



New centre for occasional care

The small customers of Cammeray Occasional Care (COC) have their own “home away from home” in their new spacious accommodation on Green Park. COC looks after more than 20 children, mostly aged between two and three, on a short-term basis, allowing parents or carers time to shop or attend appointments.

Committee president Amelia Feetham said the service had outgrown its old premises in a church hall. “We had quite nice outdoor facilities, but the inside area was tired and small. The size of this new space, and the light, are just phenomenal.”

COC director Annetta Arrabalde said the huge windows looking out over the trees and greenery were magnificent. “Council has made this centre very beautiful for us.”

Council’s Director of Community and Library Services, Martin Ellis, said Council had used developer contributions to carry out major renovations to the Kendall Community Centre, to provide new accommodation for the childcare service.

“We had a bit of juggling to do to accommodate the group and we had a lot of help from the Department of Community Services.”

The redesigned centre includes two new outdoor play areas, a cot room, children’s bathrooms, additional storage, a staff room and an office.

Mrs Feetham said the spaciousness meant that all the toys could be kept out at the same time, instead of having to be put away to provide room for meal times or other activities. “We now have permanent eating areas and playing areas; it’s like a home away from home for the kids which is really nice.”

The centre is available in the evenings for other groups and functions, and remains home to the Cammeray Play Group on Wednesday mornings.

North Sydney Mayor Genia McCaffery formally opened the new facility in late July. She commended the architects and planners on the fantastic renovations. “Green Park, with its trees and view of the golf course, is a magnificent site but this building, which has been added to three times over its life, was a bit of a nightmare. The transformation is just incredible.”

Left: Amelia Feetham and Annetta Arrabalde



From the Mayor



I usually try to steer away from political issues in this column, but the State Government's move to centralise planning power has my dander up and I can't let it go unchallenged. If you haven't heard, the Minister for Planning has announced changes that allow him to call in development applications and to appoint a planning administrator or assessment panel with no reference to local councils or their communities.

To you, this may not seem such a bad thing. If you've ever renovated your house, you may well feel the development application process is too slow and cumbersome. However, if you have been adversely affected by someone else's development, you'll know why I am concerned.

In low-density areas, renovations and new developments usually make little difference to neighbours. In such areas, adding an additional bedroom should be a straightforward exercise. But in medium and high-density areas, such as North Sydney, the same renovation can affect a neighbour's light or privacy significantly. Larger scale developments can also affect amenity through noise, traffic, and pressure on parking, public transport and community facilities such as sporting fields.

The State Government has said Sydney must continue to grow, but in stripping councils of their planning powers to achieve

this aim, they are listening to just one stakeholder. Property developers may take a financial risk in the first instance, but they are not around to mop up the ramifications of poor development.

I would have more sympathy for the State Government's position if it were accompanied by visionary plans for rethinking transport and infrastructure in Sydney. On this issue, however, the Minister for Planning is strangely silent.

I would also have more sympathy if the Government stopped treating all development and all communities as identical. The development applications that take time are usually complex and they require negotiation and compromise on both sides to get the best possible result. The current Government approach does not appear to value consultation and negotiation.

Perhaps we Sydneysiders are now too busy, too tired or too cynical to fight for the right of our local communities to be self-determining about how and where they are developed.

I'm sure many of you will remember Joni Mitchell's well-known lyric "don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got til it's gone". Sadly, I think for residents in many Sydney suburbs – including some in the North Sydney local government area - this may soon be true.

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Good wood works

Autistic children at an Arncliffe school have a brand new, brightly coloured set of sensory boards thanks to the efforts of the North Sydney Men's Shed.

Shed spokesperson Walter Lipschus (pictured) said the children enjoyed the tactile and auditory features of the boards. "We're trying to appeal to all their senses as well as their enjoyment of repetitive activities."

The new boards will replace ones that have seen much better days. The project arose out of a dinner conversation with the principal of the school.

"I had a look at one of the boards and thought that our Men's Shed could make better ones than those you buy in the shops at a heck of a price," said Mr Lipschus.

The Shed, which has been open since late 2005, attracts up to 12 men each day, most of whom are retired. Mr Lipschus says the men work on various projects for charity, for their own personal use, or for the shed.

