studies resources, oral history interviews, council and community archives, as well as image libraries of historic pictures, building applications, plaques and public art. The centre hosts regular exhibitions and staff members with expertise in local studies are available to assist with enquiries from 1pm to 5pm, Monday to Saturday.

Heritage Centre staff conduct walking tours during history and heritage weeks each year, providing participants with an abundance of historical information about an area. Walking tours usually last two hours. Free databases on local history (including photos, costumes, the origin of local place names) are available through Council's website.



## Home library service

Residents who are housebound due to frailty or disability can join the home library service. Library staff will select and deliver books to your home every four weeks. A delivery service is available to frail or disabled borrowers who wish to visit the library but need assistance getting books or other resources home.

## Internet & computer access

There are dedicated internet terminals in the adult, youth and children's areas of the library. The internet is also available on the library computer catalogues, but priority is given to people who want to search the catalogue for books. Introductory and intermediate courses are held regularly.

An Open Book PC is available for people with sight impairment. It enables people to scan and

then listen to the written word. This PC also has a typing tutorial available.

## Justices of the Peace

Justices of the Peace are rostered on the information desk at certain times throughout the day. Phone ahead to check when a JP will be available. If you have more than 10 documents to be witnessed, you will need to make an appointment.

## Knitting group

Knitters meet every two weeks in the colder months and the hardcore yarn-obsessed get together more frequently, even in summer!



**Stanton Library, 234 Miller Street, North Sydney, 9936 8400**  
**Opening hours:** Monday to Thursday, 9am – 9pm  
Friday, 9am – 6pm  
Saturday & Sunday, 10am – 5pm



Cahill Playground in Crows Nest has been transformed into a toddlers' wonderland, with the help of students from North Sydney Demonstration School, Neutral Bay Public School and St Aloysius College who made colourful murals to accompany the wildlife wetlands play equipment, which includes a safari truck and hut with binoculars to spot the larger than life frogs and crocs.

## Winter workouts at Lane 9

Lane 9 Gym is now offering body pump, pilates and yoga classes from Monday to Saturday. Early classes start at 6.30am and last class for the day is 7pm. The class schedule is updated on Council's website each week.

Health and Fitness Coordinator Holly Keir said attending classes is a great way to keep motivated. "Some people find it difficult to maintain a fitness regimen, especially when the weather gets cooler. Attending an exercise class can add a bit of variety to your work-out and the instructors encourage you to get the most from your exercise sessions.

"Lane 9 also offers personal training for people who find it easier to make appointments. Of course, some people just prefer to be flexible and they can arrive at any time and choose from the wide range of equipment we have."

Lane 9's equipment includes:

- weights, dumbbells, barbells, pin-loaded and hydraulic strength training machines.
- cardio equipment such as elliptical cross trainers, steppers, concept 2 rowers, treadmills, seated and recumbent bikes
- Free-to-air and Foxtel TV screens with FM transmission for private listening.

## New Immunisation Day

Free immunisation clinics are now held on the second Wednesday of the month (formerly second Thursday of the month). Dates for 2009: 8 July, 12 August, 9 September, 14 October, 11 November, 9 December.

Clinics are held at the Hutley Hall, Council Chambers, from 9.30am to 11.30am. Medicare card holders only.

## HMAS Platypus Plan

The Department of Defence and Sydney Harbour Federation Trust have agreed on how to clean up the HMAS Platypus site, paving the way for the site to be returned to the community.

A draft plan recommends the remediation of contaminated soil and the rehabilitation of the site and buildings to create a sequence of urban waterfront squares, terraced gardens and pedestrian links with adjacent foreshore areas.

Importantly, the plan allows for contaminated material to be removed by barge, rather than by truck as originally proposed. The two-year project, expected to cost \$46 million, will be funded by the Federal Government and managed by the Trust.

## New opening hours

Council's Customer Service Centre will have new opening hours from August, opening at 9am and closing at 5pm, Monday to Friday. The change in hours reflects the changing demand for customer service.

With 30,000 people now visiting Council's website each month and more on-line services available, there are fewer people needing to visit Council in person. The slightly shorter hours will increase staff availability and reduce waiting times at peak periods during the day.



### COMPLIMENTARY VISIT



Present this coupon for a free introductory visit to Lane 9 Gymnasium - a **brehtaking experience**. (Gym/pool/spa/sauna inclusive.)

Offer is limited to one free visit per person and excludes classes.