"It's a great way for men to share time with each other, swap yarns and work together on projects."

The Shed, at Smoothy Park, off Russell Street, is open Tuesday to Thursday from 10am to 3pm. If you're interested in working at the Shed, or have a project the men could work on, please contact Anthony Meggitt, the Shed's Community Coordinator, on 9953 3126.

Last call for *Garden Entries*

Green thumbs – mark your diaries! This Friday, 7 September, is the closing date for the popular North Sydney garden competition.

All residents and ratepayers of the North Sydney Council area can enter the competition. Categories include: most beautiful balcony/courtyard; most environmentally friendly garden; most beautiful commercial garden; most beautiful garden; most beautiful public area maintained by residents; and best children's garden.

Judging will take place next week and the champagne presentation evening will be held on Wednesday 26 September.

All entrants are invited to the presentation evening, which features a spectacular sight and sound presentation of the winning gardens, and an introduction to North Sydney's urban forest.

More information and entry forms are available from North Sydney Council, ph. 9936 8100.

Social Plan

A film by local young people and a series of focus groups are being planned for later this year as part of Council's consultation with the community on the next social plan for North Sydney. Council's social planner James Marshall said councils were legally required to develop social plans.

"The plan provides a clear focus for the programs, activities and services we want to deliver to different groups within our community."

To find out how you can have your say please phone James Marshall on 9936 8100 or email him at james.marshall@northsydney.nsw.gov.au

Urban Forest

good for your health, wealth and happiness



If you take the trees in your street for granted, think again. The trees are making a silent but important contribution to your physical, mental and social well-being.

A growing body of scientific research shows that living near trees can improve all aspects of well-being from improving cognitive ability and recovery rates after illness to reducing crime.

“The aesthetic benefits of trees are self-evident,” says Dr Jane Tarren, a senior lecturer in environmental sciences at the University of Technology. “We know that trees are visually appealing, provide privacy and a home for wildlife.



“We’re just starting to learn about the ecological, financial and social benefits of trees in the urban environment. For example, research in the United States shows that a 5% increase in canopy cover can reduce temperatures by up to 2%. A tree planted to the west of a building can save 8%-12% in energy cooling costs a year.”

Cost benefit ratio studies in the United States have consistently found that the benefits of trees outweigh the costs of maintaining them. A study of existing urban forest in California, for instance, found it decreased air-conditioning use by 2.5% and saved 10% on the peak load, creating savings for both individuals and for the community as a whole.

Trees create savings in other infrastructure areas as well. Studies have shown that the shading and cooling of roads and footpaths extends their life. Trees also act as mini aerial reservoirs, capturing and storing up to 10,000 litres of water, which runs down the trunk to refresh the soil rather than running off into the stormwater system.

Scientists are now using the term urban forest to define the canopy of public and private trees that cover an area. “This may seem a contradiction in terms, but forests aren’t just commercial plantations or tracts of national park on the fringe of the city,” says Dr Tarran.

“We need to view our urban trees as forests and, as with commercial forests, plan for them as part of our infrastructure. This means we need to see trees as the foreground, not the background, and allocate space, planning and resources to managing our tree infrastructure.”

Planning for urban forests needs to take into account the safe life expectancy of an urban tree, which is much shorter than one growing in a natural setting, and program regular replacement planting as trees decline and have to be removed.

Phillip Hewett, City Arborist for the City of Newcastle and co-founder of the NSW Local Government Tree Resources Association, goes further.



“We need to rethink our attitude to trees. We need to think in terms of green infrastructure, rather than green space, which sounds vacant and as if nothing is happening there. Perhaps we should be calling our parks the Breathing Space or the Neighbourhood, so that we develop community understanding of the importance of trees in an urban environment.”

Council estimates there are about 60,000 trees on public land in North Sydney, providing canopy coverage of 24%. A conservative estimate of the value of our street trees alone is \$18.6m, providing \$2m in benefit to the community annually.

The NSW Local Government Association has adopted an urban forest policy and Council is currently developing a policy that will incorporate our existing street tree strategy. A copy of the draft policy will go on exhibition for comment when complete.

How trees help us

Environmental benefits

- Trees catch particles and absorb gases through the stomates (holes) in the leaf surface. A Chicago study estimates trees in that city annually remove 379 tons of noxious gases and 212 tons of small particulates.
- Trees break down ground and water pollutants such as pesticides and carcinogenic compounds.
- Trees reduce the amount of carbon in the atmosphere by storing it as they grow. When appropriately planted, they also significantly reduce the need for heating and cooling, in turn reducing the carbon dioxide produced by fossil fuel power plants.

Social benefits

Studies show that seeing trees:

- makes people less irritable and less impatient
- reduces driver fatigue
- reduces the length of hospital stays
- improves job satisfaction
- improves cognitive ability in children
- improves self-discipline in girls
- reduces crime rates in apartment buildings, including domestic violence

Economic benefits

Trees around the house can:

- add 5% to 10% to the value of a property over equivalent properties
- cut air-conditioning bills in half

Environmental awards

Bits and Bytes Roundup, Council's e-waste collection project, has won this year's Keep Australia Beautiful Sustainable Cities waste minimisation award. We were runners-up in the energy efficiency category for our reduction in greenhouse emissions and received a commendation for the sustainable small business program in Crows Nest.



Exempt Development

what you need to know

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As a general rule, you need Council approval for all development on your property. However, some minor works do not require Council approval. These works are called exempt development.

If you undertake exempt development you must comply with all the criteria in Council's planning controls. These are listed under Schedule 6, Exempt Development in the Local Environment Plan 2001. You can view a copy of the plan on our website or at our Customer Service Centre.

Stiff penalties may apply for work mistakenly carried out as exempt development so if you are in any doubt whatsoever about whether your proposed works fall into this category, we strongly recommend you contact Council for advice before starting work.

Internal renovations, other than to heritage items, such as replastering walls or renovating a bathroom do not need Council approval. However, if your renovations include substantial changes such as knocking down an internal load-bearing wall, you will need a certificate from Council or an accredited private certifier.

Exempt development includes a wide range of minor works such as installing air-conditioning, an awning or a skylight. There are too many exemptions to list them all here, but we have included some of the more common home improvements to give you an idea of the types of work permissible and the restrictions that apply.

These are only a summary of the restrictions that apply. Please do not rely on this summary in making a decision about your property - you will need to read the relevant section of the LEP to ensure you understand all the restrictions that apply.

As you will see from the list below, exempt development does not apply to properties listed as heritage items.

If you own a heritage-listed property or a property in a conservation area you should always seek Council advice before undertaking works of any nature or scale.

Air-conditioning units may be installed without Council approval, except on a heritage item. They must be attached to an external wall or ground mounted, at least 1.5m from the boundary of your property and enclosed in a sound-proof structure. The unit may not be installed

on the street façade of your home. You will need to obtain a certificate from a qualified sound engineer showing that the noise level does not exceed 5dB(A) above ambient noise levels measured on the boundary of your property.

Awnings, shutters, storm blinds may be installed without Council approval on residential buildings in residential zones, but not on a heritage item or on the street facade of a house in a conservation area. They must have a maximum combined area of 10m², and not exceed the relevant building height plane.

Garden sheds, gazebos may be erected without Council approval within a rear yard, but not within a foreshore building line. They must be at least 0.9m from the property boundary, no more than 10m² and not more than 2.7m high. They also must be free standing, structurally stable and securely anchored, made from a non-reflective finish and not exceed the relevant building height plane.

Fences may be erected or replaced without Council approval provided they are not on a heritage item, adjacent to a heritage item, within a foreshore building area or forward of the building line in a conservation area. Front and side fences (between the property

Need help?

For advice about developing or renovating your property, phone Council on 9936 8100. We will book a half-hour face-to-face appointment with one of our planning advisors or arrange to phone you back at a convenient time.

Alternatively, you can put your request in writing and send it by email to council@northsydney.nsw.gov.au by fax to 9936 8177 or by mail to North Sydney Council, PO Box 12, North Sydney, 2059.

Please include as much information as possible in your request, including your property address and details of your planned works so that our planning advisors can review the relevant controls for your property before getting back to you.