Offer valid to 31/7/09

# What's on in North Sydney this Winter

## Markets

2nd Sat every month

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

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3rd Sat every month

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

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3rd Sat every month

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

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4th Sat every month

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

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2nd Sun every month

Kirribilli Art & Design Market, Burton Street  
Tunnel, and Vintage Quarter Market, Bradfield  
Park, Milsons Point 9922 4428

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## Museums & other places of interest

### Sextons Cottage Museum & St Thomas Rest Park

Site of the first burial ground on the  
North Shore 9936 8400

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### North Sydney Heritage Centre

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

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### Nutcote

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

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### Don Bank Museum

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

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### Mary MacKillop Place

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of Mary MacKillop, 7 Mount Street, North  
Sydney 8912 4878

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## Our Panorama!

Photographs from the North Sydney  
Heritage Centre Collection



The North Sydney Heritage Centre is currently exhibiting original prints of North Sydney from its collection. The photos were taken by both well-known and lesser-known photographers, including Nicholas Caire, Melvin Vaniman, Charles Bayliss, Robin Cale and Falcon Studios.

The exhibition, entitled *Our Panorama*, runs until 5 October. The North Sydney Heritage Centre is on Level 1 of Stanton Library, 234 Miller Street, North Sydney. Opening hours: Monday to Thursday 9am-9pm, Friday 9am-6pm, Saturday and Sunday 10am-5pm. Entry is free.



## Art Prize Launch

You're invited to the launch of the North Sydney Art Prize on 18 July at 2.30pm at the Hutley Hall, Council Chambers.

The theme of the exhibition is North Sydney – its people, landscape, character and spirit. The exhibition will run until 28 July at the Hutley Hall, 10am-4pm weekdays and 12pm-4pm weekends.

## Arts/Music/Literature

- 19-28 July North Sydney Art Prize Exhibition  
Hutley Hall 9936 8192
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- 24 July Creating Wellbeing: Creative Painting  
2pm-4pm (free event) 9936 8411
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- 8 August Mary MacKillop centenary celebrations and pilgrimage to Mary MacKillop Place  
8912 4878
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- 14 August Creating Wellbeing: Walking with Cameras  
11am-3pm (free event) 9936 8411
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- 15 & 16 August Mary MacKillop Place Open Weekend. Free entry to the museum 8912 4878
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- 22-28 August Children's Book Week book safari at Stanton Library 9936 8400
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- 27 August Picnic in the Library, Stanton Library 9936 8400
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- 5-13 Sept History Week Scandals, Crime and Corruption activities at Stanton Library 9936 8400
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- 11 Sept Creating Wellbeing: Creative Painting  
2pm-4pm (free event) 9936 8411
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- 13 Sept - 18 Oct Weekly Spring into Jazz concerts, check [www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au](http://www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au) for venue and artists closer to date
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- 2 Oct Creating Wellbeing: Creative Painting  
2pm-4pm (free event) 9936 8411
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- 5-9 Oct Mental Health Week, 9936 8400 Stanton Library, 9439 5122 Crows Nest Centre
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- 12-16 Oct Carers Week, Bradfield Park Community Centre 8920 0675
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- 18 Oct - mid Dec Royal Art Society of NSW exhibition  
Don Bank Museum 9936 8400
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- 18 Oct Crows Nest Fair, Willoughby Rd, Crows Nest 9439 8220
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- 24 Oct Children's Festival, Civic Park 9936 8187
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- 29 Oct Stanton Library's Children's Halloween Party, Bookings essential 9936 8400

30 Oct Creating Wellbeing: Creative Painting  
2pm-4pm (free event) 9936 8411

## Eco events

- 11 July Worm Farming/Composting 11am-1pm  
Ros Crichton Pavilion RSVP 9936 8100
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- 18 July Rainwater Tanks 10am-11am Ros Crichton Pavilion, North Sydney Council RSVP 9936 8100
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- 11 August Solar Power 6.30pm-8pm Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council RSVP 9936 8100
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- 15 August No Dig Garden 11am-1pm Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council RSVP 9936 8100
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- 5 Sept Bike Smart 10am-12:30pm Hutley Hall, North Sydney Council RSVP 9936 8100
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- 19 Sept Herb Spiral 11am-1pm Ros Crichton Pavilion RSVP 9936 8100

## Guringai Festival 2009

More than 40 events sharing and showcasing Aboriginal culture across the northern Sydney area – the traditional homelands of the Guringai people – have been planned for this year's Guringai Festival. The theme of the festival, which runs until 12 July, is Star Dreaming, to coincide with the Year of Astronomy. For details of events visit [www.guringaifestival.com.au](http://www.guringaifestival.com.au)



Next year will be the 10th anniversary of the festival and Council is seeking involvement from local Aboriginal community members to join in planning the event.

If you are interested in joining North Sydney's planning committee please phone Narelle Spooner on 9936 8187.

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