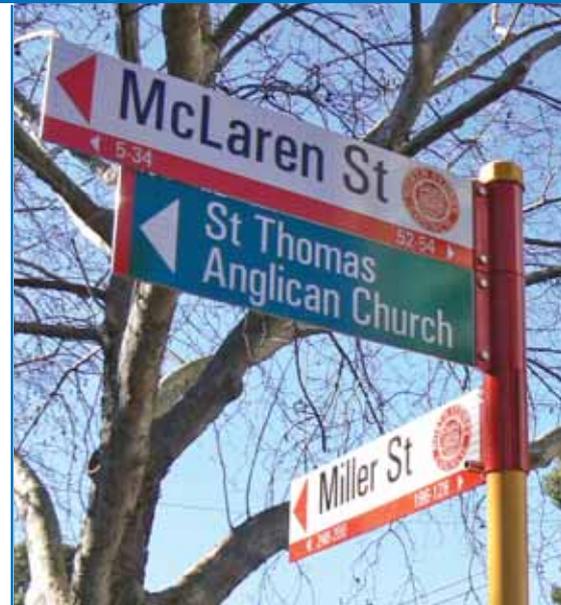
building line and the street) must be no more than 1m high, while rear fences and side fences (between the building line and rear) must be no more than 1.8m in height. Fences should be constructed of timber, metal or lightweight material. Masonry and brick fences must be no more than 0.9m high and built according to Australian Standards.

While you may not need Council approval to replace your fence, dividing fences do need to be negotiated with your neighbour. When it comes to the cost of replacing fences, it's generally agreed that 50/50 is a fair outcome for a standard fence. However, if you or your neighbour wants a more expensive type of fence, or the fence has been damaged by one of you, then you should pay more or less as a result.

Roof repairs, replacement may be undertaken without Council approval unless your property is a heritage item, adjacent to a heritage item or in a conservation area. If you are replacing your roof, you must use existing materials or similar materials that are compatible with the existing building and finish.

Skylights may be installed without Council approval except on a heritage item or the front façade of a building in a conservation area. The skylight must not use more than 25m² of roof area and must be at least 0.9m from the property boundary, 0.9m from any common wall between attached dwellings and at least 1.8m from any roof light in another building. The skylight must not exceed 20% of the roof plane on which it is located.

Window replacement, glazing may be undertaken without Council approval except on a heritage item or on the street façade in a conservation area. You must use materials that comply with Australian Standards and you may not change the size of the window, or reduce or increase light and ventilation.



New Street Signs

Finding your way around North Sydney is getting easier with the installation of new street signs. Martin Ellis, Council's Director of Community and Library Services, says the new red and white signs, with black lettering, are easier to read than the old ones.

"The RTA specifically recommends against the red and yellow combination because of its poor contrast qualities. However, we know many North Sydney residents like our traditional colours so we have retained our North Sydney red in the new design."

More than 1200 signs, complete with new red stems to replace the yellow ones, have been put in place since July around the CBD, McMahons Point, Kirribilli, Milsons Point and Neutral Bay. The new signs will be rolled out across the area over the next three years.

Bonding for better business

North Sydney's chambers of commerce are joining forces to form a more effective and united voice for businesses in the area.

Their first challenge is to find a name that represents the new organisation. As Rick Doran from the Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce explains: "We've come up with a working title of North Sydney Combined Chamber of Commerce, but it's a bit of a mouthful!"

Name aside, there's no doubting the resolve of the five Chambers – Cammeray, Cremorne, Crows Nest, Neutral Bay and North Sydney – to achieve more for their members through a combination of lobbying and liaison with Council. As general manager Penny Holloway explains, there are issues common to all five chambers of commerce that the Council can respond to more effectively if they are represented by one organisation.

"The major concerns for businesses in the North Sydney area are parking, the vacancy rate in the CBD and security issues such as graffiti and vandalism," Ms Holloway said.

"While the best solution for each area may differ slightly, I am sure both Council and businesses will benefit from unilateral discussion of these issues."

Ms Holloway pointed to the North Sydney precinct system, used by residents to liaise with Council, as a model for the combined chamber of commerce.

"We believe the combined chamber will improve the flow of communication both from and to businesses within the North Sydney local government area."

Ms Holloway said the Council would assist the fledgling organisation through a combination of funding and logistical support. A liaison officer has been appointed from within the Council to act as a point of contact for the combined chamber and businesses in general.

Rick Doran said the combined chamber would make communication with business its first priority to garner support for the new organisation.

"We'll be focusing on web-based communication as the best way to stay in touch with our members. We recognise that nowadays business people are time poor and intent on running their own businesses, so we must have an effective and meaningful way of communicating with them."

Mr Doran said the combined chamber would use the website www.northsydneychamber.com.au as a joint portal for all five chambers of commerce.

"At the moment, some chambers are small and relying on volunteers to keep up the communication with members," Mr Doran said. "A jointly administered website that is a single reference point for information takes the pressure off these smaller chambers."

"For example, in the last year we've set up something called the Coaching Clinic. This is a one-hour session run by an experienced business mentor on topics of common interest. This is a great way for business people to get help, but often they don't know where to go to get the assistance they need."

Mr Doran stressed that the combined chamber would not replace the existing chambers of commerce, but would act as a coordinating umbrella organisation.

"New and existing members will still join their local chamber. The difference now is that we can act as one when approaching Council with requests for capital works, or common concerns."

Mr Doran said the combined chamber would also hold jointly run workshops and courses and after hours networking functions to bolster support for the business community. Preparations to launch the combined chamber of commerce were underway when *North Sydney News* went to press.



Winter Morning, Blues Point – Lesley O'Shea, Winner 2007 North Sydney Art Prize

Chamber champions

Lindsay Domingue

Cammeray Chamber of Commerce

“There’s so much growth and big changes happening in Cammeray at the moment that it’s really important for residents, business and the council to work together and have some certainty. We need to know what’s happening with proposed developments on the Alexander Street carpark site and the Clarke and Walker Streets site.

“Council has done a lot of positive work with the new (Cammeraygal) plaza and the carpark; we’d now like more information about what is being planned so people can have their say.”



“Another issue for us is fighting the threat of 24-hour clearways on Military Road in Neutral Bay. They are shopper stoppers depriving the community of badly needed shopper accessibility and parking availability.”

Wendy Foster

North Sydney Chamber of Commerce

“The main issues for us are the CBD vacancy rate and making sure the area has some sort of life outside business hours. There’s a lot of infrastructure that’s just not being used after 6pm and at weekends.



“We need formal representation with Council as having five chambers of commerce is just too fractured. I believe the combined chamber of commerce is on track to do that.”

Elle Vincent

Cremorne Chamber of Commerce

“Cremorne has a few really big businesses, but a lot of small ones as well, many of which are sole traders. The hot issue for us at the moment is extending car parking at the rear of the Orpheum.

“What we’d like to see come out of the combined chamber is more communication from the Council about their long-term plans for Cremorne and adjoining suburbs. What happens in one area can really affect another.”



John Griffin

Crows Nest Chamber of Commerce

“We’re focusing on the laneways in Crows Nest at the moment. Instead of just being unattractive looking service access points, we’d like to have them all landscaped and paved so the whole area looks nice.

“We believe Crows Nest is suffering a bit of a trading downturn so we’re also concentrating on promoting the area to draw people in. I think the combined chamber will bring together a lot of resources that will be more effective in the long run.”



Rick Doran

Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce

“Our number one issue is the need for free two-hour shopper parking. We want to encourage people to linger longer and not grab and go.



Contacting your local Chamber of Commerce

The North Sydney local government area has five chambers of commerce representing both large and small businesses.

- Cammeray Chamber of Commerce
Lindsay Domingue, 9959 3904
- Cremorne Chamber of Commerce
Elle Vincent, 9953 1725
- Crows Nest Chamber of Commerce
John Griffin, 0412 970 353
- Neutral Bay Chamber of Commerce
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News in brief

Primrose exhibition

An exhibition by Council's inaugural artists in residence, will be held at Primrose Park Art Gallery from 21 September. Printmaker Helen Hill and expressionist artist John Nearhos (pictured below) are the first participants in the Primrose Park artist studio program, using studio space that has been created in the garage area on the lower level of the arts and crafts centre.

Dr Nearhos, a former general practitioner and international health consultant, says the studio has become his new workplace. "I treat it like a job; I come here from 9am to 4pm, Monday to Friday. It's given me the opportunity to take my art more seriously and I think my work's evolved a lot since I've been here.

"Painting at home is awful because your wife asks you to clear up because she doesn't like the mess or the smell of turps. Here I'm in heaven."

Having a dedicated studio enables Dr Nearhos to have up to 20 works under continuous development. "I can come back and work on them. For me the great joy is in the actual production of the painting, trying different things to see what works. You don't know what you'll end up with."

Dr Nearhos says the Primrose Park environment is conducive to art. "People from the (arts and craft) centre often call in and have a chat, and people walking their dogs or playing tennis in the park will come in to have a look around. Other artists I know have also called in and commented on how amazing this space is and what foresight North Sydney Council has shown in creating it."

Council's Arts Officer, Jess Kavanagh, said Council had created the studio program so that local and emerging artists could have a dedicated space to develop their art practice over a six-month period. "At the end of that time, they are invited to share and celebrate their results with the community through a public exhibition."

The art gallery is in Matora Lane, Primrose Park, off Young Street, Cremorne. For more information about the artists in residence program, contact Jess Kavanagh on 9936 8100.



Streets Closed for events

Sydney Running Festival

Alfred and Fitzroy Streets in Milsons Point will be closed from 4am to 9.30am, and the harbour bridge will be closed from 4.30am to 10am, on Sunday 23 September for the annual Sydney Running Festival. Clearways will be in place throughout Milsons Point from 1am so residents are reminded not to park there overnight. For more information, see the RTA website: www.rta.nsw.gov.au/newsevents

Cycle Sydney

St Leonards Park, North Sydney, commences 7am.

Miller Street (from Falcon St to Pacific Highway) in North Sydney will be closed from 4am to 11am on Sunday 21 October 2007 for the annual Bicycle New South Wales Cycle Sydney event. Traffic will be allowed to cross Miller Street with the phasing of the traffic lights at Ridge and McLaren Streets. Special Event Clearways will operate both sides of Miller Street between Blue and Falcon Streets between the hours of 3am and 11am so residents are reminded not to park there overnight. For further event information, see the event website www.springcycle.com.au

Seven Bridges Walk

The Seven Bridges Walk will be held from 8am to 5pm on Sunday 28 October 2007. There will be no road closures along the route, but volunteers will marshal participants across intersections. Rest stations will be operating at Brennan Park, Wollstonecraft and Bradfield Park, Milsons Point. For further information see www.7bridgeswalk.com.au

Stick to Speed Limit

Free 'Slow Down in My Street' bin stickers are now available from Council. The stickers are designed to reinforce the message to motorists that speeding is unacceptable.

To receive your bin sticker, log on to www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/slowdown or call 9936 8100. This offer is valid until 31 October 2007.

Rainwater Tank Rebates

You can now install a rainwater storage system in your home and receive a rebate of up to \$1500 from Sydney Water. The size of the rebate will depend on when you bought your tank, the size of your tank and whether it is connected to supply water to your toilet and washing machine. The rebate is part of the NSW Government's \$310 million Climate Change Fund. Sydney Water customers can apply for the rebate through Sydney Water by visiting www.sydneywater.com.au

Nutcote Talking Tour

Tours of one of North Sydney's treasures, Nutcote, are now available in the comfort of your own home. Council has produced a Nutcote Talkaround CD that brings alive the ambience and unique features of this picturesque harbourside cottage, which was home to Australia's much-loved children's author May Gibbs. Council's Ageing and Disability Officer, Chris Taylor, said the talking tour was ideal for visually impaired people or those with limited mobility. "The stories and sounds will transport you into the magical world of Bib, Bub, Snugglepot, Cuddlepie and their fascinating creator." The tour can be downloaded from Council's website. The CD is available at Stanton Library, Council's Customer Service Centre and Nutcote.



Children's Festival Saturday 27 October 10am-2pm

Especially for children, a free event featuring a kindifarm, egg & spoon and sack races, North Sydney Girl's High School Band, a host of live entertainment including The Merrymakers, Krystel Keller, Katy Kangaroo & the Bush Bunnies Band, Go Seek, a special guest appearance by The White Rabbit, balloons, face-painting and lots more. Civic Park, Miller Street, North Sydney. Enquiries: 9936 8100.

Hayes Street Party

This year's Hayes Street Party will be held on Sunday 4 November from 3pm to 7pm. The festival will feature an exciting program of multicultural and contemporary music with middle-eastern, flamenco, uber-chic modern jazz, jive and salsa dance demonstrations. Local talents are invited to showcase their works at the Talent Showtime.

Hayes Street Party is an annual community event organised by the Hayes Precinct. Volunteers are welcome to attend the Hayes Street Party Planning meeting to be held on Wednesday 3 October at Parrot Hairdressing on Hayes Street at 7pm. For further information please telephone Stephen Barbour on 0411 105 760, email projects@barbourfilms.com.au or visit the Hayes Precinct's website www.hayesprecinct.org



North Sydney parks are set to come alive with the smooth sounds of jazz and the aroma of coffee as the Spring into Jazz season returns for 2007. Celebrate music, Spring, and beautiful parks in this fabulous concert series.

- Sunday 16 September, 2pm - 4pm, BP Parklands, Waverton.
- Sunday 23 September, 12pm - 3pm, Sydney Jazz Club's picnic at Berry Island Reserve, Wollstonecraft.
- Saturday 29 September, 2pm - 4pm, Milson Park, McDougall Street, Kirribilli, as part of the Sydney Flying Squadron open day.
- Sunday 7 October, 2pm - 4pm, St Thomas Rest Park, Cammeray
- Sunday 14 October, 2pm - 4pm, Cremorne Point Reserve, Cremorne Point.

If the weather is unsettled on the day, phone Council's wet weather hotline, ph 9936 8272, to see whether the concert will go ahead.

Crows Nest Fair

Don't miss the Crows Nest Fair on Sunday 21 October from 10am to 5pm. This much-loved community festival includes fantastic stalls, music and fun for children.



What's on in North Sydney in Spring

Arts/Music/Literature

- 9-10 Sept Young Dramatists Page to Stage, Ensemble Theatre: **9344 6543**
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- 21-28 Sept Exhibition by local artists, Primrose Park Gallery: **9936 8411**
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- Until 30 Sept *Rich Histories*, Collected works from the Royal Art Society of NSW, including paintings by Sir William Dargie, James R Jackson, Julian Ashton and Margaret Preston. Don Bank Museum, 6 Napier Street, North Sydney: 1pm-4pm, Wed & Sun: **9936 8400**
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- Sept - Oct Spring into Jazz: **9936 8585**
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- 7 Oct - 19 Dec *Black & Light*, Photography Exhibition by Robert Billington, Zoltan Klinger, Jill Lacina and Tony Peri at Don Bank Museum, 6 Napier Street, North Sydney: **9936 8400**
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- 2 Nov Noodle Market Opening Concert, Civic Park: **9936 8187**

Community events

- 21 Oct Crows Nest Fair, Willoughby Road: **9439 8220**
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- 27 Oct Children's Festival, Civic Park: **9936 8194**
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- 31 Oct Children's Halloween Party, Stanton Library: **9936 8400**
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- 31 Oct A free workshop on solar hot water at Hutley Hall, 200 Miller Street, North Sydney 3.45pm-8pm: **9936 8100**
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- 4 Nov Hayes Precinct Street Party, Neutral Bay: **0411 105 760** or projects@barbourfilms.com.au
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- 4 Nov Neutral Bay Fair, Rangers Road: **9953 0133**

6 Nov Melbourne Cup afternoon tea, Crows Nest Centre: **9439 5122**

Sept-Nov Live Poets Society at Don Bank Museum, 6 Napier Street North Sydney
4th Wednesday of month, 7.30pm-10.30pm: **9896 6956**

Markets

2nd Sat every month
North Sydney Markets, 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**

Every Friday 5pm-10pm
Noodle Market, Civic Park, during daylight saving: **0412 335 660**

Eco events - More hands needed!

Join your friendly Bushcare group and help take care of North Sydney's beautiful environment. Groups meet regularly, with tools and plants provided by the Council – just come along, lend a hand and meet new people! To find out more, visit www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/bushcare or phone 9936 8100.